FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS (FPA) SECTION
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

The FPA section held its annual business meeting in Toronto on March 29, 2019. Elections produced a new leadership group, including Timothy M. Peterson (President/Section Chair), Roseanne W. McManus (Vice President/Section Program Chair for Honolulu), Officers-at-large Baris Kesgin (Elon University), Sibel Oktay (University of Illinois-Springfield), and Clayton Webb (University of Kansas), and Past President Susan Allen.

The FPA section sponsored or co-sponsored more than 90 panels and roundtables at the 2019 annual convention.

Officer-at-large Danielle Lupton chaired the Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award competition for the best paper from the 2018 meeting. The committee selected Rachel Myrick’s paper, “Why So Secretive? Unpacking Public Attitudes Towards Secrecy and Success in U.S. Foreign Policy.” The award was conferred at the 2019 business meeting in Toronto. For the 2019 Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award competition, Officer-at-large Clayton Webb chaired the selection committee, which selected Stephan Fouquet’s paper, “Foreign Policy Decision-Making: Institutions, Ideologies and Leaders.” This award will be conferred at the 2020 business meeting in Honolulu.

We also recognized Roseanne W. McManus as the winner of the 2019 Best Book in FPA Award for Statements of Resolve: Achieving Coercive Credibility in International Conflict. The awards committee consisted of A. Cooper Drury (University of Missouri), Elizabeth Saunders (Georgetown University), Michael Flynn (Kansas State University) and Danielle Lupton (Colgate University). The Best Book in FPA will not be awarded in 2020, but will reopen for 2021.

In 2019, Professor A. Cooper Drury (University of Missouri) was honored as Distinguished Scholar at a special awards panel at the annual convention. Professor Drury was also honored at the annual reception, which was co-sponsored by the Scientific Study of International Processes (SSIP) and Political Demography and Geography (PDG) sections. The reception was successful; and we plan to work with SSIP and PDG again going forward. The 2020 reception will be organized by Timothy M. Peterson as FPA president, with support and funding from SSIP and PDG, and with generous donations from (at least) a dozen institutional sponsors.

In 2020, we will honor Professor Richard K. Herrmann (The Ohio State University) as our Distinguished Scholar at an awards panel and reception co-sponsored by SSIP and PDG during the annual convention in Honolulu.

We will also hold elections at our annual business meeting, where Roseanne W. McManus (The Pennsylvania State University) will take over as section president through the 2021 convention in Las Vegas. The FPA section membership was 963 in 2018, 978 in 2019, and is projected to be 990 in 2020.
Our section remains the second largest in ISA. Our financial account has a balance of $24,133.89 as of October 2019.