

**Spring 2012 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 Regina Branton**

Greetings from the Midwest Women's Caucus! I am writing to update you on Caucus activities. I am excited about this year's events at the 2012 MPSA meeting. It will be an honor to recognize the winners of the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award, the Graduate Student Travel Award, and our new Early Career Award. Dr. Barbara Burrell has been selected for the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award. Dr. Mona Krook has been selected for the Early Career Award. Finally, the winners of the travel award are Sara Angevine and Katrina Taylor. Please note, the roundtable in honor of Barbara Burrell will be held on Thursday, April 12, 4:35 pm - 6:15 pm. Also, please plan to attend the Caucus business meeting after that roundtable to meet the Early Career and graduate student awardees. Special thanks to President-Elect, Lori Poloni-Staudinger, who facilitated the selection of the award winners!

We have an impressive set of four roundtables on the 2012 Midwest program. In addition to the roundtable honoring Dr. Burrell, we will have a second roundtable focused on the challenges women of color face in graduate school, in the discipline, and in the workplace. A third roundtable focuses on strategies for grant funding. This roundtable will feature participants who have received NSF grants, representatives from the APSA, and a program director at the NSF. The fourth roundtable features a discussion of 2009 APSA-sponsored survey of faculty employed in political science departments.

The discussion will address variation in experiences across departments and the overall professional work environment. I want to personally thank the many Caucus members that have agreed to serve on our roundtables for 2012. I look forward to hearing their presentations in a few weeks.

Finally, at the business meeting, our President-Elect, Dr. Lori Poloni-Staudinger will assume the position of president. I would like you to consider nominations for this coming year's Caucus officers. Dr. Meg Rincker, the current Caucus Newsletter Editor, has graciously agreed to serve as President-Elect next year, Dr. Michelle Wade has agreed to serve for a second term as Caucus Secretary, Dr. Jeanette Mendez has agreed to serve for a second term as Caucus Treasurer, and Dr. Tiffany Barnes will be nominated to serve as the Caucus Newsletter Editor.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Caucus leadership with ideas or suggestions for ways the Caucus can further its mission to promote equity for women in the discipline, while also serving as an important network. In closing, I want to encourage you to attend as many Caucus roundtables as possible. Please encourage your graduate students and junior faculty colleagues to do so as well!

*Regina Branton*  
*President, Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science*  
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### **III. Midwest Women's Caucus Graduate Student Travel Award Winners, 2011-2012**

**The winners of the 2011-2012 Graduate Student Travel Award are: Sara Angevine and Katrina Taylor.** Congratulations! The titles and abstracts of their Midwest 2012 Presentations follow.

Sara Angevine (Rutgers University, PhD Candidate)

Paper Title: Protecting or Empowering Women: An Analysis of How Women are Framed in U.S. Foreign Policy Bill Language

Abstract: In this paper, I identify 316 congressional foreign policy bills that target women's issues abroad between 1973 and 2010. Through a content analysis of these women's issue foreign policy bills, two policy frames emerge: protection or empowerment.

Time: 8:30 am Saturday

Katrina Taylor (Northern Arizona University, PhD Candidate)

Paper Title: Climate Protection Movement Strategic Responses to a Changing Political Economic Environment

Abstract: This project is a study of the impact of changing political economic opportunity structures on U.S. climate protection movement strategic choices between activities, targets and frames.

Time: 8:30 am Thursday

#### IV. Midwest Women's Caucus Early Career Award Winner, 2011-2012

This award recognizes a female (pre-tenure) faculty member based upon her research accomplishments and contribution to the discipline. Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria: an established publication record and continuing research activity, leadership in the profession, and additional evidence of impact. This award will be given once a year, announced in the fall newsletter and published on the caucus website. The recipient of the award will be determined by an award committee composed of President-Elect and two Caucus members. The award will include a plaque or certificate honoring the recipient. Nomination requirements include a letter addressing the qualifications of the candidate, the nominee's current curriculum vitae, research statement, and example of published work. The President-Elect of the Midwest Women's Caucus, Lori Poloni-Staudinger, will serve as the chair of the awards committee and will receive nominations via email at [Lori.Poloni-Staudinger@nau.edu](mailto:Lori.Poloni-Staudinger@nau.edu).

The winner of the Early Career Award is: Mona Lena Krook (Washington University in Saint Louis).

Mona Lena Krook received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University in 2005. She is Assistant Professor of Political Science and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. As of July 2012, she will be Associate Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University. Her doctoral dissertation, entitled *Politicizing Representation: Campaigns for Candidate Gender Quotas Worldwide*, won an Honorable Mention from the American Political Science Association for the Best Dissertation on Women and Politics in 2006. Her first book, *Quotas for Women in Politics: Gender and Candidate Selection Reform Worldwide* (Oxford University Press, 2009) won the American Political Science Association's Victoria Schuck Award in 2010 for the best book on women and politics. Mona is co-editor with Sarah Childs of *Women, Gender, and Politics: A Reader* (Oxford University Press, 2010); with Fiona Mackay of *Gender, Politics, and Institutions: Towards a Feminist Institutionalism* (Palgrave, 2011); and with Susan Franceschet and Jennifer M. Piscopo of *The Impact of Gender Quotas* (Oxford University Press, 2012). Mona has written scholarly articles appearing in the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *the European Journal of International Relations*, *the European Journal of Political Research*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *Politics & Gender*, among others. She was granted a Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award from the National Science Foundation (2010-2015), for a project that will investigate the impact of gender quotas on trends in candidate selection, legislative behavior, public opinion, and mass mobilization. Mona has served as an Associate Editor of *Politics & Gender*, and in 2009 she was also honored with an Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award from Washington University in St. Louis.

Mona Lena Krook's MPSA Presentation:

Gender Quotas, Symbolic Representation, and Political Engagement in Western Europe (Thursday 10:25)

## **V. Midwest Women' Caucus Outstanding Professional Achievement Award Winner, 2011-2012**

Every year the Midwest Women's Caucus bestows an Outstanding Professional Achievement Award on one of the many deserving women in our profession. This award recognizes a senior woman in the discipline who has made a substantial contribution to the scholarship of political science (not necessarily in the field of women and politics), who has made significant contributions to the profession and its associations, who has actively mentored women at her own institution or elsewhere, and who serves as a positive role model for women in the profession. Every year the Caucus organizes a roundtable in honor of the award recipient at the MPSA conference. The roundtable participants speak to the many contributions of the scholar to the profession and the discipline. Past recipients are listed at the end of this call for nominations. Nominations require a letter addressing the qualifications of the candidate with regard to this award and a vita (if possible).

The Winner of the 2010-2011 Midwest Women's Caucus Outstanding Professional Achievement Award is Barbara Burrell. Dr. Burrell is Professor of Political Science at Northern Illinois University. Her research and teaching interests focus on the study of women and politics. Her books include: *Women and Political Participation: A Reference Handbook* (ABC-CLIO, 2004); *Public Opinion, The First Ladyship and Hillary Clinton* (Garland Publishing, 1997); *Public Opinion, The First Ladyship and Hillary Clinton*, expanded edition (Routledge, 2001); *A Woman's Place Is in the House: Campaigning for Congress in the Feminist Era* (University of Michigan Press, 1994). She has published articles in *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Politics & Gender*, *Women, Politics and Policy*, *The Social Science Journal*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Women and Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Polity*, *Western Political Quarterly*, *American Politics Quarterly*, and *Campaigns and Elections*. Additionally, she has written 18 book chapters and numerous book reviews. Despite, Dr. Burrell's stellar scholarly record, her service to the discipline has been equally impressive. Barbara's dedication to the discipline has been apparent throughout her career, as President of the Women's Caucus for Political Science and the Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science as well as serves on a number of Editorial Boards.

## **PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS, OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT**

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  
2005-2006 Susan J. Carroll  
2006-2007 Iris Marion Young  
2007-2008 Mary Hawkesworth  
2008-2009 Kim Fridkin Kahn  
2009-2010 Jane Mansbridge  
2010-2011 Amy Mazur  
2011-2012 Barbara Burrell

## VII. 2012 Roundtable Descriptions

**Special Note: Scholars who are serving as Chairs of the Roundtables listed below are kindly requested to submit 1 page of bullet point notes outlining key points from the 2012 Women's Caucus panels to Meg Rincker at [mrincker@purduecal.edu](mailto:mrincker@purduecal.edu) within one week of the 2012 MPSA, or by April 22, 2012. Thank you in advance!**

*The Newsletter Editor posts these panel summaries on the Midwest Women's Caucus website and they have become an invaluable source of professional development advice for many generations of political scientists.*

### **Roundtable: Does the Chilly Climate in Political Science Still Exist in the New Millennium?**

Date: Thursday, April 12 12:45 pm

This roundtable features a discussion of 2009 APSA-sponsored survey of faculty employed in political science departments. The discussion will address variation in experiences across departments and the overall professional work environment.

Chair: Vicki L. Hesli, University of Iowa

Panelists: Jennifer Diascro, APSA

Mary A. Stegmaier, University of Virginia

Kristi Andersen, Syracuse University

Christina Wolbrecht, University of Notre Dame

### **66-102 Roundtable: Honoring Barbara Burrell, Winner of the Women's Caucus Outstanding Professional Achievement Award**

Date: Thursday, April 12 4:35 pm

Participants will reflect on the contributions and legacy of Professor Burrell's work as a teacher, scholar, and mentor.

Chair: Cindy Simon Rosenthal, University of Oklahoma

Panelists: Brian P. Frederick, Bridgewater State College

Richard Matland, Loyola University Chicago

Andrea Nicole Messing-Mathie, Washington University

Alisa Von Hagel, University of Wisconsin-Superior

### **66-103 Roundtable: The Intersection of Race/Ethnicity and Gender in the Discipline**

**Date: Saturday, April 14 10:25 am**

This roundtable will discuss the challenges women of color face in graduate school, in the discipline, and in the workplace.

Chair: Paula D. McClain, Duke University

Panelists: Betina Cutaia Wilkinson, Wake Forest University

Marcela Garcia-Castanon, University of Washington

Jane Y. Junn, University of Southern California

### **66-101 Roundtable: Strategies for Grant Funding**

**Date: Saturday, April 14 12:45 pm**

This roundtable will focus on strategies for grant funding. The roundtable will feature participants who have received NSF grants, a representative from the APSA, and a program director at the NSF.

Chair: Lori M. Poloni-Staudinger, Northern Arizona University

Panelists: Rebecca J. Hannagan, Northern Illinois University

Mona Lena Krook, Washington University, St. Louis

Erik S. Herron, National Science Foundation/University of Kansas

Michelle L. Dion, McMaster University

Saturday, April 14 12:45 pm - 2:25 pm

### **VIII. Roundtable Solicitations for 2013 MPSA**

The Caucus sponsors roundtables at the Midwest Political Science Association conference. Roundtables engage scholars at all stages of the political science career and tackle topics related to professional development. Past roundtables have covered topics such as: work-life balance, teaching strategies, publishing, professional service, and the tenure process.

For the 2013 MPSA conference, Caucus roundtables will discuss grant funding, obstacles women of color in the discipline face, and the current climate in departments and the discipline. If you would like to serve as a chair or participant for a roundtable, please contact Regina Branton at [branton@unt.edu](mailto:branton@unt.edu). The Caucus encourages your attendance at these exciting roundtables.

Additionally, if you are chosen as a Chair of a Roundtable, one of your duties is to provide a one half page of typed notes summarizing in bullet point form key points from the Roundtable you chair. All Roundtable Chairs must submit notes to the Caucus President by April 30, 2012. These notes or summaries of the roundtables are posted on the MPSA Women's Caucus website, and constitute a lasting contribution to the professional development of women scholars.

#### **IX. Call for Nominations: Caucus Officers**

The Midwest Caucus is now accepting nominations for officers. Serving as a Caucus officer is a great way to participate in the profession and to promote women in political science. Please consider nominating someone you know or yourself for the position of president-elect or newsletter editor (with terms to begin in April 2012). Job descriptions are included below.

President-elect: serves for one-year, followed by a second year as President; consults with the President on Caucus business; organizes one roundtable for the annual meeting. The President is typically a tenured professor, thus the President-elect should anticipate tenure by the time she assumes presidential duties.  
Newsletter editor: serves for two years; assembles biannual Caucus newsletter; maintains Caucus website.

If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone, contact Regina Branton at [branton@unt.edu](mailto:branton@unt.edu).

#### **X. Officer Names and Contact Information**

##### **President**

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University of North Texas  
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##### **President-Elect**

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## **XI. Treasurer's Report and Membership Form 2012-2013**

We invite you to join the Women's Caucus! Please complete the form on the following page and return it to Treasurer Jeanette Mendez.

If you are already a member of the Midwest Women's Caucus, **please don't forget to update your membership for 2012-2013 and pay your dues for the current year.** You can do this by paying at the annual meeting, or by mailing a check to the Treasurer (address is at the top of the membership form).

We have noticed over the past couple of years there is a decline in member's renewing their memberships and paying current dues, so we encourage you to do so. Membership dues are increasingly important as we are now funding graduate student travel grants. Please take a moment to renew your membership!



**MIDWEST WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE  
Membership Form 2012-2013**

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

**Jeanette Mendez  
Department of Political Science  
Oklahoma State University  
213 Murray Hall  
Stillwater, OK 74078**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Low Income**                      **\$2.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**One-Year Membership**                      **\$10.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Two-Year Membership**                      **\$20.00** \_\_\_\_\_

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