

Finally Got the News*

**This title is borrowed from the Newsreel film about militant Black autoworkers in Detroit during the 1960s.*

**Newsletter of the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section
American Political Science Association**

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Message from the Co-Presidents:

John Garcia and Jane Junn

As we move closer to another annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, we anticipate many interactions, conversations, and renewed, or even, new friendships. As REP co-chairs, we expect these dynamics to be quite evident among REP members and friends. Hopefully we will see many of you at the business meeting and our multi-sponsored reception.

To chronicle events and developments over the past year, one cannot help but be impacted by the tumultuous world that surrounds us. For many, it is an everyday world filled with uncertainty, survival instincts, getting by day-to-day, and even worse- fearing that one will not live another day. A movement like "Black Lives Matters" reinforces the persistence of the consequences of racism, differential power, and communities of color quest for fairness, opportunities, power, and influence, and fundamental human rights and dignity. As one of the co-chairs of REP, the scope and depth of our thoughts, investigation/examination and analyses has a direct relevance toward a praxis of the underlying dynamics of race, power, change, resistance, gender, class and social structures.

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Institutionally, the origins of REP is centered upon examining and analyzing the human experience with the distinctions of race, ethnicity, class and gender organizing key relationships among individuals, groups and institutions. Members of REP do actively engage the very same communities they examine and try to understand further. In addition, members contribute to these same communities through their energy, talents and other resources. Finally, it has been my experiences that REP members treat communities of color with respect and carry a moral and ethical responsibility to these communities.

It is latter point that I want to draw attention to individual members of REP, as well as this organization collectively, Among the communities we belong to and associate with, one is the social science research community. Parallel to the call to action for “Black Lives Matter”, I can raise the call for “social science matters”. At the same time, I would add the following questions- To whom does social science matter? How does social science matter? In doing social science research, we think about the nature and impact of the questions that drive our queries, the possible impact of our raised questions, the implications of what we choose to scrutinize, our own internal processes that influence the choices of questions we pursue, and the public/policy implications of the knowledge we produce. Along this line of thought, I am compelled to advance the challenge for each of us to think critically about the questions we choose to ask as well as the questions we don't ask. In doing so, we should ask ourselves what is shaping the difference of what is asked and what is not?

I am not the most active person on social media outlets, but I have seen more postings by colleagues and other friends of personal stories about how race and ethnicity plays itself out in so many aspects of one's daily life. I have seen postings, emails and other ways of sharing others' scholarship, op-eds, the personal experiences or those people we know (family and friends) that express insights, analyses, and critical voices to right an imperfect and contested world for communities of color. Whatever our own motivations to become scholars of race and ethnicity, one central element is that knowledge can make the world better.

So as you express yourselves, socially, politically, and critically, keep using your social science knowledge and insights to not only contribute to the “multi-logues” of perspectives and knowledge, but dare to communicate complex ideas and “data” with precision, clarity, an engaging style, and a measure of energetic vitality to those outside the academic world. I have read so many articles declaring academics are bad writers and ineffective communicators beyond the domain of other academics. Besides trying to transmit clearly information, we could interject humor, use of language creatively, and fitting one's style to the content and medium. Our expertise, commitment to social justice, and our identification with communities of color and their struggles provide us opportunities to link our personal, professional and public selves to important public discourses and policy discussions/actions.

However that manifests itself for each of you, I feel that REP is both a source of support and knowledge-based insight/analyses, as well as organizationally grounded in moral and ethical responsibilities of social change and justice. I know that learning is an incredible force to improve our world. So social science does matter, BUT whether or not it WILL, can depend on us.

So again we look forward to seeing our fellow REP members and friends shortly. Share your thoughts, experiences, individual actions and collective engagements over this time together. And carry forward the important realities of race and ethnicity (and other critical components of our personal and social worlds) to a variety of arenas, contexts, and discussions.

Message from the Program Co-Chairs:

Rene R. Rocha and Wendy Smooth

Interest in presenting work on race, ethnicity, and politics at the APSA meeting continues to grow. This year we received around 150 submissions, and we were able to accommodate about two-thirds of them in part because other sections were eager to co-sponsor with REP. Session themes include immigration, race & gender, race & emotions/psychology, representation, American political development, race & religion, and race & public policy. Race plays an important role of almost all other subfields, and the diversity of panels reflects this truth! The papers and posters also reflect another strength of our subfield: methodological diversity. Notable trends include an increased interest in the areas of immigration, public policy, and political psychology. To note, we also received extensive requests to accept papers transferred from other sections suggesting that some sections still find it difficult to understand the place of race and ethnicity in their subfield discussions. Overall, it is clear that the REP section continues to make a profound contribution to the discipline as the place to highlight this significant scholarship.

This year, APSA is introducing a variety of new formats, including 30-minute paper presentations. Our section has two such presentations: Epistemological Bias in US Political Behavior Research by Lisa Garcia Bedolla and The Other Side of the Curve: Reconsidering the Racial Lesson of Obama's Election by Eric Gonzalez Juenke. We encourage section members to attend this session in particular and explore the opportunities for in-depth discussion offered by this new format. Please be sure to attend as many REP section panels as you can. Good attendance at our panels helps to increase the number of panels we are allotted each year and helps to assure we are able to showcase our scholarship.

2016-2017 REP Nominations

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Best Paper Committee (1 yr. term)

TBA

REP Section Business Meeting
Saturday, September 3, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Loews, Washington C

2016 REP Section Awards

BEST DISSERTATION AWARD

In/visible Constituents: The Representation of Undocumented Immigrants
Matthew Synclair Mendez, University of Southern California

Committee:

Matt Barreto (University of California, Los Angeles)

Vanessa Tyson (Scripps College)

Juan Urbano, Jr. (Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi)

BEST BOOK AWARDS

Best Book Award for Race Relations in the United States

Racial and Ethnic Politics in American Suburbs, Cambridge University Press
Lorrie Frasure-Yokley (University of California, Los Angeles)

Best Book Award for Race Theory and Racial Construction

Dangerous Crossings: Race, Species, and Nature in a Multicultural Age,
Cambridge University Press
Claire Jean Kim (University of California, Irvine)

Best Book Award for Race and U.S. Electoral Politics

*Bringing Race Back In: Black Politicians, Deracialization, and Voting Behavior
in the Age of Obama*, University of Virginia Press
Christopher Stout (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale)

Best Book Award for Inter-Race Relations in the United States

*Partners or Rivals? Power and Latino, Black, and White Relations in the Twenty-
First Century*, University of Virginia Press
Betina Cutaia Wilkinson (Wake Forest University)

2016 REP Section Awards, cont'd.

Committee:

Tony Affigne (Providence College)

Natasha E. Altema McNeely (University of Texas, Pan American)

Ivy M. Cargile (St. Norbert College)

Congratulations to Marisa Abrajano and Zoltan Hajnal for winning the 2016 APSA Ralph J. Bunche Award for their book *White Backlash: Immigration, Race, and American Politics* (Princeton University Press 2015)!

Report from the Asian Pacific American Caucus and APA Status Committee

APSA Panel sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession:

A Roundtable in Memory of Don Nakanishi: Asian American Voting and Empowerment

Friday Sept. 2, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Marriott, Room 410

Participants:

James Lai (Santa Clara University)

Julie Lee Merseeth (Northwestern University)

Taeku Lee (University of California, Berkeley)

Pei-te Lien (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Paul Watanabe (University of Massachusetts, Boston)

Janelle Wong (University of Maryland, College Park)

APSA Status of Asian-Pacific Americans in the Profession Committee and Status of Latinos y Latinas in the Profession Committee Reception

Friday, Sept. 2, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Marriott, Room 410

Report from the Latino Caucus and the Status Committee of Latinos y Latinas

Latino/a Scholars Transforming Political Science

Fri, September 2, 4:00 to 5:30pm, TBA (Roundtable)

Sponsor: Committee on the Status of Latinos & Latinas in the Profession

“Liar Liar: Responses Latencies and Turnout Overreports”

Ivelisse Cuevas-Molina (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

“Rolling Off the Tongue Into the Top-of-the-Head: Explaining Language Effects on Public Opinion”

Efren Osvaldo Perez (Vanderbilt University)

“Belonging and the Politics of Inclusion: Rethinking Latino Political Engagement”

Angela Ximena Ocampo (University of California, Los Angeles)

“Who Gets What? Formateur Advantage and Salience in Portfolio Allocation in Presidential Multiparty Systems”

Thiago Nascimento da Silva (Texas A&M University)

“Mechanisms of Politicized Latino Identity”

Ali A. Valenzuela (Princeton University)

Chair: John Armando Garcia (University of Michigan)

Discussants: Lisa Garcia-Bedolla (University of California, Berkeley) and Gisela Sin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

The Committee is also co-sponsoring the following REP receptions:

Asian Pacific American Caucus & Latino Caucus Reception

Friday, September 2, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Room 410

Organizers: Rebecca Deen and Linda Mancillas

Honoring Women of Color Reception, Co-sponsored by the Women & Politics Section, Women’s Caucus & Committee on the Status of Women & Committee on Latinos and Latinas in the Profession.

Friday, September 2, 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Marriott Independence Ballroom

APSA Status Committee Chairs Meeting

Saturday, September 3, 2016, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Location TBA

Report from the Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession

The APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession is pleased to co-sponsor a Reception with the **National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)** Thursday September 1, 8:30-10:00pm, Marriot, Franklin 9. We hope you can stop by and join us.

Reception Honoring **Women of Color: Co-sponsored by Women & Politics Section, Women's Caucus & Committee on the Status of Women**, and the APSA Status Committees. Friday September 2, 8:30-10:00pm, Marriott, Independence Ballroom. Please join us!

A Message from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Call for Papers
48th Annual Meeting of the
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 15-18, 2017

Crowne Plaza
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, California 92108

Black Politics at the Intersection: Challenging Persistent Inequalities

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The conference theme, *Black Politics at an Intersection: Challenging Persistent Inequities*, explores the inter- and intra-sections of movements, methodologies, demographics, and strategies within 21st century Black politics. Blackness has always been a contested political reality. For centuries, the state has long curtailed Black access to make justice a reality. In the last century, political candidates often sought to use Blacks' nascent political opportunities – from voting to elected office and issue campaigns – for personal political expediency with limited tangible benefits for Black communities. More recently, prominent voices within Black political struggles have even implicated a narrow vision of Black politics – a view too often laced in one-dimensional understandings of protest and identity formation. Throughout each of these intersections, despite progress, persistent inequalities and dogged inequities have remained. Powerful voices within Black grassroots spaces of political engagement have argued a different narrative. These voices and their allies have served to engage a theory of Blackness and Black politics, centered on the multiplicity of strategies, visions, and activism available to realize Black inclusion in politics.

We encourage proposals that assess the heterogeneity within and external to Blackness and scholarship that recognizes Blackness as both a political and ascriptive identity. We also encourage posters, papers and panels that give further insight into diasporic racial politics and international struggles and triumphs of Black movements internationally. San Diego, California, a border town, is an ideal conference location that will assist conference attendees in broadening analyses of the role and place of Black identity and the inequitable outcomes that persist in Black communities across the United States. The geographic intersections of border politics and global Blackness contribute to the dialogue of *Black Politics at an Intersection* that extends beyond the boundaries of the U.S. polity.

Please note, **paper and panel proposals due October 1st**, acceptances mailed by November 1st, and participation contingent on your registration by December 15th.

In Memoriam: Don Nakanishi



Don Nakanishi, UCLA professor emeritus of Asian American Studies and Education, passed away unexpectedly on March 21, 2016. He was 66. Don was a founding member of REP, and a trailblazer in the field of Asian American studies. The model of the scholar-citizen, Don was often in the forefront battling for racial justice, seeking to build coalitions across ethnoracial lines, and producing research that political practitioners could use. Don was also a wonderful mentor to countless students and junior faculty, and he generously helped in the founding of the Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC), which works to continue his substantial legacy.

Andrew Aoki, Augsburg College
