

CALL FOR PAPERS

Miniconference: *Antiracist Pedagogy in Political Science*

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Submission Deadline: September 17, 2021

The Western Political Science Association will host a Miniconference on Antiracist Pedagogy in Political Science at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. The organizers of the mini-conference, Kathleen Cole (Metropolitan State University) and Brian Lovato (California State University, Fullerton) invite you to submit a proposal for this miniconference.

Over the last ten years in the United States, BIPOC organizers have worked to revitalize long languishing movements for racial justice. Movements that demand justice for Black, Latinx, Native American, and racialized immigrant groups have had a significant impact on contemporary politics. Perhaps as a result of the success of these movements in reframing U.S. political life, there has been a renewed interest in antiracist pedagogy. Increasingly, instructors are recognizing their responsibility for creating educational spaces and experiences that disrupt and challenge white supremacy. Meanwhile, backlash in the form of white nationalist violence and recent attempts to ban the teaching of Critical Race Theory at both the state and federal levels point to the urgent need for educators to continue to engage in this type of work.

We believe political scientists have a special obligation to incorporate antiracist pedagogy into our courses. Our discipline is unique among other fields of study due to the centrality of power relations in our work. Unfortunately, political science courses often play a legitimating role in propping up U.S. political institutions and interests. Given our position vis-a-vis other disciplines, we believe that it is incumbent upon us to develop a robust body of scholarship on antiracist pedagogy with a specific focus on political science coursework and curricula.

We welcome individual papers, complete panels, and round tables with a focus on antiracist pedagogy in any aspect of political science courses and curriculum. Papers presented at the mini-conference may also be considered for inclusion in an edited volume on antiracist pedagogy in political science.

To apply, fill out the WPSA 2022 Request to Participate Form, http://wpsanet.org/app_panel/participation.php?year=2022 and submit your proposal to Section 30, Miniconference: Antiracist Pedagogy in Political Science.

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