The ISA - Midwest held its annual conference at the Hilton at the Ballpark in St. Louis, Missouri, from November 20–22, 2015. Dursun Peksen (University of Memphis) served as the program chair. Amanda Murdie (University of Missouri) was the president. Our sponsors this year included: Active Learning in International Affairs Section (ISA); Department of Political Science (University of Memphis); Department of Political Science (University of Missouri); Foreign Policy Analysis Journal; Foreign Policy Analysis Section (ISA); Scientific Study of International Processes Section (ISA); and School of Politics and Global Studies (Arizona State University). With generous support from the ISA Professional Development Committee, we organized five roundtables that addressed a number of important issues concerning academic job market, research, teaching, and service in our profession. There were also two additional roundtables. One of them honors Quincy Wright Award Recipient Sara Mitchell (University of Iowa) and the other one is on the SSCI Report on CIA Detention and Interrogation.

We had approximately 215 participants and, 53 panels and roundtables. We were able to cover our hotel room block. Financially, our projections suggest that the conference generated a budget surplus to carry forward to the 2016 conference.

ISA President Paul Diehl (University of Texas at Dallas) gave the keynote address, “Turning Good Teaching on Its Head: A Thought Experiment,” at the reception on Friday evening. Sara McLaughlin Mitchell is the Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar this year and delivered a luncheon address, “Contentious Issues in World Politics” at the Quincy Wright luncheon on Saturday. We had also several other award winners listed in the program. We honored them at the reception on Friday evening. The book, How Rivalries End (University of Philadelphia Press, 2013) by Karen Rasler, William R. Thompson, and Sumit Ganguly (Indiana University) won the best book award. Sam R. Bell (Kansas State University), K. Chad Clay (University of Georgia), and Carla Martinez Machain (Kansas State University) won the Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member. Jungmoo Woo (University of Kentuck) won the Lynne Rienner Award for Best Paper Presented by a Graduate Student. Leah Windsor, Nia Dowell, and Art Graesser (University of Memphis) were the winners of the Margaret G. Hermann Award for Best Paper Utilizing Text Analysis in Leadership Studies.
NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The notes from our 2015 Business Meeting are available online:

http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Regions/Midwest/Reports

We also elected a new slate of officers:

Dursun Peksen (University of Memphis), President
Stephen Quackenbush (University of Missouri), Program Chair
Brian Lai (University of Iowa), Secretary. Term expires in 2017.
Nicole Detraz (University of Memphis), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2017.
Baris Kesgin (Susquehanna University), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2017.
Tobias Gibson (Westminster College), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2016.
Patrick Homan (Dominican University), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2016.