

STATE POLITICS & POLICY QUARTERLY

The Official Journal of the State Politics and Policy Organized Section of the
American Political Science Association

Search for Editor **State Politics and Policy Quarterly** **Deadline for proposals: May 1, 2019**

The president of the State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association, Christopher Z. Mooney, announces the formation of a search committee to solicit proposals for a new editor or editorial team for State Politics and Policy Quarterly (SPPQ). A highly qualified person or team of persons is sought for a four-year term to edit manuscripts that are submitted to SPPQ between June 2020 and May 2024. Nominations as well as proposals are encouraged.

Information About the Journal:

First published in 2001, SPPQ is the official journal of the State Politics and Policy section of the APSA, published under contract with the section by Sage. SPPQ is the premier journal for original research on state politics and policy, and has developed a reputation for attracting and developing top-quality scholarship through superior editorial service to authors. It is a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal publishing high quality academic studies that develop and test general hypotheses of political behavior, institutions, and policymaking using the unique methodological advantages of the U.S. states and other sub-national governments worldwide. It is carried by 14 abstracting and indexing services, including the Thomson/ISI Social Science Citation Index and JSTOR, with a 2017 impact factor of 1.425 according to the Journal Citation Reports.

The editorial team will work closely with the State Politics and Policy section officers to enhance the journal and scholarship in the field. The section is a vibrant and growing unit of the APSA, currently with approximately 400 members.

Duties of the Editorial Team Include:

- Soliciting and developing promising manuscripts for submission to the journal,
- Maintaining, updating, and improving the pool of reviewers,
- Sponsoring annual editorial board meetings to report information on the operation of the journal, and
- Continuing to improve the scope and contribution of the journal through such means as developing innovative uses of the web and other efforts to reach a broader readership.

New opportunities to improve the journal's ability to serve the field include, but are not limited to, a data replication website; the use of the Sage website to carry on-line-only material, such as auxiliary material for published articles or full special issues; and partnering with other fields or journals on special issues, such as racial and ethnic politics, data science, public policy, global subnational comparisons, the comparative study of subnational legislators, and more.

The current editors have worked closely with the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science at UNC and the APSA on a pilot project on data replication and archiving. The search committee is interested to hear candidates' thoughts about whether and how to proceed with the journal's pilot project on data replication.

The search committee is also interested in proposals to ensure diversity and inclusiveness at the journal, broadly construed, as well as any other proposals for innovation.

Information for Prospective Editors:

The current editors are Kris Kanthak and Chris Bonneau at the University of Pittsburgh. Their terms will expire with manuscripts submitted in May 2020. (The precise timing of the takeover of editorial duties and other business arrangements are subject to negotiation.)

The new editor or editors will have sole editorial responsibility for SPPQ, within the journal's established guidelines. He, she, or the team can expect to review 100-120 manuscripts per year, publishing 20-25 articles. Soliciting and developing promising manuscripts are among the editor's most important responsibilities.

Sage provides the editor with approximately \$6,000/year for travel support and other expenses incurred by the editorial team. Proposals should specify the university support the editor would receive. Past proposals have included commitments by the editor's home institution including:

- Course release time for the editor or another approach to freeing the editor's time.
- A 12-month graduate assistant or some other form of administrative support.
- Minimal postage and stationery supplies.

Search Committee:

Thad Kousser, University of California, San Diego (tkousser@ucsd.edu), chair

Caroline Tolbert, University of Iowa (caroline-tolbert@uiowa.edu)

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Nominations and Questions:

If you wish to nominate a person to serve as editor or if you have questions about the journal or the position of editor, please contact the chair of the search committee:

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To Apply:

Candidates should email (as PDF attachments) the following information to Thad Kousser (tkousser@ucsd.edu), chair of the search committee, by May 1, 2019:

- A letter of interest explaining the candidate's (or team of candidates') relevant experience, goals for the journal, ideas for innovations or changes (if any), and a discussion of the resource support to be provided by his or her home institution.
- Any proposal for a team of editors should also provide some discussion of the proposed arrangement of responsibilities among the team members.
- A current curriculum vita for each member of the editorial team.