



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

91st Annual Conference | January 9 - 11, 2020 | San Juan, Puerto Rico

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**Deadline is
September 1, 2019**

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.

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Call for Proposals Deadline
September 1, 2019**

**SPSA Conference Hotel
Rate Begins
May 1, 2019**

**Travel Grant Applications
Accepted
October 1, 2019 to November 1, 2019**

**Preliminary Program Available
Mid - October 2019**

**Participation Confirmation/
Changes to Program Due
November 1, 2019**

**Discounted, Online
Early Pre-Registration Ends
November 30, 2019**

**Regular, Online Pre-Registration
December 1 - 31, 2019**

The Southern Political Science Association is pleased to announce that it will be returning to the Hotel Caribe, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to host its 91st Annual Conference on January 9 - 11, 2020.

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

Southern Political Science Association membership 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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE 2020 PROGRAM CHAIR, MARC HETHERINGTON

Please join us in January, 2020, as the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association returns to San Juan, Puerto Rico for its second presidential election year visit. Our first meeting there in 2016 was a smashing success, and this one promises to be even better, especially given that I have (over)-promised Lin Manuel Miranda's attendance. Regardless of whether that works out, there is no place quite like San Juan for a professional meeting. It is the ideal venue 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, not to mention new and innovative conference ideas. They will be working hard to put together an excellent and rewarding program. One way you can help is to volunteer to serve as a chair or discussant. We hope to transform the Southern into the meeting for young scholars to get excellent feedback. That, of course, requires both strong submissions and experienced scholars who are willing to discuss. A second way to help is to recommend the conference far and wide. Attendance at the previous San Juan meeting was record breaking, and we hope to break those records again in 2020. We look forward to seeing you in San Juan!



MEET THE 2020 PROGRAM CHAIR!

Marc Hetherington is the Raymond H. Dawson Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. He has published several books, including *Authoritarianism and Polarization in American Politics* (with Jonathan Weiler) and *Why Washington Won't Work* (with Tom Rudolph). The former recently won the Philip Converse book prize, and the latter won the Alexander George



book prize that same year. Marc has published numerous articles in the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, and *British Journal of Political Science*. He's a past winner of the Emerging Scholar Award from the APSA section on Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, and he has won several teaching awards over the years. His research focuses on the intersection of public opinion and political context. The causes and consequences of polarization and declining trust in government in the electorate have been the central focus of his research. Before beginning graduate school, he worked in politics for two years and continues to count real world politics among his passions.

A wide-angle photograph of a golf course at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, a green golf course is visible, with a flag on a pole to the left. The background shows a coastline with waves and a forested hillside.

JOIN US IN PUERTO RICO!
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Hotel Caribe, 1 San Geronimo Street