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Mission Statement

The Women’s Caucus for Political Science (WCPS) is a national, nonprofit organization whose mission is to upgrade the status of women in the profession of political science, to promote equal opportunities for women political scientists for graduate school admission, financial assistance in such schools, and in employment, promotion, and tenure, to promote the development of non-academic, professional careers for women political scientists, to promote the recruitment of members and the development of regional caucuses, and to encourage application of the skills of political science to the promotion of equal opportunities for all women.

Founded in 1969, the WCPS was instrumental in the American Political Science Association refusing to meet in states that had not endorsed the Equal Rights Amendment during the ratification period, and has advanced the representation and visibility of women in the profession. WCPS sponsors programs addressing issues and public policies of concern to women in the profession, provides support for women who feel they have been discriminated against through the Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund and through awards recognizing the contributions of women political scientists.

In recent years, the WCPS has become active in taking public positions on issues that impact equal opportunities for all women, such as endorsement of the Lily Ledbetter Act in 2009. Organized as a

501(c)3 entity, WCPS views its mission as one of education and advocacy. The WCPS also includes regional affiliates (including in the West, South and Midwest regions of the U.S.) and includes women in both the academy and in applied positions. WCPS meets during the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Between meetings, WCPS members maintain contact through a quarterly newsletter (*WCPS Quarterly*) and through discussion on the WCPS listserv.

Caucus Officers, 2016-2017

President: Denise Walsh (denise@virginia.edu)

Denise Walsh is an Associate Professor of Politics and Women, Gender & Sexuality at the University of Virginia. Her research focuses on how liberal democracies can become more inclusive and just. Her current book project, *Nationalizing Rights*, is a comparative study of minority rights and women's rights in Europe, Canada and South Africa. Her first book, *Women's Rights in Democratizing States* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), explains how democratic institutions obstruct advances in women's rights. Dr. Walsh's research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Collegio Carlo Alberto in Italy, the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College, and the University of Virginia.

President-Elect: Nadia Brown (brown957@purdue.edu)

Nadia E. Brown is an Associate Professor of Political Science and African American Studies at Purdue University. Professor Brown received her PhD in Political Science in 2010 from Rutgers University, with major fields in Women and Politics and American Politics. She also holds a graduate certificate in Women's and Gender Studies. Dr. Brown's research interests lie broadly in identity politics, legislative studies, and Black women's studies. While trained as a political scientist, her scholarship on intersectionality seeks to push beyond disciplinary constraints to think more holistically about the politics of identity. Brown's *Sisters in the Statehouse: Black women and Legislative Decision Making* (Oxford University Press, 2014) has been awarded the National Conference of Black Political Scientists' 2015 W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book Award from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists; the Research in Excellence Award from the Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion at Purdue University; and the 2015 Anna Julia Cooper Best Publication Award from the Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics. Along with Sarah Allen Gershon (Georgia State University), Brown co-edited *Distinct Identities: Minority Women in U.S. Politics* (Routledge, 2016). This edited volume demonstrates that whether as political elites or as average citizens, minority women demonstrate that they have a unique voice that more often than not centers on their visions of justice, equality, and fairness. She is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and book reviews that focus on identity politics in general and Black women's politics more specifically. Her current research projects address the politics of appearance for Black women candidates and lawmakers.

Treasurer/Membership Chair: Michelle Wade (mwade@wcupa.edu)

Michelle Wade received her PhD in Political Science and a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies from Southern Illinois University. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at West Chester University where she teaches in the Master of Public Administration and Doctorate of Public Administration programs. Her primary research interests focus on social equity in public administration and policy, including how people negotiate sex, race, and ethnicity in community organizations. Her work on gender and social networks has been published in *American Politics Research*, and she has published book chapters on gender and public policy. Prior to

joining West Chester University, she was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Northwest Missouri State University.

Secretary: Samantha Majic (smajic@jjay.cuny.edu)

Samantha Majic received her PhD in Government from Cornell University in 2009, and she currently an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department at John Jay College/CUNY (Associate as of Sept 1, 2016). Her research interests are in gender and American politics, with specific interests in sex work, civic engagement, institutionalism, and the nonprofit sector. She is the author of *Sex Work Politics: From Protest to Service Provision* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014) and co-editor (with Carisa Showden) of *Negotiating Sex Work: Unintended Consequences of Policy and Activism* (University of Minnesota Press, 2014). Her work has also appeared in numerous political science and gender studies journals. A Fellow of the American Association of University Women, Dr. Majic is also a member of the *Perspectives on Politics* editorial board.

Newsletter Editor: Meredith-Joy Petersheim (mjp36@buffalo.edu)

Meredith-Joy Petersheim is a Visiting Lecturer of Political Science at Clemson University and an Adjunct Instructor of Political Science at Winthrop University. Meredith-Joy Petersheim received her Ph.D. in Political Science at the University at Buffalo in 2010. Her main research areas include international organizations, political economy, and bridging the gap between domestic and international politics. Her most research has focused the effect of foreign direct investment on regionalism, the role the European Union has had in promoting democracy, and the evaluation of the Eurozone's policies on combating corruption in Europe. Her work has been published in the *Journal of European Integration* and *American Politics Research*. She has served in a Visiting Assistant Professor role at Keuka College, Marist College, and Clemson University and enjoys teaching classes in International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Politics, and Research Methods. Dr. Petersheim has previously served as Secretary, New Membership Chair, and Newsletter Editor for the Women's Caucus for Political Science and will continue to fulfill the role of Newsletter Editor for the 2016-2017 year.

Membership Dues

Although we are currently offering free memberships, WCPS members are encouraged to pay dues, if they are able to. The Caucus provides a place for women in the field to meet and support each other as women of political science. Caucus dues allow us to hold our annual receptions which provide an important role in building relationships and honoring women in political science. In addition, the Betty Glad Defense Fund is only available to members. The membership form is found on the last page.

"Like" us on Facebook!

Please "like" our Women's Caucus for Political Science Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Womens-Caucus-for-Political-Science-832538880162858/>

A Letter from President Denise Walsh

Dear Caucus Members,

A warm hello to those of you who are new and those who are steadfast; you make the APSA and the profession welcoming and rewarding. Never have we needed you more than now! Many of you have joined friends and family across the country to march and strike over the past few months. Thank you everyone who posted pictures from the Women's March on the WCPS Facebook Page ("like" us and stay in touch!). The Caucus shares your concerns and will do all it can to support and inspire women everywhere, especially in political science. This letter is an update on our work this year and to invite your feedback.

WCPS Nominations and Committees

The WCPS needs your suggestions for 2018-2019 WCPS officers. Please send your nominations to the WCPS Nominations Committee: Rina Williams, Julia-Jordan Zachery and Wendy Smooth. Earlier this year the WCPS worked with the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession to nominate women from a diverse set of backgrounds to the APSA Council. Partnerships like these and suggestions from you help to make our voices heard throughout the APSA.

The WCPS now has a robust set of committees working to advance women in political science. In addition to the WCPS Nominations Committee, the WCPS Distinguished Professor Nominating Committee, staffed by Vesla Weaver, Ange-Marie Hancock, and Maria Escobar-Lemmon, will generate a list of women to nominate to prestigious committees and associations in the profession and academe.

We also have a Liaison/Coordinating Committee comprised of Jinee Lokaneeta and Jamil Scott, who are working with other APSA status committees and caucuses to facilitate coalition building. That committee also keeps in touch with the WCPS Outreach Committee, staffed by Rina Williams, who will inform the membership about women and gender issues at other conferences. Finally, the WCPS has a DA-RT Committee, staffed by Laurel Weldon, Jennifer Piscopo and Kristen Monroe, to keep the membership apprised of the latest happenings and how the Caucus might shape that debate.

Many thanks to all these generous volunteers! If you would like to volunteer to serve on any of these committees next year, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee.

APSA Panels & Announcements

The WCPS is allotted one panel each year at APSA, which is co-sponsored with the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession. I am pleased to announce details about our 2017 roundtable, "The Sexual Division of Labor in the Discipline." This roundtable includes a set of terrific papers. Presenters will assess contingent labor from a feminist and intersectional perspective, the potential for challenging labor inequalities in the neoliberal university, the representation of women on graduate syllabi, and how methods, disciplinary associations and status-making in the profession are gendered. You can read the abstracts for these papers on the WCPS website: <https://womenscaucusforpoliticalscience.org/wcps-news-and-announcements/>

Please note that anyone can submit a paper, panel, or roundtable to the WCPS via the APSA system online. This has been an underutilized resource in the past, so please consider submitting a proposal on issues related to women in the discipline for 2018. Be sure to contact the president-elect, Nadia Brown, with your ideas!

As you may have noticed, the APSA has circulated a Sexual Harassment Survey to the membership. Please take a moment to complete your survey and assist the Association with this important data gathering. If you have concerns that the survey did not capture or that you did not want to share in a survey, feel free to contact me, or any of the WCPS officers, and we will find a way to ensure that your concerns are heard.

In related news, the Committee on the Status of Women and Thelen Presidential Taskforce recently issued a report, "How are Women Political Scientists Doing?" The overview highlights the new website for women on the APSA website and gives an overview of data collection being done by the Thelen Taskforce, available on the WCPS website: <https://womenscaucusforpoliticalscience.org/wcps-news-and-announcements/>

WCPS & Departmental Recruitment

The WCPS continues to invite women in political science to join us for free, with no dues until 2019. Please invite your friends! Many thanks to president-elect Nadia Brown and my undergraduate research assistant, Helen Broad, for their recruitment ideas and hard work reaching out to women political scientists at HBCUs.

The APSA is also aiming to highlight recruitment, and in a novel way that needs your input. They recently kicked off a new program "Spotlight on Diversity Recruitment and Retention Efforts across the Profession." The Spotlight invites you to share information about your department's diversity recruitment and retention efforts. For example, if your department participates in a diversity day or campus visits aimed at increasing and broadening participation among first generation students from underrepresented backgrounds, the APSA would like to know about it. Or, if your department is participating in an innovative program to recruit and retain faculty of color and women, please share that. The goal is to create a spotlight page that will serve as a resource on best practices and innovative diversity programming across the profession: <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/q1ymb2j11nzb6/>

Many thanks to all of you for ensuring that the WCPS remains a thriving organization by sharing your ideas and helping the Caucus work for you.

In solidarity,

Denise Walsh, WCPS President

A Note from the Editor

Greetings, members! The WCPS remains committed to providing current information regarding employment opportunities, as well as information on the issues and public policies of concern to women in the profession. If you would like job vacancy announcements and/or other announcements pertaining to professional activities circulated to WCPS members, please email Meredith-Joy Petersheim (mjp36@buffalo.edu) with your announcement. It will be included in future newsletters and/or distributed via listserv. Happy Spring!

Meredith-Joy Petersheim
Newsletter Editor, Women's Caucus for Political Science

Upcoming Conferences

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 6-9, 2017) Chicago, Illinois

The annual conference of Midwest Political Science Association will be held in Chicago **April 6-9, 2017**. This will be the 75th Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. The **Palmer House Hilton** and the **Hilton Chicago** are the official conference hotels. The MPSA website is showing that the Hilton Chicago **is sold out**. MPSA has also added Hostelling International Chicago as an additional conference hotel. Please note that *online registration closes after March 17th*. The **deadline for presenters to post their paper** to the MPSA website is March 24th. If you are presenting a paper and have not yet uploaded your paper, please do so as soon as possible.

Announcements

Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund

Members of the Women's Caucus for Political Science who believe they have been victims of discriminatory conduct or conditions based on gender may apply for a small award from the Caucus's Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund for the initial/first visit to an attorney. The Glad Fund makes awards of up to \$1,200 for legal consultation. In deciding whether to fund the applicant, the committee will not judge the merits of the case. A paid receipt from a lawyer's office for the first visit of the Caucus member is required before the Legal Defense Fund will reimburse.

The Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund pays the first lawyer's consultation visit for WCPS members exploring a gender based discrimination suit. It is for members of the Women's Caucus only. To be eligible for funds, you must have been a member for a year at least. If you believe you have been subject to discriminatory practices and wish to apply for assistance from this fund, first please contact Dr. Michaele Ferguson; (The Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund of the Women's Caucus for Political Science, c/o Dr. Michaele Ferguson, 1200 Yarmouth Ave., Unit 234; Boulder, Colorado 80304 or at Michaele.Ferguson@colorado.edu), and let her know you are going to a lawyer. Mail her the receipt for the visit, and the Fund will reimburse. The Fund is a 501(C)3, so tax deductible contributions are welcome at any time! Make checks out to: The Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund, c/o Dr. Michaele Ferguson, 1200 Yarmouth Ave., Unit 234; Boulder, Colorado 80304 or at Michaele.Ferguson@colorado.edu. Members are encouraged to publicize the Fund at their regional meetings and to their colleagues, especially new faculty.

Send Us Your Syllabi

Send the WCPS your syllabi, and we will get them posted to the APSA syllabus website; more women and their research needs to be there!

APSA Minority Fellowship Program

APSA Minority Fellowship Program Spring Deadline: March 31.

The APSA Minority Fellows Program, established in 1969, aims to increase diversity and the presence of underrepresented individuals in the discipline of political science. The spring round will provide support to first and second year political science PhD students from underrepresented groups. See more information here: <http://www.apsanet.org/mfp-spring2017> .

Call for Papers

The Politics of Race, Gender, and the Judiciary Sharon A. Navarro and Samantha L. Hernandez, Editors

We are accepting scholarly articles for an edited volume that seeks to address the ascension of Latina women, Black women, Asian women, Native American and the LGBT to the judiciary. This edited volume seeks to examine how these minority groups were either elected or appointed to local, state, and the federal judiciary. This includes but is not limited to judicial campaigns, party selection and ambition. We seek to address the current state of these minority groups as they decide to run for office or are vetted for an appointed position in the judiciary. We hope to provide both a qualitative and quantitative analysis of how race and gender are reflected in the judiciary.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 10, 2017

Send abstracts to: sharon.navarro@utsa.edu and samanthahernandez23@gmail.com

Call for Nominations

Best Paper Award **APSA Women and Politics Research Section**

The following is a call for nominations for the APSA Women and Politics Research Section Best Paper Award. This award will be presented for the best paper delivered at the 2017 APSA annual meeting in the field of women and politics.

Nomination Instructions: Self-nominations and nominations by others are welcome. To be considered for this award, one copy of the article should be sent electronically to each committee member (listed below).

Deadline for nominations: April 1, 2017

Committee:

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Members' Professional Announcements

Anne Pitcher, Professor, Departments of Afro-American and African Studies and Political Science at the University of Michigan is currently serving as President of the African Studies Association. The African Studies Association is the largest association of scholars and policymakers who study Africa based in the US.

Job Postings

Georgia State University Department of Political Science Lecturer- American Politics; Pre-Law (3 positions open)

The Department of Political Science at Georgia State University invites applications for three full-time Lecturer positions to begin Fall 2017, pending budgetary approval. Lecturers at Georgia State University are full-time non-tenure track faculty with both teaching and service requirements, as well as the opportunity for promotion. Successful candidates will have experience at delivering high quality instruction to undergraduates. They will also have experience and interest in working closely with students of varied backgrounds to promote excellence in undergraduate learning. Enrolling one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, Georgia State University has been recognized for providing an outstanding education and exceptional support for students from all backgrounds. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Position 1: Candidates for this position should be able to teach Intro to American Government, both online and in large in-person sections. Additional expertise and interest in teaching Intro to Research Methods is preferred.

Position 2: Candidates for this position should be able to teach Intro to American Government as well as Classical to Early Modern Political Thought and Modern Political Thought. In addition, ability to teach Global Issues will be viewed favorably.

Position 3: Candidates for this position should be able to teach courses in our pre-law concentration, including Judicial Process, Civil Liberties and Rights, Intro to American Law, and American Constitutional Law. Additional expertise and interest in teaching Intro to Research Methods is preferred. Candidates able to serve as pre-law advisor are preferred.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in hand by August 2017. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Georgia State University is a unit of the University System of Georgia, is an equal opportunity institution, and an EEO/AA employer. An offer of employment will be conditional on background verification. Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, student evaluations, statement of teaching philosophy, sample syllabi, sample teaching materials, any additional evidence of teaching effectiveness, and original transcript(s). Please submit all materials electronically to polsearch@gsu.edu. Please be sure to identify for which of the three positions you wish to apply.

Tufts University Tisch College- Departments of Philosophy and Political Science Post Doc- Philosophy or Political Theory

Tufts University's Tisch College, in collaboration with the departments of Philosophy and of Political Science, will award a Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life Postdoctoral Fellowship in the 2017-18 academic year to a junior scholar with a PhD in the field of philosophy or political theory who is not yet tenured.

Candidates should submit a research proposal for scholarly work related to civic studies. Civic studies (see <http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/civic-studies/>) is an emerging interdisciplinary field that develops ideas and ways of thinking helpful to citizens, understood as co-creators of their worlds. Because civic studies

emphasizes the agency of people and groups, it combines ethics, empirical work, strategies, and institutions. Tufts will hold a social ontology conference in 2018, and therefore applicants with interests in social ontology or collective agency are particularly encouraged.

Scholars are required to spend the year (September–May) in residence at Tufts University. For the 2017-18 academic year the Fellowship carries a stipend of \$55,000, health insurance, and a \$3,000 research fund. The Fellow will be expected to support capstone experiences with Tufts undergraduates and to teach one academic course in addition to conducting their research. The fellow will also be expected to deliver a public lecture at Tufts on the topic of their research at some point during the fellowship year.

Qualifications: Junior scholar with a PhD in the field of philosophy or political theory who is not yet tenured. Candidates should submit a research proposal for scholarly work related to civic studies.

More information at <https://apply.interfolio.com/40979>

**WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MEMBERSHIP DUES: FY 2017
(September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017)***

NAME: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
CITY,STATE,ZIP: _____
INSTITUTION: _____
EMAIL: _____
PHONE: _____

CIRCLE ONE: NEW MEMBER / RENEWAL

ANNUAL WCPS DUES (circle one and make checks payable to WCPS):

Income	1 year	2 year
Graduate Student	Free	Free
Under \$15,000	\$10.00	\$20.00
\$15-\$40,000	\$20.00	\$40.00
\$40,000+	\$30.00	\$60.00
Life Membership	\$500.00	
Institutional	\$30.00	\$60.00

* Membership runs from September 1 through August 31 regardless of the date on which you pay.

DESIGNATED DONATIONS:

Mary Lepper Award \$ _____
Marguerite Ross Barnett Fund \$ _____
Blair-Barnett Fund \$ _____
Betty Glad Legal Defense Fund \$ _____
Okin-Young Award \$ _____
WCPS General \$ _____
Subsidy for free memberships \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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