

## **WPSA AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2024 awards were presented at the Joint Awards Reception on Thursday, March 28. The reception was held in the English Bay of the Hyatt Regency Vancouver from 6 to 9 pm.

### **BETTY MOULDS LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

The Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award was created in 2015-16 to honor the remarkable contributions of the longtime Executive Director of WPSA, Betty Moulds. This year the members of the Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award Selection Committee are delighted to announce that this year's awardee is

Pei-te Lien  
WPSA President, 2022-2023  
Professor, University of California Santa Barbara

Among her myriad of contributions to the association, Professor Lien championed the creation of the WPSA Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession, as well as the Don Nakanishi Award. She served as Vice-President and Program Chair in the year prior to serving as president. In that role, she oversaw the planning and implementation of the Association's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in addition to her regular duties in organizing the conference. She had previously served on the WPSA Executive council, was co-Program Chair for the APSA Meeting in 2022, was instrumental in the founding of the Race Ethnicity and Politics (REP) Section of APSA, has served on status-committees dedicated to Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders and First Generation Americans, and played a key role in launching the Elsa Favila Travel Grant Program.

Professor Lien's intellectual career is one of path-breaking contributions to the fields of opinion, representation, and political behavior and she was among the founders of the quantitative study of Asian American Politics. She has published broadly on Asian Americans and the intersection of race, gender, and immigrant status. Her most recent book *Contesting the Last Frontier: Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Political Representation of Asian Americans* was published by Oxford University Press in 2022.

The Committee congratulates Professor Lien and thanks her for a career of distinguished service.

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**BEST PAPER IN ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN POLITICS (\$250)**

To: Sonya Chen, Princeton University and Stephanie Chan, Lafayette College

Paper title: "Mobilizing the Racial In-Between: The Impact of Discrimination on Asian-American Coalition Building"

**BETTY NESVOLD WOMEN AND POLITICS AWARD (\$250)**

To: Elizabeth Good, Northwestern University

Paper title: "The Room Where It Happens: Women's Representation in Comprehensive Peace Negotiations"

**BLACKS AND POLITICS AWARD (\$250)**

To: Chelsea Jones, Brennan Center for Justice

Paper title: "Taking Back the Ballot: Black Socio-cultural Institutions and the Contemporary Fight Against Voter Suppression"

**CHARLES REDD AWARD FOR BEST PAPER ON THE POLITICS OF THE AMERICAN WEST (\$250)**

To: Muhammad Usman Amin Siddiqi, Oregon State University; and Erika Allen Wolters, Oregon State University

Paper title: "Group Identities and Divide in Public Preferences for Energy and Water Resource Management Policy Approaches in the American West"

**CLAY MORGAN AWARD FOR BEST BOOK IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICAL THEORY**

To: Irus Braverman, State University of New York at Buffalo

Book title: *Settling Nature: The Conservation Regime in Palestine-Israel*

**DISSERTATION AWARD (\$250)**

To: Tongtong Zhang, Stanford University

For dissertation completed at Stanford University: *Whose Voice Matters? Conformists, Non-Conformists, And Responsiveness in China*

**DON T. NAKANISHI AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE IN ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN POLITICS**

To: Andrew Aoki, Augsburg University

Recognizing him for his lifelong dedication, pioneering vision, and outstanding leadership in helping establish and advance the field of research and teaching of Asian American politics.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICAL THEORY AWARD (\$250)**

To: Mary E. Witlacil, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Paper title: "The Case for Pessimistic Hope"

**LATINA/LATINO POLITICS (\$250)**

To: Kenicia Wright, Arizona State University, and Güneş Murat Tezcür, Arizona State University

Paper title: "Diversity in Latinx Americans' Political Preferences – A Conjoint Experiment on Candidate Assessments"

***POLITICAL RESEARCH QUARTERLY BEST ARTICLE AWARD (\$1000)***

To: Kaumron Eidgahy, Harvard Law School; Efrén Pérez, University of California, Los Angeles  
For March 2023 article: "How Wide is the Arc of Racial Solidarity? People of Color and Middle  
Easterners and North Africans"

***POLITICS, GROUPS, AND IDENTITIES BEST ARTICLE AWARD (\$500)***

TO: Angel Saavedra Cisneros, Bowdoin College; Tony E. Carey Jr., University of Pittsburgh;  
Darrin L. Rogers, State University of New York at Fredonia; Joshua M. Johnson, Kennesaw State  
University  
For 2023 article: "One Size Does Not Fit All: Core Political Values and Principles Across Race,  
Ethnicity, And Gender"

***WILLIAM E. CONNOLLY AWARD FOR BEST PAPER IN POLITICAL THEORY (\$250)***

To: Jessica Croteau, Johns Hopkins University  
Paper Title: "Morbid Materialism: A Lucretian Materiality, Potentiality, and Politics of Decline."