

# **EXTENDED Call for Proposals for WPSA Community College Mini -Conference February 24<sup>th</sup>. Submit and Join Us!**

Greetings Community College Colleagues,

The **5th Annual Community College Mini-Conference** will take place **Virtually**. The deadline to be a part of this amazing program has been extended to **Thursday, February 24th!**

The theme for the 4th Annual Community College Mini-Conference is ***“Reclaiming the Republic to Dismantle Oppression: Empowering Students to Be the Difference.”*** This mini conference goal is to focus on the needs of community college faculty and students. This year’s mini conference will center around the theme of reclaiming our republic to dismantle systemic oppression. The goal of the conference is to provide faculty with the tools needed to empower students to be the difference as agents of social change. There are three core sub – themes of this mini conference with corresponding panel discussions to include an analysis / discussion on what is the republic, how do we reclaim the republic and subsequently the dismantling of systemic oppression.

**The 4th Annual Community College Mini-Conference will take place virtually Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, 2022, during the WPSA 2022 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (March 10-12, 2022).**

The 2-day mini-conference will have panel round tables, panel presentations and papers presented that will focus on several sub-topics centered around the mini conference theme:

**Rethinking Our Introduction and Saving the Republic from Illiberal Academia**

**Towards Anti-Racism Political Science**

**Post-Pandemic Political Science – Wave of Future Online Learning and Equity Issues**

**Let It Burn - Standing by and Watching the Republic Fall.**

**Breaking Through Barriers - Redefining Community Colleges in a post-pandemic learning environment systemic issues and persistent challenges.**

**Defending Democratic Institutions Through a Critical Pedagogical Lens.**

**Comparativists / Americanists - Conversations on Applying Comparativist Themes in Democratic Backsliding**

**The Cult of Propaganda – Academic Intolerance and The Impact of the University of YouTube.**

**Ideological Bullying and Incivility in American Politics and Civic Engagement.**

**Dismantling of Oppression: Are We Ready to Start a Pedagogical Revolution?**

We welcome all proposals that broadly fit into any of the above sub-topics and/or the main mini-conference theme: ***"Reclaiming the Republic to Dismantle Oppression: Empowering Students to Be the Difference."***

Please submit your proposals via email to La Della Levy, Chair of the Community College Committee at the Western Political Science Association: [wpsaminiconference22@gmail.com](mailto:wpsaminiconference22@gmail.com) has been extended to Thursday, February 24th, 2022.

Finally, [please remember to register for the WPSA Annual Meeting](#). We cannot emphasize enough the need to register for the conference. Registration is required to participate, but more importantly it assists with the WPSA's efforts to support the Community College Mini-Conference. The committee is counting on you to ensure a significant turnout!

We are looking forward to an amazing program again. Submit your ideas before the deadline!

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The Western Political Science Association has approved the first Committee for Community College Faculty. The committee members are:

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Now that we are officially part of the WPSA, we need you to support this committee by participating in the Mini-Conference! Help us put a great program together.

Look for information about community colleges, our Community College Committee, the Mini-Conference, and much more to come.

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**ALSO:** [APSAEDUCATE](#) has great ideas for assignments. As promised during the last Mini-Conference, Elsa Dias contributed assignments to this site. It is accessible to everyone. You do not need an APSA membership at this time.

Once again, we value and need your participation and your support.

Stay positive and stay healthy!