

## State Politics and Policy Announcements

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### 1) Section Business Meeting and Reception

APSA has now set the time for Section business meetings and receptions. As has been our tradition, the State Politics and Policy Section will hold its business meeting on the first full day of the conference. We hold a reception every other year, and this is the year for it, so please come for the business meeting and stay to meet and greet other Section members as well as our award winners. The business meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 3 at 6:15pm, and the reception will also be on Thursday, Sept 3 at 7:30pm. Room assignments are pending.

### 2) State Politics Listserv

Dave Rausch at West Texas A&M hosts a listserv for people interested in state politics and policy research where you can post queries about data and other information. Information on how to subscribe to the listserv can be found at:

[http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/political\\_science/state\\_politics/joinlist.htm](http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/political_science/state_politics/joinlist.htm)

### 3) Southern Political Science Association Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the 2010 Southern Political Science Association Meeting is August 5th. Submissions are accepted online at: <http://www.spsa.net/>

Tom Carsey is am serving as the section chair for the State Politics section this year. Please consider submitting proposals for individual papers or entire panels.

### 4) SPPQ Best Paper Award

State Politics and Policy Quarterly and the State Politics and Policy organized section will present the SPPQ Best Paper Award to the best paper on the U.S. states presented at any political science conference during the calendar year 2009. The goal of the SPPQ Best Paper Award is to recognize and encourage high quality scholarship on U.S. state politics and policy.

The winning paper will be the one nominated that best tests general theories or models of political behavior, political institutions, or policymaking with evidence from the U.S. states, as determined by the selection committee. The selection committee will look especially favorably on papers that demonstrate the imaginative use of the methodological advantages of the U.S. states.

The author(s) of the winning paper will receive: A plaque commemorating the award; \$250.00, and the opportunity to publish the paper (in revised version, as appropriate) in State Politics and Policy Quarterly.

Any paper presented at a professional conference during the 2009 calendar year that explores issues of U.S. state politics and policy and/or uses data drawn largely from the U.S. states is eligible for nomination.

Nominations may be made to one of the editors of State Politics and Policy Quarterly or to the award selection committee. Nominations should include the name of the author(s), the title of the paper, and the name of the conference at which the paper was presented. If possible, nominations should include a copy of the original paper (preferably in electronic form), as presented at the conference.

The 2009 SPPQ Best Paper Award selection committee members are: Eric Plutzer (chair), Pennsylvania State University ([exp12@psu.edu](mailto:exp12@psu.edu)); Beth Reingold, Emory University ([polbr@emory.edu](mailto:polbr@emory.edu)); and Dennis Grady, Radford University ([dgrady4@RADFORD.EDU](mailto:dgrady4@RADFORD.EDU)) .

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Nominations (including a copy of the paper as presented at the conference) must be received by JANUARY 1, 2010.