The members of the Committee on the Status of Women met at the ISA 2019 Annual Convention in Toronto. This report provides information about our current activities in pursuit of the advancement of women in the discipline.

Current Activities

ISA 2019 Preconference Activities

We have organized the seventh annual “Pay It Forward” workshop. This is a full-day workshop that focuses on mentoring junior women scholars on professional development. Thanks to the ISA Governing Council’s support, this event is a recurring workshop. This year we have 30 junior scholars and six senior scholars participating, including Katherine Barbieri, Marijke Breuning, Jacqueline DeMeritt, Kathryn Fisher, Faten Ghosn, and Zaryab Iqbal. The junior participants are awarded travel funds to help cover the expenses of coming early to the conference and we have also encouraged them to share rooms.

Activities at ISA 2020

Pay It Forward Workshop

The PIF workshop will meet on Tuesday March 24 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The workshop will consist of structured sessions (led by the six mentors) as well as informal discussion sessions. The topics covered will include:

- Balance between teaching, research, and service.
- Working across the methodological divide.
- Work-life balance.
- Publishing.
- Research funding.
- Job market and negotiation.
- Networking.

Panels

The Committee on the Status of Women organized and has sponsored one roundtable and one panel for ISA 2020 in Honolulu, HI:
Roundtable: Navigating the Processes of Funding and Grants
This roundtable includes participants who represent funding agencies as well as scholars who have received research grants. The participants will discuss a range of topics related to the processes involved in research funding, including proposal preparation and merit review.

Participants
- Zaryab Iqbal (Penn State/NSF)
- Julie Taylor (IIE/Fulbright)
- Jennifer Victor (George Mason University)
- Krista Wiegand (University of Tennessee)
- Stephen Glauser (Russell Sage Foundation)
- Caroline Hartzell (Gettysburg College)

Panel: Political Violence and Gender
The papers on this panel address various dimensions of the linkage between political violence and gender.

Chairs and Discussants
- Chair: Jenifer Whitten-Woodring (University of Massachusetts Lowell)
- Discussant: Jenifer Whitten-Woodring (University of Massachusetts Lowell)
- Committee Chair: Zaryab Iqbal (Pennsylvania State University/NSF)

Papers
- Gender and Counter-Ideological Policies: The United States and European Countries Engaging Woman in the Fight Against Terrorism.
  - Author: Candis Ortbals (Pepperdine University)
- The Intimate War in/of 21st Century Populisms
  - Author: Laura Sjoberg (University of Florida)
- Women and Political Mobilization After War
  - Author: Marie E. Berry (University of Denver)