

North Carolina

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OUR MISSION

The Association seeks to “encourage the understanding of and improve instruction and research in political science; to develop collegial relations and cooperation among political scientists in North Carolina and reach out to political scientists in the region; to establish and improve relations between political scientists and public officials; to encourage a greater understanding of government and politics at all educational levels..”

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Fidelity Investments Best Graduate Paper Award

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Troutman-Rainey Undergraduate Paper Award

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From the President's Corner...

This year we had the opportunity to hold, for the first time in our history, a joint conference with the South Carolina Political Science Association under the presidency of John Holder. This collaborative conference allowed for members across state lines to learn about each other's research and allowed for students to present outstanding work. As we move forward to next year's conference we hope to continue to develop these connections and welcome faculty and students from South Carolina that would like to continue to attend the North Carolina conference.

As our organization considers the goals of the coming year we hope to hear from our members as well as other political scientists in the state about what our organization can do to help them in professional development, research collaboration as well as student mentorship. We continue to see the conference as a way to help students, both undergraduate and graduate, present their research and to connect with graduate programs across the state. Yet we also see the organization as having the potential to provide political science faculty across the state a way to connect and collaborate with other faculty. We hope as we move forward to hear from faculty on how the organization can help political science faculty in North Carolina.

Beth Wemlinger, *NCPSA President*



*L to R: Terza Lima-Neves, Magdalena Krajewska, Mary Jo Shepherd,
Whitney Manzo, Beth Wemlinger, Jason Giersch, John Holder*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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Student-Centered Conference Engagement

“NCPSA was the first conference that allowed me to see the discipline in action. I was able to see active dialogues between academics in multiple subfields happening in a lively community. For the first time I had the opportunity to present my work in a professional setting where I knew it would be well-received and critiqued.

I would advise undergraduates to bring their research ideas or early-stage projects, especially if they are unsure about them. What I found in NCPSA was a space with incredibly collegial academics willing to help develop projects. I firmly believe all social analysis indeed requires social input, and spaces like NCPSA first helped me see myself as a participant in the market of ideas.”

Ramon Garibaldo Valdez
*Graduate student, Yale University
Johnson C. Smith University Alumni*



"My time at the Carolina's Conference was one of the most important experiences I've had in my time as an undergrad. I was able to present research and receive feedback from political scientists from across both North and South Carolina. I was also able to learn about research from being generated from political scientists throughout the Carolinas. The conference was a great learning experience and I hope I will be fortunate enough to attend in the future."

Lexie Piccirillo
Junior, UNC Wilmington

Reflections from Faculty Member and Past President

"I first started coming to the NCPSA conference because I couldn't add any travel to my schedule one year; but I kept coming back for the positive experiences. The group is small enough that it's easy to participate in substantive discussions but also large enough that I could meet new people every time. After I had enjoyed the benefits of the annual conference for a few years, I decided to stay for the membership meeting (typically scheduled for the hour immediately following the last session). I learned who was on the Executive Council and I saw that it seemed like a friendly group. If I spoke during that first meeting, I don't recall. I went again the next year though, and eventually met one of the Board members. And I volunteered to serve on one of the review committees for the conference awards. That is how I became an active member of the North Carolina Political Science Association.

I recommend the organization to all faculty and students that I meet in North Carolina. We are a welcoming group! Some come to launch "test balloons" for research they are considering. The intimate setting of the conference panels allow substantive feedback. Others come so that they can be more involved in the governance and planning, to build their resumes, or to find collaborators. For me, the annual conference is a day to rejuvenate my love of the discipline. It is a low-cost, high-benefit day of recharging the battery. Several schools each year propose panels to feature the work of their undergraduate honors research seminars. These panels can be the most inspiring. Congratulations to all our young scholars!"

Liz Fournier, Past NCPSA President



*Liz Fournier (Center) with past president, Martha Kroppf (Left)
and current president, Beth Wemlinger (Right)*

The 2017 Carolinas Joint Conference Award Committee and Recipients

Recognition of Committee Members

Oral Parks Memorial Award Best Faculty Paper

Chaired by Martha Kropf, UNC-Charlotte
David McLennan, Meredith College
Susan Johnson, UNC – Greensboro
Maggie Commins, Queens University

Fidelity Investments Best Graduate Paper Award

Chaired by Mary Jo Shepherd, UNC-Charlotte
Mark Kelso, Queens University
Charles Prysby, UNC- Greensboro
Peter Francia, East Carolina University

Troutman-Rainey Undergraduate Paper Award

Chaired by Whitney Manzo, Meredith College
Jason Giersch, UNC-Charlotte
Jonathan Jackson, University of Nebraska-
Lincoln
Han Lheem, Fayetteville State University

Recognition of Awardees

Oral Parks Memorial Award

Elizabeth Wemlinger (Salem College) and
Meika Berlan (UNC-Charlotte)

Paper

*Voluntary Memberships and Equality: The Influence
of Country Level Equality on the Voluntary Behavior
of Men and Women*

Fidelity Investments Award

Jonathan Jackson (University of Nebraska-
Lincoln)

Paper

*Deferring to the Experts: Perceptions of Interest
Group Expertise as Heuristic Sources Cues in down-
ballot statewide races*

Troutman-Rainey Award

Emily Grassett (UNC-Charlotte)

Paper

*The Rebel Party: Political Implications of Rebel
Funding*



From the 2017 NCPSA Conference Photo Gallery



Photo Gallery Continued...



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2018 Troutman-Rainey Undergraduate Paper Award

The North Carolina Political Science Association invites North Carolina political science faculty to submit outstanding undergraduate student papers for the Troutman-Rainey Undergraduate Paper Award. This award competition is an excellent opportunity for undergraduate students to become involved in an environment that promotes academic excellence and Professional development.

The winner of the award will be announced at the Luncheon during our annual Conference in February 2018. The winner will receive \$200, can be our guest at the Conference, and will receive a letter of recognition. The winner will be selected by a committee appointed by the NCPSA President using a blind review process.

Rules, Eligibility and Submission Instructions:

The paper must have been presented at the annual conference during that year.

The nominator must ensure the academic integrity of the paper; that is, the paper is/was not plagiarized. Please use available resources such as TURNITIN.COM to assure of this.

The paper must be sent as a pdf file to the chair of the selection committee, Jason Giersch of UNC Charlotte at jgiersch@uncc.edu.

The subject of the email should be titled: "2018 NCPSA Student Award".

The file containing the paper should be titled: "AuthorName_ShortPaperName.pdf"

The cover sheet of the paper should contain the following information (the student's name should not be on the body of the paper):

- a) Student's name
- b) Paper title
- c) Nominating faculty member's name
- d) Student and faculty member's Institution
- e) Course number and name of the course for which the paper was submitted
- f) Date the paper was submitted for course credit
- g) The following signed statement from the student:

This research paper is my own original body of work. I did not deliberately use someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source.

Student Signature: _____

Civil Rights and Law Enforcement Student Panel

*(L to R) Allie Briggs (Winthrop University),
Edward Larwson (University of South Carolina,
Jolito Rivera, Coastal Carolina University,
Terza Lima-Neves (Chair).*



Announcements

Visit our Website

Membership forms are available on the NCPSA website, www.ncpsa.net or email us at ncpsa.execouncil@gmail.com

Submit Your Paper for the Next Conference

The call for papers for the 2018 conference will be posted on the NCPSA website in the fall.

Send Us Your Department News

The Association invites news from all departments teaching political science in North Carolina. These highlights are provided by our colleagues across the state.

Become an Institutional Member

We encourage those who are frequent attendees and bring students to the Conference, to consider becoming institutional members. Please visit our website for more information and the institutional membership form.

Professional Service Opportunities

All NC political scientists who would like to increase their involvement with the North Carolina Political Science Association are invited to submit their names for consideration to serve on a NCPSA committee or as a member of the Executive Council. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the current members of the Executive Council. Our contact information is listed on the NCPSA website.

We Look Forward to Seeing You at The Next Conference!

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