

Call for Participation
Mentoring Conference for New Research on Gender in Political Psychology

The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, October 9-12, 2014

<http://genderandpolipsych.com/about/>

This small mentoring conference will create a sociable and supportive environment within which assistant- and associate-level scholars who study gender and political psychology will receive intentional mentoring surrounding research, teaching, professional development, and work-life balance. The conference is a follow-up to our 2011 conference, “New Research on Gender in Political Psychology,” held at Rutgers, which has created a strong network of scholars doing work in this area.

Conference participants will:

- Receive in-depth feedback on a research paper in a collaborative workshop setting,
- Discuss teaching in a conference roundtable and in focused mentoring sessions,
- Develop close relationships with other scholars in a mentoring group,
- Attend roundtable sessions specific to issues faced by assistant-level professors (e.g., Creating a Successful Tenure File) and associate-level professors (e.g., Achieving Promotion with Service Demands),
- Address questions of work-life balance in the academy, and
- Attend a related art exhibit, *SPACESHIFTING: Contemporary Masculinities*.

Distinguished senior scholar mentors include:

- **Psychologists:** Rebecca Bigler- Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, Heather Bullock- Professor of Psychology and Department Chair at University of California, Santa Cruz, and Amanda Diekman- Professor of Psychology at Miami University.
- **Political Scientists:** Rosalyn Cooperman-Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Mary Washington, Kathleen Dolan-Professor of Political Science at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Leonie Huddy-Professor of Political Science at Stony Brook University, Zoe Oxley-Professor of Political Science at Union College, Kira Sanbonmatsu- Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University, and Virginia Sapiro- Professor of Political Science and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston.

Conference Papers. Each assistant- or associate-level applicant is asked to submit one research project *or* idea, at any phase, that falls within the conference themes related to research *or* teaching. At the conference, we will discuss the possibility of joint publication outlets (e.g., an edited volume or journal symposium).

- 1) **Substantive research paper proposals** should clearly demonstrate a political psychology approach to studying gender. We anticipate papers that address the following broad topics, but we welcome other projects that are related to gender and political psychology:
 - a. “Gender gaps” in politics, such as gender differences in political attitudes, motivations, and participation, with the goal of making recommendations for how women might achieve parity with men in elective office.

- b. Women's identification with political groups, as well as non-political identities such as parental roles, and how these identities shape political attitudes, ideology, and participation.
 - c. How the intersections of gender identity with racial and ethnic identities combine to influence political attitudes, behaviors, and support for key public policies that benefit women and minorities.
- 2) **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) projects and papers** are also encouraged, including those focusing on either:
- a. Teaching gender issues and gender and politics or policy, gender mainstreaming, gender issues faced in the classroom, or,
 - b. Assessments of curricular or pedagogical innovations such as overcoming the challenges of course design, techniques to save time on grading student writing, and designing or managing successful group projects.

How to Apply: To apply for the conference, assistant- and associate-level scholars should submit their application online by **May 1, 2014** by clicking [HERE](#). Advanced graduate students, post-docs, and PhDs not in academia may also apply, but our priority will be to invite assistants and associates. Applicants will be notified of their status by **June 1st**.

The application will require:

- 1) a one-page description of one scholarly project (basic theory, methods, and findings) that fits within the conference themes above;
- 2) a brief, one-page curriculum vitae, including your graduate education, professional appointments, courses you currently teach, and a list of scholarly publications or activities that relate to the conference themes; and
- 3) a one-page "participant statement" focused on how you will help achieve the goals of the conference, foster collaborative and mentoring relationships with other conference participants, and how you might benefit from this conference (including whether and how the conference meets a need not met at your current institution).

Conference Information:

Funding. We are actively seeking funding. Currently, we anticipate a small conference fee of \$75 to allow us to provide participants with shared airport shuttles and meals during the conference. Participants should plan to pay their travel, including airfare and lodging (estimated between \$300-\$400 for 3 nights for a single), using conference funding from their home institution. We are prepared to assist participants in seeking funding from within their institutions. If we are awarded additional funds, we plan first to cut the conference fee and second to offer travel stipends. Please see our website for up-to-date funding information. If you wish to be considered for a travel stipend, please include with your application a statement of limitations on travel funding.

Family Friendly. Nursing-friendly spaces will be available, and a list of local childcare or babysitting options provided, in order to create an inclusive and caring atmosphere.

Location: The College of Wooster in Wooster, OH (approximately 45 minutes from the Canton-Akron or Cleveland airports).

Conference Organizers & Contact:

- Angie Bos, The College of Wooster (abos@wooster.edu, 330-263-2411).
- Monica Schneider, Miami University (schneimc@muohio.edu) who is on maternity leave as of mid-February.
- The general conference e-mail is: genderconference14@gmail.com.

Steering Committee:

- **Psychologists:** Lauren Duncan (Professor of Psychology at Smith College), Grace Deason (Assistant Professor of Psychology at University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse), and Alyssa Zucker (Associate Professor of Psychology at George Washington University).
- **Political Scientists: Organizer** Angie Bos (Associate Professor of Political Science at the College of Wooster), Monica Schneider (Associate Professor of Political Science at Miami University), Kim Fridkin (Professor of Political Science at Arizona State University) and Jason Windett (Assistant Professor of Political Science at Saint Louis University).