

Junior Scholars' Newsletter



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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

The ISPP Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) has been hard at work this year, and we have many awards and events to announce within this newsletter.

First, we are pleased to announce this year's JSC Travel Awards Competition. We will be giving 13 awards in the amount of \$500 each to junior scholars who will be presenting at the 2011 ISPP meeting. We hope that these awards will relieve some of the burden of travel expenses and that they encourage junior scholars to attend the 2011 ISPP meeting.

In addition, we are now accepting applications for the JSC! Serving on this committee provides members with an excellent opportunity to interact with junior and established scholars throughout the world. Committee members provide greatly appreciated service to the profession of political psychology, and participation on this international committee helps to enhance members' curricula vitae. We strongly encourage you to become more involved in the ISPP and submit your application for the JSC!

The ISPP has also organized a Summer Academy that will be held immediately before this year's annual ISPP meeting in Turkey. During this Academy, junior scholars will be able to meet and learn from leaders in the field of political psychology.

Along those lines, the JSC will be holding the popular Mentoring Tea at this year's annual meeting. Participation in the Mentoring Tea allows junior scholars to meet one-on-one with leaders in the field to discuss their research interests and projects. Further, participation in the Tea assists junior scholars with establishing an extended professional relationship with their mentor.

Finally, the JSC continues to work hard to inform junior scholars of news and events that may be of interest. For updates regarding conferences, funding opportunities, and general ISPP news, please visit our blog and Facebook page (Blog: <http://polpsych.wordpress.com/>; Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/ISPPJuniorScholars>).

We look forward to seeing you in Turkey!

Miriam Matthews
Claremont Graduate University

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HOW TO SUCCEED ON THE JOB MARKET BY *Delia Dumitrescu*

There is a disclaimer to be had at the beginning of this piece: The title was just to catch your attention. We don't have the key to success! But, we do have some advice about how to navigate the application process! So, how to deal with this huge task of getting the job you deserve? You need to be prepared to work for it in the short term and in the long term. In the short term (where "short" means a few months before the application process begins), there are at least three bases you should cover. Let's call them the three Cs.

The first C – Check (regularly) what jobs are out there. It might be good to make this one of the "to do's" every morning. The three sites I usually visit are www.apsanet.org (which requires subscription, and lists mostly jobs in political science in the US), <http://www.jobs.ac.uk/> (which covers positions in English-speaking Universities worldwide), and www.cpsa-acsp.ca/polcan.shtml (which covers jobs in Canada). These sites may not suit your needs, but you should make your own list to check every day.

The second C stands for getting your **CV** ready. The first rule is: always keep it up to date. The second rule is: tailor it to the job. That is, place the part of your experience which is most relevant to the job as early in the CV as you can, preferably on the first page. If it's a teaching job, it should be your teaching experience. If it's a research-oriented job, it should be your publication record. The third rule is: every detail matters. So try to learn as much as possible about how to create a good CV. One way is to hunt for CVs of people whom you consider successful. The other, more efficient way to go about it is to read advice. One site which I found useful is <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/641/01/>.

The third C is the **Cover letter**. Many say the cover letter is your only chance to directly address the search committee and convince them to select you. Having acknowledged this daunting task, one way to improve your chances is to do some reading and get some advice about what's expected of you. There's a wealth of information out there, and to summarize it would require more than the space available to this article, and would defeat the purpose: you have to read it yourself and decide what you can and cannot apply. On page 8 are a few sites I found particularly useful. **Continued on page 8**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE BY *Lene Aarøe*

One should not solely think of professional development in a short-term perspective. The long-term aspects of professional development are also highly important. You often hear scholars in our field emphasize the following factors: **Publication, building your research profile, and networking in the discipline.**

It is well-known that it is important for junior scholars to **publish** in order to have a career in academia. Moreover, in a long-term perspective, it is also useful to be conscious of how you wish to develop your research agenda and build the framing of your topic so that people will (a) get interested and (b) gain a clearer picture of your **research profile** and how you can contribute in collaborations. Additionally, **networking** is also a central long-term aspect of professional development. Going to conferences is an excellent way of establishing new contacts and meeting colleagues who share your research interests.

Yet, one thing is to outline central long-term aspects of professional development. A far more challenging task, however, is how to attain these goals and – if possible – efficiently unite them. One goal of the ISPP JSC is to contribute to the conversation about professional development for junior scholars in the discipline. At the upcoming ISPP-meeting in Istanbul, we plan to host a publication roundtable and a roundtable on the broader aspects of professional development (both short and long-term perspectives). Plans are yet to be finalized but more information will follow in the conference program. We invite you all to participate!



International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)

Annual Scientific Meeting
of the International Society
of Political Psychology (ISPP)

2011

July 9th - 12th, 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey

JSC at the Annual Meeting

ISPP's 34th Annual Meeting will take place in Istanbul, Turkey for July 9th to 12th, 2011. The JSC has several events geared toward our Junior Scholars members described below.

JSC Mentoring Tea

The mentorship program is designed to aid junior scholars in learning the ins and outs of political psychology from those who have paved the way before us. The program enables connections with faculty and other non-student ISPP members who work inside or outside of the university and share similar interests.

The program involves a Mentor Tea, which is held each year at ISPP's scientific meeting. The Mentor Tea facilitates in-person meetings with mentors and mentees who have been matched based on shared research interests. During the annual meeting, mentees are urged to attend presentations given by their mentors. In addition, after the meeting, mentors and mentees are encouraged to maintain communication with one another.

Mentors and mentees are expected to use the Mentoring Program as a way to develop a fruitful professional relationship that benefits both parties. Mentees can use this opportunity to ask questions about research, jobs, balancing work and life, etc. Mentors can provide valuable insight into the field as well as learn new information from the next crop of political psychologists.

With this in mind, it is important to consider how the mentorship program is envisaged:

The Mentorship Program is...

- an opportunity for mentees to communicate with an expert in their field.
- an opportunity to exchange emails periodically.
- an opportunity to get occasional advice on where to publish a paper or how to make it more publishable.

Questions and concerns may be addressed to the Mentorship Coordinators Johanna Vollhardt and Phil Hammack at ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com.

To be included in our database and sign up for the mentorship program please visit one of these links:

For *junior scholars* to sign up as mentees:

http://ww3.unipark.de/uc/ISPP_MentorTea_Junior_Scholars/

For *established scholars* to sign up as mentors:

http://ww3.unipark.de/uc/ISPP_MentorTea_Mentors/

Remember to also sign up for special junior scholars' events when you register for the annual meeting.



JSC Roundtables

This year, the JSC will host two roundtables at the annual meeting. These provide an excellent opportunity for junior scholars to pose questions to established scholars.

One roundtable will address topics related to publishing in the field of political psychology. This roundtable may cover such topics as structuring your manuscript, the manuscript submission process, peer-review, and editorial decisions.

A second roundtable will address topics related to career development. This roundtable will focus on successfully competing in the job market.

OTHER JSC ANNOUNCEMENTS

JSC SURVEY

Feedback from ISPP's junior scholars regarding your needs and interests is very important to the Junior Scholar Committee and will help us as we continue to grow and improve. To gather your valuable thoughts and suggestions, the JSC has created an online survey.

To complete this survey, please click here: <http://edu.surveymzmo.com/s3/390464/2010-2011-ISPP-Junior-Scholars-Survey>

We ask that you complete this survey as soon as possible. The survey should take approximately 8 minutes to complete. If the above survey link does not work when you click on it, please copy and paste the URL into your web browser's address bar.

Junior Scholars Social Hour

An event solely for the junior scholars! The social hour offers an opportunity for informal networking among peers in a relaxed atmosphere. Always well-attended, and usually crashed by a few of our senior scholar colleagues, the social hour is a great place to meet old friends, as well as new ones.

Be sure to sign-up for this event when registering for the conference.

ONLINE RESOURCES

We are in the process of updating the ISPP website (<http://www.ispp.org>) in order to provide better service to all of you. One of the many pages that will be updated is the syllabus page. Old links will be removed and new ones will be added. So if you know of, have heard of, or have one or several syllabuses that you think would fit on the ISPP page, send Neda Kerimi an email via ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com and we'll make sure that it gets the attention it deserves.

By the way, if you feel something is missing from the site, do not hesitate to contact us and we will make sure it gets there.

2011 ISPP JUNIOR SCHOLAR TRAVEL AWARDS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Junior Scholars Committee is pleased to announce the **2011 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 Istanbul, Turkey, July 9-12, 2011.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must be a **paid** ISPP member as of **22 April 2012**.
- The applicant must be a Junior Scholar (i.e., graduate student or person within 8 years post-graduate career).
- The applicant must be **first or sole author** on an **accepted** poster or symposium presentation.
- The applicant must attend the 2011 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 (<http://ispp.org/pdfs/JSCTravelAward2011.pdf>).
2. A non-identifying copy of the submitted abstract.

Travel Award Application Deadline: 22 April 2011

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

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 9 May 2011.

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.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE JSC 2011 - 2012

This is a very exciting time for ISPP's Junior Scholars Committee (JSC). We need you to help us shape the future by becoming involved in the JSC. We are currently accepting self-nominations to the 2011-2012 JSC. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and work with other members of ISPP, provide your highly valued input into the JSC, and enhance your curriculum vitae with international committee experience.

The JSC serves the needs of ISPP's students and early career scholars who have received their degree within the last eight years. To apply to join the JSC, please submit your application materials (described below) to ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com by no later than 30 April 2011.

Open positions in the JSC:

Chair-Elect

Working under the current chair, the person in this position learns 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. The third year of service is in the capacity of chair ex-officio.

Newsletter Co-Editor

Solicits articles and announcements for the Junior Scholars newsletter that is published two times a year

Web Resources Editor

Manages all web-related JSC archives and the JSC Facebook page

Mentoring Program Co-Coordinator

Solicits participation in the mentoring program and works to match mentors with mentees

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: Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

A selection committee comprised of JSC members and Governing Council members will review the applications. The new JSC for 2011-2012 will be announced in May. The new term begins at the end of the annual meeting in July.

Feel free to email us with any questions (ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com) - the current JSC members are happy to assist you in any way possible. Thank you for your interest and good luck!

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, email the following materials to ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com by **30 April 2011**:

- A brief statement of your interest in the JSC and the JSC position(s) that are of most interest to you. This *should be no more than 150 words*.
- An abbreviated curriculum vitae. This *should be no more than 2 pages*. It should only include the following pieces of information: (1) Your name, (2) Your country affiliation, (3) Your educational background, (4) Your discipline, (5) Your current status (e.g., graduate student, postdoctoral researcher, faculty member, etc.) and (6) Your committee/organizational experience in ISPP or elsewhere.

LET'S TALK POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY!

The ISPP Junior Scholars Blog continues to be a source of important announcements and interesting opportunities. Recent posts included a call for proposals for the annual conference for the German Peace Psychology Association, calls for submissions from Public Opinion Quarterly and American Behavioral Scientist, and a number of funding opportunities for junior scholars.

Please come visit us at <https://polpsych.wordpress.com/>. You can now subscribe to the blog so when new posts are made, you receive notification directly to your email. This way, you won't miss a single opportunity!

Also, please feel free to email the blog editors, Aleksandra Cichocka and Maria Rost Rublee, with questions or to let us know what you'd like to see on the blog (ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com).



ISPP SUMMER ACADEMY

Istanbul, July 6th-8th

This July, ISPP will launch the first International Society of Political Psychology - Summer Academy (ISPP - SA) which will take place in Istanbul, Turkey just prior to the annual meeting (July 6th-8th).

The ISPP - SA is designed as a three-day workshop and will train interested faculty and students in both foundational and cutting edge research in the area of political psychology. The Summer Academy's central objective is to spread interest and promote training in political psychology around the world. It will hold morning and afternoon seminars and break-out discussion sessions, and will include a number of social events for instructors and fellows.

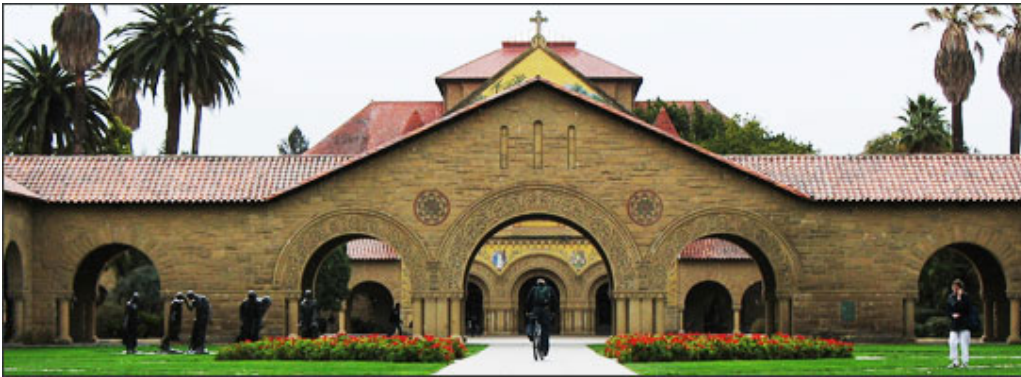
The lectures will address a variety of theoretical issues and key methodological approaches to political psychology; likely topics include Foreign Policy Decision Making, Social Identity, Power and Conformity, Intergroup Violence and Conflict, Multiculturalism and Integration, Social Hierarchies, Terrorism, Media Impact and Political Communication Effects. Instructors will include internationally prominent political psychologists from the fields of psychology and political science and because the Summer Academy occurs in conjunction with the ISPP International conference, it will provide its fellows a unique opportunity to engage with a truly international mix of participants.

The Summer Academy fellows will be expected to attend the ISPP annual meeting in Istanbul, from July 9th till 12th, which will include several special events and sessions for Summer Academy fellows and they will receive a full fee waiver for the ISPP annual meeting, and free ISPP membership for 2011. For 2011, the maximum enrolment will be 30 participants. We invite applications for the ISPP - SA program from Turkish and international scholars interested in learning more about political psychology, particularly graduate and advanced undergraduate students. A preference will be given to young scholars who are likely to teach political psychology and/or conduct political psychology research in the future. A good knowledge of English is essential.

Summer Academy Application Deadline: 1 April 2011

For more information on the ISPP Summer Academy and how to apply, visit:

<http://www.surrey.ac.uk/politics/research/researchareasofstaff/ISPP%20Summer%20Academy%20/>



SUMMER INSTITUTE IN POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Stanford University, July 10th-29th

The Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP) is a three-week intensive training program that introduces graduate students, faculty members and professionals to the world of political psychology. SIPP was founded in 1991 at Ohio State University, and Stanford has hosted SIPP since 2005, with support from Stanford University and from the National Science Foundation. Hundreds of participants have attended SIPP during these years.

The 2011 SIPP curriculum is designed to

- provide broad exposure to theories, empirical findings, and research traditions;
- illustrate successful cross-disciplinary research and integration;
- enhance methodological pluralism;
- strengthen networks among scholars from around the world.

SIPP activities will include lectures by world-class faculty, discussion groups, research/interest group meetings, group projects, and an array of social activities. Some of the topics covered in past SIPP programs include race relations, conflict and dispute resolution, voting and elections, international conflict, decision-making by political elites, moral disengagement and violence, social networks, activism and social protest, political socialization and justice. In 2011, SIPP will accept up to 60 participants, including graduate students, faculty, professionals, and advanced undergraduates. Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis until all slots are filled, so applying soon maximizes chances of acceptance.

Visit the program website at www.stanford.edu/group/sipp for more information.

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http://cet.usc.edu/resources/academic_resources/docs/AcCoverLetters.pdf

<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/careerservices/gradstud/samples/coverletters/guide.html#anatomyofcoverletter>

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/639/01/>

<https://career.berkeley.edu/phds/PhDcover.stm>

http://www.princeton.edu/career/graduates/tool_kit/academic_cover_letters/

http://www.princeton.edu/career/pdfs/guide/8_Career-Services-Guide_Cover-Letters-and-E-mail.pdf

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/research/careermanagement/researchstaff/academiccareers/cv.aspx>

YOUR 2010 – 2011 JSC

We want to hear from you!

Please email us with feedback at ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com

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Current chair: Miriam Matthews (Claremont Graduate University)

Chair-elect: Chris Weber (Louisiana State University)

Chair ex-officio: Janice Adelman (NSI)

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