Summary
The ISA - Midwest held its annual conference at the Hilton at the Ballpark in St. Louis, Missouri, from November 19-20, 2016. Stephen Quackenbush (University of Missouri) served as the program chair. Dursun Peksen (University of Memphis) 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 created a new program, called the Emerging Scholar Forum. This is similar to the Junior Scholar Symposium at ISA, and it places four groups of emerging scholars with a senior person in the field. There are also several roundtables. One of them honored Excellence in Mentoring and Teaching Award Recipient Cooper Drury (University of Missouri), while others covered keys for getting published, text analysis and authoritarian regimes, and advantages and disadvantages of online education.

We had approximately 167 participants and 45 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 2017 conference.

Highlights
ISA President T.V. Paul (McGill University) gave the keynote address, “The Accommodation of Rising Powers in World Politics,” at the reception on Friday evening. Marijke Breuning was the Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar this year and delivered an address, titled “Thinking about the Future of International Studies,” 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. Cooper Drury (University of Missouri) won the Excellence in Mentoring and Teaching Award. Douglas M. Giber (University of Alabama) and Mark D. Nieman (University of Iowa) won the Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member. Steven Collin Mutz (University of Kansas) won the Lynne Rienner Award for Best Paper Presented by a Graduate Student. Adriana Boersner-Herrera (University of Missouri) won the Margaret G. Hermann Award for Best Paper Utilizing Text Analysis in Leadership Studies.

New Developments
The notes from our 2016 Business Meeting are available online:
http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Regions/Midwest/Reports
WE ALSO ELECTED A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS:
Stephen Quackenbush (University of Missouri), President
Brian Lai (University of Iowa), Program Chair
Jonathan Ring (Cleveland State University), Secretary. Term expires in 2018
Leah Windsor (University of Memphis), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2018.
Chuck Rowling (University of Nebraska-Kearney), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2018.
Nicole Detraz (University of Memphis), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2017
Baris Kesgin (Susquehanna University), At-Large Member. Term expires in 2017