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★ **January 15 – 17, 2015**  
86<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, at the Hyatt Regency, New Orleans

★ **August 1, 2014**  
Call for Proposals Deadline

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# SPSA SOUTHERN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

## 86<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

January 15 – 17, 2015 | New Orleans, Louisiana  
The Hyatt Regency Hotel, 601 Loyola Ave.

The Southern Political Science Association is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on January 15 – 17, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Join the SPSA in its mission to nurture an intellectually charged environment where scholars come together from around the world to discuss topics ranging across the entire spectrum of national and international political issues.

It is our goal that participants have the opportunity to discuss ideas, theories, and research with colleagues within the field of political science and strive to make improvements within the discipline.

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS! Deadline is August 1, 2014

Please refer to our website, [www.spsa.net](http://www.spsa.net) for information pertaining to: **travel grant opportunities** for student, junior faculty and international participants, as well as, **registration fees, childcare provisions, and the host hotel.**

**PURPOSE**  
Since its inception, the SPSA has maintained a dedication to the improvement of teaching and research in theoretical and practical political problems. In addition to hosting the annual conference, the SPSA publishes

the *Journal of Politics*, one of the leading general journals of political science.

**HISTORY**  
In 1929, the Southern Political Science Association became the first regional political science association. The original statement of purpose has changed very little over the years, remaining focused on improving research and education in the field of political science. The associational meeting has grown from 25 attendees at the first meeting

to recently hosting over 1,000 fellow political scientists.

**MEMBERSHIP**  
Membership to the Southern Political Science Association is available to professionals, students, and retirees. Membership includes a free subscription to the *Journal of Politics* which is published quarterly, as well as, discounted registration for the annual conference. Please visit our website, [www.spsa.net](http://www.spsa.net), for current membership fees.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, Thomas Carsey: My greetings to all members and friends of the SPSA!

We are excited to be back in New Orleans for our 2015 Meeting, especially on MLK week-end in the year we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. We hope you will join us as we return to the Hyatt Regency, which offers an excellent space for our conference.

Our conference continues to grow in diversity, quality, and attendance. Along with traditional panels, we continue to support the “Conference within a Conference” format, which lets a group of scholars with focus on a

common interest meet for multiple sessions in the same location within the meeting. We will also have sections dedicated to Graduate and Undergraduate Student research. For a full listing of the sections for the 2015 Conference, please take a look at Page 3.

I urge you to consider submitting a proposal for a paper, a panel, or even a “Conference within a Conference” and join us at the 2015 Conference next January.





## MEET THE 2015 PROGRAM CHAIR!

**Dr. Judith Baer**, professor of political science at Texas A&M, is a specialist in public law and feminist jurisprudence. Her book, *Our Lives Before the Law: Constructing a Feminist Jurisprudence* (Princeton University Press) won the American Political Science Association's Victoria Schuck Award for the best book on women and politics published in 1999. She has been a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. and a Fulbright Scholar in Istanbul, Turkey. Her most recent book is *Ironic Freedom: Personal Choice, Public Policy, and the Paradox of Reform* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.)

Dr. Baer was president of the Women's Caucus for Political Science in 2002-2003. She was a member of the American Political Science Association Council from 2003 to 2005. Other professional activities include a term on the council of the

Southwestern Political Science Association, a term as editor of the Women's Caucus Political Science Quarterly, and service on the program committees of several national and regional associations. She has served on the editorial board of Women and Politics and is now series editor for the Greenwood Series in Reproductive Rights and Policy.

Before joining the Texas A&M University faculty in 1988, Dr. Baer taught at the State University of New York at Albany and the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

## MESSAGE FROM 2015 PROGRAM CHAIR, JUDITH BAER:

Please join us in January 2015, as the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association will convene in New Orleans for the second straight year—this time on a holiday weekend! Being in New Orleans provides all attendees a great opportunity to combine professional interaction with personal pleasure. As you can see on Page 3, we have put together an outstanding Program Committee, which eagerly awaits your proposals for papers, posters, panels, roundtables, and mini-conferences. We also welcome you to volunteer to serve as chairs or discussants. We also have Sections dedicated to research by both graduate and undergraduate students. The conference is an excellent opportunity for students to present their first conference papers or posters. Please join us next January in the Big Easy!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Call for Proposals Deadline**

August 1, 2014

**SPSA Conference Hotel Rate Begins**

August 1, 2014

**Registration Opens**

September 1, 2014

**Notification of Acceptance and Rejection**

September 10, 2014

**Travel Grant Applications Accepted**

October 1, 2014 to November 1, 2014

**Preliminary Program Available**

Mid - October 2014

**Discounted Registration Rate Ends**

December 7, 2014



If you are interested in participating at the 2015 Conference, please submit your abstract to

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