

Academic Year 2024-2025:

May 16 Preparing Your Job Market Files

Presenters: Malliga Och (Denison University) and Beth Reingold (Emory University)

Abstract: Planning to go on the job market next academic year? Join us for a discussion about how to put together your job market materials and prepare for interviews.

April 18 Starting Your New Job

Presenters: Jamil Scott (Georgetown University) and SoRelle Gaynor (College of the Holy Cross)

Abstract: Starting a new job soon? Join us for a conversation about how to set yourself up for success in your new position or workplace.

March 21 Moving in - and out - of Administration

Presenters: Jessica Lavariega Monforti (California State University Channel Islands) and Angela Bos (Boise State University)

Abstract: Considering a move into (or out of) an administrative role? Join us for a discussion about how to make the transition and adjust to a new role.

February 21 Managing Modern Academic Pressures

Presenters: J. Celeste Lay (Tulane University) and Jennie Sweet-Cushman (Chatham University)

Abstract: Join us for a conversation about how to navigate the challenges of modern academic life.

January 17 Navigating AI in and out of the Classroom

Presenters: Victoria Russell (University of Mary Washington) and Madison Williams (Rand Corporation)

Abstract: Having trouble knowing how to handle AI? Join us for a discussion about how to incorporate AI effectively (and ethically!) in the classroom and in research.

December 20 How to Plan an Effective Sabbatical and Other Breaks

Presenters: Lauren Cohen Bell (Randolph Macon University), Annelise Russell (University of Kentucky), and Mona Lena Krook (Rutgers University)

Abstract: Going on sabbatical or taking an extended break in the near future? Join us for a discussion about how to make the most of your time away!

November 15 Teaching Legislatures and Representation

Presenters: Jill Greenlee (Brandeis University) and Christina Xydias (Bucknell University)

Abstract: Join us for a discussion about course design, reading selections, and tips for keeping students engaged when teaching legislatures and representation.

October 18 Networking for Introverts

Presenters: Emily Beaulieu Bacchus (University of Kentucky), Sara Mitchell (University of Iowa)

Abstract: Join us for a discussion about how to build your professional network as an introverted person.

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April 19 Getting Your Research Groove Back On (After a Short or Long Break!)

Presenters: Jen Selin (Pennsylvania State University), Sara Angevine (Whitter College)

Abstract: Join us for a discussion about how to get back into the groove of research when you've had to step away, whether it was for a short time or a longer period

March 15 Balancing Teaching, Research, and Service at a Liberal Arts College

Presenters: Kaitlin Sidorsky (Ramapo College), Jennifer Garcia (Oberlin College)

Abstract: Join us for a discussion about how to best navigate professional demands in a liberal arts college setting.

February 16 Mentoring the Modern Grad Student

Presenters: Kathryn Pearson (University of Minnesota, Associate Professor), Sharece

Thrower (Vanderbilt University, Associate Professor), Rachel Porter (University of Notre Dame, Assistant Professor), Emily Elia (Rice University, Graduate Student)

Abstract: Join us for a discussion about how to best mentor graduate students today and insights about mentoring do's and don't's

January 19 Prepping Your Promotion and Tenure File

Presenters: Heather Ondercin (Appalachian State University), Ivy A.M. Cargile (California State University Bakersfield).

Abstract: Getting ready for a promotion? Panelists will discuss their experiences and share advice on prepping your tenure file.

December 15 Navigating Difficult Departments and Colleagues (and Not Losing Your Mind)

Abstract: Are you dealing with difficulties within your department, dysfunctional norms at your institution, or conflicts with colleagues? Navigating these relationships can be challenging in the academy, especially for women scholars. Join us for a discussion about how to best manage difficult interactions with your department.

November 17 Publishing Roundtable with Journal Editors

Presenters: Tiffany Barnes (*Legislative Studies Quarterly*), Sophia Jordan Wallace (*Political Research Quarterly*), Tracy Osborn (*State Politics & Policy Quarterly*)

Abstract: Join us for a

discussion about publishing! We will have a roundtable of journal editors in the discipline to share their guidance and answer questions about the publishing process.

September 15 Making the Case for Yourself: Pro-Tips for Negotiating Job Offers

Presenters: Malliga Och (Denison University), Katelyn Stauffer (University of Georgia)

Abstract: Current institution got you down and ready for a change? Out on the job market for the first time? Either way, we have you covered. Join Malliga Och, Denison University, and Katelyn Stauffer, University of Georgia, for a conversation about getting hired, changing institutions, and everything you wished you knew about negotiating job offers like a seasoned veteran.

August 19 So, You Want to be a Fellow! Applying for APSA Congressional and Fulbright Fellowships

Presenters: Mary Layton Atkinson (University of North Carolina Charlotte), Karen Wachsmuth (University of Iowa)

Abstract: Fulbrights and APSA Congressional fellowships provide two amazing opportunities for professional and scholarly development. Join Mel Atkinson, UNCC, and Karen Wachsmuth, University of Iowa, as they share their fellowship experiences and ideas for submitting your own successful application.

Academic Year 2022-2023:

May 19 Teaching in Difficult Political Climates

Presenters: Jaclyn Kettler (Boise State University) and Janine Parry (University of Arkansas)

Moderators: Jaclyn Kaslovsky (Rice University)

Abstract: Many U.S. state legislatures are developing policies that would restrict content taught in college classrooms, and these restrictions can be especially relevant for social science curricula. State policies to reform or eliminate the tenure process also raise new uncertainties for faculty. The current political climate in many states poses new difficulties for academia. Join us for a discussion and Q&A session about best teaching approaches in difficult political climates.

April 21 Collaborating in Data Collection

Presenters: Paru Shah (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) and Jen Selin (Administrative Conference of the United States)

Moderators: Jaclyn Kaslovsky (Rice University)

Abstract: Join us for an informative session about how to best develop and manage data collaboration efforts.

March 17 Tenure Letter Writing

Presenters: Mirya Holman (Tulane University) and Christina Wolbrecht (University of Notre Dame)

Moderators: Molly Reynolds (Brookings)

Abstract: Join us for an informative session all about the tenure letter writing process!

February 17 Field Work and Interviewing

Presenters: Amanda Clayton (Vanderbilt University), Alison Craig (University of Texas at Austin), and Annelise Russell (University of Kentucky)

Moderators: Jaelyn Kaslovsky (Rice University)

Abstract: Conducting fieldwork and performing qualitative research can be unpredictable, and many scholars of legislative studies do not receive formal training in interviewing. In this seminar, panelists will share their experiences and advice on conducting fieldwork. Further, we will discuss best practices for talking to elites and conquering the challenges of the IRB.

January 20 Working With Media

Presenters: Molly Reynolds (Brookings), Rosalyn Cooperman (University of Mary Washington), Rebecca J. Kreitzer (UNC Chapel Hill)

Moderators: Molly Reynolds (Brookings)

Abstract: Have questions about best practices for fielding media requests or connecting with reporters? Join Molly Reynolds (as host/panelist), Rosalyn Cooperman (Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science & International Affairs, University of Mary Washington), and Rebecca J. Kreitzer (Associate Professor of Public Policy, Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) for a session on engaging with media on January 20.

December 16 Navigating the Field as a Queer Scholar

Presenters: Hanna Brant (she/her) (SUNY Geneseo), Calla Hummel (xy/xyr) (University of Miami)

Moderators: Molly Reynolds (she/her) (Brookings)

Abstract: Are you a queer scholar navigating grad school, the job market—or beyond? Are you a member of our community looking to become a more effective ally to queer students and colleagues? In this professional development session featuring Hanna Brant (she/her) of SUNY Geneseo and Calla Hummel (xy/xyr) of the University of Miami with moderator Molly Reynolds (she/her) of Brookings, we'll discuss what it's like to experience various stages and spaces in our discipline as a queer scholar and listen and learn about approaches to supporting queer colleagues across the career span.

November 18 Life Beyond R1 Institutions

Presenters: Brooke Allen (Seminole State College of Florida), Lauren Cohen Bell (Randolph-Macon College), Malliga Och (Idaho State University)

Moderators: Jaclyn Kaslovsky (Rice University)

Abstract: Many members of our community work at, are considering working at, or advise students pursuing opportunities at R2 universities, liberal arts colleges, and community colleges. Panelists will discuss what teaching, research, and service look like at these institutions, tips for prospective job applicants (and their advisors), and more.

August 19 How to Maximize Conferences

Presenters: Hye Young You (New York University), Angela X. Ocampo (The University of Texas at Austin), Leslie Schwindt-Bayer (Rice University)

Moderators: Molly Reynolds (Brookings) and Jaclyn Kaslovsky (Rice University) **Abstract:** Scholars often receive conflicting information about conferences regarding how to network, how much to network, and when it is appropriate to ask other scholars to meet. In this seminar, panelists will discuss these issues along with putting together panels, deciding when a paper is ready for a conference, and general advice on presenting.

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May 20 Tips for Coauthoring

Presenters: Diana O'Brien (Rice University), Tracy Osborn (The University of Iowa), Sarah Childs (Royal Holloway, University of London)

Moderators: Molly Reynolds (Brookings)

Abstract: Coauthoring is a core aspect of publishing. Although many of us want to reach out to other scholars with ideas for new projects, it can be intimidating to do so. In this seminar, the panelists will discuss how to build healthy coauthoring relationships and manage different work styles.

April 15 How to Cultivate a Public Presence

Presenters: Gisela Sin (The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Nadia Brown (Georgetown University), Meredith Conroy (California State University, San Bernardino)

Moderators: Molly Reynolds (Brookings)

Abstract: Having a website with clear information about your work is of critical importance. However, websites are just one way to get your work out there. How do scholars build up a public presence? This panel will discuss how to promote your work, Women Also Know Stuff, and other similar topics.

March 18 Getting Involved in APSA Sections

Presenters: Leslie Schwindt-Bayer (Rice University), Eleanor Powell (University of

Wisconsin-Madison), Jamil Scott (Georgetown University)

Moderators: Jaclyn Kaslovsky (Rice University), Molly Reynolds (Brookings) **Abstract:** This panel will focus on the advantages of joining and getting involved in APSA sections. Specifically, panelists will discuss why and how to decide to get involved. Further, they will discuss how being involved in multiple sections can help you network and get the most out of APSA.

February 18 How to Prepare for Summers and Sabbaticals

Presenters: Danielle Thomsen (University of California Irvine), Melinda Ritchie (The Ohio State University), Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Texas A&M University)

Moderators: Molly Reynolds (Brookings)

Abstract: Scholars often find it daunting to prepare for and manage unstructured time. In this panel, speakers will discuss their strategies for doing so. This includes tips for planning work over summers, sabbaticals, and fellowships. Fellowships and sabbaticals in particular provide critical time to write and work on projects, but the process of navigating them can be confusing. As a result, speakers will also discuss how to apply for and maximize such positions.

January 21 Service

Presenters: Tracy Sulkin, University of Illinois and Michelle Taylor-Robinson, Texas A&M

Moderators: Michelle Taylor-Robinson, Texas A&M and Wendy Schiller, Brown University

Abstract: This seminar will explore balancing service to the profession, the community, your university and department. It will cover topics including (1) considering how service can also be part of building your reputation that will be evaluated in promotion files, (2) how to try to plan your service so that you don't get loaded up with not-so-great service opportunities, and either you can't say yes or are overburdened when really useful and fun service opportunities come to you, (3) "allowing yourself to say no without guilt" & moving into academic leadership.

December 17 Career Diversity: Academic, Nonprofits, Government and Industry

Presenters: Michelle Allendoerfer (Director at APSA with responsibilities for the Career Diversity Standing Committee), Elizabeth Rybicki (Specialist on Congress and the Legislative Process, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service), Tanya Schwartz (Current Executive Director at Pi Sigma Alpha and Former Director of Academic and Professional Development at APSA), and Renee Smith (Chief Research Officer, Gutcheck).

Moderators: Janet Box-Steffensmeier (Ohio State University) and Laura Moses (Ohio State University)

Abstract: Wondering what research careers are available outside of academia? Join our panel of political science PhDs as they share tips and their experiences in industry, nonprofits, and government and answer your questions.

Useful resources shared at this event:

<https://www.erdosinstitute.org/>

<https://www.apsanet.org/careers/alt-ac>

<https://www.imaginephd.com/>

<https://beyondprof.com/>

November 19 How to Integrate Research on Political Minorities in Legislatures into Teaching

Presenters: Valerie Martinez-Ebers (University of North Texas), Tracy Osborn (University of Iowa), Beth Reingold (Emory University), Jatia Wrighten (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Moderator: Tracy Osborn, University of Iowa

Abstract: This panel will consider creative ways to bring content on political minorities into courses on legislatures. Questions to address include how to define a “political minority,” new and different ways to integrate this content into legislative politics classes, and how to address possible challenges students might face with this new content.

October 15 The American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program (TIME CHANGE--2:30 ET)

Presenters: Meghan McConaughy (APSA, Congressional Fellowship Program) and Cathy Wineinger (Western Washington University)

Moderator: Molly Reynolds (Brookings Institute)

Abstract: Each year, the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program provides early career scholars (those who have completed a PhD in the last fifteen years or who will defend a dissertation by November of the fellowship year) with an opportunity to experience legislative politics up close through a position in a congressional office. Join us to learn more about the program from Meghan McConaughy, Director of the Congressional Fellowship Program at APSA, and Cathy Wineinger, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Western Washington University and a 2019-2020 Congressional Fellow.

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OCT 15 SEMINAR WILL BE 2:30 - 3:30 ET.

September 17 Strategies and Success: Small Grants in Legislative Studies Presenters: Tiffany White (Executive Director at the Dirksen Center) and Annelise Russell (University of Kentucky)

Moderator: Molly Reynolds (Brookings Institute)

Abstract: Have a great new research idea but need resources to support it? In this session, we’ll talk about small grant opportunities in legislative studies and successes (and failures!) in the grant application process. We’ll hear from Tiffany White of the Dirksen Center, which has a long-running small grants program, and from Annelise Russell of the University of Kentucky, who will talk about her grants experience, with plenty of time for Q&A.

August 20 Focusing on Mid-Career Faculty: Have a Strategy

Presenters: Cherie Maestas (Purdue University), Wendy Schiller (Brown University), Susan Welch (Pennsylvania State University)

Moderator: Janet Box-Steffensmeier (Ohio State University)

Abstract: Promotion to full, but so much more. How to decide when to say yes and when to say no to service. Where do you want to be in the next 2-3 years and 5-6 years?

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January 15 Women Balancing Teaching, Service and Research

Presenters: Nadia Brown (Purdue), Jennifer Piscopo (Occidental College), Kaitlyn Sidorsky (Coastal Carolina University), and Wendy Smooth (Ohio State University) **Moderators:**

Wendy Schiller (Brown) and Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Texas A & M) **Abstract:** Women are so frequently asked to do more service and students tend to come to female profs more than male profs for assistance, and we say yes more often. This holds for assistant, associate, and full professors. One can get sucked into service work and then have a research agenda go off track--our focus is on how to make service choices and how to get research back on track again.

February 19 How to Publish: Hearing from Journal Editors

Panelists: Nadia Brown (Purdue), Kristin Kanthak (Pittsburgh), Valeria Sinclair-Chapman (Purdue), Tracy Sulkin (University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign), and Sophia Jordan Wallace (University of Washington)

Moderator: Nadia Brown (Purdue)

Abstract: This panel will include information on how/if to get feedback on drafts, advice on how to decide where to submit, and how to interpret/respond to reviews. This is a "Meet the Editors Panel" where each panelist will share general advice to authors and reviewers. There will be ample time for Q&A.

March 19 Covid Exacerbations on Women Faculty

Panelists: Mirya Holman (Tulane), Samara Klar (University of Arizona), Kathryn Pearson (University of Minnesota), and Wendy Schiller (Brown)

Moderator: Wendy Schiller (Brown)

Abstract: This panel will explore the ways that the COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for women faculty.

April 16 Social Media Engagement

Panelists: Julia Azari (Marquette), Sarah Binder (George Washington), Whitney Hua

(University of Southern California), and Christina Wolbrecht (Notre Dame)

Moderator: Christina Wolbrecht (Notre Dame)

Abstract: How to best engage in social media and/or have a public-facing component to your scholarship.

May 21 Preparing for the Job Market

Presenters: Julia Payson (New York University), Sharece Thrower (Vanderbilt University), Tessa Provins (University of Pittsburgh)

Moderator: Jaclyn Kaslovsky (Princeton/Rice University)

Abstract: This panel will discuss the best ways to prepare for the job market, including when to start working on materials, how to practice a job talk, and what people can do to prepare for the actual day of the visit.