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SAN ANTONIO RIVER FOUND. | DISCOVER YOUR RIVER

In every corner of the world, there is a case where people “up and moved” a river. One such case was the channelization of the San Antonio River in the twentieth century. If the last century was about moving rivers for people, this century has been about bringing people back to rivers. The San Antonio River Foundation (<https://www.sariverfoundation.org/>) is one of many organizations worldwide seeking to reconnect people and rivers. Since its inception in 2003, the Foundation has focused on restoration, beautification, and education efforts in the

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Viewing the Journal

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San Antonio River Basin. Working with governmental and non-governmental partners to restore the river's ecosystem, the Foundation is behind many of the improvements and amenities that have made the River Walk and the San Antonio River into what they are today.

WSSA members should take some good advice: Look for the San Antonio River Foundation at the Conference. Come to the Riverscapes Session in the Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Management section on Thursday, April 5. Stroll the Riverwalk and take a side journey to Confluence Park—each will be well worth it.



*by Anthony J. Amato,
Vice President, WSSA,*

*with assistance from
Robert Amerman,
SARF*

The Social Science Journal : New Editors

The Editor of *The Social Science Journal* is responsible for the overall editorial management and development of the *Journal*, including coordination of refereeing articles submitted to the *Journal* for review.



Dr. Stephanie Witt, *The Social Science Journal*'s current Editor, has done an excellent job with the *Journal*, increasing its impact in the field and considerably reducing the submission-to-publication time. Dr. Witt graciously volunteered to fill the void after the unexpected loss of the previous editor, intending to stay in the position for one year. At the end of that time, at the request of the WSSA Executive Board, she agreed to stay longer. She is

now stepping down to pursue other career interests, but generously provided the new editors with some training before she left.



The Western Social Science Association has, for the first time, contracted to have a pair of Co-Editors, instead of a single editor. **WSSA is pleased to introduce to you the new Co-Editors of *The Social Science Journal*.**



Krista Lynn Minnotte, PhD,

and



Daphne Pedersen, PhD.

Both of our new Co-Editors are Professors of Sociology at the University of North Dakota, both are long-time contributors to *The Social Science Journal*, and both have served on its editorial board under two editors. Dr. Minnotte's first published work was in the *Journal*, a piece co-authored with Dr. Pedersen in 2003, about public attitudes regarding female clergy and priests. Dr. Minnotte and Dr. Pedersen have a long and productive professional relationship, spanning teaching and academic work, research, and service.

Independently, they each have a productive research and publication record, experience working on multiple editorial boards, and strong organizational skills. Both have served in leadership roles for international professional organizations, chaired university committees, and each has served as Graduate Director for the Sociology MA program at UND.

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They have multiple cross-disciplinary collaborations, in research, grant writing, and publication. As work-family scholars, an interdisciplinary field, they regularly work with colleagues across multiple disciplines, publish in a variety of interdisciplinary journals, and present their work in interdisciplinary contexts.

Together, they have pledged to work to ensure continued momentum in the journal's trajectory and esteem. They view the top priorities of the editorship to include attention to the *Journal's* growing impact factor, maintaining a strong support network of committed editorial board members and reviewers, and support for early and/or international scholars seeking publication in US markets.

The co-editors envision special issues and invited manuscripts on topics strategically selected to foster transdisciplinary dialogue, as well as other mechanisms to increase interest and contributions to the *Journal* and its impact factor.

As *Journal* editors, they have assured the WSSA that they would also like to build on the successful efforts of WSSA by working with section coordinators, and by highlighting the research of those selected as outstanding emerging scholars and paper award winners.

Your New Executive Board Members

The 2018 Election results are as follows:

President :

Debra Diane Andrist



Vice-President/Secretary:

Dianne Calloway-Graham



Board Members :

Jessica Clark



Monica Gallamore



Steve Mumme



FAKE NEWS, FAKE SUBMISSIONS



by Anthony J. Amato,
Vice President, WSSA

As many have pointed out, fake news is no news. It has been around a long time and it also contains none of the truth necessary to be news. Today's current fakery extends to many other areas of life including academic conferences and journals. While many people are familiar with cases of fake authorship, fake data, and fake evidence, few are familiar with fake (i.e. insincere) submissions. These submissions to journals and conferences come from individuals with no intent in ever presenting or publishing where they submit. If editors' and organizers' experiences serve, these insincere submissions come along every so often and their motives vary—padding a c.v., discharging a grant obligation, obtaining an entry visa, or even shaking down an academic organization for a first-class trip or hard cash.

Aside from these outright fakes, there are submissions that fail to produce the expected follow-through (presentation or publication) from the submitters themselves. Some of these failed submissions could benefit from greater commitment and earnestness among those working in higher education. Across the nation, numerous courses include journal or conference submissions as course requirements for students. These requirements are great ways to make students “get work out of the door,” according to many, and conferences and journal submission are important to an education. They enable students to participate fully in the highest finishing stage of their work, and they add an authentic and real-world component to academic courses. Yet, there are those instructors and administrators who require submission but make no effort to assist their students in following up after submission. The resources necessary for follow-up can be as little as a nominal college travel grant or two hours of an advisor's time with a manuscript. The result of a lack of this encouragement and support is an incomplete experience—or even a letdown—for students, who could have the full real-world experience if the resources and encouragement were available. Another result is the waste of the time and resources of journals and conferences, which have little to spare. Admittedly, these are tough times and time is money, but most experiences only require earnest money and time.

The solution to the lack of follow-through from some submitters is to advocate for and generate the resources necessary to enable genuine student (and faculty) experiences at conferences and with journals. Countless institutions have their own student conferences and journals, but many of them are inferior goods. It therefore falls on Western Social Science Association members to make it clear that bigger and better opportunities exist, and it is up to WSSA members to enable students to have these opportunities. As many members of our organization have shown repeatedly, the resources to enable students to have these opportunities can be as simple as hand money sums or an afternoon session critiquing student writing. Last, as part of the educational process, students should learn to notify journals/conferences of their intent to present/publish as soon as they receive notice of acceptance. All of this work begins and ends at one's home institution, and it's all little easier than people think.

By the way, a future installment will address the far larger and more pressing problem of fake conferences and fake journals.

WSSA 60th Annual Conference Program Overview

San Antonio, TX, USA

April 4th --Wednesday

WSSA Executive Council Meeting
7:30am to 4:00pm

Conference Registration
3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Publishers' Book Exhibit
3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

WSSA Welcoming Reception
All Attendees Invited
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

April 5th --Thursday

Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Panel Sessions
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Publishers' Book Exhibit
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Coffee Break
9:15 a.m.

Coffee Break
2:30 p.m.

April 6th -- Friday

Association Breakfast
& WSSA Give-Back
7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Poster Session
7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

*All Attendees Invited to
Vote For Best Poster*

Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Publishers' Book Exhibit
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Panel Sessions
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Presidential Luncheon
& Emerging Scholar Awards
WSSA President :
Barbara Bonnekessen
Luncheon Ticket Required
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Coffee Break
2:30 p.m.

WSSA Business Meeting
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. .
All Attendees Invited

Section Coordinators Meeting

*All Current Coordinators Are
Required to Attend
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

Section Coordinators Training

*All New Coordinators Are
Required to Attend
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

April 7th --Saturday

Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Publishers' Book Exhibit
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WSSA Executive Council Meeting
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Concurrent Panel Sessions
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Coffee Break
9:15 a.m.

Coffee Break
2:30 p.m.

Special Interdisciplinary Discussion Session:
"Between Bars – Prison Art Exhibit"
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

President's Reception & Awards Ceremony
*All Attendees Invited
Music and Refreshments*
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Information regarding special events and Section business meetings may be found in the conference program, online, on the Conferences page of our website

Reminder : New WSSA Policy

For security reasons,

- 1.) Nametags are now mandatory for all conference events, including sessions.
- 2.) Tickets are now required for all conference events (not including sessions).
- 3.) The Association will provide two free drinks at the Welcoming and President's Receptions, but any further drinks must be purchased by the individual attendees.

Pounding the Pavement in One's Later Career



By: Dr. Still-Have-So-Much-To-Offer

(And a WSSA Member for Three Decades)

Five years ago I gave up a tenured position in a political science department, after having been a professor for almost three decades, to accept an administrative position over a social justice/ community engagement center at another academic institution.

Unfortunately, this latter position did not have an accompanying faculty position, but I accepted the position because I felt I could make a significant impact and also to be closer to elderly parents.

Well, after making the move, I endured a lot of administrative and faculty politics: two and half years into my stay, I was shifted to the religious studies department and then at the end of that academic year, my term teaching contract was not renewed. I'd like to share some of the realities of academics seeking work in the middle or latter part of their career without having a current long-term position on which to rely.

First, adjunct professors need to cobble together 15+ teaching hours a semester to make ends meet and that reality deters extensive publications.

Even in the case of a full-time term position, if the position is simply created by other faculty having course releases and is at the low end of the full-time salary scale, the faculty member still has to consider teaching additional courses elsewhere or even a non-academic job because you cannot assume that you will be back next year, even if you are performing in a stellar fashion.

Second, as much as the twenty-first century has been billed as one of being interdisciplinary, faculty are rewarded for being narrow specialists both due to discipline norms and accreditation issues. Consequently, a faculty member who has, say, taught in political science, social science, and religion departments, is not rewarded for such versatility. In addition, if you have been a generalist in any of these fields, teaching a lot of introductory survey courses, you are similarly disadvantaged, except for adjunct work.

Third, networking and making job applications both in person and on-line is a very time-consuming activity, again making extensive research time unlikely. Compared to applying for positions three decades ago, the shift to on-line applications has made the process very tedious. Mind you, anyone today on the academic job market faces this hassle, but with age, such activities really test your stamina. In turn, older academics needing work may find that their professional contacts, that they had cultivated throughout their careers, will not run to the rescue and may very well treat them as academic pariahs.

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Fourth, and this is a touchy issue, age discrimination is a vivid reality, though very difficult to prove. Unless you are a high-powered researcher, the fact that you have given excellent service to the profession with a combination of teaching, research, and service commitments is, for all intents and purposes, not in your favor. In turn, the additional political reality is that affirmative action criteria, though well-intended, can work against people if they do not meet the key demographic categories, even if they have given their life's work to pursuing social justice and diversity issues (and ironically, even if they have children who do meet such criteria).

Frankly, I could go on about disparaging remarks made to older academics. For instance, as one administrator told a professor, when asked whether the professor's adjunct position could be expanded to a full-time slot, that they had to understand that at that institution "they had adjuncts with Ivy-League degrees." But I digress. At the same time, the silver lining in this odyssey is that a person who has been a tenured faculty member; a term faculty member; an adjunct professor; a center executive director who was considered staff, not faculty; and an academic department chair has experienced the academic profession from multiple angles. This comprehensive vista makes such an older academic a better and wiser contributor, either as an administrator and/or multi-year faculty member, to any institution that values holistic versatility. Let's start a conversation; I can be reached through the editor of this newsletter.

Editor's note: The WSSA News does not accept anonymous contributions - we have this author's information but have allowed this anonymous byline for obvious reasons.

Future Conferences

2019 San Diego, California –
Manchester Grand Hyatt
April 24, 2019 through April 27, 2019

2020 Portland, Oregon -- Portland
Marriott Downtown Waterfront
April 1, 2020 through April 4, 2020

2021 Albuquerque, New Mexico --
Albuquerque Hyatt Downtown
March 24, 2021 through March 27, 2021

2022 Denver, Colorado -- Denver
Marriott City Center
March 30, 2022 through April 2, 2022

2023 Tempe, Arizona -- Tempe
Mission Palms April 12, 2023 through
April 15, 2023

Registration Schedule

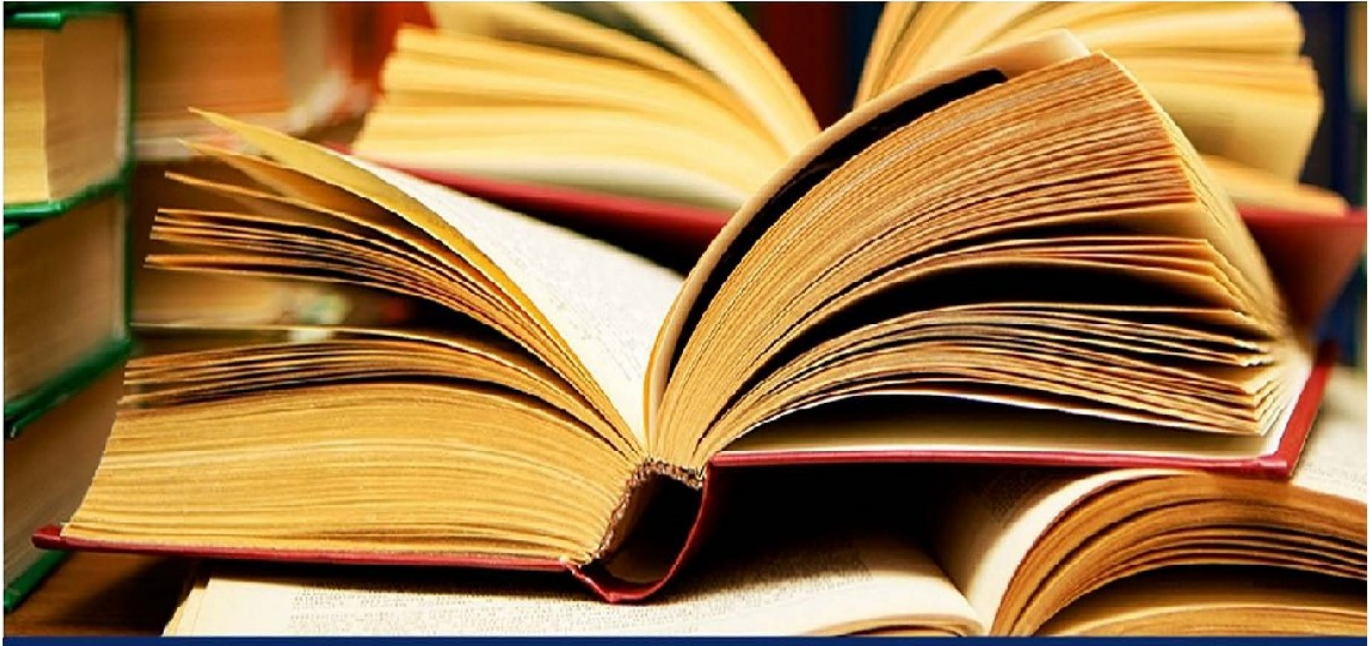
Attendees may pre-register for the San Antonio conference with a credit card by submitting an online preregistration form (preferred), or with a check by mailing in a paper form.

Discounted Online Pre-Registration will be available on our website, at www.WSSAweb.com until March 19, 2018. Registration is discounted by \$40 for regular registrants, \$30 for students, and \$20 for retirees.

Regular Online Pre-registration, no longer discounted, will be available from March 20 through March 27, 2018.

Paper Pre-Registration forms will be available on our website and must be received by March 19, 2018, for the discounted pre-registration price, or by March 27, 2018, for the regular registration price.

There will be **no registration activity** between midnight, CST, on March 27 and 3:00pm CST, on April 4, when on-site registration begins.



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LCD Projectors

During the Conference there will be an LCD projector, screen, and electronic support table in each breakout room. The LCD projectors are equipped to support VGA, Type B USB, Type A USB, and HDMI connections. Each LCD projector will have the cables for VGA, USB, and HDMI connections. We are not able to provide specialty connections that may be specific to individual laptops. You should bring with you any of the specialty connections (Dongles) required by your computer. These devices are most often found on MacBook computers, as well as on smaller laptops.

USB Thumb Drive Support for Power Point Presentations

If you are considering using a Thumb Drive or similar USB type of drive to make a PowerPoint presentation you must consider the following:

Step 1

If you want to convert one slide, scroll through the Microsoft PowerPoint presentation and display the slide that you want to convert to JPG format on your screen.

If you want to convert all of the slides to individual JPG files, there is no need to go to any specific slide.

Step 2

Go to "Save As" on the Microsoft PowerPoint main menu. Navigate to the folder where you want to save the new JPG file and type in a name for the file in the "File name" box.

Step 3

Click the arrow next to the "Save as type" dropdown box and find "JPEG File Interchange Format." (Listed on most versions of PPT as JPEG or JPG) Click "Save;" this will bring up another dialog box. This will create a FOLDER with all of the former PPT slide converted to JPG files.

Step 4

Choose "Current Slide Only" if you only want to convert the slide that you selected in step one, or click "Every Slide" if you want to convert the entire presentation. The program will save the file as a JPG file and deposit it on your hard drive or USB portable memory stick.

Step 5

This step is critical for your presentation slides to be displayed in the correct order. You will find, once the presentation folder is created, that there will be a series of jpg files numbered "Slide1.jpg" through however many slides you created in the original PPT file. It is essential that you rename slides 1 through 9 by placing a zero in front of the slide number. For example "Slide1.jpg" should become "Slide01.jpg".

Wi-Fi Support

All of the hotel properties with which we contract offer Wi-Fi in the guestrooms. The cost of this varies from one hotel to another depending on the contract concessions that we were able to get. Additionally, many of the hotels with which we have contracted offer Wi-Fi in the lobby of the hotel. None of the hotels offer free Wi-Fi in the breakout rooms. If you wish to use Wi-Fi in making your presentation, you should be prepared to pay for individual Wi-Fi connections in the breakout rooms. Otherwise, download your presentation to your computer prior to your presentation.

Technical Support

To keep the cost of the conference reasonable, rather than contracting with the hotel for LCD projectors, WSSA provides the projectors used at the conference. Since hotel staffs only provide technical support for their own equipment, this means that there will be only limited technical support available during the conference; thus, it is essential that you be familiar with technical issues that may be related to your particular device and software. If you are making a presentation that requires audio, you should be aware that, while our equipment supports audio, it may not be loud enough for people in a large room to hear the sound.

WSSA Outstanding Emerging Scholars

2018

It is the Western Social Science Association's distinct pleasure to announce the 2017 recipients of the Outstanding Emerging Scholar Awards! The Immediate Past-President of the WSSA, the President, and the President-Elect annually choose to honor a junior faculty member at a United States university who has been active in his or her discipline for less than five years. The awards recognize cutting edge research and substantial contributions to the social sciences, and the strong promise of future such contributions. The recipients receive a cash award, are honored at the Presidential Luncheon, and have an opportunity to present at the conference.



The President's Awardee is **Dr. Kyle Thompson**, Assistant Professor of History, specializing in Victorian political history, at Pittsburg State University. He received a PhD in Scottish history from the University of Edinburgh where his research focused on the effects of the Third Reform and Irish Home Rule in Edinburgh. His primary research is in late-Victorian and Edwardian political history, particularly social organizations and political movements and their influence on local politics. He has an article published in the *Innes Review*, "Defining Liberalism: The First Home Rule Crisis in the Scottish Capital," which discussed the Irish question and the struggle of liberalism. Dr. Thompson is currently working on a project looking at English Liberal carpetbaggers standing for elections in Scotland.

Beyond this he is interested in modern Scottish political history and has an article under review on Brexit and Scotland. He also serves as an Executive Committee Member of the Kansas Association of Historians and is a committee member for the Scottish History Network.

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The President-Elect's Awardee is **Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera**, Associate Professor at the Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University. Her areas of expertise are Mexico-U.S. relations, organized crime, immigration, border security, and human trafficking. Her newest book is titled *Los Zetas Inc.: Criminal Corporations, Energy, and Civil War in Mexico* (University of Texas Press, 2017). She was recently the Principal Investigator of a research grant to study organized crime and trafficking in persons in Central America and along Mexico's eastern migration routes, supported by the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. She is

now working on a new book project that analyzes all aspects of Mexican irregular immigration in the United States entitled *Mexican "Illegal" Immigration in the U.S.: A Human Problem*. Dr. Correa-Cabrera is currently the President of the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS). She is also Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and Non-resident Scholar at the Baker Institute's Mexico Center (Rice University).



The Immediate Past-President's Awardee is Dr. **Hao-Che (Tristan) Wu**, an Assistant Professor of Fire and Emergency Management Program (FEMP), Political Science Department, Oklahoma State University. He teaches courses in FEMP, with an expertise in human behavioral science. His research areas focus on disaster information use, household disaster preparedness and response, perceptions of environmental threats, and GIS applications. Within disaster information, his research has focused on the mental model of information search, social media use and disaster information content. His work has been published, or is forthcoming, in journals including *Risk Analysis*, *Natural Hazards, Disasters*, *Natural Hazard Review*, *International Journal of Mass Emergencies*, etc.



All of our recipients will be presenting papers at the 2018 conference in April. Please look for them in the program to attend their presentations or introduce yourselves to them at the conference! They all do amazing work and are making stellar contributions to the social sciences. Congratulations to our three awardees!

The Bert and Phyllis Lamb Prize in Political Science

Rewarding Innovation and Good Writing

Zachariah Levitan wins the 2018 Bert & Phyllis Lamb Prize in Political Science

Zachariah Levitan of SUNY University at Albany has been awarded the 2018 Lamb Prize, becoming the fourth undergraduate to win this coveted award. The prize, worth \$1,000, plus travel expenses and a one-year membership in the Western Social Science Association (WSSA) marks a career milestone for Mr. Levitan. The paper has been published by Negotiation Guidance Associates and may be found on the Lamb Prize website.

His winning article is entitled “The YouTube 'Adpocalypse' and 'Adcquisition': Proposing a Change in YouTube’s Political Content Monetization Methodology.” The paper describes how a private market problem can have implications in the public realm. Read the précis.

In announcing the 2018 Prize recipient Dr. Berton Lee Lamb, chair of the Lamb Prize Steering Committee, observed “The paper is an excellent example of a submission that presents a challenging problem and offers a potential solution.”

The Selection Committee described Mr. Levitan's paper as "innovative in nature.” The Committee said the winning submission “...does a fine job explaining how a seemingly private market problem can have implications in the public realm. The paper made a convincing case that the nuanced monetization system and Acquisition Algorithm should be tried. The committee was impressed with the author’s ability to explain the issues of Google’s demonetization-of-content policy in a manner that many (non-techie) individuals can grasp and understand. Furthermore, the well-written paper covers the analysis of a problem with implications relevant to political science.”

The Prize will be formally presented by Dr. Donna Lybecker, during the Presidential Reception at the conclusion of the 2018 WSSA annual conference in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Lybecker is Chair of the independent Lamb Prize Selection Committee. Selection Committee members recuse themselves when students from their universities are under consideration. Members of the Selection Committee:

- Donna L. Lybecker, Chair. Idaho State University
- Nicholas Lovrich, Washington State University, Emeritus
- Pinky Wassenberg, University of Illinois at Springfield, Emerita
- Sandra Davis, Colorado State University
- Sheldon Gen, San Francisco State University

Earlier winners of the Lamb Prize:

- ◆ David Belcher, 2015--University of California, Davis
- ◆ Quinn Massaroni, 2016--Bryant University
- ◆ Claire McMorris, 2017--Oregon State University

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The Lamb Prize is awarded to one winning undergraduate each year who is majoring in Political Science or one of its related fields at a college or university in the United States. The purpose of the Prize is to recognize good writing and innovation.

Outstanding Submissions Recognized in 2018

For the first time the 2018 Lamb Prize Selection Committee has recognized two undergraduate papers as deserving of Honorable Mention for the Lamb Prize.

Listed as receiving Honorable Mention are:

- Joshua Lindell, Colorado State University for his submission entitled "Carbon Tax."
- Anthony Taylor, Colorado State University for his submission entitled "Diffusion of Renewable Energy Technology in Contemporary Society."

Although these students did not win the 2018 Lamb Prize, their scholarship was acknowledged by the Selection Committee with a letter of commendation and certificate.

Some attendees asked about this at the 2017 conference:



WE DO NOT OVERLAP GOOD FRIDAY

any year from 2018 to 2023.

In 2020 and 2022, we do not overlap Passover. We only overlap a few end or beginning days of Passover in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023 .

I commend Dr. Larry Gould, who chooses the date options, on his powers of astrology, and the good cities and good hotels.

Regards, Tony Amato



Submissions to WSSA News:

The WSSA News accepts proposals for articles of general interest from members, including students, faculty, researchers, and public agency employees.

The articles should be written from a social science perspective, on topics that should be of interest to social scientists in other disciplines, who are well-educated but not necessarily very familiar with the writer's discipline. They should NOT be anything that would appear in a peer-reviewed journal - they need to be much more reader-friendly, even humorous, if the writer is so inclined.

Potential authors should write about something that just interests them, that isn't formal enough, or doesn't have enough weight, for a scientific publication, but that they'd like to "put out there". These may include observations of interesting behavior, explanations of (social science) pet peeves, essays on topics that are important to understanding the world but are little understood outside the author's field, etc.

Articles may be any length from a couple of paragraphs to a couple of pages, and do not need much, if anything, in the way of footnotes and citations, although those would be welcome if the writer thinks they would be useful. Cartoons and other alternate forms of visual communication may also be submitted, and illustrations for the articles are welcome.

Articles must be original, and they may not have been previously, or concurrently, published.

Acceptance of any submission is solely at the discretion of the editor.