



RBSI 2014 participants:
Front Row (L to R): Alivia Pinnix, Hadill Calderon, Mercedz Austin, Ashley Huddson, Alicia Reyes-Barrientez (staff), Gloria Ayee (staff); **Third Row (L to R):** Rachel Russell, Jasmine Noel, Angelica Loyd, Jessica Carew (staff); **Second Row (L to R):** Jacqueline Tello (staff), Philip Menard, Ariam Kiflemariam, Elizabeth Jordan Davies, Fritz Bondoa, Sequoia Baker
Top Row (L to R): Victoria Dounoucos (staff), Doris C. Cross (Assistant to the Director), Taneisha Means (staff), Paula McClain (RBSI Director).

Carey McWilliams Award

Awarded annually to honor a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics.

Charles E. Merriam Award

Awarded biennially to recognize a person whose published work and career represent a significant contribution to the art of government through the application of social science research.

Committee Nominations

APSA president-elect Jennifer Hochschild welcomes suggestions from members of various APSA standing committees for 2015. Typically, members of the standing committees serve a staggered three-year term, and members of the awards committees serve a one-year term.

Send suggestions to nominations@apsa.org by January 16, 2015. Visit www.apsanet.org/nominations for more information.

Briefs

2014 RBSI Program Concludes

The 2014 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) program was held at Duke University June 2–July 3, 2014. APSA president John Aldrich and APSA executive director Steven Rathgeb Smith attended the closing event on July 2, 2014. A group of the 2014 RBSI class presented their final research papers in poster form at the 2014 APSA Annual Meeting.

Minority Fellows' Institutions Announced

As part of the APSA Minority Fellows Program, we announce the graduate schools that the 2014–2015 APSA Minority Fellows will attend. Noted here are the students, their undergraduate institution, and their graduate institution (noted in *italic*):

- Elias Assaf, University of Central Florida; *The Ohio State University*
- Alvie Coes III, Georgia Southern University; *TBA*
- Justine Davis, Elon University, American University of Paris (MA); *University of California, Berkeley*
- Garland Doyle, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University (MPA); *Wayne State University*
- Maraam Dwidar, University of California, Davis; *University of Texas-Austin*
- Liana Gonzalez, Texas A&M University; *Texas A & M University*
- Erica Lee, Howard University; New York University (MA); *TBA*
- Eden Mesfun, Rutgers University; University of Kent (MA)
- N’Kosi Oates, University of Delaware; *TBA*
- Mariah Prensa, SUNY Buffalo State; *SUNY Stony Brook (MA)*
- Sergio Sanchez, University of Maryland, University College; California State University, Chico (MA); *TBA*
- Briana Vargas-Gonzalez, Brevard Community College; University of Central Florida; *TBA*

Interim Editors of PS: Political Science and Politics Announced

Phillip Ardoin, professor of political science at Appalachian State University (left), and Paul Gronke, professor of political science at Reed College, and Daniel B. German Distinguished Visiting Professor, Appalachian State University (right), have been appointed interim coeditors of PS: Political Science and Politics (PS). The editorial search committee,

Frances Lee, University of Maryland, and Lara Brown, George Washington University, and Steven Rathgeb Smith, executive director of APSA, made the appointment August 4, 2014, after a months-long search and selection process.

The team takes over for retiring Robert J-P Hauck, who has served as editor for more than 25 years. During Hauck's editorship, PS grew from a quarterly journal of essays and association news, to a journal of peer-reviewed feature articles, articles about the profession, and teaching. It continues to be the only professional news and commentary journal in political science.

"We are excited about the opportunity to assume the editorial leadership of PS and work with the Association to position this vital outlet for political science scholarship, pedagogy, and association news in the new environment of academic publishing," said Ardoin and Gronke about their appointment. Their one-year term began August 31, 2014.

Their task as an interim editorial team will

be to maintain PS over the next year, helping to inform APSA as it moves to a permanent editorial team starting in 2015. In announcing the appointment, the committee remarked, "We are very enthusiastic about your potential leadership of the journal, especially given this important transition time."

"There is no reason to make major changes in the short term to what is a successful formula. Robert Hauck has served with distinction as editor for a quarter century, and has left PS in an enviable position to navigate the transition to a possible new model of academic publishing," explained Ardoin and Gronke.



APSA sponsored "And the Winner Will Be... An APSA Congressional Briefing" on presidential election forecasting. Current research published in the PS: Political Science and Politics symposium edited by Michael Lewis-Beck (standing, on left) (University of Iowa) and Mary Stegmaier (seated, on far right) (University of Missouri) was presented on Capitol Hill to members of Congress and their staff and other interested policy makers, journalists, academics, and the public. Mark Blumenthal (Huffington Post), Matthew Dickinson (Middlebury College) (seated, center), Drew Linzer (Daily Kos), and Lynn Vavreck (University of California, Los Angeles), delivered their findings on the hows, whens, and whys of election forecasting in a lively discussion before a standing-room-only crowd. More than 70 attended the May 28, 2014, event.

Coming in the NEXT ISSUE



A preview of some of the articles in the January 2015 issue:

SYMPOSIA

Recap on the 2014 Midterm Elections, *James E. Campbell, guest editor*

Research and Undergraduate Teaching: A False Divide
James N. Druckman, guest editor

FEATURES

Race and the Tea Party in the Old Dominion: Split-Ticket Voting in the 2013 Virginia Elections
M.V. Hood

Argo and *Zero Dark Thirty*: Film, Government, and Audiences
Michelle C. Pautz

THE PROFESSION

Will Open Access Get Me Cited? An Analysis of the Efficacy of Open Access Publishing in Political Science
Amy L. Atchison

When Winning is Really Losing and Timothy Kersey

THE TEACHER

Teaching Theory, Writing Policy: Integrating Lessons from Foggy Bottom into the Classroom
Bidisha Biswas

The Democratic Syllabus
Susan Jane McWilliams

Using Tablet Devices and Social Media in a Course about the 2012 US Election Campaign
Paul R. Brewer

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Executive Director's Report
Treasurer's Report