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Message from the Section Chair

Dear Section Members,

On behalf of the APSA Organized Section on Political Psychology, I thank all of you for your continued interest and support. Interest in the psychological dimension of politics -- in APSA and elsewhere -- is both strong and growing. As a section, our "mission" is to help encourage, support, and better publicize developments in our field.

This newsletter describes recent events and new opportunities that may be of interest to you. If you have ideas for how to further the section's mission, please let me and your other section officers know.

Sincerely,
Chris Federico

New Section Officers Approved

As happens every year at the Section's Annual Meeting, new section officers were elected. For academic year 2008-2009, your section's officers are: **Christopher Federico** (University of Minnesota-Psychology and Political Science), Chair, **David Redlawsk** (University of Iowa – Political Science), Chair-Elect, **John Transue** (University of Illinois, Springfield – Political Science). **Penny Visser** (University of Chicago – Psychology), will continue to serve as Member-at-Large. **Thomas Rudolph** (University of Illinois, Urbana – Political Science) will organize the panels for the 2009 APSA Meeting.

Our section's past chair, and a continuing member of the Executive Council, is **Howard Lavine** (SUNY, Stony Brook – Political Science). If you get a chance, please take a moment to thank Howie for doing a wonderful job as section chair. Also, **Bethany Albertson** (University of Washington – Political Science) is taking over for **Jennifer Jerit** (Florida State University – Political Science) as communications director. Thanks to Jenn for all her work during her two-year term.

Sniderman, Hagendoorn, Canetti-Nisim, Ariely, Halperin and Cassese win 2008 Political Psychology Section Awards

This year at APSA, the organized section on Political Psychology gave its annual awards for Best Book, Best Paper, and Best Dissertation.

The **2008 Robert E. Lane Best Book Award** was presented to **Paul Sniderman** (Stanford University) and **Louk Hagendoorn** (Utrecht University) for *When Ways of Life Collide: Multiculturalism and Its Discontents in the Netherlands* (Princeton University Press, 2007).

The **2008 Best Paper Award** was given to **Daphna Canetti-Nisim, Gal Ariely, and Eran Halperin** (University of Haifa) for "Life, Pocketbook, or Culture."

The **2008 Best Dissertation Award** was awarded to **Erin Cassese** for "Culture Wars as Identity Politics," which she wrote at SUNY-Stony Brook (Stanley Feldman, advisor).

Please join us in congratulating this extraordinary set of scholars for their innovative new work.

Political Psychology Panels at the upcoming Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

Thursday:

- Stereotypes and Political Evaluation
- Political Psychology of Cue-Taking
- Threat, Risk, and Political Decisions
- The Origins of Partisanship
- Psychological Profiles of Elites

Friday:

- Emotions and Campaign
- Evolutionary Theory for Political Psychology
- Group Dynamics and Political Psychology
- Ambivalence
- Models of Political Thinking
- Core Values and Public Opinion
- Gender and Political Cognition

Saturday:

- Individual Differences in Political Cognition
- Origins and Consequences of Group Think
- The Psychology of Political Mobilization
- The Implications of Economic Inequality
- Models of Campaign Cognition
- The Effects of Candidate Images and Ascriptive Traits
- Electoral Rule, Political Processes and Political Outcomes

Sunday:

- Behavioral Economics Applications for Political Psychology
- Emotions and Policy Opinions

Political Psychology Sessions Featured at APSA 2008

Adam Berinsky of MIT organized an exciting set of panels for APSA 2008. The Political Psychology panels for the 2008 APSA meetings are as listed below. Electronic versions of most of the papers given on these panels are available at APSA PROceedings, which can be found on the web at www.apsanet.org.

Political Theory and Models of the Mind

Chair: Gal Gerson

Discussants: Jane Flax, Eli Zaretsky

Participants: Paul Hoggett, Jane Flax, Gal Gerson, Eil Zaretsky, Elaine Stavro

Experimental Studies of International Relations

Chair: Scott Sigmund Gartner

Participants: Scott Sigmund Gartner, Alex Mintz, Steven Redd, David Rousseau, Dan Miodownik, Lilach Nir, Rocio Garcia-Retamero, Whitney Grey, Nehemia Geva, Cigdem Sirin, Victor Asal, Anthony Lemieux

Political Psychology and Terrorism: Festschrift Panel for Martha Crenshaw

Chair: Adam Berinsky

Discussants: George Marcus, David Laitin

Participants: Audrey Kurth Cronin, Page Fortna, Leslie Vinjamuri, David Leheny, Leonie Huddy, Stanley Feldman

You've Got To ... Accentuate the Negative

Chair: Sean Richey

Discussant: Ted Brader

Panelists: Shana Kushner Gadarian, Bethany Albertson, Lilliana Hall Mason, Leonie Huddy, Andrew Owen, Eran Halperin, Daphna Canetti-Nisim, Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler, Tereza Capelos

Biology, Psychology and Politics

Chair: Gabriel Lenz

Discussants: Gabriel Lenz, Elizabeth Suhay

Panelists: Michael Wagner, Hiroko Ide, Ikuo Kabashima, Kenji Kansaku, Hiroshi Kadota, Junko Kato, Pete Hatemi, Chris Dawes, John Hibbing, Douglas Oxley, Kevin Smith, John Alford

Political Socialization

Chair: Christopher Karpowitz

Discussants: Christopher Karpowitz, Ted Jelen

Panelists: Jennifer Benz, Pamela Johnston Conover, Donald Searing, Danielle Shani, Ben Highton, Shayla Nunnally, Allison Harell, Dietlind Stolle

Political Cognition

Chair: David Peterson

Discussants: David Peterson, Jeffrey Koch

Panelists: Shawn Rosenberg, Ted Wrigley, Thomas Nelson, Sarah Bryner, Dana Wittmer, Allyson Shortle, David Redlawsk, Richard Lau, Donald Haider-Markel, Mark Joslyn, William Jacoby

Measuring Racism

Chair: Pia Knigge

Discussants: Claudine Gay, Ismail White

Panelists: Scott Blinder, Elisabeth Ivarsflaten, Christopher Muste, Antoine Banks, Thomas Craemer, David Wilson, Darren Davis

Political Information and Political Learning

Chair & Discussant: Nicholas Valentino

Panelists: Markus Prior, Evan Parker-Stephen, Eric Lawrence, John Sides, Robert Luskin, Mathieu Turgeon

Elite Cues and Public Opinion

Chair & Discussant: Kimberly Gross

Panelists: Dennis Chong, James Druckman, Jennifer Jerit, Matthew Levendusky, Cheryl Boudreau, Stephen Nicholson

Public Opinion about Immigration: Threat, Identity and Acculturation

Chair: Deborah Schildkraut

Discussants: Deborah Schildkraut, Tatishe Mavovosi Nteta

Panelists: Efren Osvaldo Perez, Niambi Carter, Laura Schram, Pazit Ben-Nun-Bloom, Stanley Feldman, Gallya Lahav, Marie Courtemanche

Potpourri of Potentially Parallel Political Psychology Papers

Chairs: John Sides, Rebecca Hannagan

Discussant: John Sides

Panelists: Sean Ehrlich, Cherie Maestas, Scott Matthews, Tim Groeling, Thomas John Scotto, Eser Sekercioglu

Neuropsychology, Political Behavior and Elections

Chair: Patrick Stewart

Discussant: Roger Masters

Panelists: Patrick Stewart, Ryan Robeson, Erik Bucy, Maria Grabe, Kilian James Garvey, Elizabeth Suhay, Eser Sekercioglu

Religion and Political Psychology

Chair: Franklyn Niles

Discussant: Clyde Wilcox

Panelists: Matthew Jacobmeier, Kristy Michaud, Jennifer Merolla, Brett Benson, John Geer, Carrie Konold

Preference Formation in New and Developing Democracies

Chair: Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro

Discussant: Jon Krosnick

Panelists: Jeffrey Karl Conroy-Krutz, Ted Brader, Joshua Tucker, Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Chappell Lawson

Immigration and Public Opinion

Chair: David Leal

Discussants: David Leal, Jeronimo Cortina

Panelists: Sergio Wals, Thomas Rudolph, Shang Ha, Seung Jin Jang, Ian Brett Yohai, Deborah Schildkraut

Elites and Public Opinion Formation

Discussants: John Zaller and Cheryl Boudreau

Panelists: Shana Kushner Gadarian, Stacey Pelika, Ian Brett Yohai, Paul Sniderman, Robert Van Houweling, Michael Tomz

The Nature and Consequences of Deliberative Democracy

Chair: Jason Barabas

Discussants: Jason Barabas, Katherine Cramer Walsh

Panelists: Cengiz Erisen, Milton Lodge, Charles Taber, Joseph Gershtenson, Glenn Rainey, Jane Gurganus Rainey, Christopher Karpowitz, Tali Mendelberg, Casey Klofstad, Alice Siu

Group Identity and Political Attitudes

Chair: Steven Greene

Discussants: Christopher Muste, Steven Greene

Panelists: Nancy Burns, Donald Kinder, Paul Goren, Alison Keleher, Eric Smith, Patrick Egan, Nicholas Winter

2009 Summer Institute in Political Psychology

Stanford University will host the 2009 Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP) this coming summer. Directed by Stanford Professor Jon Krosnick, SIPP is a three-week intensive training program introducing graduate students and professionals to the world of political psychology scholarship.

Political psychology is a thriving forum for interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration in political science, psychology, and other social science fields. The practitioners are spread across the world, and the emerging range of scholarship is broad and varied. SIPP was founded in 1991 at Ohio State University, and Stanford has hosted SIPP since 2005, with support from Stanford University and from the National Science Foundation. Hundreds of participants have attended SIPP during these years.

The 2009 SIPP curriculum will be designed to accomplish one preeminent goal: to produce skilled, creative, and effective scholarly researchers who would do more and better work in political psychology as the result of their attendance at SIPP. To achieve this goal, the training experience is designed to: 1) provide broad exposure to theories, empirical findings, and research traditions; 2) illustrate successful cross-disciplinary research and integration; 3) enhance methodological pluralism; and 4) strengthen institutional networks.

The schedule of activities mixes lectures with opportunities for students to talk with faculty lecturers and with each other in structured and less formal atmospheres. Some of the topics covered in past SIPP programs include race relations, conflict and dispute resolution, voting and elections, international conflict, decision-making by political elites, moral disengagement and violence, social networks, activism and social protest, political socialization, and justice.

On-line applications are currently being accepted. For more information, please visit the SIPP website at www.stanford.edu/group/sipp. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all 60 slots are filled.

New York Area Political Psychology Meeting

The next biannual seminar on political psychology at will meet on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The following papers will be presented:

Patrick Egan (NYU) and Jack Citrin (Berkeley), "When the Supreme Court Leads, Does the Public Follow? Evidence from a Survey Experiment."

Bob Erikson (Columbia) and Laura Stoker (Berkeley), "Vietnam Draft Lottery Status and Political Behavior."

Bill Jacoby (Michigan State), "Consistency, Transitivity, and Priming Effects Among Individual Value Choices."

If you are planning to attend the Saturday, April 25, 2009 seminar, please contact: stanley.feldman@sunysb.edu.

Chicago Area Political and Social Behavior Workshop

The 3rd annual Chicago Area political and social Behavior (CAB) workshop will take place at Northwestern University on Friday, May 8th. Presenters include Vicky DeFrancesco Soto (Northwestern), Jim Gibson (Washington University), Scott McClurg (Southern Illinois University), and Eric Oliver (University of Chicago). For more information, contact Jamie Druckman at druckman@northwestern.edu.

Experimentation in Political Science Conference

The rise of experiments is one of the most notable methodological developments in political science over the past decade. In order to ensure that the discipline maximizes its return on experimental methodology, a unifying conference will be held at Northwestern University on May 28th-29th, 2009. The conference is hosted by James N. Druckman (Northwestern University), Donald P. Green (Yale University), James H. Kuklinski (University of Illinois), and Arthur Lupia (University of Michigan).

Social Psychology Network Action Teaching Award

If you teach, you're warmly invited to apply this fall for next year's award (Deadline: January 15, 2010). The \$1,000 prize honors teaching activities and assignments that promote a more just, peaceful, and humane world. For example, entries might include lessons and activities that:

- Promote cross-cultural understanding
- Reduce interpersonal or international conflict
- Advance social justice and/or equal opportunity
- Foster empathy and pro-social behavior
- Address specific social issues (e.g., child abuse)

Purpose of the Award

The SPN Action Teaching Award has two main purposes. First, it is intended to honor innovative efforts at action teaching. Second, it is designed to disseminate effective action teaching techniques and materials to a wide audience. Accordingly, award-winning examples of action teaching will be featured in SPN, and action teaching materials will be made freely available.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ActionTeaching.org/>

Upcoming Events

Midwest Political Science Association	April 2-5	Chicago
New York Area Political Psychology Meeting	April 25	New York
Chicago Area Political and Social Behavior Workshop	May 3	Chicago
ISPP Conference	July 14-17	Dublin, Ireland
APSA 2009 Conference	September 3-6	Toronto

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