

Women's Caucus for Political Science: South Newsletter

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2011 SPSA Conference

The 82nd annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association will be held at the InterContinental Hotel in New Orleans, LA, January 6-8, 2011. Below is a list of important information about the conference.

- Joanne Connor-Green and Jaime Pimlot are the section heads for Women & Politics for the 2011 meeting.
- The Business Meeting for the Women's Caucus will be held 5:00-6:00pm, at the Pan American Life Conference & Media Center / Mardis Gras II.
- A link to the preliminary program can be found at the SPSA's website, www.spsa.net. Please see the last page of this newsletter for an overview of panels, roundtables, and meetings that may be of particular interest.
- Kiddie Corp will be providing child care at the annual meeting. The registration form is available at http://www.spsa.net/images/documents/registration_form.pdf.

For over 20 years, the Women's Caucus for Political Science: South (WCPS) has provided personal and professional support for women political scientists through service. The Caucus serves as a clearinghouse for information, informal networking, and publishing opportunities. The WCPS is one of five regional caucuses, and it strives to increase panel and convention activity, provide greater input in the Southern Political Science Association, and promote policies that support the interests of women in the profession. Many thanks to all who continue to support the Caucus by joining the organization, organizing and co-sponsoring panels, presenting papers and attending our annual business meetings. Please visit our webpage, temporarily housed at http://www.lsu.edu/faculty/bratton/spsaweb/caucus_webpage.html

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MEET THE OFFICERS

Kate Bratton, President

Kate Bratton is Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at Louisiana State University. She received her BA from George Mason University and PhD from University of North Carolina. Her research and teaching interests include gender and politics; race, ethnicity, and politics; legislative politics; and state politics. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Politics*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, and *Politics & Gender*.

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Vice President

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman received her PhD from the Ohio State University. Her research interests focus on African-American and minority politics, political representation, voting rights and redistricting, legislative politics, and political participation. Her work has been published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* and she is co-author of *Countervailing Forces: Exploring the Macro-Dynamics of Black Political Participation in the Post-Civil Rights Era*, with Frederick C. Harris and Brian McKenzie (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Margie Ferguson, Secretary

Margie Ferguson is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She received her BA in Political Science at the University of Southern Mississippi, and her MA and PhD in Political Science at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Her research and teaching interests lie within the field of American Politics, and center on state and local politics, executive politics, legislative politics, and welfare policy. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Psychology*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, and *Public Administration Review*.

Sara Zeigler, Treasurer

Sara Zeigler is a Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department of Government at Eastern Kentucky University. She received her B.A. from Reed College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles. Her major fields are political theory and public law, and her minor field is women's studies.

Sara's research interests include such subjects as women's labor, women in the military, feminist theory, and abortion policy and interest group activity. Her work has appeared in several journals, including: *Ethics and International Affairs*, *Review of Public Personnel Administration*, *Journal of Conflict Studies*, *Polity*, and *Social Science History*. She is also the coauthor of *What's Next for G.I. Jane? Women Warriors and the U.S. Military* (2005).

Jocelyn J. Evans, Newsletter Editor

Jocelyn Jones Evans is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of West Florida where she teaches American Politics and Women and Politics. Evans earned her B.A. from Berry College in 1997 and her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 2002. Before joining the faculty at the University of West Florida in 2003, she served as an APSA Congressional Fellow. Jocelyn's research interests include: women and partisanship, the impact of terrorism on Capitol Hill, legislative behavior, and antifeminism. She is the author of *Women, Partisanship, and Congress* (Palgrave, 2005), *One Nation under Siege: Congress, Terrorism, and the Fate of American Democracy* (University Press of Kentucky), and *Central Ideas in American Politics* (Soomo Publications). Her work has also appeared in the *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Social Sciences Quarterly*, and *Political Research Quarterly*.

**Business Meeting Minutes
Women's Caucus for Political Science—South
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2010
4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.**

Present: Laura Wolliver, Melissa A. Bell, Anne Cizmar, Sue Tolleson Rinehart, Jocelyn Evans, Margie Ferguson, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Sara Zeigler, Margie Brassil, Laura Olson, Kate Bratton (bratton@lsu.edu)

Introduction of current officers: Laura Olson (President), Kate Bratton (VP), Sara Zeigler (Treasurer), Valeria Sinclair-Chapman (Secretary), Jocelyn Evans (newsletter editor), Michelle Hale Williams (website developer, not present at meeting) and Margie Ferguson (will be nominated as secretary)

Agenda Items:

2011 Conference: Olson announced that Larry Dodd will be next year's program committee chair, and Joanne Connor-Green and Jaime Pimlot will be the section heads for Women & Politics.

Minutes: Olson indicated that the minutes were included in the newsletter. Motion to accept minutes made by Laura Wolliver, Kate Bratton seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sara Zeigler, treasurer's report: Zeigler indicated that the Caucus has reimbursed Evelyn Simien for the plaque for Fairchild Award, and shipping for material. Zeigler gave information about the balances in checking and CD. Olson asked individuals to pay \$7 dues to Sara Zeigler.

Travel award ideas: Olson indicated that there had been some discussion at last year's meeting about dedicating travel awards for women faculty and women graduate students. Olson said that there had been an ongoing discussion with Karen McCurdy, and that it might be best to work to advertise the existing travel awards for graduate students and junior faculty that the SPSA currently offers. Karen indicated that SPSA has fully funded 100 travel awards. Graduate students and junior faculty need to be on the program to be eligible, and can apply for funding as soon as the preliminary program is made up. They are distributed on a first-come first-serve basis. In most years, faculty and students can still get on the list in early December.

SPSA: Karen McCurdy, the executive director of SPSA, was introduced. McCurdy announced that Kiddie Corps is still part of the SPSA budget, and that five families are using this service (six children). She suggested that we spread the word that this service was available at the SPSA. McCurdy also reported on ongoing discussions of the SPSA website. The SPSA would like to revamp the existing website, but Interactive capability is extremely expensive. McCurdy should know about the status of any redesign during the spring, and will keep in communication with Caucus officers.

Nominated slates of officers: Olson presented the slate of nominated candidates for officers for 2010. Kate Bratton (President), Valeria Sinclair-Chapman (VP), Margie Ferguson (secretary), Jocelyn Evans (newsletter editor), Sara Zeigler (treasurer), Michelle Hale Williams (website). Sue Tolleson Rinehart moved that the slate of candidates presented be approved. Laura Olson seconded. Approval by voice vote.

Erika Fairchild Award: Nominee will be selected Past year's present (Olson), current year's present (Bratton), prior award winner (Sharon Wright-Austin). This process will be taking place during the next few months.

Future initiatives: We continue to be extremely concerned about the fiscal situation at both private and public institutions, shortages in travel funds, furloughs, etc.

Olson asked for other suggestions from the floor: Laura Wolliver suggested that we consider having a book award. Perhaps gender and southern politics? Kate Bratton will look into this over the course of the spring.

Further Announcements & New Business

Speaker: Olson announced that the Pi Sigma Alpha speaker will be U.S. Representative David Price, who is a political scientist (Duke) currently serving in the U.S. Congress. He will be speaking from 6:30-7:30, reception to follow.

Awards: Olson announced that Amy Atcheson and Ian Down of U-TN Knoxville are this year's recipients of the Marian Irish Award for their paper "Women in the Cabinet and Female Friendly Social Policy."

Panels: Olson announced that there are four Women & Politics panels, all held tomorrow (Friday). The more people who attend panels, the more slots are given in subsequent years, so attendance at panels is important. There are also two roundtable organized by the Women's Caucus, including a panel on "Coping in an Era on Budget Cuts" and one on "Professional Development". There is also a panel organized by the GLBT caucus on "Is the South an Inherently Hostile Region". There was some discussion of what the professional development panel would include; not clear who the audience will be, so it may be graduate student, assistant faculty, or associate faculty. Other professional development issues include balancing family and work, moving off the tenure track, or serving in non-political science departments.

Question was also raised about attendance at the Southern. Olson indicated that McCurdy had said that there were more proposals than ever before. However, there is no updated information available about attendance.

Introductions: Wolliver suggested that we introduce ourselves, and we did that.

SPSA Website: The difficulty of uploading papers to the SPSA website was raised, and there was some discussion of possible alternative methods of accessing papers. Some discussion of establishing a facebook site. Several issues were discussed: desire to have an electronic presence for the Women's Caucus (such as on Facebook); desire to have access to papers of interest to the Women's Caucus; larger problem of access to all papers presented at SPSA.

Announcement: Wolliver announced that Amy Locke won the Diane Blair award; she is a political scientist at Hampden University, and was the mayor of Hampden, Virginia. Wolliver also thanked Laura Olson for her service to the Caucus.

Adjourned, 5:20 pm.

2011 Erika Fairchild Award

The WCPS-South created the Erika Fairchild Award to honor the late Erika Fairchild, an early President of the WCPS-South. Awarded every two years, the Fairchild Award recognizes a strong record of scholarship, a strong commitment to students and teaching, service to the profession and a collegial spirit. Prior award winners include Sharon Wright Austin, Julie Dolan, Marian Lief Palley, Catherine Rudder, Karen O'Connor, Marianne Githens, and M. Margaret Conway. The 2011 Erika Fairchild award committee included Kathleen Bratton (Chair, LSU), Julie Dolan (Macalester College), and Sharon Wright Austin (University of Florida).

We are pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2011 Erika Fairchild award is Dr. Susan Haire. Dr. Haire received her PhD in 1993 from the University of South Carolina, and is currently a faculty member in the Department of Political Science at the University of Georgia, and an affiliated faculty with the Institute for Women's Studies at UGA. Her research examines decision-making in the United States Courts of Appeals. With Donald Songer and Reginald Sheehan, she is the author of *Continuity and Change on the United States Courts of Appeals* (University of Michigan, 2000), and has authored or co-authored works in a variety of academic journals, including the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, and *Law and Society Review*. She has an extensive record of service on a wide variety of Department and University committees, and has served on the Executive Council for the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association, and as a section chair for the annual meetings of both the American Political Science Association and the Southern Political Science Association. She has also served as Program Officer for the National Science Foundation. Perhaps most notably, Dr. Haire's extensive collaboration with graduate students and junior faculty both at Georgia and at other institutions reflects her commitment to mentoring in the discipline. She has directed eight dissertations; her students have gone on to faculty positions at the University of Vermont, the University of Utah, Catawba College, Kennesaw State, Western Carolina, and Louisiana State University.

Marion Irish Award

Congratulations to Barb Palmer and Dennis Simon, whose paper ("From the Fringe to the Forefront: Women as Third Party Candidates in Elections to the U.S. House of Representatives, 1900-2008") has been selected as the recipient of the Southern Political Science Association's **Marian Irish Award** for the best paper in Women & Politics presented at the 2010 SPSA conference. Thanks also to the committee members (Kate Bratton, Laura Olson, Sarah Gershon, Lori Marso, Maria Rosales, and Lois Whitaker) for their contributions.

2011 Southern Panels, Roundtables, Meetings, and Addresses of Interest

- **Roundtable: Black Politics After the Civil Rights Revolution: Celebrating the Scholarly Contributions of Dianne Pinderhughes.** (Thursday, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm; Hotel InterContinental / La Salle C)
- **Roundtable: Career Advice for Graduate Students: What Every Graduate Student Should Know** (Thursday, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Hotel InterContinental / Vieux Carre A)
- **Women's Caucus Business Meeting** (Thursday, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Pan American Life Conference & Media Center/ Mardis Gras II)
- **Pi Sigma Alpha Address**, Norman Orstein, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (Thursday, 6:30-7:30, Pan American Life Auditorium)
- **SPSA Welcoming Reception** (Thursday, 7:30-8:30, Hotel Intercontinental / Solarium Lobby). Erika Fairchild Award presentation.
- **SPSA Annual Business Meeting** (Friday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Hotel InterContinental / Pontalba)
- **Subscription Luncheon: Carole Pateman, University of California Los Angeles** (Friday, 12:45 pm – 2:45 pm, Hotel InterContinental / Cabildo)
- **Roundtable: Getting a Job in Political Science** (Friday, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Hotel InterContinental / Vieux Carre A)
- **Roundtable: Getting on a Journal Editorial Board** (Friday, 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm, Hotel InterContinental, Vieux Carre A)
- **Roundtable: Advice and Admonitions for New Instructors** (Friday, 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm (Pan American Life Conference & Media Center / Jazz)
- **Presidential Address**, Carol Weissert (Friday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (Hotel InterContinental / LaSalle C)
- **Presidential Reception** (Friday, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Hotel InterContinental / La Salle Prefunction)
- **Roundtable: NSF Funding Opportunities and Procedures** (Saturday, 9:45 am – 11:15 am, Hotel InterContinental / LaSalle C)
- **Ascribed Characteristics: How Race and Gender of the Professor Impact Classroom Dynamics** (Saturday, 1:15 – 2:45 pm, Pan American Life Conference & Media Center/ Bayou 4)
- **Roundtable / Panel: Women in Political Science in the South: What we Know and What We're Finding Out** (Saturday, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Hotel InterContinental / Pontalba)

Announcements

You've Come A Long Way, Baby: Women, Politics, and Popular Culture

[Lilly J. Goren](#) (Editor)

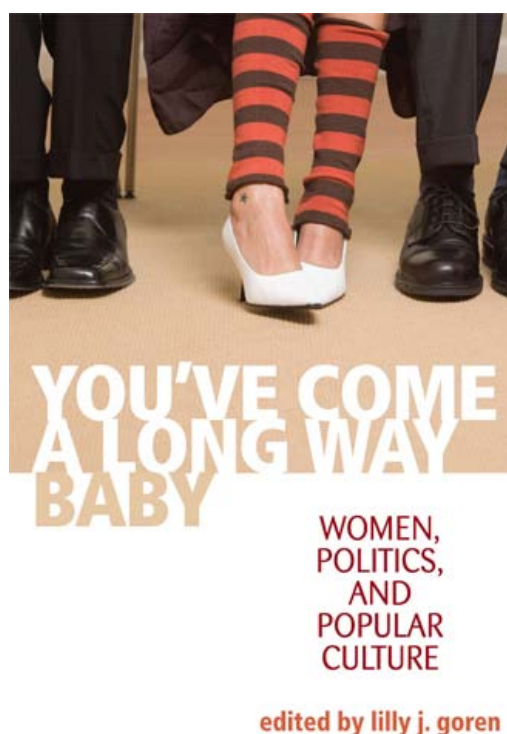
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The landmark 2008 presidential and vice presidential campaigns of Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin brought the role of women in American leadership into sharper focus than ever before. These women and others such as Nancy Pelosi and Katie Couric who are successful in traditionally male-dominated fields, demonstrate how women's roles have changed in the last thirty years. In the past, the nightly news was anchored by male journalists, presidential cabinets were composed solely of male advisors, and a female presidential candidate was an idea for the distant future, but the efforts of dedicated reformers have changed the social landscape. The empowerment of women is not limited to the political sphere, but is also echoed by the portrayal of women in film, television, magazines, and literature. *You've Come a Long Way, Baby: Women, Politics, and Popular Culture* investigates the role of popular culture in women's lives. Framed by discussions of contemporary feminism, the volume examines gender in relation to sexuality, the workplace, consumerism, fashion, politics, and the beauty industry. In analyzing societal depictions of women, editor Lilly J. Goren and an impressive list of contributors illustrate how media reflects and shapes the feminine sense of power, identity, and the daily challenges of the twenty-first century. Along with a discussion of women in politics, various contributors examine a range of gender-related issues from modern motherhood and its implications for female independence to the roles of women and feminism in pop music. In addition, Natalie Fuehrer Taylor outlines the evolution of women's magazines from *Ladies' Home Journal* to *Cosmopolitan*. The impact of television and literature on body image issues is also explored by Linda Beail, who draws on trendy chick lit phenomena such as *Gossip Girl* and *Sex and the City*, and Emily Askew, who analyzes the effects of image transformation in programs such as *The Swan* and *Extreme Makeover*. As comprehensive as it is accessible, *You've Come a Long Way, Baby* is a practical guide to understanding modern gender roles. In tracing the different ways in which femininity is constructed and viewed, the book demonstrates how women have reclaimed traditionally domestic activities that include knitting, gardening, and cooking, as well as feminine symbols such as Barbie dolls, high heels, and lipstick. Though the demand for and pursuit of gender equality

opened many doors, the contributors reveal that fictional women's roles are often at odds with the daily experiences of most women. By employing an open approach rather than adhering to a single, narrow theory, *You've Come a Long Way, Baby* appeals not only to scholars and students of gender studies but to anyone interested in confronting the struggles and celebrating the achievements of women in modern society.



Women and Politics: The Pursuit of Equality

[Lynne E. Ford](#)

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WOMEN AND POLITICS examines the pursuit of gender equality from two viewpoints: the legal equality doctrine, which emphasizes gender neutrality, and the fairness doctrine, which recognizes differences between men and women. The text's in-depth analysis and clear presentation of theory and history helps students to think critically about gender and about the challenges faced by women today and in the past. Extensive coverage of diversity among women and consistent attention to the intersections of race, class, and gender are integral to the text's two-viewpoints theme.

Women in Power in Post-Communist Parliaments

[Marilyn Rueschemeyer](#) (Editor), [Sharon L. Wolchik](#) (Editor)

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Women in Power in Post-Communist Parliaments examines the life and work of women who have reached positions of political power after the end of communism in Europe. It explores the roles they have adopted, the relationships they have cultivated, and the agendas they have pursued. Much of the literature on women in post-Communist states has focused on one or two countries. This volume treats the issues comparatively, in six countries -- the Czech Republic, Germany (with a focus on the former GDR), Slovenia, Bulgaria, Poland, and Russia. It also includes interviews with and written statements by the very "women in power" discussed in the first half of the book, giving voice to their common and divergent experiences as political actors within an environment of stormy economies and new foreign engagements, particularly with the European Union.

