



# ISPP

International Society  
of Political Psychology

## JUNIOR SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

The ISPP Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) gives voice and visibility to the needs and interests of graduate students, junior faculty and other early career scholars within ISPP. A Junior Scholar is defined as a graduate student or person within eight years of having earned their degree. The JSC's goals include providing information and assistance to junior scholars' efforts to conduct political-psychological research, helping them to develop their careers, and supporting their attendance at the ISPP annual meetings.

### CHAIR'S ADDRESS

In anticipation of this year's annual meeting, the ISPP Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) is pleased to announce several programs, services, and funding opportunities.

The JSC is currently arranging the mentoring tea program. Junior scholars interested in participating will be paired with a senior colleague and offered the opportunity to discuss the rewards and challenges involved in pursuing a career in political psychology. The JSC is also sponsoring several additional professional development events. This year, the "Career Development Roundtable" will focus on collaborative research, and the "JSC Publishing Roundtable" will provide an opportunity for junior scholars to ask questions and receive advice about publishing in our discipline.

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the JSC Travel Awards program. To offset the costs involved in travel to this year's conference, the JSC is offering 13 individual travel awards in the amount of \$500 to be awarded to junior scholars. Since demand typically exceeds supply, awards will be distributed on a competitive basis, based upon scholar's conference abstract and financial needs. Applications for these awards will be blind-reviewed by a Travel Awards Committee. Applications must be received by April 30, 2012, to ensure full consideration. Recipients will be notified by email no later than May 12, 2012. Application materials should be sent to the Travel Awards Committee at [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com).

We are also accepting nominations to the 2012-2013 JSC. In addition to enhancing your CV, serving on the JSC provides an opportunity to interact with other members of the Society, and your service will help to ensure the ISPP is responsive to the unique needs of junior scholars. The 2011-2012 committee consists of both political science and psychology graduate students and junior faculty. Our committee is also internationally diverse, with members in the United States, United Kingdom, Denmark, Canada, Poland, Germany, and New Zealand. In selecting the upcoming committee, we will strive to maintain this diversity. To apply to the JSC, please email the following materials to [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com): (1) A statement of interest (please no more than 150 words) and (2) an updated CV. More information about the application process can be found in this newsletter.

The JSC will continue to maintain online services. The JSC blog (<http://www.ispp.org/jsc/blog>) and the ISPP Facebook page include information about conferences, publications, and discussion of interest to junior scholars. The JSC can also be followed through Twitter (@ISPP\_JSC).

From the Junior Scholars Committee, we wish you a productive and relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing you in Chicago

Christopher Weber,  
Louisiana State University

## **JSC Mentoring Tea**

The purpose of the mentoring tea is to allow junior scholars to meet one-on-one with leading researchers in their area to discuss their research interests and projects. This year's mentoring tea will take place at our meeting in Chicago on Saturday, July 7th at 5pm. We are now inviting established scholars to sign up as mentors at the following website: <http://tinyurl.com/mentoringtea>. Up to three mentees will then be paired with each mentor on a first-come-first-serve basis (information on mentee sign up will be available in May). If you have any suggestions or comments, please email Jojanneke van der Toorn and Monica Gerber at [ispp.mentoringtea@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.mentoringtea@gmail.com).

## **NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Crowd-Funding and the SciFund Challenge, Aleks Ksiazkiewicz**

Sometimes it feels like half of what we do as political psychologists is chase after grants. Other times it feels like that's all we do. Perhaps one of the most difficult things about being a junior scholar is finding funds for small research projects and pilot studies. Crowd-funding, which relies on receiving small donations from many individuals, is one way to fill this gap.

The crowd-funding phenomenon was first popularized in the art world by sites like Kickstarter and RocketHub, but it has recently moved into scientific research. The [SciFund Challenge](#) is one project that is harnessing this opportunity. The first round took place in the fall of last year and raised over \$75,000 for research with projects receiving on average \$1,500 and some receiving over \$10,000.

As a participant in the second round of SciFund (slated for May 1st to May 31st of this year), I have found the process of preparing a proposal to be very rewarding (and of course I hope the fundraising will be too!). Since the goal is to raise funds primarily from non-scientists, I have had to think about how to explain my dissertation research in accessible language and in a way that provides a compelling narrative to lay individuals. Moreover, part of the incentive structure for donations is to provide rewards at different levels and it was genuine fun to come up with cost-effective but attractive offerings, like a video lecture via Skype or a hand-knitted double-helix (since I work on behavioral genetics). SciFund has also been a good way for me to connect with scientists in other disciplines within my university and elsewhere as part of reviewing each other's project pages and coordinating fundraising strategy.

I encourage all of you to consider joining SciFund for its next wave once applications become available, as well as checking out some of the over 140 projects from this wave when they go live on May 1st. These projects will be listed on [RocketHub.com](http://RocketHub.com) and I will highlight projects that may be of interest to political psychologists on [my blog](#).

# 2012 ISPP JUNIOR SCHOLAR TRAVEL AWARDS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Junior Scholars Committee is pleased to announce the **2012 Junior Scholar Travel Award Competition**. Up to thirteen (13) awards in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to Junior Scholars for travel to the ISPP annual meeting in Chicago, IL, July 6-9, 2012.

## Eligibility Requirements:

1. The applicant must be a **paid** ISPP member as of **30 April 2012**.
2. The applicant must be a Junior Scholar (i.e., graduate student or person within 8 years post-graduate career).
3. The applicant must be **first or sole author** on an **accepted** poster or symposium presentation.
4. The applicant must attend the 2012 ISPP meeting to receive the award.

## Application Procedure and Deadline:

To be considered for a travel award, the following materials must be submitted via email:

1. A completed Travel Award Application.
2. A non-identifying copy of the submitted abstract.

**The original application deadline was April 30, 2012. However, we will accept applications through May 7.**

Email the completed **application form** and your **submitted abstract** to the address below. *Please omit all personally identifying information (e.g., authors, affiliation) from the contents of the abstract.*

The application packet should be sent via email to:

**JSC Travel Award Committee**  
[ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com)

## Decision Process and Notification:

Applications will be blind-reviewed by the Travel Award Committee. Decisions will be based on the excellence of the submitted conference abstract and financial needs of the applicant. Winners will be notified by e-mail no later than **12 May 2012**.

## Award Disbursement:

Awards will be given as reimbursements to recipients at the conference. Recipients should be prepared to submit receipts for travel costs incurred (e.g., airline tickets, hotel accommodations).

Please address inquiries to the JSC Travel Award Committee at **[ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com)**.

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE JSC 2011 - 2012

The current ISPP Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) is now accepting nominations to the 2012-2013 JSC. By working with members of the ISPP, organizing events at the annual meeting, and maintaining several online sites that facilitate communication across the discipline, the JSC is an integral part of the ISPP community. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and work with other members of ISPP, provide input into the JSC, and enhance your curriculum vitae with international committee experience.

**Open positions in the JSC are described below, with the number of openings in parentheses:**

**Chair-Elect (1):** Working under the current chair, this position is responsible for learning the ins and outs of the JSC, in preparation for taking the lead the following year. Duties as chair include writing reports to the Governing Council, overseeing the junior scholar budget, and representing the interests of junior scholars in ISPP. This position includes three years of service to JSC; as chair-elect, chair, and the final year of service is in the capacity of chair ex-officio.

**Newsletter Co-Editor (1):** Solicits articles and announcements for the Junior Scholars newsletter that is published two times a year.

**Web Resources Co-Editor (1):** Manages all web-related JSC archives and responsible for updating the JSC Facebook and Twitter pag.

**Professional Development Coordinators (2):** Arranges the publishing and career development roundtables for the annual meeting.

**ISPP Junior Scholars Blog Coordinators (2):** Maintains the JSC weblog.

## **How to Apply:**

**To apply, email a curriculum vita** and a brief (150 word) statement of your interest in the JSC and the JSC position(s) that are of most interest to you **to [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com) by 30 April 2012.**

**If you have questions regarding applying to the JSC, please email [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com).**

All JSC members are encouraged - but not required - to attend ISPP's annual summer conference. Each nominee will be considered for an anticipated two-year term (except chair-elect which is a three year commitment). To make our committee more representative of ISPP's membership, we are looking for representatives from every continent.

A selection committee comprised of JSC members and Governing Council members will review the applications. The 2012-2013 JSC will be announced by the end of May with the new term beginning at the end of the annual meeting in July. Feel free to email us with any questions - the current JSC members are happy to assist you in any way possible. Thank you for your interest and good luck!

# YOUR 2011 – 2012 JSC

We want to hear from you!

Please email us with feedback at [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com)

## **Committee chair**

Chris Weber (Louisiana State University)  
Jolanda van der Noll (Jacobs University Bremen)

## **Mentorship program**

Monica Gerber (London School of Economics and Political Science)  
Jojanneke van der Toorn (Yale University)

## **Newsletter**

G. Scott Morgan (Drew University)  
Aleks Ksiazkiewicz (Rice University)

## **Professional development**

Lene Aarøe (Aarhus University)  
Delia Dumitrescu (Université de Montréal)

## **Web blog**

Aleksandra Cichocka (University of Warsaw)  
Maria Rost Rublee (University of Auckland)

## **Web resources**

Andrew Pilecki (University of California, Santa Cruz)



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