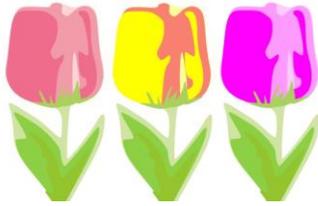


# Women's Caucus for Political Science



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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, 2017-2018*

### **President: Nadia Brown (brown957@purdue.edu)**

Nadia E. Brown (Ph.D., Rutgers University) is a University Scholar and Associate Professor of Political Science and African American Studies at Purdue University. She specializes in Black women's politics and 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, 2015 Anna Julia Cooper Award from the Association for the Study of Black Women and Politics, and the 2015 Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion at Purdue University Faculty Research Award. Along with Sarah Allen Gershon, Professor Brown co-edited [\*Distinct Identities: Minority Women in U.S. Politics\*](#) (Routledge Press 2016). She regularly teaches the following courses: Black Political Participation; Black Women Rising; Introduction to African American Studies; and Race and Ethnicity in American Politics.

### **President-Elect: Christina Bejarano (cbejaran@ku.edu)**

Christina E. Bejarano is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Kansas. Bejarano's academic interests are in Latino electoral politics, in particular areas of gender, race/ethnicity, and American political behavior. She studies conditions under which racial/ethnic minorities and women successfully compete for U.S. electoral office, which is reflected in her book on Latina political candidates—*The Latina Advantage: Gender, Race, and Political Success* (University of Texas Press, 2013). Her work also focuses on how racial/ethnic minorities and women can shape or influence the current electoral environment, which is reflected in her second book—*The Latino Gender Gap in U.S. Politics* (Routledge Press, 2014). She is co-author of a U.S. Politics textbook, *The Enduring Democracy, 5<sup>th</sup> edition*, (Dautrich et al., Cengage 2018). Bejarano holds several professional service appointments, including editorial board for *Politics, Groups, & Identities Journal*, executive council for the Midwest Political Science Association, and 2018 APSA co-chair for the Women and Politics Section. She received her Ph.D./M.A. in political science from University of Iowa and B.A. in psychology from University of North Texas.

### **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 has been published in *American Politics Research* and *Advancing Women in Leadership Journal*, 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 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*. Dr. Petersheim enjoys teaching classes in International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Politics, and Research Methods. She is a charter member of the Winthrop Women's Coalition. 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 2017-2018 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 Nadia Brown*

Dear Members,

Happy Spring! This is the time to renew our hopes. Spring is nature's way of showing us that after darkness, there is always light. I hope that you will always look at the bright side of life. It is with this spirit, that I greet you and send a call to action.

The #MeTooPoliSci movement is shedding light on sexual harassment and misconduct in our discipline. We are sowing seeds of inclusion, tolerance, and equality. We have watered these seeds with hard work, perseverance, and dedication towards advancing women's interests in the discipline. Our hope is to say hello to the new blossoms of civility and respect for *all* diverse members of our academic community.

We have been busy working on a number of #MeTooPoliSci initiatives:

- The Caucus has sent a letter to the Midwest Political Science Association's Executive Council expressing our disappointment in its inaction, thus far, regarding the sexual harassment accusations against Bill Jacoby, editor of the AJPS.
  - *If you are attending the MPSA annual meeting, we urge you to wear ALL BLACK to the conference.*
- We are planning a pre-conference/workshop the Wednesday before APSA. You will receive additional details regarding this workshop in the near future. This daylong event will be an empowering space for survivors and their allies. We are working toward an institutional response to how we as a discipline should respond to these allegations. The Women's Caucus is taking the lead on how the discipline can and should change the culture to be more civil to one another. In conjunction with other organizations and the APSA, this pre-conference/workshop will feature a set of panels and trainings that will include
  - The following initiatives are proposed: a mentoring program for women; a truth-telling project and safe space event with a trained facilitator; visibly showing solidarity with survivors (i.e., wearing Black); waging a letter writing campaign; creating an alternative to [political science rumors](#) (a website); conducting an upstanding bystander training; a diversity hack-a-thon; research panels on the current state of the field on this theme; and a discussion on creative, effective, and alternative responses/solutions, and future directions panel.
  - We have secured at \$10,000 commitment from APSA to support the travel needs of participants for this pre-conference who need the assistance. This fund is especially for scholars at teaching intensive universities, community colleges, minority serving institutions, and for women of color and first-generation scholars.
  - We are in the process of writing a grant proposal for the [APSA Special Project Funds](#) to pay for items associated with pre-conference, as well as long-term projects related to #MeTooPoliSci.
  - *If you are attending the APSA annual meeting, we request that you wear ALL BLACK in protest and solidarity to the president's address.*
- Lastly, we have been slated to develop a special issue of The Journal of Women, Politics and Policy on #MeTooPoliSci. The content of this special issue will largely draw from our activities at the annual meeting and our reflections on the movement. We would appreciate your reflections on and responses to sexual harassment/violence and aspects of #MeTooPoliSci campaign in the context of kinds of work in power, gender, and governance. You may email me at [brown957@purdue.edu](mailto:brown957@purdue.edu) with your contributions if you are not attending the annual meeting by June 1, 2018.

As always, we are co-sponsoring receptions with the Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession and the Women and Politics Research Section at the APSA annual meeting in August. We are co-hosting a set of exciting panels and roundtables. We will share the details of these events closer to the annual meeting.

If you would like to become involved with the #MeTooPoliSci planning, kindly join our Slack group – [link](#) here. We are always in need of your ideas, energy, and resources! Also, if you have yet to do so,

kindly pay your [dues](#) for this academic year. I encourage you to visit our [webpage](#) and our [Facebook](#) page. We are striving to be inclusive and welcoming

As Spring breathes new life into each of us, let us be renewed in the fight towards full inclusion and equality for all.

All my very best,



Nadia E. Brown, Ph. D.  
Associate Professor and University Scholar  
Purdue University

### *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](mailto: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 5-8, 2018) Chicago, Illinois**

The annual conference of Midwest Political Science Association will be held in Chicago **April 5-8, 2018**. This will be the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. The **Palmer House Hilton**, the **Hilton Chicago**, and **Hostelling International Chicago** are the official conference hotels. Please note that *regular online registration closed March 15<sup>th</sup>*. You can still register onsite. The **deadline for presenters to post their paper** to the MPSA website is March 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:Michaele.Ferguson@colorado.edu). Members are encouraged to publicize the Fund at their regional meetings and to their colleagues, especially new faculty.

### **2018 Pre-APSA Workshop**

#### **“Building Better Elections: New Challenges in Electoral Management”**

Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Location: Massachusetts Institute of Technology · Boston, MA, USA

In recent years, researchers from around the globe have renewed their focus on electoral management issues in both domestic and comparative perspective. This workshop aims to bring together scholars and practitioners to discuss major challenges in electoral management and foster new collaborations.

This workshop invites paper proposals relating to any new challenges of electoral management, including (but not limited to): **electoral technology, convenience voting and registration measures, regulating new media and campaign finance, electoral dispute resolution, and electoral security.**

**Paper proposals** (with a maximum 250-word abstract) **are due on March 23, 2018** and may be submitted [here](https://bit.ly/2AUq0Us) ([bit.ly/2AUq0Us](https://bit.ly/2AUq0Us))

For further information, please contact the co-chairs: Holly Ann Garnett ([holly.garnett@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:holly.garnett@mail.mcgill.ca)) and Toby S. James ([T.S.James@uea.ac.uk](mailto:T.S.James@uea.ac.uk)) or visit <http://www.electoralmanagement.com/events>

**This workshop is co-sponsored by:** The Electoral Management Network ([www.electoralmanagement.com](http://www.electoralmanagement.com)), The Electoral Integrity Project ([www.electoralintegrityproject.com](http://www.electoralintegrityproject.com)) & *The MIT Election Data and Science Lab* (MEDSL) ([www.electionlab.mit.edu](http://www.electionlab.mit.edu))

## *Job Postings*

**Case Western Reserve University  
Department of Political Science  
Visiting Assistant Professor- Comparative/IR**

The Department of Political Science at Case Western Reserve University seeks qualified candidates for a visiting position in Comparative Politics and/or International Relations, at the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor (Ph.D.) or Visiting Instructor, for the academic year 2017-18. This is a one-year position with the possibility of an additional one-year period.

Upper-division courses are open, in terms of expertise and interest, although we are in particular need of courses in comparative and/or international environmental politics and policy, the politics of Africa, south central Asian politics, and international security. Candidates must be able to offer either Introduction to Comparative Politics or Introduction to International Relations; ability to offer a course in Research Methods preferred. Candidates should identify in the application letter the courses they are prepared to teach. The conventional teaching load for this position is two courses per semester. ABD required, PhD preferred.

Candidates should submit 1) a letter of application stating research and teaching interests, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) graduate transcript, and 4) relevant teaching evaluations to Ms. Jessica Jurcak, Comparative Politics /International Relations Search, Department of Political Science, Case Western Reserve University, Mather House 111, Cleveland Ohio, 44106; electronic submissions should be sent to Ms. Jessica Jurcak at [jkj22@case.edu](mailto:jkj22@case.edu). Candidates should also arrange for three letters of reference to be sent by each referee to Ms. Jessica Jurcak at [jkj22@case.edu](mailto:jkj22@case.edu).

In employment, as in education, Case Western Reserve University is committed to Equal Opportunity and Diversity. Women, veterans, members of underrepresented minority groups, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Case Western Reserve University provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. Applicants requiring a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the Office for Inclusion, Diversity and Equal Opportunity at 216.368.8877 to request a reasonable accommodation. Determinations as to granting reasonable accommodations for any applicant will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MEMBERSHIP DUES: FY 2018  
(September 1, 2017-August 31, 2018)\***

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):**

<b>Income</b>	<b>1 year</b>	<b>2 year</b>
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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