Call for Papers
Florida Political Science Association
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Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida

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The 2027 FPSA Annual Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2027** at **Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida.** All information pertaining to the conference, including driving directions, parking, and hotels, will be posted on the FPSA website in February 2027.

Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to participate.
Please submit your proposals for individual papers or panels directly to the relevant section chair.

Proposals must include the following: Name, Institutional Affiliation, Rank (Faculty, Graduate Student, or Undergraduate Student), Contact Information (E-Mail Address), Paper Title, and Abstract of 150-250 words.

The **deadline for proposals** is **December 15, 2026. Accepted papers will be notified by January 30, 2027.**

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Registration

Registration fees include conference attendance, lunch, and subscriptions to the *Florida Political Chronicle* and *The Political Scientist* newsletter. **Preregistration online is $75 for faculty and $35 for students**. All paper presenters, panel chairs, and discussants are asked to pre-register. **On-site registration is $85 for faculty and $40 for students**. Online registration is available on the FPSA website at: **www.fpsanet.com/annual-conference.html** . **Refunds for conference registration are not provided.**

Conference Awards

Best Graduate Paper: A monetary award of $250.00 is given to the Best Graduate Student Paper presented at the annual conference each year.

Best Undergraduate Paper: A monetary award of $200.00 is presented to the Best Undergraduate Student Paper presented at the annual conference each year.

International Politics Scholar Award: An award is presented to a scholar who has made a significant scholarly contribution in International Relations or Comparative Politics. This should be reflected in an exemplary record of teaching and mentoring, innovative research, influential publications, and/or sustained leadership and professional service to the discipline, as well as meaningful engagement with academic, professional, or local communities. The recipient should have a demonstrated professional commitment to Florida, including membership in the Florida Political Science Association (FPSA), at least ten years of service at a Florida academic institution, and standing for professional promotion or retirement.

Emerging Scholar Award: An award recognizing an outstanding paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association by an early-career political scientist. Eligible scholars must be within five years of receiving their Ph.D. and may work in any subfield of political science. The award is particularly intended to recognize the work of non-tenure track faculty, lecturers, and assistant professors, though all scholars within five years of their Ph.D. are eligible. Papers will be evaluated based on originality, contribution to the field, and overall scholarly quality.

Paper award recipients may have their papers published in the *Florida Political Chronicle*; the peer-reviewed academic journal published by the FPSA. Selected faculty papers, plus all runner-up student papers, are also eligible for publication.

FPSA Publications

Call for Submissions to the *Florida Political Chronicle,* the FPSA's peer-reviewed academic journal: https://www.fpsanet.com/florida-political-chronicle.html. Scholarly articles from past FPSA conferences are welcome, as well as other papers that have not been previously published. Please contact the Editor**, Marco Rimanelli** (Marco.Rimanelli@saintleo.edu) to begin the peer-review process.

Call for Submissions to *The Political Scientist*, the semi-annual newsletter of the FPSA: https://www.fpsanet.com/the-political-scientist.html. Submissions may include scholarly reflections and reviews, as well as practical pieces on running for office, working on campaigns, etc. Please contact the Editor, **Austin Trantham** (austin.trantham@saintleo.edu) for information on submission guidelines.