Notes from the Editors

In this edition of The Western we are happy to supplement our normal announcements with a new feature highlighting books published by WPSA members. We plan to include this feature in every Fall issue. If you would like us to highlight your book next time, please contact us. In addition, we spotlight one of the many poster session presentations from last year’s conference. Noelle Norton did a great job building the poster component of the conference and now Pam Fiber-Ostrow will continue and build upon this success. The editors highly encourage people to take the time to peruse the poster session and discuss research with the student presenters at the WPSA 2013 conference in Hollywood. If you or one of your students would like to present a poster at the next conference, please fill out a participation submission form at the program website listed below.

As always, we value your feedback. If you have any comments or questions about possible submissions, please contact us at voregan@fullerton.edu or sstambough@fullerton.edu. We hope to see you at the 2013 WPSA Conference in Hollywood from March 28-30, 2013. Information about conference participation is available at http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu/meet/

Stephen J. Stambough
Valerie R. O'Regan

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Executive Director Notes

PRQ Editor Search

The Western Political Science Association has begun a search for a new editor for the Political Research Quarterly (PRQ). The term of the current editors, Cornell Clayton and Amy Mazur, will expire on June 30, 2014. The association is seeking nominations of qualified individuals to edit the journal from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. Complete information about the search will soon be available on the association’s web site at www.wpsanet.org.

The members of the selection committee are: William Haltom (Chair), University of Puget Sound; Mary Hawkesworth, Rutgers University; Rodney Hero, University of California, Berkeley; Timothy W. Luke, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Melissa R. Michelson, Menlo College; Mark Button, University of Utah Representative; and Richard Clucas, WPSA Executive Director. Requests for information should be submitted to Bill Haltom at haltom@pugetsound.edu.

2013 WPSA Meeting in the Heart of Hollywood

The 2013 meeting of the Western Political Science Association will be held at the Loews Hollywood Hotel right in the heart of Hollywood from March 28 to 30. Previous announcements identified the conference hotel as the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood. In June, Loews Hotels & Resorts purchased the hotel. The conference hotel is located at the
Hollywood and Highland Center, which includes the Dolby Theatre (home of the Academy Awards) and the historic Grauman’s Chinese Theatre. There are seventy-five shops and multiple dining and drinking venues within the center, and many more within easy walking distance. The LA Metro Red Line Hollywood/Highland subway station is beneath the center, while inexpensive parking is also available.

Gary Segura, Stanford University, is serving as Program Chair for this meeting. Ange-Marie Hancock, University of Southern California, is the Local Arrangements Chair. Christian Grose and Diana O’Brien, both also from USC, will be serving on the local arrangements committee. The participation form and information regarding the conference, its theme, and a list of section chairs is available on the WPSA website: www.wpsanet.org. The deadline for proposals is September 17, 2012.

New Officers and Council Members

Future officers of the WPSA were elected at the Business Meeting held on March 23 in Portland, Oregon. Victoria Farrar-Myers, University of Texas, Arlington, was elected to the position of Vice President and Program Chair 2013-2014. She will oversee the program for the 2014 meeting in Seattle, Washington, and will serve as President of the Association during the subsequent year. Carrie Currier, Texas Christian University, was elected Recording Secretary. Michael Bowers, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, was reelected as Treasurer. New members elected to the Executive Council for the term 2013 – 2016 are:

Region A: Martin Johnson, University of California, Riverside, and Tony Affigne, Providence College; Region B: Jessica Lavariega-Monforti, University of Texas, Pan American; and
Region C: Chris Shortell, Portland State University. These new council members will assume their positions just prior to the March 2013 meeting in Hollywood.

**Reduced Airline Rates to Hollywood Meetings**

The WPSA has signed an agreement again this year with Alaska Airlines to provide members with reduced rates for our annual meeting. If you book your flight with Alaska Airlines or Horizon Air, you will receive a 7% discount off the lowest published fare (the deal excludes companion and other promotional fares). The discount applies for travel from March 25 to April 2, 2013, to the five nearby airports served by Alaska (Los Angeles, Orange County, Burbank, Long Beach, and Ontario).

To receive the discount, book your tickets online at [http://www.alaskaair.com/](http://www.alaskaair.com/) and input the Discount Code when searching for flights. You can also book your flight through the Alaska Airlines Group desk at 1-800-445-4435, though a $15.00 per person ticketing fee will apply. The discount code is: ECMU180.

The deal with Alaska not only provides benefits to our members, but is helpful to the association. For every 40 tickets our members purchase, the WPSA receives one free ticket. So your participation in this program will help the association’s bottom line. In addition, if you purchase an Alaska Airline ticket to attend the conference but do not use the code, please send a note to Richard Clucas ([hprc@pdx.edu](mailto:hprc@pdx.edu)) letting him know. The association can still use your travel to the conference toward the free ticket.

As with any deal, there is some small print. If you change or cancel your flight after ticketing, a service charge will likely apply. The discount is available from any U.S. or
Canadian city served by Alaska Airlines or Horizon Air, excluding Hawaii and Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

**WPSA Goes to the Empress in 2017**

WPSA Executive Director Richard Clucas signed a contract this spring to hold the association’s annual meeting in 2017 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia. The Empress Hotel was designated a national historic site in 1980 because of its architectural design. Built for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the early 20th century, the Empress is a gorgeous hotel overlooking Victoria’s inner harbor. The meeting will also use rooms in the connecting Victoria Conference Centre. The hotel has given the association great room rates for our members, so this will be a wonderful opportunity for members to meet in a beautiful setting.

The Association will be meeting at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington, in 2014; Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2015; and at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego, California, in 2016.

**Association Approves Expansion of Executive Council**

WPSA members overwhelmingly approved a change in the association’s bylaws in March to expand the membership of the Executive Council to include the Vice-President Elect and the Editor of the Association’s new journal, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. The addition of these two members increases the size of the council from 20 to 22 members. The final vote was 238 to 2 in favor of the expansion.

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WPSA 2013--HOLLYWOOD

THE EMPIRES STRIKE BACK!

March 28 – 30, 2013, Loews Hotel

Hollywood, California

WPSA President Peregrine Schwartz-Shea and Program Chair Gary Segura are planning the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Association scheduled for March 28-30, 2013 at the Loews Hotel in Hollywood, California. We hope you will participate in the program. Please note that the deadline for submission of participation forms is September 17, 2012.

Political Research Quarterly: OnlineFirst

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  o Joel Alden Schlosser

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Meet the Officers


**Victoria A. Farrar-Myers**, Ph.D. is a Full Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science at the University of Texas at Arlington. She specializes in the American presidency, presidential-congressional relations, separation of powers, and campaign finance reform. Among her many publications, Dr. Farrar-Myers is the author of *Scripted for Change: The Institutionalization of the American Presidency* (Texas A&M Press), the co-author of *Legislative Labyrinth: Congress and Campaign Finance Reform* (CQ Press) and *Limits and Loopholes: The Quest for Money, Free Speech and Fair Elections* (CQ Press), and the co-editor of *Corruption and American Politics* (Cambria Press). During 1997-1998, she served as an *American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow*. From 2005-2007, Dr. Farrar-Myers served as the coordinator for developing UT Arlington’s Quality Enhancement Plan, a campus-wide initiative designed to enhance student learning at the University. Among her honors, she was the recipient of the 2001 University of Texas at Arlington’s *Chancellor’s Council Award for Excellence in Teaching*, the 2005 *Arlington Star-Telegram Service Learning Award* and the 2007 *Honors College Faculty Award*, and in 2011 she was inducted into UT Arlington’s Academy of Distinguished Teachers.
Western Researcher
Poster Sessions

Since the 2009 annual meeting, the Western Political Science Association has invited undergraduate students to present posters on research they are conducting under the supervision of their Political Science faculty advisors. Poster sessions are a great opportunity for students to present their research while being introduced to the professional discipline of Political Science and to the Western Political Science Association.

In this section, we highlight one of the poster presentations from the 2012 WPSA Conference in Portland, Oregon. Tyler Wilson from the University of San Diego presented research about the use of sports as soft power in international relations. Below is a synopsis of his research presentation.

We hope that faculty will encourage their students to participate in the WPSA Poster Sessions in Portland and in future meetings. If you have students interested in participating in the poster sessions, they can submit proposals under Section 26: Undergraduate Research Posters located on the proposal submission form.

“How do countries use sports for soft power”.

Tyler Wilson
University of San Diego

Joseph Nye defines soft power as “the ability to get what you want through attraction rather than coercion or payments. It arises from the attractiveness of a country’s culture, political ideals and policies. When policies are seen as legitimate in the eyes of others, soft power is enhanced.” Basically, soft power is the ability to achieve political ends through attraction.
Measuring soft power quantitatively has not been attempted by scholars yet because it is very difficult to measure. Nonetheless, this thesis analyzed sports as a form of international soft power between nations and other international actors through a theoretical and qualitative lens. It answered the question “How do countries use sports to achieve their political agendas?”

“Sports does not merely mirror the state, but it is an extension of it.” Sports has increasingly been used as a means to promote a nation’s political agenda in the world. More specifically, it has been a source of soft power which helps a nation gain international appeal and legitimacy in the international public eye.

This thesis analyzed certain case studies on the nation-state level to attempt to formulate a conclusion about how countries and other international actors use sports as a means of international soft power. There have been some countries that have tried and failed to use soft power, and there have been others that have succeeded beyond what anyone thought was possible. Nonwestern countries, such as India, are starting to develop parallel sporting ventures to compete with the western world’s domination of sports. Others, such as China, displayed to the world its modernity and openness with the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Britain, on the other hand, lost its international hegemony on the playing field, which was seen as a mirror of their declining hegemony as a colonial power in the early 20th century. Catalonia, an autonomous region in Spain, is trying to achieve status as an international “sport country” through its promotion of F.C. Barcelona around the world. The aforementioned cases were analyzed through Nye’s theory of soft power to discover if the attempts at soft power in these countries can be deemed effective in achieving certain political agendas.
From the aforementioned analysis, it can be concluded that countries are attempting to use sports to increase their reputations abroad so they can be deemed as legitimate players in the international political realm. These countries seem to think that international sporting success and dominance is essential to achieving legitimacy and consolidation within the international political system. Countries think that achieving legitimacy and consolidating their place in international sports will help them in all other facets for achieving their non-sports political agendas.

Western Announcements

Promotions

Dr. Shelly Arsneault was recently promoted to the rank of Full Professor at California State University, Fullerton.
Dr. Matthew Jarvis was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at California State University, Fullerton.
Dr. Anika Leithner was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.
Dr. Alexei Shevchenko was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at California State University, Fullerton.
Dr. Stephen Stambough was recently promoted to the rank of Full Professor at California State University, Fullerton.
Dr. Diego A. von Vacano was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at Texas A&M University.

Recently Published Books by WPSA Members

The WPSA brings together academics from a wide range of scholarly interests. To honor the work of our members, we will be regularly presenting a list of recently published books. Taking a look through this
list gives a small hint at the broad scholarly diversity of our membership. If you have had a book recently published, or one that is about to be released, we would like to know. Please send a complete citation to Richard Clucas at hprc@pdx.edu.


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**Job Announcements**

**Purdue University**

**Assistant Professor**

**Tenure Track Position**

**Department of Political Science and African American Studies and Research Center**

**African American Politics**

The Department of Political Science and the African American Studies and Research Center at Purdue University are seeking to hire a specialist in African American politics for a jointly appointed, tenure-track assistant professor position (50% Political Science and 50% AASRC, with Political Science as the tenure home). We are especially interested in candidates specializing in race and public policy, race and gender, political communication and race, ethnic identity, inter-group relations, or the politics of the African Diaspora. The successful candidate will be expected to teach graduate and undergraduate courses in American politics and public policy, as well as courses in African American Studies, such as Introduction to African American Studies, Theories in African American Studies or Research Methods in African American Studies. Candidates should have a promising, theoretically-driven research agenda, and strong quantitative and/or qualitative methodological skills. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline; however, ABD candidates will also be considered. The Department of Political Science edits *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, the new journal of the Western Political Science Association. In addition, our faculty is very active in the College of Liberal Arts Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion.

Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, graduate transcript, samples of written work, and instructional materials such as syllabi and course evaluations. Send materials to: Drs. Suzanne Parker and Venetria Patton, Search Committee Co-Chairs, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, 100 N. University Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098. Review of applications will begin October 1 and continue until the position is filled. A background check will be required for employment in this position. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce.

**Purdue University**

**Visiting Assistant Professor**

**Department of Political Science**

**Environmental Policy**

The Purdue Department of Political Science announces an opening for a one year visiting Assistant Professor position in the area of environmental policy beginning August 2013. Applicants should be able to teach classes on environmental policy as well as general classes on public policy at both the graduate and undergraduate level. A Ph.D. in political science, public policy, or another appropriate interdisciplinary program is required. A demonstrated interest in interdisciplinary collaboration is desirable. Application should include curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, samples of written work, instructional materials, and a syllabus for an environmental policy course.

Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, and three letters of recommendation. Send applications to: Dr. John Dittmer, Search Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, 100 N. University Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098. Purdue University is an equal opportunity employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce.
such as syllabi and course evaluations, and a cover letter discussing the applicant’s research and teaching interests. Send materials to: Prof. Keith Shimko, Search Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, 100 N. University St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098. Review of applications will begin October 15 and will continue until the position is filled. The Political Science Department maintains strong ties with Purdue’s Climate Change Research Center and the Center for the Environment. The Department of Political Science also edits Politics, Groups, and Identities, the new journal of the Western Political Science Association, and our faculty is very active in the College of Liberal Arts Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion. A background check will be required for employment in this position. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Position/Rank and Salary: North Dakota State University and the Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science invites applications for (1) nine-month, tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in Criminal Justice to begin in the Fall of 2013. The position is housed in a Criminal Justice program that offers B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. Salary is commensurate with qualifications.

Qualifications: Candidates will be required to teach two courses per semester (this will include undergraduate and graduate level courses), conduct scholarly research, and engage in service activities. The candidate must have a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice or in an appropriate social science discipline before August 2013. The candidate must also have sound oral and written communication skills. Preferred qualifications include an established research agenda, the ability to work in an interdisciplinary department, and research specialization in policing, along with women and minorities in the criminal justice system.

Appointment/Start Date: Fall of 2013.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin October 1, 2012. Position will be open until filled.

Application Process: To apply for this position, use the following link for Human Resources at North Dakota State University: http://jobs.ndsu.edu/postings/2483. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Dr. Carol Archbold (Search Committee Chair) at carol.archbold@ndsu.edu or 701-231-5697. NDSU is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. [AA/EOE]. This position is exempt from North Dakota Veterans’ Preference requirements.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE
TENURE TRACK FACULTY POSITION
POLITICAL SCIENCE – INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

The Political Science Department at the University of California, Irvine seeks a tenure track Assistant Professor in International Political Economy beginning July 1, 2013. Salary is commensurate with academic qualifications and experience. Applicants are required to have scholarly training, a research record, and teaching expertise that are centrally located within the IPE subfield of International Relations. We are looking for applicants with research agendas and skills that promise rich and productive scholarly careers and a commitment to participating in a growing interdisciplinary program in International Studies. Applicants with a variety of methodological approaches will be considered. Candidates should apply online at: https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/apply/JPF01769.

The online application should include: a letter of application, curriculum vitae, at least three letters of recommendation, one writing sample, and evidence of teaching excellence. The letters of recommendation should be uploaded directly by the referees. To ensure full consideration, the online application should be completed by October 1, 2012. Applications will be accepted, however, until the position is filled.
The University of California, Irvine is an equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity, has a National Science Foundation Advance Gender Equity Program, and is responsive to the needs of dual career couples in tenure track positions.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON
URBAN POLITICS AND POLICY--ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

The Division of Politics, Administration and Justice at California State University, Fullerton invites applications for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Political Science, to begin in the Fall of 2013. The new faculty member will have a focus on Urban Politics and Policy and will teach both undergraduate and graduate courses in these areas. The selected faculty member will work with undergraduate majors and minors and contribute to our graduate programs in Political Science and Public Administration. Positive decisions on tenure and promotion require excellent teaching, peer-reviewed publications, and service to the university, department and the profession.

Qualifications

• A Ph.D. in Political Science, Public Administration, or a related field by August 2013, with a focus on Urban Politics and Policy. Candidates with a background in Urban Management are also encouraged to apply.
• Evidence of a strong research agenda.
• Preference will be given to applicants who have taught effectively in the past.
• Successful candidates should be able to interact effectively with a wide and culturally diverse range of students and colleagues.

Rank and Salary
The position is at the rank of Assistant Professor, tenure-track. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Additional teaching in summer and intersession is available. An excellent comprehensive benefits package is available which includes health/vision/dental plans; spouse, domestic partner and/or dependent fee-waiver; access to campus child-care as well as affordable housing program; and a defined-benefit retirement through the state of California, along with optional tax-sheltering opportunities. For a detailed description of benefits, go to: http://hr.fullerton.edu/Benefits/Faculty_Unit_3.pdf

Application Procedure
Please send a complete package as a hard copy and include the following: a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g. syllabi and evaluations), a writing example of scholarly research, and graduate transcripts(s) to the following address:

Chair, Urban Politics and Policy Search Committee
Division of Politics, Administration and Justice
California State University, Fullerton. P.O. Box 6848
Fullerton, California 92834-6848

Application Deadline
To ensure full consideration, all application materials should be received by September 14, 2012. Position is open until filled. Cal State Fullerton is an Equal Opportunity/Title IX/503/504/VEVRA/ADA Employer

PRQ ARCHIVES
PRQ Database Available Online

Since 2008, PRQ's 60th anniversary, the editors of PRQ have maintained a database of all articles published in the Quarterly since its founding. The database includes author and article profiles, as well as a coding key and graph tracing the content of articles by decade since the Quarterly's creation. To read more about PRQ's history, check out the March 2008 60th anniversary issue <http://prq.sagepub.com/content/61/1.toc> of PRQ. Discover trends in the journal based on a database compiled of more than 2,700 PRQ articles, the top-two cited articles for each decade with expert commentary, and an essay on the founding of PRQ in relation to WPSA. Click here <http://www.sagepub.com/journalsProdDesc.nav?prodId=Journal201839#tabview=announcements> to access the database and variable codes.
Submission Instructions

At The Western we encourage submissions for articles in any of our four areas: Western Educator, Western Researcher, Western Politics, and Western Reviews.

Western Educator

For the Western Educator we welcome submissions about controversies and innovations in political science education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. These can be articles that describe unique classroom simulations, the incorporation of innovative technology into the classroom, and a wide variety of other topics. We especially welcome submissions with a focus on topics unique to the western region. Articles should be no more than 10 pages.

Western Researcher

For the Western Researcher we welcome submissions that present innovative research techniques, data sources, and reviews of current trends. We especially welcome those with a focus on the western region. Articles should be no more than 10 pages.

Western Politics

For the Western Politics section we welcome individual papers and organized symposia about topical issues of political events in the western United States, Canada, and Mexico. Individual papers should be no longer than 10 pages. If you are interested about proposing and editing a symposium, please contact the editors.

Western Reviews

Please contact the editors if you are interested in reviewing books.