



New Zealand Political Studies Association



Happy New Year and I hope you had a good break. Welcome to the 2014 Summer Edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter. In response to our survey results last year, we have recently invested more resources into keeping members informed by re-launching the newsletter in this new format. This interactive edition contains highlights of our 2013 AGM held alongside an excellent Annual Conference in Christchurch last December. I would like to acknowledge the conference organisers at Canterbury University, especially Jim Ockey and Naimah Talib for hosting a wonderful event. We look forward to the next Conference to be hosted by the University of Auckland later this year. In this edition we are also highlighting upcoming events and deadlines, and we would be delighted to receive any news to include for the next edition by March 30.

[Vicki Spencer](#) NZPSA President

2013 Prizewinners

Congratulations to the following:

Best Postgraduate Conference Paper in NZ Politics: *Lara M. Greaves, 'Profiling the Fence-Sitters in New Zealand Elections: A Latent Class Model Identifying Distant Voting Bodies,' Psychology Department, University of Auckland*

Best Postgraduate Conference Prize in a field other than NZ Politics: *Maria Tanyag, 'Beyond Pinays and Pills: Intersectionality, Coalitions, and Policy Changes,' Department of Political Studies, University of Auckland*

Best Undergraduate Essay in NZ Politics: *Ellie Argyle, 'Politicians Gone Wild: The Perils of Holding Political Office in New Zealand,' Victoria University of Wellington*

Special Commendation for First Year Essay: *Abbas Nazir, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Canterbury*

APSA

The NZPSA was pleased to welcome APSA President, Professor Brian Head to the 2013 Conference. Brian noted that fraternal goodwill is very strong and there is a good possibility for agreement on a joint conference within the next three years. He is currently investigating the possibility of a conference in Brisbane in December 2016.

Honorary Lifetime Membership

The NZPSA would like to announce the creation of an NZPSA Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. There are three criteria for the awarding of free membership for life:

1. Be a retiree of the University system;
2. Have been a member of NZPSA for at least ten years; and
3. Have made a significant contribution to the NZPSA.

Candidates need to be nominated and seconded in confidence by 2 current NZPSA members. Please send nominations to the [President](#) by close of business October 1.

New Grant

A grant of \$2,000 will be available in 2014 for a project or event proposed by a collective within the NZPSA. We aim to offer this grant every two years. Details will follow.

Election of New Representatives

We would like to warmly welcome our new representatives to the NZPSA Executive for 2014:

Maori Officer: Maria Bargh (VUW)

Massey: Andy Asquith

Waikato: Priya Kurian

VUW: Jack Vowles

Postgraduate: Geoffrey Ford (Canterbury)

See the full list of the Executive [here](#).

Call for Abstracts

Submissions of abstracts and papers for both the 2014 APSA Conference and 2014 OCIS Conference are now open.

APSA: Proposals are sought for standalone written papers, as well as for special panels where three to five papers address a common theme. Authors are required to submit a short (100-250 word) abstract and to nominate one or two relevant streams or workshops when submitting proposals. **The deadline is March 1.** Please find more information on the call for papers [here](#).

OCIS: Proposals from individuals (or co-authors) should include only the title, an abstract of no more than 200 words, and the presenter's biographical details. Full contact details must be included with all proposals. **The deadline is January 31.** Please find details on the call for abstracts [here](#).

Canadian PSA Award

Applications close 1 February 2014. Click [here](#) for details.