



New Zealand Political Studies Association



Welcome to the 2014 Spring Edition of the NZPSA's newsletter. This is the final edition for 2014 and I would like to thank the Executive for its support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all at this year's AGM to be held during the NZPSA Conference in Auckland on Tuesday 2 December at 4.20-5.30pm.

[Vicki Spencer](#) NZPSA President

Women Talking Politics: Call for Items

Formerly a newsletter that was suspended after 2009 due to the Christchurch earthquakes, *Women Talking Politics* is to be brought back at the 2014 NZPSA Conference in December as a new Research Magazine. The first two issues are supported by the NZPSA's Bi-annual Grant. The Lead Editor, [Valentina Cardo](#), is currently calling women to submit either news items of 200-300 words or 800 word research notes, which will be blind peer reviewed. The first issue will aim to reconnect women, their research and events across NZ. Please spread the word to any women who you think has something interesting to say about politics; they do not need to be NZPSA members. We especially want to provide the opportunity for postgraduates to publish. The deadline is 31 October 2014.

Undergraduate Essay Prize

Due to the generosity of Raymond Miller and now Janine Hayward as the new editor of *New Zealand Government and Politics* (OUP, 2015) each year a prize of \$500 is awarded for the [best undergraduate essay](#) submitted as part of the requirements for a course on New Zealand domestic politics. One nomination per year can be made by a course convenor at any New Zealand University. So please keep this in mind as you do your final marking for the year, I'm sure one of your students could do with the money.

To apply, send an electronic copy of the essay in a word document and an email of no more than one page outlining the merits of the paper by 5pm Friday 7 November 2014 to the NZPSA President at vicki.spencer@otago.ac.nz.

UK PSA Conference Award

We need all those interested in the UK PSA award to attend their annual conference 30 March – 1 April 2015 in Sheffield to apply to [Xavier Marquez](#) by 1 November 2014. You will receive free registration, annual dinner ticket, hotel accommodation for 4 nights and a guaranteed place on a suitable panel. Help with airfares is available. Postgraduates and needs-based cases are prioritised. See the [grants and awards page](#) on how to apply.

Conference Prizes: Extension

The deadline for submissions for the Postgraduate Conference Prizes for the [best paper in the field of New Zealand domestic politics](#) and [any other field of political studies](#) has been extended to Friday 24 October.

NZPSA Executive & Postgrad positions

NZPSA members are invited to put their names forward for positions available on the NZPSA Executive: President, Treasurer and Secretary. Neither Xavier nor Julienne can stand again so if we are to continue as an association we do need volunteers. We also need one new postgraduate representative as Eliot's term is up. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

2014 NZPSA Conference

The [preliminary programme](#) for the 2014 NZPSA Conference and Postgraduate Event is now available. Register for the conference at nzpsa2014.org.nz. I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the executive to thank the co-chairs, Julie MacArthur and Thomas Gregory, for putting together an excellent programme and for all their hard work. It is a significant contribution to political studies in NZ.

Women's Caucus & Women's Rep

I would like to encourage all women in the association to bring their lunch to this year's caucus meeting at the conference on Monday 1 Dec 12.30-1.30pm. Numbers have been rather meagre in recent years and it would be good for us to get together again to talk about our experiences in our institutions. We also need to appoint a new Women's Rep as Carla Lam has retired from the post. The main tasks include running the women's caucus meeting and being on the Editorial Board of *Women Talking Politics*. Thanks Carla for your work.

APSA Conference Report

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the APSA Conference in Sydney due to illness. However, Steve Winter from Auckland University very kindly filled in for me at the last minute. APSA has a new President, Professor Linda Botterill from the University of Canberra, and we will be welcoming her at this year's NZPSA Conference. Discussions also continue about a possible joint conference in Australia.

Special Issue of *Political Science*

The December 2015 issue of *Political Science* will be a Special Issue on the 2014 NZ Election. Visit the [NZPSA website](#) for details.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

NZPSA Conference Prizes – 24 October
NZPSA Women Talking Politics News Items & Research Notes – 31 October
UK PSA Conference Award – 1 November
NZPSA Undergraduate Prize – 7 November
NZPSA Conference 1-3 December
Political Science Manuscripts – 15 April 2015