

CALL FOR PAPERS

Miniconference: Asian Pacific American Politics

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The Asian and Pacific Islander American Caucus (APAC) and the Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession invite you to submit a proposal for the 2022 mini-conference on Asian Pacific American Politics. The APA mini-conference is set for Friday, March 11, 2022 during the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, which will be held at the Hilton Hotel on March 10 - 12, 2022, in Portland Oregon. Please make plans to attend and encourage others to join us!

This year's WPSA conference theme is focused on "Lighting Up the New Dawn— Recover, Reconcile, and Rebuild @ 75," which is particularly appropriate for the study of Asian Pacific Americans as violence, conflict and political pressures have been used to silence Asian Americans and other minority group voices particularly in the recent period. Given a sharp surge in hate crimes affecting the Asian American community in 2020 and in 2021, the Atlanta area murders of six Asian origin women working at area spas, white supremacist efforts to galvanize racists by scapegoating Asians and Asian Americans for the pandemic, among other events, stereotypes regarding linear and model minority pathways to success are challenged. This year, we are challenged not only in politics vis-à-vis voting rates, media representation, equal protection, and many other forms of democratic inclusion but also in economic and educational success. We invite proposals that interrogate the lived experiences of Asian Pacific Americans, both for scholarship that fits within historical conceptualizations of race, ethnicity, and immigrant politics as well as scholarship that focuses on contemporary or current issues including but not limited to healing and empowerment opposite anti-Asian hate crimes. Suggested topics include but are not limited to various aspects of APA political participation and electoral fortunes; an understanding of Asian Americans with attention to the intersection of (multiple) identities; and assessment of the perceived challenges and advantages within the Asian American population in light of changing dynamics of political rhetoric and immigration enforcement in the United States. We welcome full panel and roundtable proposals, too!

The DEADLINE for submission of paper proposals/program participation forms is September 17, 2021. 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 29: Mini-Conference on Asian Pacific Americans (usually located near the bottom). In addition, if you would like to participate but need a bit more time to develop a proposal, we encourage you to contact us at this point and let us know. Write to Dr. Loan K. Le at lkle@thinkiggi.com.