

New Award Named for Meier

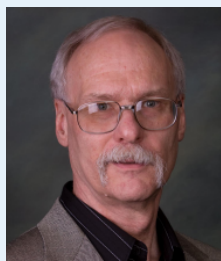
The Midwest Political Science Association has established a new annual award recognizing outstanding scholarship in politics, public administration, and public policy in honor of **Kenneth J. Meier**, distinguished professor and director of the Project for Equity, Representation, and Governance at Texas A&M University. The inaugural award will recognize the best paper in bureaucratic politics, public administration, or public policy presented at the 2015 MPSA conference and is scheduled to be presented at MPSA's 74th annual conference in April 2016 at the Palmer House in Chicago.

In addition to serving as the Charles H. Gregory Chair in Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University, Meier also directs the Project for Equity, Representation, and Governance; the Texas Educational Excellence Project; and the Carlos Cantu Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment. He also holds a joint appointment as a professor of public management at the Cardiff University School of Business (Wales). Meier is considered a leading authority in two areas of research—the role of public organizations in public policy and race and politics.

Among Meier's career achievement awards are the H. George Frederickson Award, the C. Dwight Waldo Award, the John Gaus Award, the Charles Levine Award, and the Association of Former Students Award for Research. He is a member of the National Academy of Public Administration and has been an Advanced Institute of Management Fellow (United Kingdom), a Research Fellow of the Danish Institute for Social Research, and a Big XII Faculty Fellow. Meier has served as president of the Public Management Research Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, and the Southwest Political Science Association. He is also a former editor of the *American Journal of Political Science* and is currently the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Perhaps more important than his scholarship, Ken Meier has influenced countless members of the discipline and continues to mentor graduate and undergraduate students while maintaining a highly productive research agenda. He has served as a chair or member on over 60 dissertation committees and over 30 MA committees. The award, proposed and initially funded by Meier's current and former students in the department of political science at Texas A&M, was first announced at this year's "Meierpalooza," an annual celebration held during the MPSA conference.

Individuals serving as chairs and discussants at the 2015 MPSA conference may nominate outstanding papers in politics, public administration, and public policy for the Kenneth J. Meier Award at <http://www.MPSAnet.org/Awards>. Donations may be made to the Kenneth J. Meier Award fund online at <http://www.MPSAnet.org/Awards/MakeaDonation>.



titled, "What do the people want? Findings from the 2015 Louisiana Survey," in April at Louisiana Tech University.

Matthew Holden, Jr., Wepner Distinguished Professor in Political Science, University of Illinois, Springfield, and former APSA president (1998–1999) presented the keynote address for the 2015 Abraham Lincoln Association.

Guy Lachapelle, Secretary General of the International Political Science Association, and professor, political science department, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, presented a guest lecture on "The Global Development of Political Science" at Ball State University in March.

Adria Lawrence, assistant professor, political science, Yale University, presented a public lecture in the Historiography of the Middle East Series at University of California, Los Angeles in March.

Peter Lawler, Dana Professor of Government, Berry College, presented a guest lecture "The Blessing of Technology as an Intricate Trial of our Free Will" at Lee University in March.

J. Patrice McSherry, professor of political science, Long Island University, and visiting professor, Alberto Hurtado University (Santiago, Chile), presented "Operation Condor and Human Rights in Chile and South America" in the international academic study abroad program "IHP Human Rights Chile" of Observatorio Ciudadano in coordination with World Learning and the School of International Training in Santiago, Chile, in both October 2014 and April 2015. She also recently published "The Víctor Jara Case and the Long Struggle against Impunity in Chile" in *Social Justice*.

S. N. Nyeck, assistant professor of political science, Clarkson University, delivered a presentation titled "Contractual Schemes in Africa's Political Development: Conceptualizing Old Practices and Establishing Relevance with New Governance Models in the 21st Century" to the general assembly meeting of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research (CODESRIA) in Dakar, Senegal, in early June.

APPOINTMENTS/PROMOTIONS

Mneesha Gellman, assistant professor of comparative politics, Liberal Arts Institute, Emerson College.

ACTIVITIES

Elizabeth Bennion, political science professor, Indiana University, South Bend, moderated a forum for candidates seeking seats on the South Bend Common Council. The forum was sponsored by the IU South Bend Political Science Club, the American Democracy Project, and the League of Women Voters.

Cheryl Boudreau, associate professor of political science, University of California, Davis, presented a workshop on American politics titled "Racial or Spatial Voting? The Effects of Candidate Ethnicity and Ethnic Group

Endorsements in Low-Information Elections" in April at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Christine Ingebritsen, director of the Center for West European Studies and chair of Hellenic studies program, University of Washington, discussed contemporary political and social developments in Norway in February, as well as ways to connect the universities in Norway to the Seattle community.

Mike Henderson, assistant professor of research and director for the Public Policy Research Laboratory, Louisiana State University, conducted a public discussion

Sean Kelly, professor, political science, California State University, Channel Islands, will be one of 10 scholars serving on the Dirksen Congressional Center's National Advisory Council, a national council designed to help Americans get a deeper understanding of how the US Congress works.

Daniel T. Kirsch, associate professor of political science, Valley Forge Military College in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Sergei Kostiaev, acting deputy chair of the department of applied political science, Financial University in Moscow, Russia.

AWARDS

Christopher Alcantara, associate professor, department of political science, Wilfrid Laurier University, has been awarded the 2014 International Council for Canadian Studies Pierre Savard Award and the 2014 Canadian Studies Network-Réseau d'études canadiennes Prize for the best book in Canadian

studies. The winning book, entitled *Negotiating the Deal: Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements in Canada* (University of Toronto Press), was also a finalist last year for the Canadian Political Science Association's Donald Smiley Prize.

David Fott, professor of political science at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has received the William Morris Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the social sciences from the UNLV College of Liberal Arts.

John Gould, professor of political science, Colorado College, has been named a 2016 Fulbright Scholar and will travel to Slovakia to research the politics of nationalism and sexual minorities in that country and beyond. He also will teach at the Institute of European Studies and International Relations at Comenius University.

Ravi Perry, an assistant professor in political science at Mississippi State University, was recognized as a 2015 Hero Citizen by The Andrew Goodman Foundation in January.

Carsten Vala, associate professor, Loyola University, Maryland, has been awarded a grant through the Core US Fulbright Scholar Program to study the politics of China's rapidly growing investment in Latin America, with a specific focus on China's influence on the copper industry in Chile. Vala will travel to Chile for his research from August to December 2015. During that time he will also teach two courses on Chinese politics and Chinese globalization at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago and offer public presentations on the contemporary politics of China.

Christian Welzel, chair, political culture research, Center for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University, received both the Stein Rokkan Prize (awarded by the European Consortium of Political Research) and the Alexander L. George Award (awarded by the International Society of Political Psychology) for his monograph *Freedom Rising: Human Empowerment and the Quest for Emancipation* (Cambridge University Press 2013).

Members among New Andrew Carnegie Fellows

Political scientists and APSA members represent more than a third of the 32 Andrew Carnegie Fellows of the inaugural class of a major annual fellowship program. Their proposals address issues including policing and race, big data and privacy, the impact of an aging population, and how attitudes are formed among voters.

Susan Hockfield, MIT President Emerita, who chaired the selection jury, said, "What impressed me most was the quality of the proposals—they seek to tackle some of the most pressing issues of our times with innovative and forward-looking ideas from a wide range of high-caliber candidates. Solutions to the complex issues of today and tomorrow will not emerge simply through technology and science, but require humanistic and social science scholarship to use lessons of the past to devise paths to future peace and progress."

The 13 political scientists listed below are established and emerging scholars who are researching a wide variety of compelling and critical issues. Each fellow's name and research topic is listed along with a short summary of professional achievements. For a full listing, visit <http://carnegie.org/news/grantee-news/andrew-carnegie-fellows-2015/>.

LARRY M. BARTELS, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Political Inequality in Affluent Democracies: The US in Comparative Perspective

Larry M. Bartels holds the May Werthan Shayne Chair of Public Policy and Social Science at Vanderbilt University. His scholarly work focuses broadly on American democracy, including public opinion, electoral politics, public policy, and political representation. An award winning author, his most recent book is *Mass Politics in Tough Times* (Oxford University Press, 2014, coedited with Nancy

Bermeo). His next book, coauthored with Christopher Achen, is titled *Democracy for Realists*.

Bartels was educated at Yale University (BA, MA) and the University of California, Berkeley (PhD). He has served as vice president of the APSA Council and president of the Political Methodology Section, chair of the Board of Overseers of the American National Election Studies, and founding director of Princeton University's Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. In 2014 he received the Warren E. Miller Prize for an outstanding career of intellectual accom-

plishment and professional service in the field of elections, public opinion, and voting behavior. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and the National Academy of Sciences.

FOTINI CHRISTIA, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Gauging Shi'a Public Opinion towards Conflict in the Middle East

Fotini Christia is an associate professor of political science at MIT working on issues of conflict and development in the Muslim