

# 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:

Kerry Haynie and Marisa Abrajano

Welcome to the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics organized section of the American Political Science Association! Ours is a vibrant and perpetually relevant intellectual community. In these tumultuous and troubling times, our scholarship, analyses, critiques, and commentaries are needed more than ever before, both inside and outside of our discipline and the academy. Let us all renew our commitment to being both seen and heard; to being in the proverbial room, even if we have to break in to do so; to being in the conversation, even if we have to shout and interrupt; and to speaking and standing for the disenfranchised and dispossessed, even if it costs us status and fortune.

Our journal, the Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics (JREP), and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association provide us with immediate opportunities to achieve these aspirations. JREP continues to thrive, becoming more visible and impactful with each passing year. We are also delighted to announce that Alexandra Filindra will commence as editor-in-chief in January 2019.

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Please continue submitting your work to this important outlet. Ask your librarian to get an institutional subscription to the journal if your campus does not already have one.

The 2018 APSA meeting program co-chairs for the REP organized section, Stella Rouse and Candis Watts Smith have organized an outstanding set of panels for this year's annual meeting. Please attend as many of these sessions as possible in order to share in the research and discussion as well as to keep our panel attendance numbers robust. Thank you Stella and Candis for this providing this excellent service to our section and our profession.

Our annual business meeting will be held on Friday, August 31, from 6:30-7:30pm, in Hynes Convention Center, Room 102. We hope you will attend. Directly following the business meeting, please join us for a little food and cheer at our reception. The reception is being held at the Sheraton Hotel, Back Bay C, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Like last year, this year's reception is a jointly sponsored with our longtime friends, the APSA status committees on Asian Pacific Americans, Blacks, Latinos y Latinas, First Generation Higher Education Scholars, the APA Caucus and the Latino Caucus.

Best wishes for a productive and pleasant 2018-19 academic year!

Kerry Haynie and Marisa Abrajano

Co-Chairs, REP Organized Section

### **Message from the Program Co-Chairs:**

Stella Rouse and Candis Watts Smith

The Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section for the 2018 APSA annual meeting garnered significant interest from our community of scholars. Despite a reduction in our allocation of full panels—from 20 in 2017 to 19 in 2018—we received 167 submissions (136 individual submissions and 31 panel submission), with REP as first section choice. This does not include the numerous submissions that were sent to us for consideration for REP as second section choice. The number of submissions created a challenge for us, not only because of quantity, but also because the majority of proposals were of very high quality. This challenge was further constrained by APSA's strict limit of 4 papers-per-panel rule. We utilized traditional panel, 30-minute session, and iposter formats, in addition to cosponsoring with other sections, in order to accommodate as many submissions as possible.

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Our strategy was primarily to place similar themed proposals together in order to create as much congruence within panels and across the REP section overall. Unfortunately, this strategy meant that otherwise good proposals that did not fit well with the created themes were not accepted. Overall, we were able to accept almost 6 in 10 (57%) submitted proposals. We also reached out to other sections (even if it was not the submitter's second choice) in order to get as many of these proposals placed elsewhere.

The papers, panels, and posters that comprise the 2018 APSA Race and Ethnic Politics section reflect a wide array of research topics, areas of focus, and methodological approaches. We expect that this diversity will draw significant interest and enthusiasm from conference participants. We hope that this interest will translate into high attendance rates at all the REP panels. This is important for the intellectual advancement of research in the study of Race and Ethnic politics, but is also crucial for the number of panels allocated to the section at future APSA meetings. Attendance numbers at section panels in the previous year are used to calculate the number of panels for the next conference. We urge REP members to attend as many panels as possible and to encourage others to participate as well. We injected a level of creativity in the titles for many of our panels as a way to signal the importance of the research and to generate curiosity and interest for the section. These titles include "Racism Exists...Now Let's Measure It," "The (Not So) Awesome Things People Think about Immigrants," and "We're All in This Together, Right?" We hope this translates into high attendance by participants.

We want to thank all our colleagues who agreed to, and even volunteered to serve as chairs and discussants for our panels. Without their willingness to give of their time, effort, and expertise the success of our section would not be possible. We are also very appreciative of APSA's support staff for promptly assisting us every time we contacted them with a question or issue. These behind-the-scenes folks are what makes the APSA conference a great experience.

The APSA Race and Ethnic Politics section continues to be a vibrant and increasingly important venue for meaningful work that so crucially represents contemporary political questions and challenges. We were very impressed by the variety of proposals submitted. This diversity also includes the background of scholars—graduate students, post-docs, contingent faculty, and even those not directly in academia. We tried to make sure that this diversity was represented across the section's different presentation formats. These different voices are crucial to the intellectual prosperity of the REP section and to the APSA's success, overall.

## 2018-2019 REP Nominations

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## 2018-2019 REP Section Awards

### BEST DISSERTATION AWARD

Christian Dyogi Phillips, University of Southern California  
*Expansion and Exclusion: Race, Gender and Immigration in American Politics*

Committee: Ashley Jardina, Matthew Mendez and Jason Casellas

### BEST PAPER AWARD

James McCann, Purdue University, and Michael Jones-Correa, University of Pennsylvania  
*Political Incorporation, Interrupted? Immigrant Responses to the 2016 Elections.*

Committee: Pei-Te Lien, Eric McDaniel and Christian Dyogi Phillips

### BEST BOOK AWARDS

#### **Race and Political Theory**

Juliet Hooker, Brown University

*Theorizing Race in the Americas: Douglass, Sarmiento, Du Bois, and Vasconcelos*  
(Oxford University Press)

#### **Race and Political Behavior**

Natalie Masuoka, University of California, Los Angeles

*Multiracial Identity and Racial Politics in the United States* (Oxford University Press)

#### **Race and Comparative Politics**

Danielle Pilar Cleland

*The Power of Race in Cuba: Racial Ideology and Black Consciousness During the Revolution* (Oxford University Press)

#### **Race and Immigration**

Chris Zepeda-Millan

*Latino Mass Mobilization: Immigration, Racialization and Activism* (Cambridge University Press)

Committee: Saladin Ambar, Chris Stout and Vanessa Tyson

## Featured Developments in the Field:

### **The Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey**

**This summer REP scholars from across the country gathered to collaborate, network and share research using the CMPS**

Hosted at the APSA headquarters in Washington, DC at the beginning of the summer, Lorrie Frasure-Yokley (UCLA) and Tyson King-Meadows (University of Maryland-Baltimore County) co-organized the **Collaborative Writing and Publishing Working Group in the Study of Black Politics**. By securing funding from the [APSA, Edward Artinian Fund for Publishing](#) the organizers assembled a working group for an in-person, two-day writing retreat (June 21-June 22, 2018). The writing retreat brought together an intergenerational group of 22 scholars, working in research teams of 3-4, who will write and publish together using data from the [2016 Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey \(CMPS\)](#). The members of the writing retreat used dedicated writing time to work on their projects, to network, and to receive/provide feedback on research using the data from the CMPS.

The [CMPS](#) is a nationwide research collaborative of over 80 scholars, across 55 Universities/colleges and 17 academic disciplines, led by co-Principal Investigators Matt Barreto (UCLA), Lorrie Frasure-Yokley (UCLA), Edward Vargas (Arizona State University) and Janelle Wong (University of Maryland). The landmark 2016 survey was the first cooperative, multiracial, multiethnic, multilingual, post-election online survey in race, ethnicity and politics in the United States.

For a [second summer](#), a diverse and inter-generational group of over 100 scholars gathered at UCLA for a 2-day **Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey (CMPS) Summer Research Workshop and Planning Meeting** (August 8-10, 2018) The workshop was hosted by Dean Gary Segura and the UCLA [Luskin School of Public Affairs](#), and co-organized by Lorrie Frasure-Yokley and Matt Barreto (UCLA). It provided CMPS users with an outlet to present their research to a broad group of researchers both inside and outside of academia. Workshop events ranged from research presentations as well as planning and brainstorming sessions for the 2020 CMPS. The workshop encouraged collaboration to strengthen the academic pipeline in the study of race, ethnicity and immigration, through co-authorships and research opportunities, particularly for graduate students, post-docs and junior faculty. This 2-day meeting also served as a professional development and networking opportunity for scholars of race, ethnicity and immigration in the United States. The CMPS Workshop was funded by the [APSA, Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs](#), the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) and many other generous co-sponsors.

## Asian Pacific American Caucus and APA Status Committee

This year APAC will sponsor/co-sponsor 3 exciting and stimulating panels, including 1) Democratic Pathways and Disjunctures in Contemporary Asian American Politics; 2) Asian American Identity Formation and Politics: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives; and 3) Teaching (on and/or as) Asian Americans in Political Science:

### **Democratic Pathways and Disjunctures in Contemporary Asian American Politics**

Sat, September 1, 10:00 to 11:30am, Marriott, Regis

Sponsored by Asian Pacific American Caucus

This panel address the democratic possibilities and disjunctures in contemporary Asian American and diasporic politics. Covering the diverse ethnic groups in Asian America from Chinese immigrants, Vietnamese Americans, Korean Americans, to overseas Cambodians in the United States, panelists draw on diverse methodological approaches from contextual analysis, qualitative interviews, quantitate survey data, to interdisciplinary study in engendering dynamic, cross-cutting analyses and inquiries.

### **Asian American Identity Formation and Politics: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**

Sat, September 1, 2:00 to 3:30pm, Hynes, 103

### **Teaching (on and/or as) Asian-Americans in Political Science**

Fri, August 31, 10:00 to 11:30am, Marriott, Salon H

Sponsored by Div. 10 Political Science Education and Asian Pacific American Caucus

As the racial and cultural landscape of the American democracy is being continuously broadened by the large and sustained wave of immigration from Asia in the last half century, and as the political science discipline celebrates the historic release by a mainstream journal of the first full volume covering the politics of Asian Americans, we believe it is due time for the Association to dedicate a roundtable panel on pedagogical issues involving Asian Americans either as instructors in college classrooms or as racial subjects of their teaching in the American context and beyond. Asian Americans as a whole, but especially Japanese Americans, have been both victims and survivors of democracy's "mistakes" throughout U.S. history, but their stories have mostly remained hidden. Whereas not many colleagues get to have the opportunity to teach a course specifically on Asian Americans and politics, almost all of us who do college teaching and are trained in political science have encountered issues dealing with the frequent need to confront preexisting identity boundaries defined by prevailing group stereotypes and norms of racial denial or exclusion. The proposed forum is to help articulate such interests and concerns, from multiple and diverse perspectives, by panelists from a wide range of affiliations and backgrounds. It is also an occasion for the panelists to engage in a dialogue, among other topics, on coping and empowerment strategies, not only of



themselves as instructors but of their students and colleagues as well, for a more tolerant and peaceful society and a more perfect union.

Also, of special note is that our business meeting this year will feature a celebration of the special issue devoted entirely to Asian Pacific American Politics in the journal *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (vol. 6, no. 3, 2018). This special issue is inspired by the intellectual-political legacy of Don T. Nakanishi (who pioneered the study of APA Politics in the early 1970s) and co-edited by Pei-te Lien and Andrew Aoki.

## The Latino Caucus and The Status Committee of Latinos y Latinas

The Latino Caucus is excited to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of its founding on August 29, 2018. The program, "Looking Back and Moving Forward: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the APSA El Sector Latino de Ciencia Política (Latino Caucus of Political Science)," features a wide range of panels on topics such as to get a book deal (panel titled: "Research, Research, Research"); scholar activism (panel titled: "Crossing boundaries and promoting change"); and how to navigate the market as a Latino/a (panel titled: "Creating your own narrative"), among others. The program will conclude with a celebration and awards dinner with a keynote address delivered by John Garcia.

There are 80 people registered to attend from 44 different colleges and universities including 34 graduate and undergraduate students many of whom are funded by the Caucus and the Fund for Latino Scholarship. The event is co-sponsored by APSA, UNT Latino and Mexican American Studies and Latino Decisions.

Besides this all day event we have a business meeting on Friday at 6:30 pm immediately followed by the Related Groups Joint Reception at 7:30, and two panels: "New Insight on Latino Politics" on Friday August 30 at 4 pm and "New Research on Latinos: Here and Abroad" on Saturday at 4 pm.

### **Latina y Latino Status Committee Meeting**

Thur, August 30, 7:00 to 8:00 am, Marriot Northeastern

### **New Insights on Latin@ Politics**

Thur, August 30, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Hynes 105

### **Latino Caucus Business Meeting**

Fri, August 31, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Hynes 209

### **Status Committees and Related Groups Joint Reception**

Fri, August 31, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Sheraton, Back Bay C

### **New Research in Latino Politics: Here and Abroad**

Sat, September 1, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Marriot, Brandeis

## A Message from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Selections from the report on the NCOBS Annual Meeting from outgoing President Shayla C. Nunnally:

March 14-17, 2018 we convened our 49th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) in the beautiful, “Windy City”—Chicago! Our Program Co-Chairs, Valerie C. Johnson and Robert Brown, organized a very timely conference focused on the theme of “race and the environment.” For many years, as we have been engaged in our respective research and teaching enterprises, we have interrogated the racialized discourses about responses to natural disasters (e.g., Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Maria), disparate resource allocations, and disparate qualities of life, water, air, health care, and treatment, in general. As rightly noted by our conference theme, these inequities present challenges for the environments of Black people around the world, and they deserve pointed attention in order to document them and proscribe measures for policy change and redress.

NCOBPS is the space and the assembly of colleagues that grounds such analyses and critiques in the history, theories, and research most sensitive to the conditions and statuses of Black life. At our conference, we had the opportunity to hear plenary sessions devoted to a better understanding of race and community development, especially in light of the President Barack H. Obama Presidential Library planning and politics in Chicago, Black Chicago politics, LGBTQ pedagogy and policies in higher educational institutions, and redistricting effects on the 2018 midterm elections. Moreover, some of our panel discussions focused on research(ing) and teaching issues related to presidential politics, judicial politics, criminal justice reform, Black political activism, education policy, and environmental justice, among some of our covered topics—all aspects of “environmental” concern. A special highlight of the conference included a plenary featuring President-Elect Sekou M. Franklin, Byron D’Andra Orey, and Christina Rivers, as panelists, and moderator, Leah Aden (NAACP Legal Defense Fund), discussing the preparation and vitality that political scientists can play in being expert witnesses in an “era of retrenchment against Black political power location.”

We also provided professional development, mentoring, and networking opportunities via key organizational partnerships and meetings on-site at our conference and special-feature programming that “changed up” the way we build our collegiality across the discipline and translate our scholarship to service and critical engagement in

our communities. NCOBPS partnered with the American Political Science Association (APSA) and APSA President Kathleen Thelen, along with several members of both APSA

and NCOBPS (Nadia Brown, Kathie Stromile Golden, Tyson King-Meadows, Kimberly Mealy, APSA Executive Director, Steven Rathgeb Smith, Alvin B. Tillery, and me), to host a lunch discussion on the status of Black people in the profession and ways to enhance the pipeline across an academician's career in the discipline. We also featured a glam-light reception program featuring OZY Magazine (Crystal Rose, moderator, OZY Executive Director of Academic Affairs) and our members, Stephen Caliendo, Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, Tyson King-Meadows (Past President), and Dianne Pinderhughes (Past President) on a discussion about the existence of race and racism in the future of the United States.

We sponsored a community forum on the 2018 midterm elections and the politics of redistricting, at the Dr. Charles V. Hamilton Institute for Research and Civic Involvement at the DuSable Museum of African American History. Valerice C. Johnson moderated the program, featuring our noted NCOBPS members, Niambi M. Carter, D'Andra Orey, Tyson King-Meadows, and community activist, Stanley Watkins (Former Chief of Staff, Congressman Bobby Rush, President & CEO, Thomas Windom Group), as panelists. Undergraduate NCOBPS member, Ajamu Dillahunt (North Carolina Central University) delivered a special presentation to Dr. Hamilton, for whose presence we were honored, as he joined us for the forum and, later, shared an oral history about the writing of the seminal book, *Black Power: The Politics of Liberation* (1967; co-authored with Kwame Ture, also formerly known as Stokely Carmichael), as we browsed the exhibit at the Institute. Dr. Hamilton also extended additional hospitality to NCOBPS by sponsoring a reception for us at a local Black-owned restaurant, Norman's Bistro.

Many good things happened during our 49th annual conference, and it is with these inspired experiences that we are even more excited about the prospects for our 50th year, for which our Program Co-Chairs Chryl Laird, Sharon Wright-Austin, and Ismail White, will lead us in an unforgettable conference to commemorate our golden anniversary of NCOBPS in Baton Rouge, LA. Be sure to look for our 2019 Call-to-Conference and proposal announcements.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at our professional development reception, which we co-sponsor with the APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in August 2018 (Boston, MA).

### **NCOBPS Executive Council Meeting**

Sat, September 1, 8:00 to 11:00 AM, Sheraton, Dalton

### **APSA Committee on Status of Blacks in Profession/NCOBPS Reception**

Thu, August 30, 8:30 to 10:00pm, Sheraton, Commonwealth

## **2018 NCOBPS Awards Winners**

### **W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Award**

Caroline Caroline Shenaz Hossein (York University, Toronto)  
Politicized Microfinance: Money, power and violence in the Black Americas  
(University of Toronto Press, 2016)

Keesha Middlemass (Trinity University)  
Convicted and Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry  
(New York University Press)

### **Rodney Higgins Best Faculty Paper Award**

Gladys Mitchell-Walthour (University of Milwaukee-Madison)

### **Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year Award**

Emmitt Riley (DePauw University)

### **Fannie Lou Hamer Outstanding Community Service Award**

Elsie Scott (Howard University)

### **Bayard Rustin Best LGBT Student Paper Award**

Chaya Y. Crowder (Princeton University)

### **Sammy Younger Best Student Paper Award**

Dilara K. Üsküp (University of Chicago)

### **Alex Willingham Best Political Theory Paper Award**

Debra Thompson (University of Oregon)

### **Jewel and James Prestage Mentorship Award**

Pamela Waldron-Moore (Xavier University)

**Call for Papers**  
**50th ANNUAL MEETING**  
**National Conference of Black Political Scientists**  
**March 13-17, 2019**

*“Living the Legacy (The 50th Anniversary):  
Understanding the Future of Black Politics through the History of NCOBPS”*

The National Conference of Black Political Scientists will celebrate its 50th Annual Meeting in 2019. In honor of our Golden Anniversary, the conference will be returning to where it all began, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Baton Rouge is rich in Black political history as the location of the first annual meeting of NCOBPS in 1969, the first civil rights bus boycott in 1953 and the home of the illustrious HBCU, Southern University. To mark this extraordinary occasion the theme of the conference is "Living the Legacy: Understanding the Future of Black Politics through the History of NCOBPS," derived from the Ghanaian tradition of "Sankofa" that emphasize our strong belief that for us to proceed in our forward march, the knowledge of the past must never be forgotten.

The Conference Committee Program Co-chairs seek research, panels, posters, and roundtable discussions for this historical event that engage our theme. We encourage scholarship or research that examines how far we have come in the Black freedom struggle since the founding of NCOBPS; the historical significance of 50th anniversary and what we expect for the future of the organization; the importance of Black politics, economics, and culture as we move further into the 21st century; and what do we need to learn from our predecessors and ancestors to maintain our community voice in current and future political discourse?

In addition, as we will convene our 50th Annual Meeting in the 400-year Anniversary of the Introduction of 20 Africans to Jamestown, VA, we encourage proposals exploring the historical and political significance of African descendants in what would become the United States of America.

Happy 50th Anniversary, NCOBPS!

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