

Request for Proposals

2016 Annual Institute
Society of Policy Scientists
October 27-29, 2016
Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, CA

Diffusion of Ideas: Linking Lasswell to the Future

We invite participants to share their research and experiences applying and communicating the policy sciences approach. As a contextual means of self-orientation and a pragmatic approach to address real-world problems, the policy sciences is a powerful toolset for advancing a global community “in which human dignity is realized in theory and fact” (Lasswell, *Democratic Character*). Communication and diffusion of that toolset, as well as the insights that emerge through its use, is an important aspect of what we do as practitioners. This encompasses applied research as well as the ways we teach and discuss the policy sciences with students, colleagues, or collaborators. As we examine how elements of the policy sciences framework can contribute to learning and problem-solving across diverse contexts, we encourage participants to reflect on their role as participant-observers in the settings where they work, and how the framework might be transported and translated into new settings. We also invite exploration of how the policy sciences approach might continue to grow and evolve in theory and practice.

The deeper discussion of the Policy Sciences Academy this year provides an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on where we are as a community of practice and to explore visions for our future. At this year’s Institute we hope to learn about new and ongoing research and to share insights into applying, communicating, diffusing, and extending the policy sciences approach.

Presentations and Panels

The 2016 Institute will continue the format used in past years to provide opportunities for discussion and feedback on scholarly and applied work. Proposals are invited for coordinated sessions or panels with named discussants. Individual presentations are also invited; these will be grouped into sessions with an assigned discussant. Proposals can include a discussant or the program committee can assign a discussant. Discussants should coordinate with presenters before the Institute, enabling them to prepare remarks to present in session. Ample time will be provided for questions and discussion with the audience. We also invite innovative and creative approaches for panels. **All presenters are asked to explicitly incorporate the theme of the Institute in designing their presentations, and to address this theme in their concluding remarks.** The degree to which the theme is incorporated into a presentation will comprise part of the selection criteria for inclusion in the Institute program.

Continuing Education Seminar

The Institute will begin with a continuing education seminar on the evening of Thursday, October 27th.

Proposal Topics

We encourage proposals that directly address the theme of communicating, diffusing and extending the policy sciences approach. This could include presentations on how a policy scientist has shared a policy sciences approach with others or successfully worked with others using the policy sciences. We seek examples from the academic, government, non-profit, business, and consulting worlds to encompass all the many ways that the policy sciences can be used to understand and solve real world problems.

Examples of topics:

- Case studies where policy sciences have been used, either explicitly or implicitly;
- Case studies that are explicitly multi-method and contextual in their approach to framing and analyzing a policy problem;
- Examples in which policy sciences have been taught, either explicitly or implicitly;
- Examples in which policy sciences have resulted in policy change; or
- Examples in which specific aspects of the policy sciences framework (e.g., problem orientation, social and/or decision process mapping) have refined an existing orientation to a policy context.

Poster Session for New and Future Policy Scientists

The inclusion of the policy sciences in many graduate programs across the world and the introduction of the Policy Sciences Academy illustrate efforts to grow our community of practice. The Institute remains an incredible opportunity to expose new students to formal and informal communication of the policy sciences and creates opportunities for students to discuss the theory and application of policy sciences with other Institute attendees.

This year we will encourage new attendees to participate in the poster session. Presenters are encouraged to integrate the theme of the Institute: "Diffusion of Ideas." Though we encourage both posters and proposals to include the same topics (examples above), we will not require the posters to explicitly integrate the policy sciences. Institute attendees will provide policy sciences insights and other feedback to enhance learning and problem-solving across diverse contexts.

Structure:

- Poster presenters will receive two minutes to present their poster orally to the audience.

- Poster presenters will return to their posters
- Attendees will be given ample time to explore posters and provide feedback

Proposal Guidelines and Selection

Members of the Program Committee would be pleased to work with individuals and groups in the development of proposals consistent with the goals and format outlined here. We welcome proposals of work completed, published, or in development. Society membership is not required to submit a proposal. The Committee is prepared to receive proposals immediately and will help develop these proposals as necessary or desirable.

We strongly encourage proposals from students, early career researchers, and those who work in non-profits, business, or government.

Proposals for presentations or posters should be no more than one page. We ask that they include a short description of the topic, the preferred format for presentation, and a list of participants that includes institutional affiliation and preferred title for each member. A designated point of contact with email address is required. If participants are not yet known, please include anticipated number of participants and presentations. Proposals may nominate discussants.

Proposals will be reviewed for acceptance beginning on **June 6, 2016**, with final decisions for the program made by **July 8, 2016**. The Committee will consider and accept proposals on a rolling basis, until all presentation slots are allocated.

Please submit proposals to Jennifer Zavaleta and Liz Thomas.

Questions can be directed to any of the Program Committee members:

Jennifer Zavaleta, University of Michigan jenniferczavaleta@gmail.com (program co-chair)

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Institute Location and Travel Information

Getting to Claremont:

Airports:

Ontario Airport (ONT) is the closest airport to Claremont (10 miles and about 20 minutes) and the most convenient airport to Claremont McKenna College. From

the airport to campus, depending on the time of day, is a ~\$30 one-way taxi ride or ~\$15 one-way on Lyft/Uber. Rental car service is also available at ONT. Los Angeles Airport (LAX) is the biggest airport close to Claremont (about 55 miles and anywhere from 1.25-3.5 hours depending on traffic). A Super Shuttle from LAX to Claremont typically is \$70. Alternately, you can take public transportation. From the airport to campus, you can take the Flyway Bus (\$9) to Union Station, and the Metro Link San Bernardino Line (\$9.50) to Claremont Station. CMC is less than a mile from the station. Rental car service is also available at LAX.

Other airport options include John Wayne Airport in Orange County (SNA), Bob Hope Airport in Burbank (BUR), and Long Beach Airport (LGB).

For more detailed information about getting to Claremont McKenna College, please see: <http://www.cmc.edu/about/getting-to-claremont-mckenna-college>

By Car (from CMC's website):

From the Los Angeles area, take the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) west to Indian Hill Boulevard (Exit 47). Drive north on Indian Hill for about two miles. Turn right onto 6th St, then left onto College Way. Keep right at the split in the road then turn left onto Columbia Avenue and the Kravis Center will be to your right. There is available parking directly west of the building.

From Pasadena and the San Fernando Valley, take the Foothill Freeway (I-210) east. Exit at Towne Avenue and drive south for one mile. Turn left onto Foothill Boulevard and continue until you reach Dartmouth Boulevard. Turn right onto Dartmouth Boulevard. Turn left at the stop sign and take your next immediate left. The Kravis Building will be on your left on Columbia Avenue.

From Orange County, take the Orange Freeway (Route 57) north to the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10). Continue east on I-10 to Indian Hill Boulevard (exit 47). Drive north on Indian Hill for about two miles. Turn right onto 6th St, then left onto College way. Keep right at the split in the road then turn left onto Columbia Avenue and the Kravis Center will be to your right. There is available parking directly west of the building.

Accommodation:

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Double Tree hotel, which is less than a mile from campus. The address is listed below:

Double Tree by Hilton Claremont
555 W. Foothill Blvd
Claremont, CA 91711
Phone number: 909-445-1824

When making reservations, please visit:

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/ONTCLDT-RES-20161026/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Our group name is Policy Sciences—Roberts Environmental Center and our group code is RES.

The hotel van can transport attendees between campus and the hotel.

Please note that the rooms will only be available until October 4, 2016, so please make your reservations as soon as you know you will attend.

Meeting Location at Claremont McKenna:

For all of the meetings, we will be meeting at Claremont McKenna College in the Freeburg Forum (courtyard level of the Kravis Building.) The Kravis Building is along Columbia Avenue between 9th and 8th Street, just east of Honnold Library. The 1st level of the building is used as Admissions and is well signed.

To access the Freeburg Forum, take one of several sets of stairs that go down towards the courtyard level.

Campus maps of Claremont McKenna and an interactive 3D map are available here: <https://www.cmc.edu/about/campusmaps>

Closing Reception Location and Details

TBA

Student Travel Scholarships

We would like to encourage students and newer policy scientists to present the results of their work during Institute sessions. With that in mind, the Society is pleased to be able to provide subsidies to help fund travel or other expenses. Awards will be made up to \$500 or \$1,000, depending on the total funds we have available, to cover travel, accommodation, and registration expenses to attend the Policy Sciences Annual Institute. Relevant decision criteria include: 1) member of the Society of Policy Scientists; 2) presenting a paper or poster at the Annual Institute; and 3) new(er) policy scientist (e.g. no more than three years have passed since your most recent academic-degree enrollment or exposure to the policy sciences). Higher priority will be given to those who meet more of the criteria. The travel grant application is attached below. **Applications will be due by June 6, 2016.**

Application for a Travel, Accommodation, and Registration Grant for the Policy Sciences Annual Institute, October 27-29 to be held at Claremont McKenna College.

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Name of applicant: _____

Amount requested: \$ _____

Are you a member of the Society for the Policy Sciences? Yes No

Year joined _____

Have you submitted a proposal to present a paper or proposal? Yes No

Has that paper or poster been accepted? Yes No Don't Know

Current or most recent academic-degree experience:

Program _____

Dates attended _____

Date of first exposure/experience with policy sciences _____

If you are not a self-nominated applicant, who recommended that you apply for this grant? _____

Commitment: I agree to serve on a panel with other awardees to discuss what I hope to learn from attending the Policy Sciences Annual Institute and, more generally, from policy sciences; or I agree to present my paper or poster should it be selected for the final program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please email this completed application to Christina Cromley Bruner at:
cmc1991@gmail.com

Applications must be received by **June 6, 2016**. Grantees will be selected by the criteria they meet or by lottery, should no criteria apply. Grantees will be reimbursed for travel, accommodation, and registration costs up to an amount between US \$500 and \$1,000, depending on the available funding. We will update applicants on funding availability as soon as it is finalized.

Grantees are expected to apply for other sources of funding, where possible. Please indicate any other sources of funding sought for this conference, and amount awarded [this information will not effect the grant process; it will not make your application more or less competitive]:
