GREETINGS TO FPG MEMBERS

It has been a busy year for the FPG-APSA. The FPG-APSA participated in three well-attended panels at this past year’s conference – one was selected as a theme panel - and one roundtable.

Special congratulations go to Vincent Tiberj! The biennial Stanley Hoffmann Best Article Award on French Politics was awarded to him for his 2013 article - "Values and the Votes from Mitterrand to Hollande: The Rise of the Two-axis Politics" – published in Parliamentary Affairs. A timely examination of the increasing salience of cultural debates within politics, Tiberj explains how both first and second round elections in France are now shaped by debates concerning economics as well as “new politics” issues such as multiculturalism and immigration. This decreased support for the Left among blue collar workers. Meanwhile, the APSA paper titled “Prime Ministers and the Electoral Cost of Using the Confidence Vote in Legislative Bargaining,” coauthored by Michael Becher, Sylvain Brouard and Isabelle Guinaudeau, was selected for the 2016 Frank L. Wilson APSA paper award. In 2017, we will be once again awarding the Wilson Prize as well as the George Lavau Dissertation Award. The French Politics Group is proud to recognize and support excellence in research on France.

We are currently welcoming proposals (full panels preferred) for the 2017 Annual Meeting, and remind you that APSA has moved the deadline back after the Winter holidays to January 9. With the recent policy changes at APSA, we may not be able to accept all panels proposed to us, however it is imperative to nevertheless demonstrate to APSA the degree of interest in French Politics—so do not be shy about submitting those proposals and papers, and we will do all we can to accept the maximum amount of excellent work we can.

If you have not had a chance yet, we would encourage you to check out our new and fully updated website on the APSA site. http://web.apsanet.org/fpg/

As always, we would like to thank people and institutions supporting of the FPG, and, among them, particularly former co-coordinator Amy Mazur, Robert Elgie, the AFSP as
well as the sponsors of the award Sciences Po Paris and French Politics, Culture & Society.

Bien cordialement,
Jennifer Fredette

**News from the French Politics Groups-APSA**

**PARTICIPATION IN APSA, 2016**
Find below the FPG and AFSP panels and papers presented during APSA’s 2016 annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Panel: **Comparing American and French Presidential Campaigns**

Cosponsorship by Division 38: POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

**Chair**
Christina Holtz-Bacha, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

**Discussants**
Ann N. Crigler, University of Southern California
Dannagal G. Young, University of Delaware

**Participants**
*Philippe J. Maarek*, University Paris East
The 2012 American and French Presidential Debates Parallel Lessons

*Chris Wells, Jack van Thomme, Alex Hanna, Jon C. W. Pevehouse, Dhavan Vinod Shah*,
University of Wisconsin-Madison
*Erik P. Bucy*, Texas Tech University
*Peter Maurer*, University of Vienna
Real Time Spin and Social Media Response during the 2012 French and US Debates

*Darren Lilleker*, Bornemouth University
*Karolina Koc Michalska*, Audencia School of Management
The Evolution of Interactive Campaigning from Royal to Obama to Hollande

*Anaïs Theviot*, Sciences Po Bordeaux
Toward a Standardization of Campaign Strategies Based on the Obama « Model »

*Gabriel Goodliffe*, Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico
Interpreting the Front National Vote in the 2015 Regional Elections in France

Roundtable: **Who’s Charlie? Teaching the 2015 Paris Attacks & Other Dramatic Current Events**
Cosponsorship by Division 10: POLITICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

Chair
Jennifer Fredette, Ohio University

Participants
William J. Muck, North Central College
Heather N. Pool, Denison University
Jennifer Woodward, Middle Tennessee State University
Patrick F. McKinlay, Morningside College

Cosponsorship by THEME PANEL

Chair
Jennifer Fredette, Ohio University

Participants
Martial Foucault, Sciences Po Paris
George E. Marcus, Williams College
Pavlos Vasilopoulos, CEVIPOF
The Paris Attacks—Terrorist Events, Emotional Reactions, Political Participation

Justin Gest, George Mason University
Muslims in Europe and the US: Drivers of Integration Beyond Resource Determinism

Brandon Kendhammer, Ohio University
Jennifer Fredette, Ohio University
Laïcité through Nonwestern Lenses—Comparing State Efforts to Incorporate Muslims

Antoine JARDIN, Sciences Po Paris
French Politics and the Emergence of Homegrown Jihadism: 2012-2016

Cosponsorship by Division 34: REPRESENTATION AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

Chair
Jennifer Fredette, Ohio University

Discussants
Vincent Pons, Harvard Business School

Participants
Sylvain Brouard, Sciences Po
Martial Foucault, Sciences Po
The Effects of Ranking and Distance in a Mixed Run-off System

Bernard Dolez, Université Paris 1
Annie Laurent, Université de Lille
André Blais, University of Montreal
Rank Matters: Strategic Desertion in the Second Round of French Local Elections

Cal Angus Le Gall, Salzburg University
Raul Magni-Berton, Sciences Po Grenoble, Univ. Grenoble-Alpes
Are First-Order Elections becoming Second-Order Elections?

Vincent Pons, Harvard Business School
Clémence Tricaud, Ecole Polytechnique
Strategic or Sincere Voters? Evidence from a RDD in French Elections

PARTICIPATION IN APSA, 2017
August 31 - September 3, 2017
San Francisco, CA
The Quest for Legitimacy: Actors, Audiences and Aspirations.

The American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting for 2017 will be held in San Francisco, CA. Proposals for papers, panels and roundtables need to be submitted through the APSA web-based system by January 9, 2017. Proposals must also be submitted to the FPG coordinators by this deadline. Given our limited number of panel slots, a pre-requisite for all submissions is co-sponsorship, so please indicate your division cosponsor in your application. We will still accept proposals for individual papers, but we will give priority to complete panels and will place papers on preexisting panels, where possible. We also will give priority consideration to panels addressing this year’s conference theme. Be sure to let us know you are doing this; we will also contact the theme program chairs on your behalf. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us; we are happy to help you with the APSA web based submission system, which can be difficult to navigate.
THREE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN APSA

Short Courses at APSA – Also remember the short course format at APSA. You can hold half day or day long workshops on a given topic the Wednesday prior to the conference. The deadline is not until mid March for this and short courses are automatically accepted. This is a great format for teaching workshops or coordinating a new or on-going project.

Working Group - A specific working group on French Politics can be organized just prior to the meetings, through APSA’s coordinating system. A working group attends all relevant panels’ sessions and meets regularly throughout the meetings outside of those sessions to discuss related issues. The group has organized a French Politics working group in the past; members are welcome to lead one and we can help you with the organization.

AFSP Related Group -- The AFSP welcomes paper and panel proposals on a wide range of topics related to the study and/or practice of French and European Political Science. Proposals that include political scientists from France as well as other countries are encouraged along with proposals that focus on the theme of this year’s meetings. Co-sponsorships with other groups/divisions are required for acceptance. The group is co-administered with the French Politics Group (APSA). CONTACTS: Jennifer Fredette, co-convener of the FPG, Department of Political Science, Ohio University, E-mail: fredette@ohio.edu; Sylvain Brouard, co-convener of the FPG, CEVIPOF, Sciences Po, E-mail: sylvain.brouard@sciencespo.fr

FRENCH POLITICS GROUP AWARDS

Stanley Hoffmann Best Article Award on French Politics

Administered by the FPG with the AFSP and financed by Sciences Po Paris, this award is given every other year to the best English-language article on French Politics published in any peer reviewed journal during the previous two years. The award was first given in 2007. Articles may be on any aspect of French Politics and the selection committee consults a full range of journals that publish scholarship on French Politics. Prize money is 1900 euros and the recipient is required to accept the award at the annual APSA meetings the year the award is made. Articles published in 2015 and 2016 will be considered for the 2018 award.

2016 Award

338 articles published in 2013 and 2014 were considered. Award Committee: Jennifer Fredette (Department of Political Science, Ohio University), Eric Kerrouche (Centre E. Durkheim, Sciences Po Bordeaux), and Christoph Hönnige (University of Hannover).

2013 Award

337 articles published in 2011 and 2012 were considered. Award Committee: Bruno Palier (Centre d’Études Européennes, Sciences Po Paris), André Blais (Université de Montréal), and David Laitin (Stanford University).

Recipient: Peter H. Egger and Doina M. Radulescu were distinguished for the following article: “Family policy and the number of children: Evidence from a natural experiment,” European Journal of Political Economy, 28 (2012), 524-539.

2011 Award

301 articles published in 2009 and 2010 in 143 different journals were considered. Award Committee: John Gaffney (Aston University), Jonah Levy (University California, Berkeley) and Annie Laurent (CERAPS).

Recipient: Kathleen Thelen (MIT) and Bruno Palier (Centre d’Études Européennes, Sciences Po Paris) ”Institutionalizing Dualism: Complementarities and Change in France and Germany,” Politics & Society 38: 1 (March 2010), 119-148.

2009 Award

181 articles published in 2007 and 2008 were considered in 99 different journals; 139 journals were searched. Award Committee: Frank Baumgartner (Penn State University); Jocelyn Evans (University of Salford); Sophie Duschesne (CEVIPOF).


2007 Award

223 articles published in 2005 through 2006 were considered from 112 refereed journals. The committee was comprised of Stanley Hoffmann—Chair (Harvard University), Gérard Grunberg (Sciences Po Paris), Pierre Hassner (Sciences Po Paris). The committee selected the following three winners, with the top prize going to James Shields.

James Shields (University of Warwick) for his January 2006 article in Parliamentary Affairs, “Political Representation in France: A Crisis of Democracy?”

David Yost (US Naval Postgraduate School) for his June 2006 article in International Affairs, “France’s New Nuclear Doctrine”

Elaine Thomas (Bard College) for her March 2006 article in Ethnic and Racial Studies, “Keeping Identity at A Distance: Explaining France’s New Legal Restrictions on the Islamic Headscarf”.

Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award

Inaugurated in 2004, the award is given each year for papers presented on French politics at the previous year’s meeting. Papers may be comparative as long as a significant part focuses on France.
The Wilson Award winners for 2016 are co-authors Michael Becher, Sylvain Brouard and Isabelle Guinaudeau, with their paper entitled “Prime Ministers and the Electoral Cost of Using the Confidence Vote in Legislative Bargaining.”

The paper was selected from a pool of 14 papers that were available for download. The selection was based on the schedule of the French Politics Group at the 2014 APSA meeting and a search in the APSA database for papers that included “France” or “French” in their abstracts.

**2016 Award Committee:** Marc A. Bodet (Université Laval), Jennifer Fredette (Ohio University), Vincent Pons (Harvard University).

**Georges Lavau Dissertation Award**

The French Politics Group awards a prize for the best dissertation on contemporary (twentieth and twentieth-first century) French politics (or with a significant component on French politics). The prize, co-sponsored by the FPG and French Politics, Culture & Society, brings with it an award of $100 (and great prestige). Previous winners have reached the highest levels of this profession—in the spirit of Georges Lavau.

The award was first made in 1993 and is given every three years. Previous awardees include:

- Crystal M. Fleming 2012, (PhD, Harvard University)
- Marcos Ancelovici 2008 (PhD, MIT)
- Cindy Skach 2005 (PhD, Harvard University)
- Virginie Guiraudon 1999 (PhD, Harvard University)
- John Huber 1996 (PhD, University of Rochester)
- Amy Mazur 1993 (PhD, New York University)

The 2017 award will consider English-language dissertations defended between January 2012 and December 2016.

**News from the French Politics, Policy and Society Group-PSA**

Since September 2010, the UK Political Studies Association’s French Politics and Policy specialist group has been convened by Alistair Cole and Helen Drake. As of September 2014, Nick Startin (University of Bath) and Aurelien Mondon (University of Bath) have taken over as coordinators of the group. The group continues to expand and currently has 72 members in the UK, France and beyond.

**PARTICIPATION IN PSA, 2017**
The PSA French Politics and Policy group will organize a roundtable at the annual conference in Glasgow on Tuesday 11 April from 15:30 to 17:00 to discuss the presidential elections. This will take place less than two weeks before the first round and allow us to weigh the potential candidates and speculate on how effective their campaigns have been.

We will also organize an event in Paris on the election to try and bring together French and British scholars and stakeholders. Details will be announced soon.

About the FPPS-PSA

The new convenors are keen to facilitate academic exchange of all kinds and invite ideas for conferences, workshops or other events around the general theme of French politics. E-mail either of the new coordinators if you would like to join the group – nj.startin@bath.ac.uk or a.mondon@bath.ac.uk. To find out more about our future plans/events follow us on Twitter: @PSAFrPol