

# **PUBLIC POLICY GRAD PROGRAM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**2017 Fall Term Week 1: September 25-October 1**

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## ***Announcements***

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The Corvallis League of Women Voters is hosting a program on First Amendment Rights with guest speaker Lauren Regan, Founder and Executive Director of the Civil Liberties Defense Center in Eugene. The presentation is at 7:30 in the Corvallis Public Library (645 NW Monroe Avenue).

The Corvallis League of Women Voters is co-sponsoring a conference, We are the Change Makers, for women and their allies on October 1, 2017 in the CH2MHill Alumni Center. Cost is \$20 and scholarships are available. Sign up at: [www.corvallischangemakers.com](http://www.corvallischangemakers.com)

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### **SPP Brownbag Seminar Series Fall term**

#### **12:00-1:00pm Fridays in Bexell Hall #414**

Oct. 13: "Police Militarization and Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles" — Brett Burkhardt (Sociology) and Keith Baker (Political Science)

Oct. 27: "Rationality and Coherent Reasoning in the Behavioral and Social Sciences" — Vic Tremblay (Economics)

Nov. 17: "The Case for Identity Politics: Polarization, Realignment, and the Efficacy of Racial Appeals" — Chris Stout (Political Science)

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## **Funding, Research and Job Opportunities**

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**In the ERC project *Behavioral-evolutionary analysis of climate policy: Bounded rationality, markets and social interactions (EVOCLIM)* seven research positions are now formally advertised on *Euraxess*.**

Suitable candidates have a background in economics, mathematics, computer science, psychology or biology.

The project starts 1st of January 2018.

More details about the project can be found here:

[http://ictaweb.uab.cat/noticies\\_news\\_detail.php?id=3368](http://ictaweb.uab.cat/noticies_news_detail.php?id=3368)

**Three postdoc** positions are offered:

- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/243581> (5-year position)
- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/244962> (5-year position)
- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/244979> (3-year position)

**Four PhD-student** (4-year) positions are offered as well:

- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/244996>
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**Our Regional Extension Climate Specialist, John Stevenson, is starting a PhD program here at OSU so we're hiring a combination program manager/ regional extension climate specialist.**

<http://jobs.oregonstate.edu/hr/postings/49090>

This position has primary responsibility for managing the project and for leading stakeholder engagement. Managing the project includes coordinating team meetings and internal communications, ensuring timely reporting to NOAA, tracking internal budget and subawards to partners, and other responsibilities. The position will also lead stakeholder engagement in three specific ways: (1) managing the relationship with a Stakeholder Advisory Council; (2) as part of a community engagement project (location and nature to be determined) in which the incumbent will develop and cultivate relationships with on-the-ground partners; and (3) in connection with the

development of an online climate toolbox, coordinate interactions with beta testers and project partners.

We could hire either with a MS (in the “FRA” designation) or PhD (“RA”), with a bit more emphasis on original research in the latter position.

Minimum qualifications:

Master’s degree in an area of social or natural sciences relevant to climate or natural resources.

Familiarity with basic climate science and ability to articulate knowledge of relevant literature.

Evidence of ability to manage and coordinate a multi-investigator, multi-institutional, interdisciplinary research effort.

Demonstrable commitment to communicating science information to non-scientists, computer skills to support communication, and excellent written and oral communication skills.

Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Expertise in climate, watershed science or management, or landscape science or management.

Experience in public outreach/extension.

**Applications are due through the OSU online system by Monday, October 2.**

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## **Project manager & multicultural program manager for Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program University of Michigan:**

A project intermediate manager is being sought to coordinate the activities of a four-year Doris Duke Foundation grant as well as multicultural programming in SEAS. The grant funds the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at the University of Michigan (DDCSP-UM) from 2015 to 2019. SEAS will develop an internship program aimed at bringing more undergraduates currently underrepresented in the environmental field into the conservation arena.

Apply Here:

[http://careers.umich.edu/job\\_detail/147551/project\\_manager\\_of\\_doris\\_duke\\_fellows\\_program](http://careers.umich.edu/job_detail/147551/project_manager_of_doris_duke_fellows_program)

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## **Graduate/Professional Training at Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation**

The Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation, a partnership between George Mason University and the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI), is proud to announce their upcoming course schedule for 2018. All courses are currently either 1- or 2-week intensive residential courses hosted in our sustainably-built Academic Center on the grounds of SCBI in Front Royal Virginia. All courses offer continuing education credits (CEUs) and some can be taken for graduate credit as well. Limited scholarships are available for eligible applicants. Visit our website (<http://SMConservation.gmu.edu>) for more details about each course, course costs, and credits earned. We expect more courses to be confirmed in the near future for 2018, so check the website regularly.

### [Statistics for Ecology and Conservation Biology](#)

**February 12-23, 2018**

Gain in-depth knowledge of analysis techniques for cutting-edge ecological research, employing R: classical regression models; mixed models; generalized linear models; how to deal with the limitations of real datasets; and conservation-specific approaches. Participants learn how to choose appropriate analyses for different research questions, and about the assumptions underlying each model. Through the lectures and hands-on exercises participants learn how to design their own studies, explore their data, perform a range of analyses, understand fitted models, and clearly explain their results. By the end of the course, participants will be able to conduct sophisticated statistical analyses, critically evaluate statistics-based material in current research literature, and deal with the limitations of real datasets in the context of conservation science.

### [Communication and Facilitation Skills for Conservation Managers](#)

**April 16-20, 2018**

The IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group, in partnership with other leading international conservation organisations, will be delivering a professional training course designed to enable conservation managers, scientists and students to manage group decision-making processes more effectively. In today's world many of the conservation problems we solve, decisions we take and plans we develop involve collaboration with other people and organisations. Such collaboration is difficult to achieve and requires a certain set of interpersonal and process skills to be most effective. This course is designed to achieve this, building your competencies around listening, conflict resolution, team development, problem-solving and collective group decision-making. By the end of the course you should feel better equipped to manage internal meetings, difficult inter-personal discussions and design multi-stakeholder planning workshops.

**Additional Upcoming Courses:**

[Practical Zoo Nutrition Management](#)

May 7-11, 2018

[Camera Trapping Study Design and Data Analysis for Occupancy and Density Estimation](#)

June 4-15, 2018

[Non-Invasive Techniques and Applications in Wildlife Endocrinology](#)

July 23 – August 3, 2018

[Ecology and Conservation of Migratory Birds](#)

September 17-28, 2018 (Applications will open soon)

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***Upcoming Workshops and Campus Happenings***

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**2018 Western Social Science Association Conference**

**W**estern **S**ocial **S**cience **A**ssociation

**Call for Presentations and Panels**

**WSSA's 60th Annual Conference**

**San Antonio, Texas, USA**

**April 4-7, 2018**

**Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk**

**123 Loyosa Street**

Conference hotel reservation phone # (210) 222-1234

(ask for WSSA, or Western Social Science Association, conference rate)

OR for online hotel registration please [Click Here](#)

Paper or Panel Proposals must be submitted through the website, at the link below, by

**December 1, 2017**

For more information and a list of the 33 Sections and Section Coordinators, see the WSSA website at:

link : <http://www.WSSAweb.com/sections>

**Or Contact:**

**Dr. Christopher Brown,**

**Program Coordinator**

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WSSA is pleased to offer a number of competitive awards and grants, including a **student paper competition**, the **John Wicks Dissertation Paper Award**, and **student travel grants**.

For a full list and descriptions, please go to:

<http://www.wssaweb.com/competitions-and-awards.html>

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Colleagues**

**All presenters must register.**

[Click Here to Register for this Event](#)

# Putting Trump in Historical Perspective: Racial Politics and Social Movements in Postwar America Today

The turbulent onset of Donald Trump's administration, to say nothing of the president's oversized presence, has so focused our attention in the moment, that we are in danger of losing critically important historical perspective. Trump's rhetoric and behavior are so extreme that the tendency is to see him and the divisions he embodies as something wholly new in American politics. They are not, nor in broad relief, is the president. Instead, Trump is only the most extreme expression and product of a brand of racial politics practiced ever more zealously by the Republican Party since its origins in the 1960s. Drawing on the argument and evidence presented in *Deeply Divided: Racial Politics and Social Movements in Postwar America*, Stanford sociologist Doug McAdam will put the rise of Donald Trump in historical perspective and briefly highlight the threats to American democracy that preceded his rise and which, indeed, helped him win the White House.



**Wednesday, September 27th  
4 P.M.**

**Memorial Union 213,  
Pan Afrikan-Sankofa Room**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.**

## About Professor McAdam

Doug McAdam is the Ray Lyman Wilbur Professor of Sociology at Stanford University and former Director of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He is the author or co-author of 18 books and some 90 articles in the area of political sociology, with a special emphasis on racial politics in the U.S., and the study of social movements and "contentious politics." Among his best-known works are *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970* (1982, University of Chicago Press), *Freedom Summer* (1988, Oxford University Press), which was awarded the 1990 C. Wright Mills Award, and *Dynamics of Contention* (2001, Cambridge University Press) with Sid Tarrow and Charles Tilly. His most recent book is *Deeply Divided: Racial Politics and Social Movements in Postwar America* (2014, Oxford University Press). In it, he and co-author Karina Kloos, offer a detailed account of the origins of the deep political, economic and racial divisions so evident in the U.S. today. He was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003 and served as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar in 2009-2010.

