Request for Applications: New Editor
APSA Journal, Perspectives on Politics

The American Political Science Association (APSA) seeks applications for the position of editor of one of its flagship journals, Perspectives on Politics. Established in 2002, Perspectives has quickly become one of the top journals in political science with a high impact factor and rising submissions and readership. It occupies a distinctive place in APSA's constellation of journals and in the evolving political science public sphere. The editorship of this journal is a terrific opportunity to support the research enterprise and public mission of the discipline and to promote its rich diversity of interests and methodological approaches.

Specific responsibilities of the editor position include providing overall leadership and direction for the content of the journal; ensuring that four issues of appropriate length are published as scheduled each year; working productively with the journal’s publisher, Cambridge University Press, throughout the production process; soliciting submissions and arranging peer reviews of manuscripts; and responding to authors in a timely way. The editor is also responsible for convening and working with an Editorial Board of his/her choosing to help set the direction for the journal and establish major editorial policies. The term of this position is four years, with the possibility of a two-year extension.

In their proposal, interested candidates should prepare a vision statement; a brief description of proposed editor(s) qualifications; an explanation of proposed staff organization and responsibilities; and a description of the financial and technical support provided by the host institution. Proposals for innovations in the journal's format, including but not limited to book reviews, review essays, and electronic features, are welcome, as are ideas for promoting broad public engagement. Applicants should detail their qualifications with their proposal, accompanied by a curriculum vita and a statement of support from the applicant’s home institution. Specific questions can be sent to Steven Rathgeb Smith, APSA Executive Director at smithsr@apsanet.org.

Members of the search committee are Jack Snyder, Columbia University (chair); Marisa Abrajano, University of California, San Diego; Jude Browne, University of Cambridge; Joseph Carens, University of Toronto; Andra Gillespie, Emory University; Marc Lynch, George Washington University; and John Patty, University of Chicago. APSA President Jennifer Hochschild, Harvard University, and APSA Executive Director, Steven Rathgeb Smith, serve ex officio on the committee.

Application materials should be submitted via e-mail to Steven Rathgeb Smith at smithsr@apsanet.org and received no later than May 15, 2016. All applications will be treated confidentially.