

*North Carolina Political Science Association  
Executive Council Update  
October 2020*

Dear NCPSA membership,

This newsletter includes a conference report from #NCPSA2020 and plans for #NCPSA2021 as well as new opportunities for members to connect with one another. Thank you for your interest and engagement with the NC Political Science Association!

## February 2020 Conference Report

*Recognition of Awardees for papers submitted in 2019*

<b>Oral Parks Memorial Award</b> (for best conference paper presented by faculty) Jason Giersch (UNCC) for <i>Protecting Free Speech on Campus (Depending on Ideology)</i>
<b>Fidelity Investments Award</b> (for best conference paper presented by graduate students): None
<b>Troutman-Rainey Award</b> (for best undergraduate paper) : Stefanie Pousoulides (Duke) for <i>The Strategic Choice in Challenging Partisan Gerrymandering</i>

*Slate for 2020-2021 = nominated and approved*

<p><b>Officers</b>  <b>President:</b> Elizabeth Fournier, Saint Augustine’s University  <b>President Elect:</b> Elizabeth Wemlinger, Salem College  <b>Vice President:</b> John Holder, Winthrop University  <b>Treasurer:</b> Andrew Taylor, NC State University  <b>Secretary:</b> Michael Pisapia, Wake Forest University</p>	<p><b>At-Large Members</b>  Jason Giersch, UNC-Charlotte  Magdalena Krajewska, Wingate University  David McLennan, Meredith College  <b>Past President:</b> Terza Lima-Neves, Johnson C. Smith University</p>
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*Recognition of 2019 Award Committees*

<p><b>Faculty Conference Paper Award Committee</b>  Chaired by Magdalena Krajewska, Wingate</p> <p>Dr. Krajewska would like to thank E. Wemlinger (Salem College) and A. Houck (Queens University) for their service to the 2019 Faculty Conference Paper Award selection committee.</p>	<p><b>Undergraduate Award Committee:</b>  Chaired by Jason Giersch, UNC-Charlotte</p> <p>Dr. Giersch would like to thank Sara Dahill-Brown (Wake Forest), John Holder (Winthrop), and Amanda J. Stewart (NC State) for their service to the 2019 Troutman-Rainey Undergraduate Paper Award selection committee.</p>
<p><b>Graduate Award Committee</b></p>	

*Additional Acknowledgements*

- Thank you to Jody Baumgartner his continued service as the NCPSA webmaster.
- Thank you to Bruce McDonald and the North Carolina Public Administration Alliance (NCPAA) for inviting us to collaborate by holding our 2020 conferences jointly in February. Our members expressed satisfaction, noting the importance of conversations linking theory and research to practice. We may pursue another joint conference in the future.

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*Minutes of Membership Meeting*

Courtesy of NCPA Secretary, Michael Pisapia  
(Submitted July 7, 2020)

North Carolina Political Science Association  
49th Annual Meeting, a Joint Conference with the North Carolina Public Administration Alliance  
February 21, 2020, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

**Minutes of the NCPA Business Meeting**  
**5:30 PM, February 21, 2020**

The following members were selected to serve on the NCPA Board for 2020-2021

President: Liz Fournier  
President Elect: Elizabeth Wemlinger  
Vice President: John Holder  
Secretary: Michael Pisapia  
Treasurer: Andy Taylor  
Immediate Past President: Terza Lima-Neves  
Members at Large: Magdalena Krajewska (also chair of Oral Parks Memorial award committee), Jason Giersch (also chair of Troutman-Rainey award committee), and David McLennan (also chair of Fidelity Investments award committee)

The members present then discussed the following:

1. Ways to grow the Conference, including
  1. marketing the conference with attention to faculty at different stages of their careers;
  2. timing advertising for the conference as a workshop opportunity for RI faculty to present their papers before/after national and regional political science conferences;
  3. maintaining/strengthening commitment to undergraduate research and presentations;
  4. forming interdisciplinary thematic panels to attract papers from North Carolina faculties in history and the social sciences, and continuing the partnership with NCPAA;
  5. and rotating conference location to increase membership in Western and coastal regions of the State.
2. NCPA's partnership with NCPAA going forward
3. Strategies for engaging and maintaining communication with current and potential members, including the utility of institutional memberships.
4. Improving NCPA's web presence

*Nominations for Awards*

**Oral Parks Memorial Best Faculty Paper Award**

Self-nominations of papers presented at the February 29 conference were due to the committee chair on July 29.

**Fidelity Investments Graduate Paper Award**

Submissions are still being accepted for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the 2020 NCPA conference.

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If you would like to submit your paper for consideration for the Fidelity Investments Graduate Paper Award, please contact Dr. David McLennan.

**Troutman-Rainey Undergraduate Paper Award**

Submissions are currently under review for the best paper presented by an undergraduate student at the 2020 NCPSA conference.

Please note to be considered for either student award, the author must have been a registered student at the time of the conference, the paper must have been presented at the 2020 NCPSA conference, the paper must be an original work free from any plagiarism, and the paper may not be co-authored with any faculty member. Co-authors are fine, so long as they are undergraduate students as well.

## Treasurer's Report

Courtesy of NCPSA Treasurer, Andrew Taylor

- Current balance: \$7,029.93
- Balance is lower than usual. We have not had any revenues in the past 3 years, but we still gave paper awards (\$500 each) and incurred operating expenses.
- 2017 Conference done jointly with SCPSA was last conference when the Association paid for facilities with those costs offset by revenues from fees, etc.

## Planning 2021 Conference

message from NCPSA 2021 Program Chair, Elizabeth Wemlinger

We are excited to plan this year's upcoming conference in Spring of 2021. We are still in the planning stages as the health situation is uncertain. Yet we are committed to holding our annual conference, whether this is virtual, in-person, or hybrid. We will continue to develop plans for the upcoming conference and share those as soon as we have more information. Please encourage fellow faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates to submit proposals. Our call to papers will go out shortly and we hope you consider submitting a proposal.

## Call to Service

message from NCPSA President, Elizabeth Fournier

There are openings to serve on the NCPSA 2021 Program Committee. If you've always wanted to be more involved in the NCPSA but aren't quite ready to join the Executive Council, serving on one of committees is a great way to get started! Please contact Elizabeth Wemlinger, [elizabeth.wemlinger@salem.edu](mailto:elizabeth.wemlinger@salem.edu), to express your interest.