

## 2024 ISPP Nominee Bios



**PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Joanne Miller is Professor of Political Science & International Relations, Psychological & Brain Sciences, and Communications at the University of Delaware, USA. She currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Center for Political Communication at the University of Delaware, and was formerly the Director of the University of Minnesota's Center for the Study of Political Psychology. She is a political psychologist who takes an explicitly interdisciplinary approach to exploring the psychological and political factors that affect public opinion and political behavior. Her recent research focuses on the antecedents of belief in conspiracy theories. She is involved in two large-scale cross-national projects studying the political psychology of trust in institutions and the effectiveness of interventions aimed at reducing the belief in and spread of misinformation, and is the PI on a U.S. National Science Foundation grant to explore belief in earthquake conspiracy theories in Turkey. Her research has been published in journals such as *Political Psychology*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, and the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. She is the co-author of a chapter in the 3rd Edition of the *Handbook of Political Psychology* and a co-editor of *At the Forefront of Political Psychology: Essays in Honor of John L. Sullivan* (with Christopher Federico and Eugene Borgida). Her research has been funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Social Science Research Council, and has received multiple paper awards. She served on the ISPP Governing Council from 2011-2014 and was the program co-chair (with Eva Green) for the 2014 ISPP Annual Meeting in Rome, Italy. Most recently, she served as the ISPP Vice President for Communications (from 2020-2023). She received her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the Ohio State University in 2000.



**VICE PRESIDENT – CONFERENCES:** Laura K. Taylor is an Associate

Professor in the School of Psychology at University College Dublin, Ireland. She has been a member of ISPP since 2009 and served in roles such as the Chair of the Early Scholars Committee (2014-15), Professional Development Coordinator (2012-13) and Mentor Program Coordinator (2013-14), and as a general member she served as the Chair of the ISPP Best Dissertation Award (2017) and on the committee for the ISPP Roberta Sigel Award (2015). Laura was elected to the Governing Council (GC) for 2019-2022, on which she served on the Family Friendly Conferences and Nominations subcommittees. For her research and social impact, Laura received the ISPP Sidanius Early Career Award in 2022. As Vice President for Conferences, Laura would focus on internationalization and access. For example, Dr. Taylor has published with collaborators in Colombia, Croatia, Israel, Ireland, Kosovo, Republic of North Macedonia, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, and South Korea. Over 1/3 of her publications have a junior scholar as co- or lead author. Toward increasing access, priority areas would include emerging scholars, researchers from lower and middle-income countries and under-represented backgrounds, and those with family or caring responsibilities. Laura's research, teaching and mentoring, and global service exemplify the international, diversity and excellence priorities of ISPP.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Allison Anoll (Assistant Professor of

Political Science at Vanderbilt University, USA). My research explores the social norms and processes of political socialization that guide people into the political world. I'm especially interested in how different racial groups come to understand politics and challenge (or try to continue) current power distributions in society. I received my PhD from Stanford University, where my fields of focus were American Politics, Political Theory, and Social Psychology. I have served on multiple best paper committees for the American Political Science Association and am currently on the Editorial Board of Political Behavior. Through the ISPP organization, I have received the Best Dissertation Award (2017); Roberta Sigel Award for Best Paper by Early Career Scholars (2022 w/ Andrew Engelhardt); and Juliette and Alexander L. George Outstanding Political Psychology Book Award (2023). ISPP has long supported my research through these awards and its many other initiatives for junior scholars; it would be my privilege to continue this legacy and help others find their interdisciplinary home. I am especially interested in helping ISPP to support scholars as they navigate the unique challenges of interdisciplinary work, which can include placing it in journals and explaining contributions in tenure files.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Diana Cárdenas (Assistant Professor,

Department of Psychology, University of Montréal, Canada). I received my PhD from University of Montréal in Psychology in 2018, followed by a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations (Utrecht University) and a three-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Research School of Psychology (RSP) at the Australian National University. My research focuses on how our groups, and especially socio-political groups such as ethnic and national groups, impact our sense of self (our social identities), behaviours and well-being. My international experience has enabled me to study issues like migration, decolonization, and the well-being of stigmatized groups from a variety of perspectives. I have actively participated in committees promoting diversity, including the indigenization and decolonization committee at RSP and the equity, diversity, and inclusion committee at my current institution. Engaging with ISPP since 2019, I am inspired by initiatives like Scholars Under Threat and Diversity Advocacy. If elected, I will champion efforts to embrace and support the global decolonization process, advocating for broadening research approaches and epistemological visions to support the inclusion of a variety of perspectives. Understanding the way social and political psychology has been used to impose status differentials and forms of knowledge is critical to ensure ISPP moves towards its inclusive vision.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Dr. Alexandra Filindra (Associate Professor

of Political Science and Psychology at the University of Illinois Chicago, USA). My work focuses on identity content, the role of ingroup and outgroup attitudes in political judgments, and how the macrosocial and historical context influences identities, attitudes, and behavior. My book, *Race, Rights and Rifles: The Origins of the NRA and Contemporary Gun Culture* (The University of Chicago Press, 2023) analyzes the origins of the NRA and the relationship between ideologies of citizenship and support for guns and political violence. My current project focuses on threats against elected officials/staff and how they shape political behavior and ambition. My work has appeared in the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Regional Studies*, *Harvard Education Review*, *Migration Studies*, *International Migration*, and other scholarly journals. The National Institute of Justice, the American Political Science Association Centennial Center, the Center for Effective Lawmaking, the Pew Center for the States, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Rhode Island Foundation have supported my research. I am the recipient of three best paper awards from the American Political Science Association, the Lucius Barker Award from the Midwest Political Science Association, and the best published paper award from *Migration Studies*. In 2023, I received the University of Illinois Chicago's Rising Star Scholar Award.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL: Dr. Amanda Friesen** (Canada Research

Chair in Political Psychology; Associate Professor of Political Science and Psychology at the University of Western Ontario, Canada). With a large network of collaborators across North America and Europe, I apply psychological and life science methods to understanding how social identities, dispositions, and contexts influence political behaviour. I am committed to open science practices, publishing registered reports, posting pre-analysis plans on Open Science Framework, and editing registered report journal issues. I have been an active participant in ISPP for many years, including serving on the ISPP Early Career Committee (2018-2020) and organizing the 2023 annual meeting in Montreal as program co-chair. I also have been a member of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences Governing Council, Vice President for the American Political Science Association's Election, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section, and helped create mentorship programs and DEI/EDI initiatives through several professional organizations and university affiliations. I am currently director of The Body Politics Lab and serve on the editorial boards of *Frontiers in Social Psychology*, *Journal for Experimental Political Science*, *Sex Roles*, and *Politics & Religion*.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Tetsuro Kobayashi (Professor of Political

Science, Waseda University, Japan). I hold the position of Professor of Political Science at Waseda University in Tokyo and have previously served in roles at the National Institute of Informatics in Japan and City University of Hong Kong. My academic background is grounded in social psychology, and I specialize in utilizing psychological theories and methodologies to investigate the dynamics of public opinion, particularly within the context of East Asia. My principal aspiration within ISPP is to enhance the visibility of East Asian research on a global scale. Having had the privilege of working in Tokyo and Hong Kong, I have gained a deep appreciation for the wealth of political psychology scholarship emerging from East Asia. However, I also recognize that much of this valuable work remains insufficiently represented within international academic spheres, including ISPP. Thus, if elected to the Council, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to foster greater engagement and participation among East Asian scholars within the Society. I earned my Ph.D. in 2009 from the University of Tokyo, and my research has been published in journals across psychology, political science, and communication, including *American Psychologist*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, *British Journal of Political Science*, and *Communication Research*.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Silvia Mari (Associate Professor of Social

Psychology at the University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy; Ph.D. University of Padova). With an interdisciplinary approach, my research delves into the causes of beliefs and attitudes and their behavioral outcomes, spanning domains like political and gender issues, food, environmental and sustainable behavior, and health-related issues. I have investigated conspiracy beliefs' consequences in science and political action, ideological beliefs' effects on institutional trust, people's reactions to societal events (e.g., economic inequality, COVID-19), and implications of historical memories and emotions on citizens' behavior. I am an Associate Editor for the *British Journal of Social Psychology* (previously for the EJSP and the JSPP). I was a SC member of the EASP Conference 2023 and the ECP Conference 2015. I am the Coordinator of the Undergraduate Program in Psychology and Internalization Referent for the Department of Psychology at my institution. I have been a member of ISPP since 2005; I aim to use my interdisciplinary experience to foster new scholarship and research networks, especially for young and underrepresented scholars, promoting an inclusive climate. ISPP has traditionally valued diversity across disciplines, countries, and intellectual traditions and provides a dynamic context for scholars committed to addressing contemporary societal issues. If honored to serve on the GC, I want to contribute to our collective impact on societal progress.





**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Fabian Neuner (Assistant Professor, School

of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, USA). I am excited by the prospect of giving back to the society that has been my intellectual home and provided networking and mentorship opportunities since I started attending the annual meeting as a graduate student at the University of Michigan. My current research focuses on how group membership affects how individuals process information and unpacking the drivers of support for populist parties and reactionary politics. I have organized ISPP professional development events as a member of the Early Career Committee. Additional relevant experience includes developing an online MA program in Political Psychology at Arizona State University, serving on two editorial boards, the APSA Experimental Research Section Executive Board, and various awards committees (including for two APSA sections). 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:** Danny Osborne (Associate Professor,

School of Psychology, University of Auckland, New Zealand). I received my PhD in Social Psychology (with a dual emphasis in Political Psychology and Quantitative Methods) from UCLA in 2011 and began my career at the University of Auckland shortly thereafter. My research utilises large-scale longitudinal panel data from the NZAVS to examine the causes and consequences of inequality with a focus on personality, ideologies, and collective action. I am also the lead editor of the Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology (2022) and an Associate Editor at *Social Psychological and Personality Science* (since 2020). Additionally, I chaired the postgraduate research award committee for the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists for seven years (2014-2021) and was a Section Chair for ISPP in 2021. As a lifetime member of ISPP, I am deeply committed to the field and have regularly attended the society's annual conference for nearly 20 years. If elected, I will strive to (a) increase the voice of scholars from the Southern Hemisphere, (b) enhance the diversity of our society (including first generation scholars) through mentorship programmes, and (c) foster interdisciplinary collaborations between international scholars. I am also keen to support early career researchers and would be honoured to serve the broader ISPP community.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Patricio Saavedra (Assistant Professor, Institute of Social Sciences, University of O'Higgins, Chile). My research focuses on exploring people's evaluations of authorities' measures regarding protests and their impact on non-participants' support for diverse forms of protest violence. In line with the latter, my works have also shed light on how people may hold contradictory ideas about the legitimacy of protest violence, the role of media coverage of protests, and non-participants' solidarity with those who face repression in the streets. I started my involvement in ISPP while I was a PhD student at the University of Sussex. During that time, I participated in the ISPP Early Career Committee (ECC), taking on diverse roles, including the Chair position. Apart from the ISPP ECC, I have served in several roles relevant to becoming a member of the governing council (University of O'Higgins Academic Councillor; *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology* Associate Editor; *British Journal of Social Psychology* Consulting Editor; Member of the SPSSI Otto Klineberg Award Selection Committee). If elected, I will do my best to enhance diversity, promote the inclusion of perspectives from underrepresented geographical areas such as Latin America and East and South Asia, and support policies to facilitate early career scholars' involvement in our scientific society.



**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** Maciek Sekerdej (Associate Professor at the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland; Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow at the University of Salamanca, Spain). I am a social and political psychologist graduated from Jagiellonian University (psychology) and Central European University (interdisciplinary Nationalism Studies Program). Over my academic career, I have also worked at the University of the Basque Country in San Sebastian and ISCTE in Lisbon. Most of my research rests at the intersection of social psychology, political thought, and political behavior. Presently, my main areas of research encompass issues related to national identity, critical national attachment, identity complexity, and morality in a political context. In my role within ISPP, I'd like to focus, on the one hand, on enhancing the recognition of developments offered by diverse perspectives—psychological, anthropological, sociological—in our exploration of political phenomena. On the other hand, I'd strive for an efficient and down-to-earth contribution of political psychology and ISPP itself to the advancement of civil society. Being actively engaged and following ISPP activities for many years, I eagerly anticipate bringing these commitments to strengthen the Society as a member of the Governing Council.