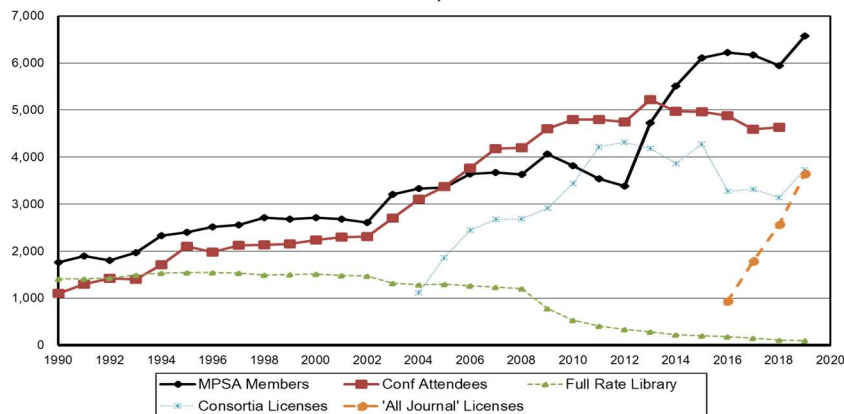


Date: May 15, 2020
 From: William Morgan, Executive Director
 RE: MPSA 2019 Annual Report

A. Programmatic Activities

The financial health of the MPSA is tied to three key areas from which the bulk of the operational income is derived: the number of institutional subscribers (Traditional, Consortia, and “All Journals”), the number of registered conference attendees, and the number of members (Figure 1). At the end of 2019, the MPSA was doing quite well, with the number of paid institutional subscribers and individual members at a record high. The 2019 conference had a near record number of presenters and papers and a record number of sessions.

Figure 1. Membership, Conference Attendance, Institutional Subscribers, 1990-2019



B. Financial Position as of 12/31/2019

In 2019, the MPSA had an operational income of \$2,207,670 and expenses of \$2,209,564 which produced a net operational loss of \$1,894, substantially less than the budgeted loss of about \$295,000. The investment income was budgeted to be about \$386,000 but was \$1,061,046, producing a record net surplus of \$1,059,152. At the end of 2019, the MPSA was in a sound financial position with \$7,561,964 in total assets.

The MPSA started 2019 with about \$106,000 in various funds that are used to provide paper awards (see Appendix A for a list of research award winners). Members generously provided almost \$16,000 in donations for these various funds (see Appendix B for a list of contributors). With the increased market value of MPSA’s investments, by the end of 2019, the total balance for these awards increased to over \$141,000.

The MPSA supports members through a several awards. In 2019, the MPSA provided over \$44,000 in conference fee waiver scholarships for graduate students and scholars from the developing world. The MPSA also provided almost \$62,000 in complimentary memberships for scholars from the developing world and members of the *AJPS* Editorial Board. For the conference the MPSA underwrites the cost of on-site childcare so members’ costs are just \$5/hour. The MPSA also provides several \$500 Conference Travel Scholarships for Graduate Students. The MPSA provides over 7,000 libraries in the developing world with complimentary access to the *AJPS*.

Appendix A. MPSA Research Awards

MPSA sponsors many awards for outstanding research presented at the annual conference and an award for the best article published in each volume of the American Journal of Political Science (AJPS). Nominations are made by conference chairs, discussants, and section heads after the conference and awards committees select the winning papers. The following awards will be presented for research presented at the 2019 conference:

A. FLAGSHIP AWARDS

1. Pi Sigma Alpha Award. A \$500 award - best paper presented at the MPSA conference. The nomination pool will consist of papers selected for the field awards.

Winner: “Govern the Ungoverned: How State Presence Leads to Civil Conflict.” Luwei Ying, Washington University in St. Louis.

Award Committee: Brad Gomez, Florida State University (Chair); Caroline Tolbert, University of Iowa; Rachel Bowen, Ohio State University; Virginia Oliveros, Tulane University; Hannah Alarian, University of Florida.

2. AJPS Best Article Award. A \$1,000 award for the best article appearing in the volume of the AJPS published in the year preceding the conference.

Winner: “Social Networks and Protest Participation: Evidence from 130 Million Twitter Users.” Jennifer M. Larson, Vanderbilt University, Jonathan Nagler, New York University, Jonathan Ronen, Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Joshua A. Tucker, New York University.

Winner: “Descriptive and Substantive Representation in Congress: Evidence from 80,000 Congressional Inquiries.” Kenneth Lowande, University of Michigan, Melinda Ritchie, University of California, Riverside, Erinn Lauterbach, University of California, Riverside.

Award Committee: Jonathan Andrew Rodden, Stanford University (Chair); Daniel Kono, University of California Davis; Jessica Rich, Marquette University; Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Rice University; Kendall Funk, Arizona State University.

B. FIELD AWARDS

1. Best Paper in American Politics. A \$250 award.

Winner: “Their Economic Pain, Our Emotional Gain? How Punishing the Rich Motivates Concerns about Inequality.” H. Hannah Nam, Stony Brook University, Yanna Krupnikov, Stony Brook University, Samuel Jens, Stony Brook University.

Award Committee: Nate Monroe, University of California-Merced (Chair); Samara Klar, University of Arizona; Vanessa Baird, University of Colorado-Boulder.

2. Best Paper in International Relations. A \$250 award.

Winner: “Govern the Ungoverned: How State Presence Leads to Civil Conflict.” Luwei Ying, Washington University in St. Louis.

Award Committee: Benjamin Appel, Michigan State (Chair); Jacqueline DeMeritt, University of North Texas; Christina Cliff, Franklin Pierce University.

3. Best Paper in Political Behavior. A \$250 award - best paper on political behavior.

Winner: “Their Economic Pain, Our Emotional Gain? How Punishing the Rich Motivates Concerns about Inequality.” H. Hannah Nam, Stony Brook University, Yanna Krupnikov, Stony Brook University, Samuel Jens, Stony Brook University.

Award Committee: Lily Mason, University of Maryland, College Park (Chair); Rosario Aguilar-Pariente, Newcastle University; Camille Burge, Villanova University.

4. Evan Ringquist Award. A \$250 award - best paper on the topic of political institutions.

Winner: “Democracy Thrives in Secret? Ballot Reform and Representation in the United States.”

Daniel J. Moskowitz, University of Chicago, Jon C. Rogowski, Harvard University

Award Committee: Wendy Hansen, University of New Mexico (Chair); Benjamin Bricker, Southern Illinois University; Eric Magar, ITAM.

5. Kellogg/Notre Dame Award. A \$250 award - best paper in comparative politics.

Winner: “From Religious Violence to Political Compromise: The Historical Origins of Institutional Trust.” Isabela Mares, Yale University, Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed, Columbia University.

Award Committee: Tiffany Barnes, University of Kentucky (Chair); Guillermo Rosas, Washington University St. Louis; Stephen Bloom, Southern Illinois University.

6. Kenneth J. Meier Award. A \$250 award - best paper in bureaucratic politics, public administration, or public policy.

Winner: “Bureaucratic Responsiveness to LGBT Americans,” Kenneth Lowande, University of Michigan, Andrew Proctor, University of Minnesota.

Award Committee: Rachel Potter, University of Virginia (Chair); Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University; Manuel Teodoro, Texas A&M University.

7. Review of Politics Award. A \$250 award - best paper in normative political theory.

Winner: “The Scale of Social Tyranny: Public Shaming and Social Norms.” Harrison Frye, University of Georgia.

Award Committee: Alexander Kirshner, Duke University (Chair); Joshua Dienstag, UCLA; Lorraine McCrary, Wabash College.

8. Robert H. Durr Award. A \$250 award - best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem.

Winner: “Do International Employment Opportunities Impact Individuals’ Political Preferences and Behavior?” Nikhar Gaikwad, Columbia University, Kolby Hanson, Columbia University, Aliz Toth, Stanford University.

Award Committee: David Bateman, Cornell University (Chair); Tom Nelson, Ohio State University; Wendy Tam Cho, University of Illinois.

C. SUBFIELD AWARDS

1. Lucius Barker Award. A \$250 award - best paper on race or ethnicity and politics.

Winner: “The Politics of Skin Color: Measuring Public Opinion & Skin Tone Identity.” Nicole Yadon, University of Michigan.

Award Committee: Taeku Lee, University of Berkeley (Chair); Valerie Martinez-Ebers, University of North Texas; Gabriel R. Sanchez, University of New Mexico; Christopher Sebastian Parker, University of Washington.

2. Patrick J. Fett Award. A \$250 award - best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the presidency.

Winner: “Democracy Thrives in Secret? Ballot Reform and Representation in the United States.”

Daniel J. Moskowitz, University of Chicago, Jon C. Rogowski, Harvard University.

Award Committee: Kenneth Lowande, University of Michigan (Chair); Scott Adler, University of Colorado Boulder; Gisela Sin, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

3. Sophonisba Breckinridge Award. A \$250 award - best paper on women and politics.

Winner: “Perceiving is Believing? Women’s Representation, Perception & Feelings of Political Efficacy.” Katelyn E. Stauffer, University of South Carolina.

Award Committee: Julia Hellwege, University of South Dakota (Chair); Liza Mugge, University of Amsterdam; Erin Cassese, University of Delaware.

4. Richard E. Matland Award. A \$250 award - best paper by an emerging scholar in representation, elections, or voting. (Lead) author is untenured faculty or graduate student.

Winner: “Understanding and Reducing Biases in Elite Beliefs About the Electorate.” Miguel Maria Pereira, Washington University in St. Louis.

Award Committee: Mandi Bailey, Valdosta State University (Chair); Jesse Rhodes, University of Massachusetts; Thessalia Merivaki, Mississippi State University.

D. CAREER STAGE AWARDS

1. Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar. A \$250 award - best paper by a scholar(s) who has or have received the terminal degree(s) within six years of when the paper was presented.

Winner: “Empowering Decisions? Gendered Effect of Direct Democracy on Political Efficacy.” Jeong Hyun Kim, Louisiana State University.

Award Committee: Michael Jones-Correa, University of Pennsylvania (Chair); Noam Gidron, Hebrew University - Jerusalem; Rachel Ellett, Beloit College.

2. Best Paper by a Graduate Student Award. A \$250 award.

Winner: “The Social Contagion of Party Membership in Chile.” Cameron Sells, University of California San Diego.

Award Committee: Barry Burden, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Chair); Sibel Oktay, University of Illinois-Springfield; Melissa Rogers, Claremont Graduate School.

3. Best Paper by an Undergraduate Student Award. A \$250 award.

Winner: “Identifying Logics of Violence in the Spatial Distribution of Brazilian Prison Gang Attacks.” Silvia Moreno, University of Chicago.

Winner: “How Characteristics of Members of the House of Representatives and the Political Environment Affect the Use of Political Attacks on Twitter.” Jacob Sargent, Clemson University, Spencer Shellnutt, Clemson University, Nicholas Deas, Clemson University.

Award Committee: Mark Miller, Clark University (Chair); Carl Palmer, Illinois State; Daniel Chand, Kent State.

4. Herbert Simon Award. A \$500 award for a scholar who has made a significant contribution to the scientific study of bureaucracy.

Winner: Anthony Bertelli, Bocconi University; Pennsylvania State University.

Award Committee: Midwest Caucus for Public Administration.

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