

to best mentor and advise students on post-graduate education, dissertation preparation, and portfolio construction.

#### TEACHING DEMOCRATIC THEORY TODAY

In today's chaotic, multi-media, and Internet-oriented world, it is difficult to teach democratic theory. Reading of classic texts may not be sufficient. This track includes submissions from political philosophy and other theoretical approaches on what should be taught and how it should be taught. It also includes papers on how

best to teach political theory more generally and on how to incorporate political theory into traditionally non-theory courses like American government, urban politics, and international relations.

#### TEACHING RESEARCH LITERACY

Encouraging quantitative and qualitative literacy among our students is an increasingly common goal of the political science curriculum, not only in graduate programs, but also undergraduate degrees. This track addresses how political science faculty increase knowledge of research design and

methods broadly, including pedagogy relating to all aspects of political science instruction of research-related topics. Examples of proposals include problem-based techniques, project based research, team teaching research design and methods, research ethics, innovative teaching tools (software or web-based) for data analysis and interpretation, and undergraduate and graduate research projects in all classes. Track members will leave with knowledge of the tools and techniques that are most impactful for today's classroom focused on quantitative and qualitative analysis. ■

## Briefs

### 2015–2016 Minority Fellows' Institutions Announced

The 2015–2016 Minority Fellowship Recipients were announced in the last issue of *PS*, and are here repeated with their undergraduate institutions first, followed by their graduate schools.

**Renata Barreto-Montenegro**, Reed College, University of California, Berkeley

**Ajenai Clemmons**, University of Denver (MPP), Duke University

**Kiela Crabtree**, Sewanee: The University of the South, University of Michigan

**Chaya Crowder**, Columbia University, Princeton University

**Dale Crowell**, Catholic University of America, Catholic University of America

**Elizabeth Jordan-Davies**, Emory University, University of Chicago

**Aerik Francis**, University of Chicago, University of California, Los Angeles

**Liwu Gan**, University of Chicago (MA), The Ohio State University  
**Luzmarina Garcia**, University of Texas El Paso, University of Illinois

**Derek J. Langford**, American University (MA), University of London

**Jamel Love**, John Jay College, Rutgers University

**Ashlee Smith**, Louisiana State University, Cornell University

**Andrew Ifedapo Thompson**, Marquette University, The Ohio State University

**Juan Valdez**, St. Mary's University, University of Notre Dame

**Andrea Peña-Vasquez**, University of Florida, University of Notre Dame

**Brianna White**, Wellesley College, Northwestern University

**Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta**, University of New Mexico, University of California, Los Angeles

Full biographies of the 2015–2016 APSA Minority Fellows are featured online at <http://www.apsanet.org/mfp>. ■

### RBSI/MFP Alumni Academic and Professional Updates

**Kevin Anderson** (RBSI 1988), associate professor of political science at Eastern Illinois University, has recently coauthored a new book *State Voting Laws in America: Historical Statutes and Their Modern Implications* (Palgrave Pivot 2015), with Michael A. Smith of Emporia State University and Chapman Rackaway of Fort Hays State University.

**Michael Javen Fortner** (MFP 2000–2001) has authored a new book *Black Silent Majority: The Rockefeller Drug Laws and the Politics of Punishment* (Harvard University Press, 2015). Professor Fortner is the academic director of urban studies at the Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies at the City University of New York.

**Muhammed Idris** (RBSI 2010, MFP 2011–2012) defended his dissertation “Comparative Political Economics and Institutions in the Middle East and North Africa” in August 2015 and is currently a PERFORM Centre Postdoctoral Fellow in Preventive Health and Data Science at Concordia University in Montreal.

**Melvin Rogers** (RBSI 1998, MFP 1999–2000) has been appointed as the Scott Waugh Chair in the Division of the Social Sciences

at University of California, Los Angeles. Rogers is an associate professor of political science and African American studies and joined the department in 2014. He works broadly in the area of political theory, with special focus on American and African American political thought.

**Meredith Walker** (RBSI 2006) began working at the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) in June 2015 as a senior research associate for advocacy and in the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute. Her research areas include African American education reform on the K–12 level. Walker received her dissertation from Texas A&M University in 2011 and is currently an adjunct instructor at American University teaching a race and policy/admin course in the summer. ■

## 2016 CES Conference Registration Open

Resilience is the capacity to survive, to bounce back and to innovate in the wake of extraordinary stress or unexpected crises. Today, researchers and scholars of all stripes are beginning to understand resilience as constitutive of societies as well as of individuals.

The Program Committee for the 23rd International Conference of Europeanists April 14–16, 2016, invites participants to consider contemporary Europe's capacity for resilience. Since the financial crisis began in 2008, stresses and shocks of various sorts have posed dilemmas that challenge Europe's resilience in economic, political, and cultural domains. How will European economies confront slow growth and austerity, as well as the atrophy of "social Europe" and the growth of inequality? How will demographic decline combined with immigration and assimilation affect the ethnic composition of Europe? Will the protracted Eurozone crisis and waning public support for European institutions and policies alter the viability of the European project? How will secular Europe confront the challenges of religious mobilization? How will European democracies confront the rise of nationalist parties and the valorization of "illiberalism" as viable political practice? Can Europe remain a "Normative Power," a force for liberalism, democracy, and the rule of law in the world, in the face of rising powers and resurgent authoritarianism?

Registration for the conference is open. A special conference rate is offered by Philadelphia's DoubleTree Center City, the official hotel of the CES conference, and book your hotel room now. Rates start at \$169 per night and cancellation policies are generous.

The registration rates are progressive and vary based on professional rank and national origin, with discounts for early registration. (Residents of Zone 1 countries, which have higher per capita gross domestic products, pay slightly higher rates than registrants of Zone 2 countries. And all registrations received by February 1, 2016, will receive an early-bird discount.) More information can be found at <https://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/conferences/2016-ces-conference>. ■

### APSA STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## Helen Marshall, Accounting Manager

Helen Marshall is the accounting manager on the finance and administration team reporting to the associate executive director and senior director of operations. Helen oversees the day-to-day accounting transactions of the association, including APSA's Organized Sections and membership as well as the financial functions of the association's database. She brings years of experience in association finance to APSA. Before joining APSA, she was senior staff accountant at Greater Washington Society for Association Executives, and she continued to work as a senior staff accountant once the society joined the American Society of Association Executives, a nonprofit organization in Washington, DC. Helen is known for her cheerful demeanor around the office, as well as her penchant for fun words such as "groovy" and "far out." She has a BS in business administration and an MA in management and accounting. ■



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Here is a preview of some articles coming in the April 2016 issue:

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*Valerie Martinez-Ebers*

How are We Doing? Data Access and Replication in Political Science  
*Ellen M. Key*

### FEATURES

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*Wayne Parent and Michael Henderson*

Legislative Error and the "Politics of Haste"  
*Jonathan Lewallen*

Cops on Film: Hollywood's Depiction of Law Enforcement in Popular Films, 1984–2014  
*Michelle Pautz*

### THE TEACHER

Gender, Teaching Evaluations, and Professional Success in Political Science  
*Lisa Martin*

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### ASSOCIATION NEWS

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