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★ **January 12 - 14, 2017**
88th Annual Conference, at the Hyatt Regency, New Orleans

★ **September 1, 2016**
Call for Proposals Deadline

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88TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

January 12 - 14, 2017 | New Orleans | Hyatt Regency

The Southern Political Science Association is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its 88th Annual Conference on January 12 - 14, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency, New Orleans.

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 September 1, 2016
Please refer to our website, www.spsa.net for information pertaining to: **travel grant opportunities** for student, junior faculty and international participants, as well as, **registration fees**, and the **host hotel**.

ABOUT THE SPSA

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, for current membership fees.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

William G. Jacoby:

Greetings to all members and friends of the SPSA!

Greetings from the Southern Political Science Association! I am writing to invite you to attend and participate in our 2017

Annual Meetings. Program Chair (and SPSA Vice-President) Jeff Gill has assembled a great Program Committee composed of political scientists with a wide range of professional specializations and perspectives. He has included sections covering all subfields and areas of professional interest within the political science discipline. So, we will be

hosting a very full slate of panels and roundtables. In addition, we continue to encourage "conferences within the conference," in which several panels focusing on a common theme are scheduled sequentially on one (or more) of the meeting days. This format has been very popular at our recent Annual Meetings, and it is a tangible manifestation of the Southern Political Science Association's ongoing commitment to seeking out new forms of professional communication and interaction

After a wonderfully successful 2016 conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico we are returning to New



MEET THE 2017 PROGRAM CHAIR!

Dr. Jeff Gill is Professor of Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis, where he also holds appointments in the School of Medicine's Divisions of Biostatistics and Surgery. He received his PhD in political science from American University, and his research interests include voting, terrorism, Scottish politics, expert elicitation, and bureaucracy, though he also does extensive work in epidemiology and medicine. He is the author of *Essential Mathematics for Political and Social Research* (Cambridge University Press) and *Bayesian Methods: A Social and Behavioral Sciences Approach* (Chapman and Hall/CRC), as well as other books. His articles have appeared in numerous journals, including the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Administration Review*, *Electoral Studies*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, and *Political Analysis*. Before joining the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis, he held positions at the University of California, Davis, Harvard, the University of Florida, and Cal Poly. Dr. Gill currently serves as an Editor for the *Statistics in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* series of monographs from CRC Press.

MESSAGE FROM 2017 PROGRAM CHAIR, DR. JEFF GILL:

Please join us in January 2017 at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans. The 2017 Meeting promises to continue SPSA's commitment to intellectual exchange and professional development in enjoyable and historic settings. We invite proposals from all fields and subfields in the discipline, as well as from scholars in related disciplines working on research related to political science. We have put together an excellent program committee that eagerly awaits your paper proposals and innovative conference ideas, which we are certain will result in another excellent program for the upcoming meeting. You can help in this effort by volunteering to serve as a chair or discussant and recommending the conference as a place to catch up with your collaborators or as a place for young scholars to present new and exciting work. We look forward to seeing you in January of 2017 in New Orleans!

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Orleans next year. The 2017 Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association will be held January 12-14, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Both the hotel and the city more generally are outstanding venues. The hotel provides excellent facilities and amenities for the conference itself, while the city offers a unique blend of culture, history, great food, and good fun. And, for conference attendees from the north (like me!), New Orleans' mild January weather provides a welcome break from winter.

I do hope that you will respond to the Call for Proposals by submitting a paper, offering to serve as a panel chair or discussant, or even by organizing a roundtable or conference within the conference. The SPSA Annual Meetings are well known not only as excellent forums for presenting top tier research, but also for their opportunities to interact with other attendees in a diverse, friendly, and supportive setting. And I want to extend a special invitation to young scholars: My own first conference- as a graduate student, many years ago- was an Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans. For me, that initial conference participation not only helped confirm my career choice, but also influenced my subsequent development as a scholar. I hope that others who are just entering the discipline will have the same kind of positive experience that I did. So, I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in January 2017!

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September 1, 2016

SPSA Conference Hotel Rate Begins
August 1, 2016

Registration Opens
September 1, 2016

Travel Grant Applications Accepted
October 1, 2016 to November 1, 2016

Preliminary Program Available
Mid - October 2016

Discounted Registration Rate Ends
December 7, 2016



If you are interested in participating at the 2017 Conference, please submit your abstract to
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