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Notes from the Editors

In this edition of *The Western* we are happy to begin our push to Las Vegas for the 2015 WPSA Conference. We look forward to seeing all of you there. In addition, this marks the final academic year of our editorship. We have enjoyed building *The Western* into the newsletter of the Western Political Science Association. Please consider applying for the position or nominating someone for it. More information is included later in this edition. This edition also includes two new features. Under the *Western Notes* you will find notes from the editors of both of our association journals, *Political Research Quarterly* and *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

We are also thrilled to use this edition to highlight some of the student research from the last WPSA and make a pitch for you to encourage students to apply for the student poster session for the 2015 Conference.

As always, we value your feedback as this newsletter further develops. If you have any comments or questions about possible submissions, please contact us at voregan@fullerton.edu. We also hope to see all of you at the 2015 WPSA Conference in Las Vegas. Information about the conference is available at <http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu/meet/>

Stephen J. Stambough
Valerie R. O'Regan

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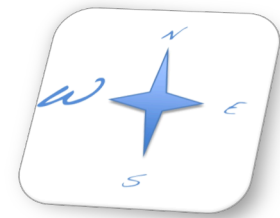
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By WPSA Executive Director Richard Clucas



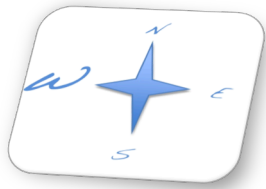
ASSOCIATION NEWS

Betty Moulds, Joel Olson, and WPSA Endowments Created

The WPSA Executive Council approved a set of policies at its April meeting in Seattle, Washington, to enable the association to accept donations and to create endowments. There is now a page on the association's website dedicated to accepting donations. In addition, there will be an opportunity for members to donate to the association when they renew their membership or register for the annual conference.

Along with adopting these policies, the Executive Council has approved the creation of three endowments. One of these endowments is for an award honoring Betty Moulds, who served for 25 years as the chief administrator for the WPSA. The Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award will be given to individuals who have made a long history of service and an extraordinary contribution to the WPSA. A second award is to honor Joel Olson, an associate professor of political theory at Northern Arizona University and a long-time WPSA member who passed away unexpectedly in March 2012 while on sabbatical in Europe. The award is for activist-scholars whose work is at the creative intersection of radical political theory and practice. The awards honoring Betty Moulds and Joel Olson will be funded entirely by their endowments, so your support is necessary for them to get off the ground.

The final endowment created by the Association is the WPSA Endowment Fund. The purpose of this fund is to help protect the long-term financial security of the Association and to provide funding for special projects. Your contributions to all three funds are tax deductible, as permitted by law. To find out more about these funds and to make a donation, please visit the WPSA website at www.wpsanet.org.



PGI Editor Search

The Western Political Science Association has begun a search for a new editor or team of editors for *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (PGI). The term of the current editors will expire on December 31, 2016. The association is seeking nominations of qualified individuals to edit the journal from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2020. More information about the search will soon be made available on the association's web site at www.wpsanet.org.

PGI is an official journal of the WPSA. Launched in 2013, it focuses on research related to identity politics. Questions of minority rights and minority identity are increasingly prominent both in the academy and the wider world. PGI offers a valuable platform for work that focuses on the politics of social identity and minority groups to which scholars in a range of sub-fields can submit articles. In the few years since its launch, the journal has not only become a new home for scholars working in these areas, it has become an important vehicle for developing scholarship.

Over the next few weeks, the WPSA President will be naming the members to serve on the Editor Search Committee. The WPSA Executive Council is expected to vote on the official Call for Editors at its April 2015 meeting in Las Vegas. For more information about the search, contact WPSA Executive Director Richard Clucas at hprc@pdx.edu.

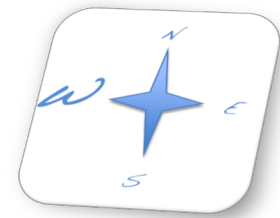
The current editors of PGI are: Lisa García Bedolla (University of California-Berkeley), Rosalee Clawson (Purdue), Ange-Marie Hancock (University of Southern California), Kerry Haynie (Duke), James McCann (Purdue), Eric Waltenburg (Purdue), and Laurel Weldon (Purdue).

Great Setting and Opportunities for 2015 Annual Meeting

The 2015 meeting of the Western Political Science Association will be held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, from April 2 to 4. Louis DeSipio, University of California, Irvine, is serving as Program Chair for this meeting. Mark Lutz and Tiffiany Howard, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, are serving as the Local Arrangements Chairs. The participation form and information regarding the conference, its theme, and the list of section chairs is available on the WPSA website: www.wpsanet.org. The deadline for proposals is September 15, 2014.

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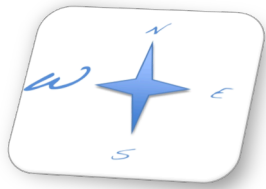


The conference arrangements at Caesars Palace are perhaps the best we have ever had for our annual meeting. Hotel guestrooms for meeting participants will be located in just one tower. The conference meeting space is right at the bottom of that tower. Conference rooms are all located in that area so everything will be together and easily accessible. The primary exception is that we are likely to have some poolside receptions out in the warm desert air. Since the last time the WPSA held a conference in Las Vegas, the laws governing where people can smoke have changed. As a result, there is not a problem with smoke smells as there was at our last conference in Las Vegas. In addition, the hotel layout means that members will not have to walk through the casino to get to the meeting space. Participants in the program are strongly encouraged to stay at Caesars Palace. Not only is it a lovely hotel with several beautiful pools, but the only way that the Association can afford to meet in Caesars Palace (and in other hotels) is to fill a certain number of guestrooms during the conference. So it is essential that Association members stay there.

The annual meeting not only presents an opportunity for traditional research presentations and panels, but also a place for interested groups to schedule special events and workshops. On the Wednesday right before the conference begins, there is space available to accommodate groups who wish to hold workshops or offer short courses. In addition, if you are part of a research community that is interested in holding a meeting in the spring, we may be able to accommodate your group by coordinating a conference within the conference. There is also the opportunity to host receptions, business meetings, and special events. For information about these opportunities, please contact Richard Clucas, WPSA Executive Director, at hprc@pdx.edu.

New Officers and Council Members

Future officers of the WPSA were elected at the Business Meeting held in April, 2014, in Seattle, Washington. Julie Novkov, University at Albany SUNY, was elected to the position of Vice President and Program Chair 2015-2016. She will oversee the program for the 2016 meeting in San Diego, California, and will serve as President of the Association during the subsequent year. Michael Bowers, University of Nevada Las Vegas, was elected to serve another



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three-year term (2015-2018) as Treasurer. New members elected to the Executive Council for the term 2015 – 2018 are: Region A: Jane Junn, University of Southern California, and Jennifer Wilking, California State University, Chico; Region B: Tiffiany Howard, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Region C: Teena Gabrielson, University of Wyoming. These new council members will assume their positions just prior to the April 2015 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Future Planning Committee

Over the past few years, the WPSA has seen many changes. We have launched a new journal and a newsletter. We have developed an increased presence on the web. We have created new awards and our first endowments. We have introduced the use of mini-conferences at the annual meeting, as well as an undergraduate poster session, more receptions, and a variety of other activities. Participation at the meeting has grown; so has our membership. In addition to these changes, many new issues have been raised over the past several years about the direction of the WPSA, including the extent to which we should grow, how we should grow, the timing of our conferences, and what the association can do to better serve its members.

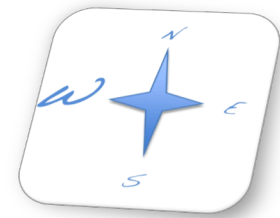
As a result of all of these changes and concerns, WPSA President Victoria Farrar-Myers put a proposal before the WPSA Executive Council in August to create a Future Planning Committee to consider the direction of the Association and to make recommendations to the Council for how we may change and grow. The Executive Council unanimously approved the creation of the committee. In the fall, the Association President will be selecting members of the committee. Once the committee is launched, it will likely conduct a survey to better understand the concerns and needs of our members. As the committee moves forward, your input into its work will be greatly appreciated.

Social Media Winner

With the annual meeting in tech-savvy Seattle earlier this year, the Association encouraged its members to use social media tools during the conference to help make the event more interactive and collaborative. Among other steps, the Association created a regular hashtag for the conference (#WPSA14), as well as one for posting photos (#WPSA14PIC). We then

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lobbied section chairs, panel chairs, and participants to use their hashtags to promote panels and to share papers and comments.

To encourage the use of these and other tech tools, the WPSA offered one free registration (valued at \$240) to a randomly selected tweet hashtagged with #WPSA14 or #WPSA14PIC during the conference. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the drawing was Janni Aragon, University of Victoria. We encourage everyone to continue to use social media at next year's conference.

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WPSA 2015—Las Vegas

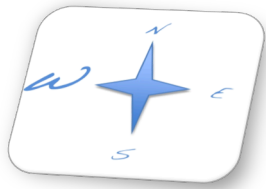
We hope everyone makes plans to join us at the future meeting at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2015. Information about the conference, including participation, is available at <http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu>. We look forward to a productive and interesting conference this year. Start making your plans to attend the 2016 Conference in San Diego, California as well.



CALL FOR EDITORS

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The WPSA Newsletter
April 2015 through March 2019

Western Political Science Association President Victoria Farrar-Myers has announced the search for a new Editor or Editors for the *The Western*, the WPSA's official newsletter. The term of the current editors, Stephen Stambough and Valerie O'Regan, will expire after the publication of the April 2015 edition. The association is seeking nominations of qualified individuals who would edit the newsletter from April 1, 2015,



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through March 30, 2019. This four-year term is renewable for two-year optional extensions. Nominations and self nominations are both welcome. The WPSA encourages nominations of women and members of ethnic minorities. The editor(s) is selected by the WPSA president.

About *The Western*

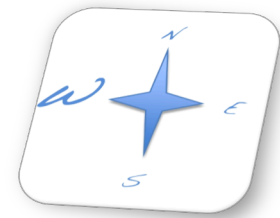
In 2008, the Western Political Science Association launched the first edition of *The Western*, which was edited by Shaun Bowler, who was serving as the Vice-President and Program Chair of the Association at that time. In 2009, Stephen Stambough and Valerie O'Regan were appointed editors, and have served in that capacity ever since.

The Western was created to provide a forum for scholarly conversations on political science teaching, research, and political events focused on but not limited to the western region. Under the thoughtful guidance of the current editors, *The Western* has become an important part of the WPSA. The publication includes news about the Association, announcements from our members, sections dedicated to research and education, a listing of recent books published by members, and more. The newsletter will soon begin to include columns from the editors of *Political Research Quarterly* and *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. Currently, the newsletter is published solely online.

The Association would like to find an editor or a team of editors who can continue to help the newsletter grow both in content and visibility. The publication was envisioned as a means not only to serve our members, but to evolve eventually into an important contribution to the discipline, while providing an additional source of revenue for the Association. The Association would like to find an editor or team of editors who can bring creative vision to the tasks involved. This is a great opportunity for someone who would like to build a publication.

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The Editor of *The Western* is responsible for the substantive content of the newsletter. Although the Editor remains responsible for the substantive content of the journal, he or she may appoint others to assist in the editorial process. The title of such appointments will be determined by the Editor to reflect an appropriate level of responsibility (e.g., Associate Editor, Deputy Editor) or function (e.g., Book Review Editor).

Financial Considerations

Since the publication of the newsletter is solely online, the cost of the publication is minimal. The current editors have relied on the technical support at their university to produce the newsletter in pdf form, which is sent to members from the Association through email and published on the Association's web site. If the new editors feel they need the assistance of a graduate student, a reduced teaching load, or any other support to take on this task, then we ask that they work out these arrangements with their home institution.

Application process

Candidates are welcome to communicate directly with the current editors, Stephen Stambough (sstambough@exchange.fullerton.edu) and Valerie O'Regan (voregan@fullerton.edu) to find out more about the newsletter and the responsibilities involved. Past editions of the newsletter are available online at:

<http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu/pub/western.php>.

Applications must be accompanied by:

1. a curriculum vitae
2. a candidate's letter expressing his/her vision for the newsletter, including any proposed changes



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For full consideration, please submit nominations by February 15, 2015 when the review process will begin. Finalists will likely be interviewed at the WPSA meeting in Las Vegas, which will be held on April 2-4, 2015. The selection of the new Editor will be made at that time. Nominations and/or requests for more information should be submitted to WPSA Vice President Louis DeSipio (ldesipio@uci.edu) or WPSA Executive Director Richard Clucas (hprc@pdx.edu).

Meet the Council

Gabriel Sanchez, University of New Mexico



Gabriel Sanchez is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of New Mexico, and Executive Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico. He is Director of Research for Latino Decisions. Sanchez received his Ph.D in Political Science from the University of Arizona. His research explores the relationship between racial/ethnic identity and political engagement, Latino health policy, and minority legislative behavior. His work has been published in a wide range of journals including *Political Research Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Political Science and Politics*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, *American Politics Research*, and other peer reviewed outlets. Professor Sanchez is also a co-author of, *Hispanics and the U.S. Political System*, one of the most popular Latino Politics textbooks in colleges today. Sanchez has been the principal or co-principal investigator on several large-scale surveys, including the Latino Decisions National Poll on Health Care Reform (2009), and the Collaborative Multi-racial Post-election Study (2008). A leading expert on Latino and New Mexico politics, he has provided political commentary to several state, national, and international media outlets.

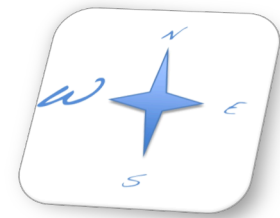
Tony Affigne, Providence College

Tony Affigne of Providence, Rhode Island has been a member of the WPSA since 1994. He is professor and past chair of the political science department at Providence College, and from 2007-2014 was also visiting professor of ethnic studies at Brown University. From 1995-1998, he served as founding director of Providence College's Program in Black



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Studies. Dr. Affigne holds a doctorate in political science and public policy from Brown, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Rhode Island. His research and teaching specialties include Latino politics, environmental politics and policy, racial and ethnic politics, and American elections. He was co-founder of the APSA Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics in 1995, co-founder of the Latino Caucus in Political Science / *El Sector Latino de Ciencia Política* in 1998, and a member of APSA's Committee on the Status of *Latinas y Latinos*. He previously served on the APSA Council and as APSA Treasurer, chaired the APSA Fund for Latino Scholarship, and was member of the Ralph J. Bunche Award Committee. He has twice served on APSA's Annual Meeting Program Committee, and frequently presents at scholarly meetings of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) as well as the Western, Midwest, and Northeastern Political Science Associations. In 2011 he was recipient of the *Frank J. Goodnow Award*, the discipline's highest recognition for service to the profession. He authored several publications in leading journals and outlets concerning topics ranging from international environmental issues to ethnic politics.

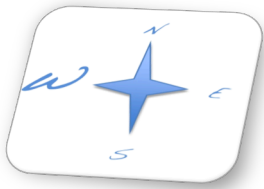
PRQ Notes

We began our tenure as the new editors of *Political Research Quarterly* on July 1, 2014, with a tremendous sense of anticipation and excitement. Cornell Clayton and Amy Mazur put in a remarkable eight years of service and, as they pledged they would, "left the journal better than we found it." We're grateful for the opportunity to try to build on this legacy and look forward to forging new relationships with authors and reviewers as we chart the future course of *PRQ*. As members of a common academic discipline, political scientists share a broad interest in understanding how institutions and practices of power operate within and among human groups. We believe that a generalist journal should be guided by the mission of furthering that shared interest.

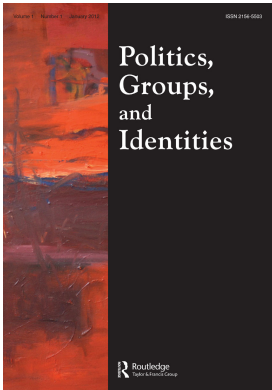


Our goal for *PRQ* is that each issue of the journal be regarded as a must-see for political scientists across the board, notwithstanding their subfield identities, topical specializations, and methodological commitments. But our authors and reviewers will ultimately make the journal's future – so we ask all our WPSA colleagues to think of *PRQ* as a venue for your biggest and best ideas. Thank you for your support!

Jason Maloy and Jeanette Mendez, Oklahoma State University



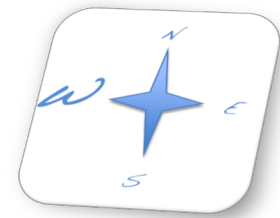
PGI Notes



As editors of the WPSA's newest journal, PGI, we appreciate the opportunity to communicate regularly with WPSA's membership through this newsletter. In this first posting, we would like to remind you of the focus of PGI and describe some of the unique features and issues that have appeared, or will appear, in the Journal. PGI is devoted to publishing cutting edge scholarship on social groups and the politics of identity. A glance at the articles that have appeared so far will show that they cover a wide range of topics and employ a variety of methodological approaches. Each issue of PGI presents conventional research articles, Dialogues, where we use a set of interrelated essays to discuss a common conceptual theme or research question, and review essays where the author or authors systematically discuss recent scholarship on a topic consistent with the Journal's scope and aims.

We are particularly excited about the publication of two special issues. The first, which appeared in the June 2014 issue, was devoted to Latino Politics and Political Theory and was edited by Ange-Marie Hancock and Cristina Beltrán. The articles included in this issue discuss various aspects of immigration, inclusion, and political membership.

We also have an exciting forthcoming issue on Gender and Political Psychology edited by Zoe Oxley. We expect this issue to appear in March 2015. Other upcoming contents of note include a Dialogues section on environmental justice, a topic consistent with one of the enduring foci and strengths of the WPSA. Its publication will add to PGI's coverage of areas of special interest to the Western Association and will increase the interdisciplinary appeal of the Journal. This Dialogues is being organized by Laura Zanotti, an anthropologist, and Mangala Subramanian, a sociologist.



The editors encourage your submissions and welcome other topics or themes for special issues, Dialogues, or review essays. The editors are also happy to field questions about whether your manuscript is likely within the scope of the Journal. Feel free to forward your papers, ideas, or suggestions to pgijourn@purdue.edu.

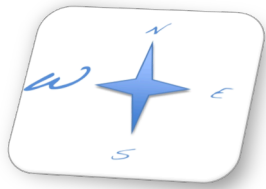
Western Researcher

Highlighting Student Research from the 2014 Conference

An Analysis of State-Sponsored Homophobia in 178 Countries **Chelsea Lee, University of Nevada, Reno**

Issues regarding homosexuality and gay rights remain one of the most contested and controversial around the world. As the gay rights impetus continues, citizens are collectively deciding within their countries whether the LGBTQ community deserves the equal benefits, rights, and protections that their heterosexual counterparts have historically received. State-sponsored homophobia is the fear or hatred of homosexuals, manifested in the form of state-perpetuated criminalization of homosexual activity, discriminatory policies, and acts of brutality and oppression of LGBTQ individuals. This study has two purposes: (1) it develops an original cross-national indicator to measure the level of discrimination towards LGBTQ individuals in 178 countries and (2) it examines a number of variables in discrimination toward LGBTQ individuals. OLS regression results indicated that countries with larger male populations, less educated people, and with a strong religious affiliation had higher levels of discrimination. Also, countries with lower GDP per capita, poor human rights practices, and high religiosity levels tend to discriminate against their LGBTQ citizens more. Lastly, an indicator measuring societal attitudes toward LGBTQ individuals within countries was highly significant and has surprising implications.

A content analysis of the U.S. Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for the year 2012 was employed in deriving an original cross-national index measuring

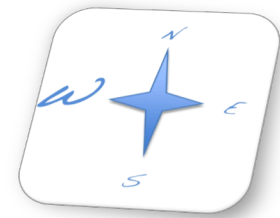


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52 areas of LGBTQ discrimination, supplemented by various reports from human rights organizations for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013 in 178 countries around the world. The index assessed areas of discrimination pertaining to laws on the criminalization of homosexuality, acts of brutality by civilian and state authorities, rights to freedom of association and expression, discrimination in the areas of education, employment, health care, and housing, and the level of civil union/same-sex marriage benefits and rights. The index was used in coding various reports on discrimination toward LGBTQ individuals. Imputation was performed to obtain additional values for index questions, given the number of missing data. Each imputed question contained no more than 35% missing data. Factor analysis was next employed on the coding questions in the derivation of the dependent variable, the discrimination scaling scores. Complete data were obtained for 178 countries. Rankings range from 1 to 25; countries scoring 1 are the least discriminatory toward LGBTQ individuals, while countries scoring 25 are the most discriminatory toward LGBTQ individuals.

This study is one of the first to present an original cross-national indicator ranking countries based on their level of discrimination toward LGBTQ individuals. In Model 1, OLS regression results indicated that male demographics, education, GDP per capita, existing human rights practices, religiosity, and religion were significant factors in determining the level of discrimination in countries. When introduced in Model 2 as an experimental indicator, results indicated that the greatest predictor of the observed level of discrimination toward LGBTQ individuals in countries was societal attitudes toward LGBTQ individuals (whether people would mind having a gay neighbor). This implies that societal attitudes may be the greatest driving force as to why state-sponsored homophobia continues in the 21st century; politicians and other state authorities reinforce the pre-existing attitudes held by the civilian population.



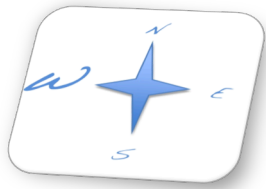
Dalton's Theory of Citizen Politics and the 15-M Movement in Spain

Anna Chong, Trinity University

In my research paper I address three aspects of Dalton's theory of politics: cognitive mobilization, post-materialism, an increase in protest and contentious action, and then establish whether or not these facets of Dalton's theory of citizen politics apply to Spain and in particular, the 15-M Movement in Spain.

Cognitive mobilization deals with the availability of political information to the public and the public's ability to process the political information received. I chose to use online and offline participation in Spain to measure whether or not an increase in Internet use leads to more political sophistication as Dalton suggests. To measure the public's ability to process the political information received, I use rising levels of education in Spain because Dalton argues that a possible measurement of an increase in political skills is through the increase in the public's level of education. The increase in Internet usage in Spain and the positive relationship between Internet usage and the probability of political participation shows evidence that the increased availability of information does in fact lead to an increase in political knowledge among individuals. The 15-M Movement confirms this theory because it was itself mobilized mainly through the use of the Internet. The use of the Internet proved to contribute to a more participative society by informing and involving previously less active members of the public to the 15-M Movement. The second part of cognitive mobilization addresses the ability of citizens to then process the political information available to them. Dalton (2008) links education to a citizen's level of political knowledge, interest and sophistication. There is evidence of rising levels of education in Spain and many members of the 15-M Movement are themselves highly educated individuals.

Dalton accounts for the new occurrence of the style of citizen politics to a rising number of citizens changing their basic political values from materialist values to post-materialist values. Some post-material values include aesthetic values and intellectual values, which have to do with

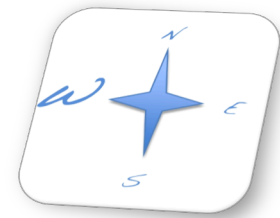


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issues such as free speech, a clean environment, and a value in ideas (Dalton 2008, 83). In order to establish whether or not Dalton's theory that post-material goals increase is applicable to Spain I looked into the transition of Spain into a more advanced industrial society, the levels of political participation in unconventional forms, and the overall levels of post-material values in Spain. I found that Spain's transition into democracy was an indicator of post-material values in Spain. Dalton argues that the greatest value shift to post-materialism from materialism happens during the transition period and that further improvements in living standards produce progressively smaller changes in values. I found that Spain's fifteen years of an above average GDP growth rate following its transition into a democracy is a strong indicator of a rise in post-material values in Spain even though the current state of the economy shows a decline in GDP. When applying Dalton's theory to the 15-M Movement which is a form of unconventional participation, I established there were both post-material and material values within the movement. While their demand for a more representative democracy reflects Dalton's argument for post-material values, a stable economy and economic growth are both material values. However, post-materialists advocate a greater use of initiative and referendum, the opening up of administrative processes, and the expansion of the legal rights of citizen groups. There are mixed values within the 15-M Movement, but there are overwhelming indicators of post-materialism in Spain.

The increasing levels of protest and the positive relationship between post-material values and unconventional participation in Spain applies to Dalton's theory that in advanced democracies there is a transition into more post-material values and an increase in unconventional forms of participation such as protest and contentious action. Due to growing voter cynicism within Spain, reports indicate a decrease in voter turnout at the 2011 Spanish elections. Protest has become another political resource for mobilizing public opinion and influencing policymakers (Dalton 2008, 48). The 15-M Movement represents a kind of direct democracy, where people come together as individuals to protest against the current situation of their country. Overall, the public's growing political skills, resources, and cognitive mobilization have increased participation in activities that are citizen-initiated, less constrained, more policy-oriented, and directly linked to government (Dalton 2008).



Limits to Growth: Latin American Poverty 1990-2010

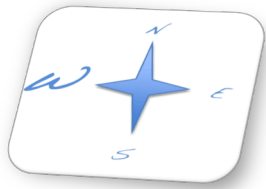
Shannon Schumacher, University of San Diego

The new millennium opened on a hopeful note as new technologies, global trade, and mass media increasingly interconnected the world. Democracy, modern medicine, and a collective global spirit emerged as hopeful forces that could overcome any crisis. Within this hopeful context, leaders from around the world gathered at the United Nations Millennium Assembly in September 2000. In New York, 147 world leaders convened to establish a bold set of commitments to end some of the world's most persistent problems (Sachs 2005).

The consensus that emerged from this meeting became the Millennium Declaration, a report surveying global issues of war and peace, health and disease, wealth and poverty with a commitment to creating a better world (Sachs 2005). As Sachs describes in his work *The End of Poverty*, the declaration “sets forth a series of quantified and time-bound goals to reduce extreme poverty, disease and deprivation” (Sachs 2005, 211). The eight goals set forth in the document became the Millennium Development Goals, or MDGs. To achieve sustainable development globally, the MDGs call for the following: the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, and develop a global partnership for development (UNDP 2013).

To meet the first goal concerning poverty, leaders established a target to halve the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day by 2015 using a 1990 baseline. Within this context of hope, leaders in politics and economics around the world began to design and implement policies to meet this target.

By 2010, poverty had been cut by fifty percent worldwide, thereby meeting the Millennium Development Goal five years early. While East Asia and Africa saw dramatic reductions in poverty, Latin America also saw dramatic success in raising the status of its people within the timeframe. In 1990, 48.3 percent of Latin Americans lived in poverty, representing 200.2 million people in absolute terms (ECLAC 1991). By 2010, this figure had dropped to 31.4



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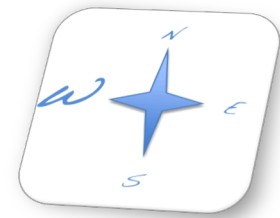
percent of the population, as 177 million people lived below the US \$2 a day international poverty line (ELAC 2011). In 2013, 164 million Latin Americans live in poverty, representing 27.9 percent of the region's population. (ECLAC 2013). How was poverty reduced so dramatically to meet the MDG early? After Latin America's "lost decade" of the 1980s and subsequent restructuring, many credited economic growth as the panacea that allowed poverty rates to dramatically drop across the region. Others point to the creation and provision of social assistance programs under political leadership. Within the literature, these and other arguments seek to identify the conditions responsible that reduced poverty from 1990-2010 in an effort to help shape effective future policy.

This study examines the impact of economic growth and redistributive policies in alleviating Latin American poverty with the case studies of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Honduras. It seeks to discover why countries with similar rates of economic growth report different rates of poverty reduction from 2000-2010. Examining conditional cash transfer (CCT) programs, this study tests the hypothesis that CCTs are a necessary component for the success of large-scale poverty reduction in Latin America. While CCT coverage of both the poor and total populations is hypothesized to play the dominant role, the results of the data collected lend strong support for the positive relationship between CCT program coverage and poverty alleviation. As a higher percentage of both the poor and total population is covered by a country's CCT program, the rate of poverty reduction increases for the majority of the cases examined in this study.

While the null hypothesis that economic growth plays no role in poverty reduction cannot be rejected, linear regressions show that economic growth plays only a minimal role with little impact in alleviating poverty at both the \$2 a day and \$1.25 a day level in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Honduras. Through its examination of redistributive policies, this study aids policymakers at the international, regional, and national level by contributing to established best practices for the design, implementation, and monitoring of CCT programs in both Latin America and across the globe.

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Call for Pre-Conference Participation in Interpretive Methodology Workshop

“Digesting the Public Sphere”

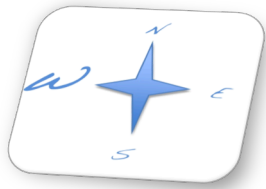
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 3:30-6:30 p.m./Place: TBA

Organizers: Sarah Marusek and Natasha Behl

In the routine spectrum of our lives, we inhabit the public sphere. Whether in the street, the shopping center, or on the bus, we engage with the empowered, the disempowered, the omitted, and the powerful. The examination of such inhabitation beckons an interpretive methodological framework and encourages the multi-dimensional and complex contextualization, presentation, and perspectivization of the political located therein.

For this third annual pre-conference session on interpretive methods and methodologies at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, we anticipate a lively discussion with much methodological insight into the idea of politically digesting the public sphere. We hope to delve into models of and approaches to conducting research, the analysis of findings, and the reaffirmation of enhanced techniques of related inquiry. Possible avenues for discussion with session attendees involve: What is the public? How do we visualize/understand/experience the public? What are the ways in which these insights connect to articulations of citizenship and democracy? How is the public implicated in the political?

Those interested in attending this pre-conference session should contact the co-organizers, Sarah Marusek (marusek@hawaii.edu) and Natasha Behl (Natasha.Behl@asu.edu) in order to RSVP and to receive the list of suggested readings.



Books Published by WPSA Members, 2013 to 2015

The WPSA brings together academics from a wide range of scholarly interests. To honor the work of our members, we regularly present a list of recently published books. Taking a look through this list gives a small hint at the broad scholarly diversity of our membership. If you have had a book recently published, or one that is about to be released, we would like to know. Please send a complete citation to Richard Clucas at hprc@pdx.edu.

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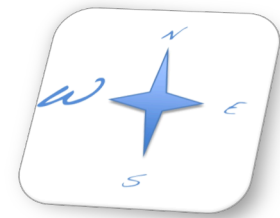
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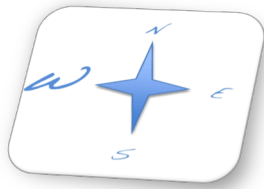
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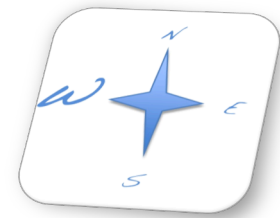
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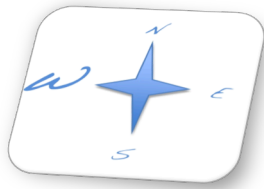
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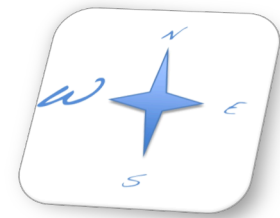
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Jobs in the Profession

Tenure-Track Faculty Position—Assistant Professor Department of Political Science California State University, Los Angeles

Starting Date: Fall, 2015

Minimum Qualifications: ABD, Ph.D. or DPA in Political Science, Public Administration or a related field from an accredited institution of higher education. A Ph.D. from an accredited institution of higher education is required for retention beyond the initial appointment period. We are looking for a public administration generalist with research and teaching interests and strengths in at least three of the following areas: public administration, public management, organizational change, or information management and public relations. Interest and ability to teach the introduction to American government is required. Candidates should provide record of or potential for scholarly activity involving students whenever possible, as well as the demonstrated potential for effective teaching using a variety of methodologies. Candidates should also demonstrate an ability or interest in teaching in a multicultural, multiethnic campus.

As a University dedicated to engagement, service and the public good, the successful candidate will be expected to join faculty, staff, students and administrators in a commitment to these purposes.

Preferred



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Qualifications: Ph.D. desired.

Duties: Teach 3 courses per quarter, including the introductory American government course, upper division undergraduate public administration option courses, and graduate level public administration courses in a NASPAA accredited MS in Public Administration program.

In addition to teaching, duties include student advisement, engaging in scholarly activity, and committee service for the Department, the College, and the University.

Salary: Initial salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

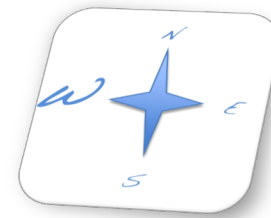
The University: California State University, Los Angeles is one of 23 campuses within the California State University system. Founded in 1947, the University is in the city of Los Angeles, adjacent to the San Gabriel Valley, and has more than 23,000 students who reflect the rich ethnic diversity of the area. The University is a federally recognized Hispanic-serving, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving, and Minority-serving institution. Faculty may have the opportunity to establish affiliate status with other academic programs, including the Honors College and ethnic/area studies.

Required Documentation: Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, official transcripts, three letters of recommendation and the University's Application for Academic Employment form.
www.calstatela.edu/univ/hrm/docs/forms/Empl_applic_academic.pdf
Employment contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

Application: **Review of applications begins Oct. 31, 2014, and continues until the position is filled.** Address applications and required documentation (preferably in pdf format) and/or requests for information to:

Public Administration Search Committee
Department of Political Science
California State University, Los Angeles
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8226

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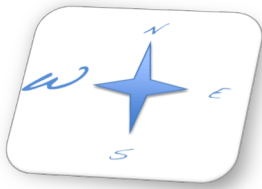
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Tenure-track at Full/Associate Level in Public Administration Kennesaw State University Department of Political Science & International Affairs

Kennesaw State University is now accepting applications for a twelve-month tenure-track Full/Associate Professor of Public Administration in the Department of Political Science & International Affairs which begins July 1, 2015. Responsibilities shall include program administration as well as teaching and research. An earned doctorate in public administration, political science, or related discipline is required.

Kennesaw State University is a growing and progressive university in Georgia's public system of higher education. On an attractive campus in suburban Atlanta, KSU currently enrolls more than 24,000 traditional and nontraditional bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students. The thriving metropolitan area has a rich array of museums, theaters, libraries, colleges and universities, and other resources.



Review of applications shall start immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For full consideration completed applications should be submitted by October 1, 2014.

For a full description of this position and application procedures, go to <https://facultyjobs.kennesaw.edu>.

Cal State Fullerton Public Administration Tenure Track

The Division of Politics, Administration and Justice at California State University, Fullerton, invites applications for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Political Science with the appointment beginning in Fall, 2015.

Position We seek applicants in the field of Public Administration. The position will involve teaching, research, and service in Public Administration in a NASPAA accredited M.P.A. program, and in our B.A. in Public Administration. We are open to area of specialization within Public Administration with the exception of Human Resources and Public Finance.

Faculty members teach and advise graduate and undergraduate students and serve on academic committees. Positive tenure and promotion decisions require excellent teaching and excellent research, including publication in peer-reviewed outlets relevant to the fields above, and participation in the broader academic community

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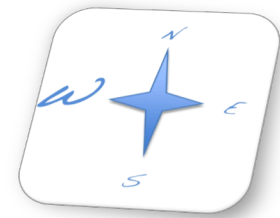
- A Ph.D. in Political Science, Public Administration, or a related field is required by the time of appointment.
- Ability to teach general Public Administration courses at the undergraduate and graduate level.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a background in Urban Management.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have taught effectively in the past.
- Successful candidates should be able to interact effectively with a wide and culturally diverse range of students and colleagues.
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Rank and Salary The position is at the rank of Assistant Professor, tenure-track. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Salary is subject to budgetary authorization and any California State University System faculty contract increases. Additional teaching in summer and intersession is available. An excellent comprehensive benefits package is available which includes health/vision/dental plans; spouse, domestic partner and/or dependent fee-waiver; access to campus child-care; and a defined-benefit retirement through the state system, along with optional tax-sheltering opportunities. For a detailed description of benefits, go to:

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Application Procedure Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g. syllabi and evaluations), an example of scholarly research, and graduate transcripts(s). Applicants who have additional expertise in other areas of Public Administration are asked to describe those interests and are encouraged to apply. Send materials to:

Professor Stephen Stambough Public Administration Search Committee Chair, Division of Politics, Administration and Justice California State University, Fullerton P.O. Box 6848 Fullerton, California 92834-6848

In addition, please complete an Applicant Data Flow Form via secured website: <https://diversity.fullerton.edu/appdataflow> and enter the Job Control Number listed above.

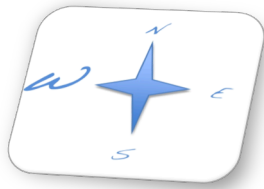
Application Deadline Application review begins immediately. To ensure full consideration, please submit all materials by September 30, 2014. Position is open until filled.

Cal State Fullerton Public Law/Law & Society Tenure-Track

The Division of Politics, Administration and Justice at the California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) is seeking a tenure-track colleague in Public Law/Law & Society. We welcome applications from candidates from all areas of specialization within Public Law/Law & Society. Thematically, are particularly interested in reviewing application materials from individuals whose teaching and research speak to: gender, race, law, inequality, and subordinated identities; culture, ancestry & political status; and international perspectives (e.g. global human rights); religion, sexual and gender identity. We welcome applications from all methodological traditions but prefer candidates who are experienced and open to a mix of quantitative, qualitative, and interdisciplinary methodologies.

Position We seek applicants with an ability to teach a variety of courses within an undergraduate program in Political Science, but particularly: Constitutional Law I (institutions); Constitutional Law II (civil rights/civil liberties); Constitutional Politics; Judicial Process/Behavior; Law, Politics & Society; Critical Legal Theory. The applicant will also be responsible for maintaining a diligent and focused research agenda whose goal it is to publish in relevant academic journals.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the development of the Political Science elective curriculum and to the integration of innovative teaching



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technologies into course materials. Positive tenure and promotion decisions require excellence in teaching as well as research, publication in relevant juried or peer-reviewed venues, service, and participation in the broader disciplinary community.

Qualifications

- A Ph.D. in Political Science or related field is required. ABD's may apply but must show evidence that the degree will be completed by the time of appointment. (J.D. or L.L.B. is not sufficient.)
- Ability to teach a variety of courses within an undergraduate program in Political Science and field of specialization.
- Candidates should be able to interact effectively with a wide and diverse range of students and colleagues.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated success in effective teaching at the college level.
- Background or interest in a related area that will contribute to the development of the Political Science elective curriculum is also desirable.

Rank and Salary The position is at the rank of Assistant Professor, tenure-track. Salary is highly competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Salary is subject to budgetary authorization and any California State University System faculty contract increases. Additional teaching in summer and intersession is often available. An excellent comprehensive benefits package is available which includes health/vision/dental plans; spouse, domestic partner and/or dependent fee-waiver; access to campus child-care; and a defined-benefit retirement through the state system, along with optional tax-sheltering opportunities. For a detailed description of benefits, go to http://hr.fullerton.edu/documents/benefits/Faculty_Unit_3.pdf

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Application Procedure Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., syllabi and evaluations), a sample of scholarly writing, and graduate transcript(s) to the Division Chair.

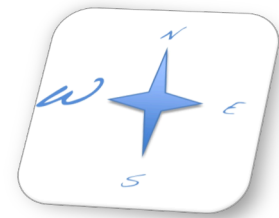
Send materials to:

Professor Stephen Stambough, Political Science Search Committee Chair, Division of Politics, Administration and Justice California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6848, Fullerton, California 92834-6848

In addition, please complete an Applicant Data Flow Form via secured website: <https://diversity.fullerton.edu/appdataflow> and enter the Job Control Number listed above.

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Application Deadline Application review begins on October 1, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled.

Milestones

Marcia Godwin has been granted tenure at the University of LaVerne.

Sarah Hill has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at California State University, Fullerton.

Justin Tucker has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at California State University, Fullerton.

Submission Instructions

At *The Western* we encourage submissions for articles in any of our four areas: *Western Educator*, *Western Researcher*, *Western Politics*, and *Western Reviews*.

Western Educator

For the *Western Educator* we welcome submissions about controversies and innovations in political science education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. These can be articles that describe unique classroom simulations, the incorporation of innovative technology into the classroom, and a wide variety of other topics. We especially welcome submissions with a focus on topics unique to the western region. Articles should be no more than 10 pages.

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