2026 ISPP Nomination Bios

President-Elect: James N. Druckman is the Martin Brewer Anderson Professor of Political Science at the University of Rochester. He is also an Honorary Professor of Political Science at Aarhus University in Denmark. Druckman has published more than 200 articles and book chapters in political science, psychology, communication, economics, and science journals. He has authored, co-authored, or co-edited seven books. His recent books include Partisan Hostility and American Democracy: Explaining Political Divides (University of Chicago Press, 2024), Equality Unfulfilled: How Title IX's Policy Design Undermines Change to College Sports (Cambridge University Press, 2023), and Experimental Thinking: A Primer on Social Science Experiments (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

He served as an editor of Political Psychology with the Minnesota team from 2002 to 2005. He also edited Public Opinion Quarterly as well as the University of Chicago Press series in American Politics. He currently is the co-Principal Investigator of Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), the editor of the Cambridge Elements Series on Experimental Political Science, and a co-Principal Investigator of the Civic Health and Institutions (CHIP50) Project. He sits on the Board of Trustees for the Russell Sage Foundation, the American National Election Studies Board of Advisors, and the General Social Survey Board. He received ISPP's Erik Erikson Early Career Award (now called the Jim Sidanius Early Career Award) in 2006 and the Harold Lasswell Award for Outstanding Scientific Accomplishment in Political Psychology in 2025.

"The twenty-first century has been politically and psychologically difficult. Many countries across the world have seen decreasing institutional trust, increasing rates of depression and negative emotions, and rising levels of inequality. Understanding and addressing these dynamics requires attention to the interplay between institutional political structures and individuals' psychological processes. For this reason, political psychology has a pivotal role to play. The onus is on political psychology to forcefully make a case – to students, fellow researchers, policymakers, and the public generally – that it offers vital insights that can improve outcomes. This includes how to build trust, improve well-being, and move towards a more equitable society. At the same time, the ISPP needs to continue to ensure that the organization emulates the values for which it seeks to advocate. As the ISPP enters its fifth decade, it can build on a remarkable institutional history to pursue its mission of supporting scholars, communicating science, and promoting equity."

VP of Communications and Publications

VP of Communications and Publications: <u>Lilliana Mason</u> is an SNF Agora Institute Professor of Political Science. She is the author of _[Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity](#)_ and co-author, with Nathan P. Kalmoe, of _[Radical American Partisanship: Mapping Violent Hostility, Its Causes, and the Consequences for Democracy](#)_.
She received her PhD in political psychology from Stony Brook University and her BA in politics from Princeton University. Her research on American partisan identity, social sorting, and political violence has been published in journals such as _American Political Science Review_, _American Journal of Political Science_, _Public Opinion Quarterly_, and _Political Behavior_, and featured in media outlets including _the New York Times_, _the Washington Post_, _CNN_, and _National Public Radio_.
Her work has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Facebook Research Integrity Group, and the Democracy Fund. She was awarded an Andrew J. Carnegie fellowship in 2024.

Governing Council

Governing Council: <u>Alexa Bankert</u> is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Georgia and Associate Editor of _Political Behavior_. Her research in political psychology examines partisan identity, negative partisanship, affective polarization, and group norms in shaping (anti-)democratic behavior. She is the author of _When Politics Becomes Personal_ (Cambridge University Press, 2024), and her work appears in leading journals including the _Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior_, and _Political Psychology_. She earned her Ph.D. from Stony Brook University in 2016 and previously completed her B.A. at Freie Universität Berlin.

Governing Council: Peter Beattie is an Associate Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, specializing in the political psychology of belief formation. With a background in law, his research bridges political economy, media studies, and psychology to explore a core question: why do people believe what they believe about politics? His work employs experimental and survey-based methods to examine both the structural "supply side" of information ecosystems and the individual "demand side" of psychological traits. His scholarship, including a book on this topic and articles in journals from *Political Psychology* to *International Journal of Press/Politics* and *Critical Review*, focuses on media effects and their implications for democratic theory and practice. He is actively involved in the discipline, serving in editorial roles at *Political Psychology* and *Journal of Social and Political Psychology,* and as the programme director of the Master's in Global Political Economy (MGPE) programme at CUHK.

Governing Council: Dr. Ka Ming Chan (Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics, Newcastle University, UK). I have been a member of ISPP since 2020, and I have served on the Editorial Board of Political Psychology from 2023 onwards. In 2025-2026, I am humbled to be one of the Program Co-chairs for the 2026 ISPP Annual Meeting in Newcastle.

My substantive research interest lies in the intersection of autocratization, radical politics, and transnational learning. My current project "Spillover in an Autocratization Age (SpAA)" studies how citizens in an international system update various autocratization events (e.g. US Capitol insurrection; military coups; authoritarians' electoral victories). With a network of collaborators across East Asia, Europe, and North America, I apply psychological theories and methods to analyse whether and how these autocratization events abroad change domestic citizens' political psychology, attitudes and behaviour.

As a political psychologist who grew up in Hong Kong and Asia, I have benefited immensely from the ISPP's support for junior scholars and its Scholars Under Threat scheme. Thus, if elected to the Council, I would focus on two priorities: (1) proactively fostering greater engagement and participation among Asian scholars within the Society; and (2) advancing ISPP's ongoing priorities, particularly the Scholars Under Threat Fund and the Twinning Program.

I earned my Ph.D. in 2022 from the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. I also have been a visiting fellow at Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) and Waseda University in Tokyo. You can find my research in journals across psychology and political science, including Political Psychology, Political Behavior, Public Opinion Quarterly, Democratization, and British Journal of Political Science.

Governing Council: Dr. Christina Farhart (Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Carleton College). My scholarly work engages three areas: 1) the impact of political disaffection and learned helplessness on political attitudes and behavior, exacerbated by political loss or under-representativeness; 2) the political and economic causes and consequences of politically and racially motivated misinformation and conspiracy theory belief; and 3) the use of implicit, unconscious political attitudes to predict candidate preferences, when explicit survey measures can be unreliable. I have published in various disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals, including, *The American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Electoral Studies*, *The Journal of Experimental Political Science, Politics and Gender*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Nature Human Behavior*, *Scientific Data*, *Science Communication*, *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, and *Journal of Macroeconomics.* I have been an active participant with ISPP serving as a section chair, a member of multiple awards committees, and as one of three program chairs for the 2025 annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology held in Prague, Czech. Following my time as program chair, I am motivated to do what I can to support ISPP's current and future membership. If elected, I hope to further support ISPP's initiatives for: 1) junior scholars and the Early Career Committee; 2) underrepresented scholars and scholars under threat; 4) teaching political psychology; and 3) fostering interdisciplinary collaborations**.**

Governing Council: Dr. Zoe Greene is a Professor in the Department of Government & Public Policy at University of Strathclyde and Directs the computational social-science PLACE Lab. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa in 2012 and held a post-doctoral position at the University of Mannheim before joining Strathclyde in 2015. Her research examines intra-party politics, elections, and policymaking, with a focus on how AI and large language models reshape decision-making and perceptions; her work extensively uses machine learning methods. She has led major projects including ParliView and EUINACTION, and publishes in journals such as the *British Journal of Political Science*.

As new technologies such as AI and large language models increasingly shape how citizens perceive politics and government decision-making, ISPP is well positioned to lead scholarly inquiry into these transformations. As a member of the governing council I would prioritize initiatives that integrate computational approaches with political psychology to better understand the implications of emergent technologies for democratic representation and citizens' perceptions of politics**.**

Governing Council: Rongbo Jin (Assistant Professor, Division of Global Studies and Division of Computational Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen). I received my Ph.D. in Political Science from the School of Government and Public Policy at the University of Arizona in 2024. My research examines intergroup conflicts and cooperation, group identities, and democratic attitudes, with a particular emphasis on developing interventions to improve intergroup relations, reduce hostility, and counter discrimination. My works have been published in journals such as *Political Behavior*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *American Politics Research* and other outlets. In 2025, I received the APSA Distinguished Junior Scholar Award in Political Psychology.

I have been deeply engaged in ISPP service. I previously served on the ISPP Early Career Committee (2021–2023), the David O. Sears Book Award Committee, and the Noel Markwell Media Award Committee (2024–2025), and I currently serve as a Section Chair for the ISPP annual conference (2025–2026). ISPP has been my primary intellectual home since early graduate training, providing mentorship, collaboration, and a uniquely interdisciplinary community that has shaped my professional development. I am committed to sustaining and strengthening this community for scholars across career stages and regions.

If elected to the Governing Council, I would focus on three priorities. First, I would work to expand ISPP's global reach—particularly in Asia—by supporting regional visibility initiatives, fostering partnerships with Asian universities, and encouraging greater participation of Asia-based scholars in ISPP conferences, committees, and leadership. Second, I would promote durable forms of virtual engagement, including structured online workshops and mentoring opportunities, to complement annual meetings and lower barriers to participation for scholars facing geographic or resource constraints. Third, drawing on my interdisciplinary training, I would encourage inclusive collaboration across political science, psychology, and computational social science, with particular attention to supporting early-career and underrepresented scholars.

I would be honored to serve on the Governing Council and contribute to ISPP's mission of advancing rigorous, inclusive, and globally engaged political psychology.

Governing Council: Welcome! My name is Woo Chang Kang and I am an associate professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Korea University. I received my Ph.D. from New York University in 2015. I am interested in understanding the causes and consequences of political, social, and economic inequalities among social groups, with a particular focus on partisanship, gender, age groups, and immigrants. My research explores the interactions between voters and political elites during political processes within representative democracy, aiming to identify ways to mitigate inequalities and enhance representation.

Governing Council: Fabian Neuner (Associate Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University). I wish to give back to the society that has been my intellectual home and provided scholarly community over the past decade. My current research focuses on how group membership affects how individuals process information and unpacking the drivers of support for populist parties. I have organized ISPP Early Career professional development events and served on an ISPP award committee. Additional relevant experience includes developing an online MA program in Political Psychology, and as Political Psychology Program Co-Chair for the 2025 APSA Annual Meeting. As a member of the ISPP Governing Council, I want to focus on three priorities: (1) expanding ISPP educational programming through virtual opportunities to increase access and diversify participation, (2) increasing the portfolio of ISPP publications to create more venues for interdisciplinary political psychology scholarship, and (3) increase awareness of and expand ongoing society priorities such as the Scholars under Threat fund and Twinning program.

Governing Council: Ángel Saavedra Cisneros – Assistant Professor of Government and Legal Studies, Bowdoin College (Maine, USA) - My research and teaching focus on how ethnoracial categories and identities shape politics primarily in the United States. Using social psychological theories and measurement methodologies in my research on politics I have published work that focuses on group differences as well as social identities and political attitudes. My work more specifically focuses on Latines in the United States.
I have participated in ISPP for many years, including serving on the ISPP Early Career Committee (2018-2020). I have also served on the APSA committee for the status of Latinos in the profession (political science) where I am currently serving as chair.
As a faculty member at a liberal arts college, I recognize the value of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and academic contexts to our increasingly diverse organization.

Governing Council: <u>Alexander Theodoridis</u> ISPP is a beloved and essential global scholarly community for so many, and I feel privileged to call it my intellectual home. My first peer-reviewed article was in *Political Psychology*. I attended the first-ever ISPP Summer Academy in Istanbul. And, I had the honor of serving as Program Co-Chair for the 2022 annual meetings in Athens, Greece, as well as serving on multiple award committees. I would cherish the opportunity to work for the Society and its members on the Governing Council. I believe in a bright, even more inclusive, future for the Society and our subfield generally, and I am committed to helping us realize it. I am especially dedicated to advancing efforts that facilitate connections between social psychologists and political scientists, and to helping make the Society and our valuable research even more public facing in these challenging times. I am an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and co-director of the UMass Poll. My research has appeared in *Political Psychology, Nature Human Behavior*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior,* the *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Survey Research Methods*, *Political Research Quarterly*, the *Election Law Journal, Environmental Politics, The Forum*, and *PS*, and has been recognized with numerous grants and awards. I have a PhD in Political Science from UC Berkeley, an MPP from Harvard's Kennedy School, and a BA from the University of Virginia.