



The Southern Political Science Association is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its 89th Annual Conference on January 4 - 6, 2018 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, 2017

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 in 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 Association's meeting has grown from 25 attendees at the first meeting to recently hosting over 1,200 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 Judith Baer: Greetings to all members and friends of the SPSA!



In 2018, we return to the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans for our annual meeting. The 2017 conference continued our tradition of development

and improvement in quality, quantity, diversity, relevance, serious scholarship, and serious fun.

Program Chair Saundra Schneider is organizing a full slate of panels, roundtables, and "conferences within conferences" (an SPSA innovation.) Please make her job easier by submitting proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, and "CWC"s by September 1. We need authors, chairs, discussants, and panelists. You'll need a break from work and holidays in mild winter weather. Join us in the Big Easy!



MEET THE 2018 PROGRAM CHAIR!

Dr. Saundra K. Schneider is a professor in the Department of Political Science at Michigan State University. She also is a Research Scientist at the University of Michigan, where she serves as Director of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Previously, Dr. Schneider held faculty positions at the University of South Carolina, Ohio State University, University of Missouri, and University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Before becoming the Director of the ICPSR Summer Program she also served as an instructor in the Program, teaching courses on regression analysis and research design/measurement. She has also taught in a number of other methodology training programs,

including the Australian Consortium for Political and Social Research (ACSPRI) Summer Program and the Workshops in Social Science Research at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. Dr. Schneider received her Ph.D. in Political Science, with a concentration in public policy analysis and evaluation, from Binghamton University in New York.

In addition to her role with the Southern Political Science Association, Dr. Schneider has served as the President and

MESSAGE FROM 2017 Program Chair, Dr. Saundra K. Schneider:

Please join us in January 2018 at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans. The 2018 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 2018 in New Orleans!

Secretary-Treasurer of the State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA), and on the Executive Councils of the State Politics and Policy Section, the Public Policy Section, and the Intergovernmental and Federalism Section of the APSA. She has also been a member of a number of accrediting organizations, including the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration and the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

Professor Schneider's main research and teaching interests focus on public policy and methodology. Her current research examines the policy priorities of the American states, the role of administrative influences in social welfare program developments, the linkages between public opinion and public policy, and the effectiveness of governmental responses to natural disasters. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on the public policy process, bureaucratic politics, social policy development, crisis management, policy analysis and evaluation, methodology and research design, and regression analysis.



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Call for Proposals Deadline September 1, 2017

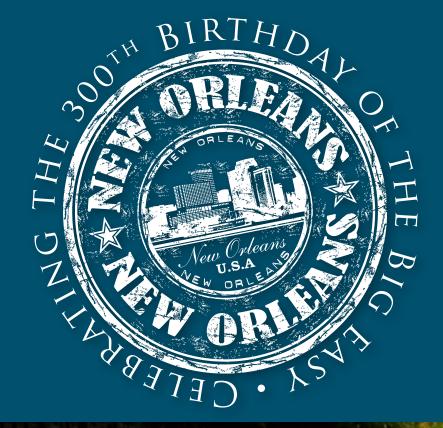
SPSA Conference Hotel Rate Begins August 1, 2017

Early Registration Opens September 1, 2017

Travel Grant Applications Accepted October 1, 2017 to November 1, 2017

Preliminary Program Available Mid - October 2017

Early Registration Rate Ends November 30, 2017



If you are interested in participating in the 2018 Conference, please submit your abstract to

http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/spsa/spsa18

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Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. (EDT)

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