



**3rd Annual Community College
Mini-Conference**
April 10-11, 2020
Los Angeles, California
J.W. Marriott Hotel, L.A. Live

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- Panel Discussions
- Workshops
- Presentations

Community College Political Science faculty please join us for the 3rd Annual WPSA Community College mini-conference. The conference will take place April 10-11, 2020, in Los Angeles, California.

[REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE](#)

Please note: All participants in the program are required to preregister for the 2020 WPSA meeting by December 31, 2019.

2020 MINI-CONFERENCE THEME

“Strengthening Communities of Belonging”

The theme for the 3rd Annual WPSA Community College mini-conference is **“Strengthening Communities of Belonging”**. The discipline of political science at the community college level faces numerous challenges. At the national level doubt is being cast on the fundamental principles that guide political science—namely, the pursuit of objective truth. At the state level, many state governments have initiated reforms to community colleges that have raised concern among practitioners of the profession. And in the classroom, the student population is exposed to a toxic political atmosphere and racial tension that raises additional challenges to political science professors. How can community colleges strengthen the communities that they serve and instill a sense of belonging to those within it?

We invite community college political science faculty to share learning and teaching strategies that fit within the broad theme of this year’s mini conference: **“Strengthening Communities of Belonging.”** We encourage participants to proffer ideas about best practices to successfully teach political science within marginalized populations. We encourage proposals in the form of workshops, discussion panels, and presentations that share pedagogical approaches to current political topics. We also seek proposal that highlight the challenges political science faculty face at the community college level including first-year experiences, navigating the tenure-track process, strategies for staying current in the profession, and life as an adjunct/lecturer. This year the mini conference will be divided into two days. Day 1 will focus on teaching and Day 2 will focus on the profession. We encourage participants to make their proposals as hands-on and interactive as possible.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO WPSA FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT

WPSA recognizes the vital role that community colleges and their faculty play in the intellectual development of our students and in promoting the political science discipline. As a result, they have continuously supported the inclusion of a mini-conference within the broader WPSA Annual Conference to address the unique needs of community college faculty. Since its inception, the Community College mini-conference has grown in scope and participation. This year promises to be the most ambitious mini-conference ever sponsored by the WPSA. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing from as many of our political science colleagues in the community colleges as possible.

Pack your sunscreen, sunglasses and we’ll see you in L.A. in April!

Submit Proposal by December 31, 2019 to wpsaminiconference@gmail.com

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