The Southern Political Science Association is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its 90th Annual Conference on January 17 - 19, 2019 in Austin, Texas at the JW Marriott.

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 political issues and ideas. 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.

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

David Lewis:
Please join us in January 2019 for the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) in Austin, Texas. The meeting is gaining a reputation as one of the most diverse and robust meetings in political science. Scholars from all over the world come, attracted by the quality of the work, diversity of the scholars and research, and creative formats. The location does not hurt either! Austin is widely regarded for its food, nightlife, and live music.

A distinguished program committee is ready to work with you to put together an outstanding program. Consider organizing an innovative conference-within-a-conference in which a group of scholars can focus on a common set of topics across a series of contiguously scheduled sessions. Or, propose a relevant panel or roundtable. Submit a paper proposal and volunteer to serve as a chair or discussant.

The SPSA prides itself on being family friendly and provides formal and informal networking and mentoring opportunities for younger scholars. Check out our conference webpage and mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you next January in the capital of the Lone Star State!
Message from 2019 Program Chair, Dr. Christopher Wlezien:

Please join us in January, 2019, as the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association will convene in Austin, Texas for the first time! It promises to be a great occasion for intellectual exchange and professional development in a relaxed and beautiful setting. We have assembled an excellent program committee that eagerly awaits your paper and whole panel proposals and innovative conference ideas. They will be working hard to put together an excellent and rewarding program, and 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 2019 in Austin!

Meet the 2019 Program Chair!

Christopher Wlezien is Hogg Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1989 and his B.A. from Saint Xavier College (Chicago) in 1984 and previously taught at Oxford University, the University of Houston, and Temple University.

His primary, ongoing research develops a “thermostatic” model of public opinion and policy and examines the dynamic interrelationships between preferences and policy in various domains. A cross-national investigation focusing on the US, the UK, and Canada is the subject of a book titled Degrees of Democracy, published by Cambridge University Press. His other major area of research addresses the evolution of voter preferences expressed in pre-election polls over the course of the election cycle. It has been the subject of numerous articles on the US and a book The Timeline of Presidential Elections that was published by the University of Chicago Press.

Dr. Wlezien was founding co-editor of the international Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, and he currently is Associate Editor of Public Opinion Quarterly, Research and Politics, and Parliamentary Affairs and a member of the editorial boards of six other journals. At the University of Texas, he is chair of the methods field in the Department of Government and a faculty affiliate of the Policy Agendas Project and the Center for European Studies.

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