

ISPP JUNIOR SCHOLARS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2001

The ISPP Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) gives voice and visibility to the needs and interests of graduate students, junior faculty, and other junior and non-tenured academic life forms within ISPP. The JSC's goals include providing information and assistance to junior scholars' efforts to conduct political-psychological research, helping them develop their careers and supporting their attendance at the ISPP annual meetings.

Greetings,

As the chair of the Junior Scholar Committee (JSC) I am excited to share with you the good news of current JSC activities. As every year, we have planned a number of events at the upcoming conference, which will be held in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Come with me to Mexico this year and join the annual Junior Scholar Social Hour. If you have ever been to the Ohio Summer Institute of Political Psychology you are likely to meet your old buddies there! Or join the JSC Mentorship program and benefit from meeting with the most established theorists in your field. And if you are soon to enter the job market, be sure to come to the Professional Issues Panel to learn about the particular challenges awaiting political psychologist in and out of academia. Also, don't miss to apply for the Roberta Sigel Award to win some travel money to come to Mexico.

I look forward to meeting you at the Cuernavaca conference.

Hasta luego & best wishes,

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Hasta la Vista to Cuernavaca!

**See you in Mexico in July - At the
24th Annual ISPP Meeting!!!**

We hope that you have already made your plans to join us at the ISPP meeting in Cuernavaca, Mexico, from July 15-18, 2001. The theme of this year's meeting is "Cultures of Violence, Cultures of Peace", however there are presentations listed on the program with contributions from all areas of political psychology.

If you have not yet enjoyed the stimulating exchange of ideas at ISPP meetings, this is a great chance to experience first-hand an event that combines the benefits of a major scholarly conference with a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. Those of you who are already familiar with ISPP meetings should not need too much encouragement, but we can't help pointing out the special attractions of this year's meeting. It will be the first ever meeting in Latin America and it will take place in Mexico close to some of the world's most awe-inspiring historical sites.

· For more info, check out this site:
<http://ispp.org/ISPP/cuernavaca2001.html>.
· For our activities, see
<http://ispp.org/ISPP/jscweb01.html>.
· For general information on the ISPP meeting, including registration details see
<http://ispp.org/ISPP/meet.html>.

Your Junior Scholars Committee intends to make sure that this will be a memorable event for you. In order to give you an indication that we are not just there for moral support, but can at least direct you to tangible benefits, see the announcements below.

The Annual Junior Scholars Social Hour

We have again organized a Social Hour at the ISPP Meeting. In the past two years, the Social Hour has managed to bring together junior scholars from a diversity of backgrounds and has provided the opportunity to meet some of the most accomplished scholars to share their ideas and experience.

SIPP Reunion

This year the Social Hour will also feature a reunion of the Summer Institute of Political Psychology at Ohio State University (SIPP). Come to the Social Hour and see your SIPP buddies again. Past SIPP attendees will be given a special "addition" to their nametags so be sure and contact the ISPP Central Office if you are a SIPP alumni (heather_gillespie@pitzer.edu).

Roommate Service

A valuable tool has been assistance in finding suitable roommates prior to the annual meetings. Whether this service helps to alleviate the anxiety of being in a foreign place or simply gets you off to a sociable start to our ISPP meeting, we believe this service could make a difference to your experience. This service will be online via the ISPP website <http://ispp.org/ISPP/meet.html>.

Call for Papers: Roberta Sigel Graduate Student Paper Award

The Sigel award has been dedicated to support Junior Scholar travel to the 2001 ISPP Annual meeting in Cuernavaca, Mexico. All Junior Scholars who have had their paper accepted at the Cuernavaca conference are eligible to be considered for this award. Junior Scholars are all students (graduate or undergraduate) and faculty who received their Ph.D. within the last five years.

There are two prizes with slightly different criteria to accommodate the authorship and publication practices in the various disciplines represented in ISPP:

.The **first** award will be given to the best paper written by Junior Scholars only. Especially in the case of multiple authors, all co-authors must be Junior Scholars.

.The **second** award will be conferred to the best paper with a Junior Scholar first author. This award allows, but does not require non-Junior Scholar co-authors.

Only papers by current* ISPP members are eligible for consideration

Please submit your complete paper by May 1, 2001 (postmarked). Papers previously submitted to the Sigel award are not eligible. Be sure to indicate whether you apply for the **first** or **second** award. All submissions will be read by a 3-person committee, consisting of two members of the ISPP Junior Scholars Committee and one senior scholar. Two papers will be selected strictly according to scientific excellence and their contribution to research in political psychology. The winners will receive an award of \$250 each at the Cuernavaca meeting.

Send three copies of papers nominated for this award to:

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*A current member is a member who has paid his/her dues for the current year, e.g. 2001 for Cuernavaca.

Insights from Professional Careers in Political Psychology

Many political psychologists stand with one leg each in the traditional disciplines of psychology and political science. For junior scholars, this translates into a unique set of challenges when approaching the academic or nonacademic job market. In order to share information and help junior scholars deal with their particular situation, the JSC will host a Professional Issues Panel at the upcoming meeting in Cuernavaca.

Just like last year's successful panel at the Seattle meeting, this year's panel is organized by JSC member Antonio Brown. Antonio was able to recruit a number of experts who have intimate knowledge of the challenges, but also the rewards, of being a political psychologist. The list of experts includes Helen Haste (University of Bath), Dennis Chong (Northwestern University), Markus Kimmelmeier (University of Michigan), Lauren Appelbaum (Columbia University), and Antje Bühler (Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management). As a group these individuals will be able to talk about the experience of establishing a career as a political psychologist in variety of different disciplines in North America as well as in Europe. For the first time this year, there will also be an emphasis on applied career options open to political psychologists.

The Professional Issues Panel will take place on **Tuesday, July 17, 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM**, location TBA.

Discuss Your Research with Well-Known Scholars in Your Specialist Area!

If you are interested look at our Mentorship Program:

The JSC Mentorship Program is designed to facilitate contact between junior scholars and senior faculty who share similar research interests or who may provide methodological guidance to the junior scholars. While the most opportune time for participating in the mentorship program is just prior to the annual conferences, allowing for face-to-face meetings and in-depth discussion, the JSC will help you to establish contacts with senior faculty at any time.

The JSC will:

*Arrange for a face-to-face with a faculty member at the upcoming Annual Meeting of ISPP, or, should you be unable to attend,

*Make every effort to facilitate email or phone contact with that senior faculty you wish to meet.

For details please contact Andrew Manning at andrew_manning13@hotmail.com

Committee News and Updates

Congratulations to Junior Scholar Committee members *Shana Levin* and *Markus Kimmelmeier* on their recent election to a three-year term on the ISPP Governing Council. Shana will also be concluding her service on the JSC as she comes to the end of her fifth year post-doc.

Markus Kimmelmeier was recently hired as an Assistant Professor in the Interdisciplinary Program in Social Psychology at the University of Reno, Nevada, beginning Fall 2001.

Tobias Nischalke has recently had to resign as member of the JSC and editor of our JSC Newsletter. Many thanks to Tobias for all his energy and contributions to the Committee.

For full contact information for members of the JSC, see our webpage at

<http://ispp.org/ISPP/jscweb01.html>