

NEWSLETTER: MIDWEST WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

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I. Mission Statement

The Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science is a regional caucus affiliated with the Women's Caucus for Political Science of the American Political Science Association. The Midwest Caucus promotes professional equity for women in the discipline of political science by sponsoring sessions at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, working with the Association to promote the interests of women political scientists, encouraging research that acknowledges and investigates the presence and activities of women in political life, and serving as a network for members between annual meetings.

We welcome your participation and membership. To join the Midwest Caucus or to renew your membership, please complete the form provided on the last page of the newsletter and return it to the Caucus Treasurer as indicated on the form.

II. Message from the Caucus President Kira Sanbonmatsu

Greetings!

Thanks to Gina Branton, we now have a website! Please visit:
<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~branton/MWwomens.html>

The Caucus is sponsoring a host of interesting roundtables at the upcoming conference, thanks to the efforts of Karen Kaufmann, Christina Wolbrecht, Laurie Rhodebeck, and Joanna Scott. The complete list of Caucus professional development roundtables, which address issues relevant to every stage of the academic career, appears below. Many thanks to those of you who are serving as chairs and panelists on these roundtables.

Please be sure to attend the **breakfast business meeting (Friday, April 21st, 7:00 – 8:30 a.m., Crystal, 3rd Floor)**. All members and prospective members are warmly invited to attend. It is a perfect opportunity both to hear about upcoming initiatives and to offer suggestions for expanding the work and reach of the Caucus. Indeed, a Recruitment Committee, led by Kathy Dolan, has been hard at work this year conducting research and proposing a host of innovative ways to expand the Caucus membership. This committee, which included S. Laurel Weldon,

Wendy Smooth, Celeste Montoya Kirk, and Katharine Floros, deserves tremendous credit for assembling this report. We'll discuss their proposals at the meeting.

We will also be holding elections for new officers. I'm happy to announce the proposed slate of new officers: Elizabeth Bennion (President-Elect), Celeste Montoya Kirk (Secretary), and Tracy Osborn (Treasurer). Meanwhile, Gina Branton will continue as newsletter editor (as well as webmaster).

You won't want to miss our annual cocktail reception. **The Caucus reception will be held Thursday, April 20th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Adams (6th Floor).** This year, we are experimenting with a new format for the reception. At the initiative of MPSA President Kenneth Meier, we are co-sponsoring our reception this year with the Midwest Latino/a Caucus, the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and the Midwest LGBT Caucus. I hope to see you there.

I also want to extend my personal congratulations to Sue Carroll, this year's winner of the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award. Congratulations, Sue! We look forward to the panel that will be held in Sue's honor on Friday (at 3:45 p.m.). I am grateful to Karen Kaufmann for her leadership of the award committee. I also want to thank committee members Rosalee Clawson, Pippa Norris, and Tasha Philpot.

I'm very happy to turn the leadership of the Caucus over to the incoming President, Christina Wolbrecht. I'm grateful for Christina's advice and efforts as President-Elect this past year. Thank you, Christina!

Kira Sanbonmatsu
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III. Caucus Events at the 2006 MPSA

Bring your friends! Non-caucus members are invited to attend all events.

Overview of Midwest Women's Caucus Events

How to Pursue a Non-Academic Career, Thursday 8:30 – 10:15 a.m. (49-104)

Poster Session: Sarah Hughes, "Women in Political Science: Trends in Employment and Family Status," Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (49-301)

Teaching Case Studies on Women and Public Policy, Thursday 3:45 - 5:30 p.m. (49-107)

Midwest Women's Caucus Reception, Thursday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Adams, 6th Floor (co-sponsored with: Midwest Latino/a Caucus, the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and the Midwest LGBT Caucus)

Midwest Women's Caucus Breakfast Business Meeting: Friday 7:00 - 8:30 a.m., Crystal, 3rd Floor

Where Most of Us Are: Navigating the Profession of Political Science in Non-Ph.D. Departments and Institutions, Friday 8:30 – 10:15 a.m. (49-103)

Women Should Ask: Negotiation in the Academic Workplace, Friday 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (49-102)

Honoring Susan J. Carroll, Winner of the Women’s Caucus Outstanding Professional Achievement Award, Friday 3:45 – 5:30 p.m. (49-106)

How to Communicate with the Media, Saturday 8:30 - 10:15 a.m. (49-105)

How to Land Your First Job: Tips for the Academic Job Market, Sunday 8:30 – 10:15 a.m. (49-101)

2006 Midwest Women’s Caucus Roundtables in Detail

HOW TO LAND YOUR FIRST JOB: TIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC JOB MARKET

This roundtable will provide advice for graduate students about the academic job market. Members of the roundtable will offer tips on such topics as the application process, the job talk, and the interview. Panelists will draw on their experiences on both sides of the hiring process.

Chair: Tracy Osborn, Bridgewater State College, tosborn@bridgew.edu
Eileen Braman, Indiana University, ebraman@indiana.edu
Tasha Philpot, University of Texas, Austin, tsp228@mail.la.utexas.edu
Mona Lena Krook, Washington University at St. Louis, mlkrook@artsci.wustl.edu
Brandice Canes-Wrone, Princeton University, bcwrone@Princeton.edu
Lisa Wedeen, University of Chicago, l-wedeen@uchicago.edu

WOMEN SHOULD ASK: NEGOTIATION IN THE ACADEMIC WORKPLACE

This panel will provide a discussion of gender dynamics in negotiations. Members of the roundtable include current and former department chairs and deans. Panelists will reflect on their experiences and provide advice about negotiating skillfully and effectively.

Chair: Georgia Duerst-Lahti, Beloit College, duerstgi@beloit.edu
Susan Welch, Pennsylvania State University, swelch@psu.edu
Nancy McGlen, Niagara University, nmcglen@niagara.edu
Kay Lehman Schlozman, Boston College, kschloz@bc.edu
Kristi Andersen, Syracuse University, andersen@maxwell.syr.edu
Lynn Maurer, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, lmaurer@siue.edu

WHERE MOST OF US ARE: NAVIGATING THE PROFESSION OF POLITICAL SCIENCE IN NON-PH.D. DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

This roundtable will address the many issues related to life at non-Ph.D. institutions. Members of the roundtable will discuss such topics as the transition to teaching intensive environments, balancing teaching and publishing, and tokenism in small liberal arts colleges.

Chair: Joanna Scott, Eastern Michigan University, jscott@emich.edu
Jacqueline DeLaat, Marietta College, delaatj@marietta.edu
Tony Affigne, Providence College, affigne@providence.edu
Shirley Geiger, Savannah State University, geigers@savstate.edu

HOW TO PURSUE A NON-ACADEMIC CAREER

This roundtable will discuss alternatives to academic careers. Topics will include the pros and cons of nonacademic jobs, transitioning to a career outside of academia, and the job search.

Chair: Laurie Rhodebeck, University of Louisville, l.rhodebeck@louisville.edu
Bob Gannett, Rtgannett@aol.com, Institute for Community Empowerment
Anna Greenberg, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, agreenberg@greenbergresearch.com
Vicki Kraft, City of Chicago, vkraft@cityofchicago.org
Delia Lloyd, Odyssey, delia_lloyd@hotmail.com
John Samples, jsamples@cato.org, Cato Institute and Johns Hopkins University

ROUNDTABLE: HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE MEDIA

This panel will provide advice about how political scientists can interact with the media. Topics will include how political scientists can engage the media to popularize their ideas, how to respond to media requests, and how to serve as public intellectuals.

Chair: Melissa Harris-Lacewell, University of Chicago, mvharris@uchicago.edu
Janet K. Boles, Marquette University, janet.boles@marquette.edu
Susan MacManus, University of South Florida, Tampa, samacmanus@aol.com
Richard K. Herrmann, The Ohio State University, herrmann.1@osu.edu
Kenneth Goldstein, University of Wisconsin, goldstei@polisci.wisc.edu
Susan J. Carroll, Rutgers University, scarroll@rci.rutgers.edu

ROUNDTABLE: TEACHING CASE STUDIES ON WOMEN AND PUBLIC POLICY (CO-SPONSORED WITH GENDER AND POLITICS AND TEACHING POLITICAL SCIENCE)

A workshop designed to introduce participants to the case study method, how to find cases and instructional materials, and the Center on Women and Public Policy's case study program.

Chair: Sally Kenney, University of Minnesota, skenney@hhh.umn.edu

ROUNDTABLE: HONORING SUSAN J. CARROLL, WINNER OF THE WOMEN'S CAUCUS OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This panel is organized in honor of the recipient of the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award from the Midwest Women's Caucus.

Chair: Karen Kaufmann, University of Maryland, College Park, kkaufmann@gvpt.umd.edu
Susan J. Carroll, Rutgers University, scarroll@rci.rutgers.edu
Roberta Sigel, Rutgers University, rsigel@phsstonebridge.org
Kira Sanbonmatsu, The Ohio State University, sanbonmatsu.1@osu.edu
Georgia Duerst-Lahti, Beloit College, duerstgi@beloit.edu
Ronnee Schreiber, San Diego State University, rschreib@mail.sdsu.edu
Pippa Norris, Harvard University, Pippa_Norris@Harvard.edu

POSTER PRESENTATION

Sarah Hughes. "Women in Political Science: Trends in Employment and Family Status."

IV. Outstanding Professional Achievement Award

Honoring Susan J. Carroll

Each year the Midwest Women's Caucus gives an honorary award to a senior woman in the discipline. We honor those who have produced significant Political Science scholarship (not necessarily in the area of women and politics), who have generously given their time and energies to the Association and the profession, who have actively mentored other women in the profession, and who have consistently served as positive role models. The Women's Caucus is proud to honor Dr. Susan J. Carroll as this year's Award recipient.

Dr. Susan J. Carroll is a Professor of Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University and a Senior Scholar at the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) of the Eagleton Institute. She is also a founder and former president of the Organized Section for Women and Politics Research of the American Political Science Association. Sue received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Miami University of Ohio and her Masters and Doctoral degrees in Political Science from Indiana University.

Sue is a premier scholar in the field of women and politics. She is the author of *Women as Candidates in American Politics*, as well as the editor of several other books regarding the role of American women in the electoral system. Through her work at CAWP, she has authored and co-authored numerous monographs that explore the influence of women office-holders in state and national legislative bodies. She has published more than forty articles and book chapters that explore the behavior and influence of women in the political realm. Simply, her research is seminal for all students of gender and politics.

Sue is a nationally recognized expert on women's participation in politics and has been quoted in every major national newspaper, as well as many national news magazines such as *Time*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Business Week*. She has appeared on network news programs such as "Nightline" and has been heard on numerous radio programs including, "All Things Considered," "Morning Edition," and "Marketplace" on National Public Radio.

Sue is a scholar and an activist. She has a long history of involvement with the American Civil Liberties Union and has served as a member of the board of trustees for the ACLU in New Jersey for 15 years. In honor of her service on behalf of civil liberties and women's rights, Sue has received numerous awards including the Mary Philbrook Award for achievements and contributions to advancing women's equality, and the Georgina Smith Award for Creative and Distinguished Leadership. She has served as a mentor to so many graduate students, and is a role model and an inspiration to many, many others.

Beyond Sue's roles as a scholar and activist, she has successfully worked to build an infrastructure for the study of women and politics. She played an integral role in the development of the Center for American Women and Politics. She also pioneered the graduate program in Women and Politics within the political science department of Rutgers University. While her scholarship has most certainly advanced our knowledge, her service to the discipline will ensure an ongoing, important legacy for future generations of feminist scholars.

For these and many other reasons, the Midwest Women's Caucus is pleased to present Susan J. Carroll with its 2006 Outstanding Professional Achievement Award.

Please join us in honoring Dr. Susan J. Carroll at the Outstanding Professional Achievement Roundtable on Friday, April 21st at 3:45 pm. Roundtable participants will speak to different aspects of Dr. Carroll's contribution to the profession and the discipline. This year's panel will feature Roberta Sigel, Kira Sanbonmatsu, Pippa Norris, Georgia Duerst-Lahti, Ronnee Schreiber, and, of course, Sue Carroll.

AWARD INFORMATION AND PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Every year the Midwest Women's Caucus solicits nominations for the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award. If you would like to nominate an outstanding woman for the 2006-2007 award, please send a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, teaching, service, and mentoring to the 2007 Award Committee Chair Eileen Braman (Indiana University). Her email address is: ebraman@indiana.edu

Past Award Recipients:

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

1993-1994 Doris Graber
1994-1995 Jewell Prestage
1995-1996 Susan Welch
1996-1997 Arlene Saxonhouse
1997-1998 Diane Blair
1998-1999 Roberta Sigel
1999-2000 Peggy Conway
2000-2001 Betty Glad
2001-2002 Karen O'Connor
2002-2003 Virginia Sapiro
2003-2004 Catherine Rudder
2004-2005 Pippa Norris

V. Nominations for Caucus Officers, 2006-2007

President

Christina Wolbrecht is associate professor of political science and director of the Program in American Democracy at the University of Notre Dame. She is the author of *The Politics of Women's Rights: Parties, Positions, and Change* (Princeton, 2000), which received the 2001 Leon D. Epstein Outstanding Book Award from the Political Organizations and Parties Section of the APSA, and the co-editor (with Rodney E. Hero) of *The Politics of Democratic Inclusion* (Temple, 2005). She is currently engaged in a number of collaborative projects, including one using new ecological inference techniques to investigate women's voting behavior after suffrage and another examining the impact of female role models on the political intentions of adolescents.

President-Elect

Elizabeth A. Bennion is a faculty member in the Department of Political Science at Indiana University South Bend. Bennion's research agenda incorporates her commitment to service and

civic engagement. She is interested in the effects of registration and mobilization campaigns on both citizens and young canvassers. Her forthcoming publications in the *Journal of Political Science Education* (Philadelphia, PA: Taylor and Francis, 2006) and *Quick Hits for Educating Citizens* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2006), focus on the impact of voter mobilization campaigns on student canvassers. She is also working on a book on the political mobilization of mothers through grief. She has designed and implemented both door-to-door and phone-based voter mobilization field experiments, one of which was recently published in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2005). She recently received a \$215,000 grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts to conduct an 80-campus (randomized) field experiment testing the relative effectiveness of different voter registration methods. Bennion served as treasurer of the Midwest Women's Caucus from 2002-2004 and as secretary from 2004-2006. She serves on the boards of APSA's Undergraduate Education Section and Women's Caucus for Political Science. A three-time recipient of Indiana University's Trustees' Teaching Award, Bennion also served on the planning committee for the Third Annual APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.

Treasurer

Tracy Osborn is an assistant professor of political science at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. She received her Ph.D. from Indiana University in 2004. Her work focuses on women's representation in the state legislatures, as well as political communication between women and men and public opinion at the mass level. She is currently working on a book manuscript about women legislators' efforts to create a women's issues agenda across different state legislative contexts as well as several articles about the effects of political discussion between men and women. Currently, Tracy also serves as a fellow at the Center for Legislative Studies at Bridgewater State College.

Secretary

Celeste Montoya Kirk (Ph.D., Washington University, 2005) is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She teaches a variety of courses in comparative politics, including courses on social movements and gender politics. Her research focuses on the examination of national and transnational advocacy coalitions and their impact on policy. Her current projects include: an in-depth study of women's rights policy and advocacy in Italy, a project on gender networks in the European Union, and a comparative study of gender violence policy in Southern Europe.

VI. Panel Solicitations for the 2007 MPSA

Each year the Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science sponsors roundtables pertaining to professional development concerns that are salient to graduate students, junior faculty, and senior faculty. Topics covered at recent conferences are listed below. If you are interested in proposing a roundtable topic for the 2007 MPSA Conference or serving on a roundtable, please contact incoming Caucus President Christina Wolbrecht. Her email address is: wolbrecht.1@nd.edu

2005 Meeting

The Politics of Studying Gender

Success in Graduate School and in Finding Academic Employment

Becoming Faculty: Transition to the First Year
News You Can Use: Tips for a Successful Post-Tenure Career
Recruiting and Retaining Women Graduate Students

2004 Meeting

Getting Tenure: Strategies for Success
How Do I Get My Book Published?
Same-Sex Marriage
The Professional and the Personal: Striking a Balance in Your Life
Agents of Change: Women in Higher Education Working to Transform the Academy
Escaping the Quota Frame: Conversations on Minority Representation in Contested APSA Elections

2003 Meeting

Beyond the Women's Caucus? Reflections on the Caucus in the 20th and 21st Centuries
The Joys and Frustrations of Baccalaureate-only Departments
The Rewards and Punishments of Administrative Service in Higher Education
The Future of Graduate Education
Soaking and Poking: Interview Techniques and Strategies for Women and Men

2002 Meeting

What They Don't Teach You in Graduate School
When to Say 'Yes' and How to Say 'No'
Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Making it in the Profession But Were Afraid to Ask
From Dissertation to Alternative Careers in the Academy: Women's Tales from the Field
Poster Session: Experiential Learning and Research: Internships and Fellowships for Graduates and Undergraduates Interested in Women and Politics

VII. News and Announcements

Politics & Gender

Politics & Gender, edited by Karen Beckwith (College of Wooster) and Lisa Baldez (Dartmouth College), and published by Cambridge University Press, is the official journal of the Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association. The journal is an intellectually rigorous, methodologically sophisticated, agenda-setting publication that presents the highest quality scholarship on gender and politics and women and politics. *Politics & Gender* publishes scholarly articles, a regular section on "Critical Perspectives on Gender and Politics," and book reviews. For more information on the journal's aim and scope, archived issues, and instructions for contributors visit:

www.cambridge.org/journals/journal_catalogue.asp?historylinks=ALPHA&mnemonic=PAG

New Edition: *Women in Politics: Outsiders or Insiders?*, 4/E

Lois Duke Whitaker, Georgia Southern University
ISBN: 0-13-134504-4, Publisher: Prentice Hall, 2006, Paper, 400 pp.

Available for American Government, Women and Politics and supplement for graduate political science courses.

This text is designed as a reader on the topic of women and politics to aid in integrating the study of women in the political system. It provides relevant research on women and politics across a spectrum of topics and perspectives. With a feminist theoretical framework, it examines some gender differences in political attitudes and voting, looks at gender cultural reflections in the mass media and group politics, and examines how women have fared in competing for public office. Also discussed are the various branches of government and how women are or are not participating the functions of government, and explore women and national public policy; and women in regard to activism, empowerment, changing roles and cultural expression.

Announcing the *CAWP Series in Gender and American Politics*

Susan J. Carroll (Rutgers University) and Kira Sanbonmatsu (The Ohio State University) are co-editing a new series at the University of Michigan Press. *CAWP Series in Gender and American Politics* publishes innovative work on gender and politics. We invite manuscripts that push the boundaries of current thinking about the ways that gender and politics intersect; that demonstrate the centrality of gender to our understanding of American democracy; that are attentive to linkages among theory, empirical analysis, and political practice; and that study under-represented groups and under-researched topics within the field of women and politics. We encourage work that recognizes that other categories of analysis such as race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality help to constitute and inform gender politics. We welcome manuscripts that adopt a variety of methodological approaches, especially those employing multiple or innovative methods.

CAWP Series in Gender and American Politics is published by the University of Michigan Press in association with the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University. Please contact Susan J. Carroll (scarroll@rci.rutgers.edu), Kira Sanbonmatsu (sanbonmatsu.1@osu.edu), or James F. Reische (jreische@umich.edu), Executive Editor of the University of Michigan Press, for more information.

VIII. MIDWEST WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MEMBERSHIP

RENEW NOW!

It is time to renew your annual membership for the Midwest Women's Caucus, 2006-2007. You can renew by mailing the form below and a check to our treasurer, Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, or you can renew at the Caucus' annual breakfast meeting at the Midwest Political Science Association in April. Your renewal will ensure that you continue to receive the Midwest Women's Caucus newsletter and important information related to the Caucus. If you are unsure of your membership status, please check with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer at schwindt@olemiss.edu.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Do you know someone who might benefit from learning more about the Caucus? We are trying to reach out to more women in the discipline. If you know faculty or graduate students who might be interested in the Caucus, forward this newsletter along to them and encourage them to get involved.

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2006-2007
MIDWEST WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

If you would like to renew your membership or become a member, please complete this form and return it with your payment to:

Professor Leslie Schwindt-Bayer*
Department of Political Science
University of Mississippi
P.O. Box 1848
University, MS 38677

**Make checks payable to "Midwest Women's Caucus"*

Name _____

University Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

Is this a new address within the last 12 months? _____

E-mail Address _____

(We need an accurate e-mail address so that you will receive the newsletter.)

Phone _____

New member _____

Renewing member _____

MIDWEST WOMEN'S CAUCUS DUES:

Student/Unemployed	\$1.00 _____	One-Year Membership	\$10.00 _____
Low Income	\$2.00 _____	Two-Year Membership	\$20.00 _____

Breakfast at the Business Meeting during MPSA 2005 in Chicago:

(For those who attended the business meeting in Chicago)

Student/Unemployed	\$5.00 _____	Faculty/Staff	\$10.00 _____
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You also have the option of joining and paying your

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS DUES:

(These dues will be forwarded to the Treasurer of the APSA Women's Caucus)

Student/Unemployed/Retired	Free _____	Salary \$15,000 - \$40,000	\$20.00 _____
Salary under \$15,000	\$10.00 _____	Salary over \$40,000	\$30.00 _____

Donation to Midwest Women's Caucus: _____ *(Please enter the amount you would like to contribute)*

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Midwest Women's Caucus."

IX. Officer Names and Contact Information, 2005-2006

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