

ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICS AND THE LIFE SCIENCES

Call for Papers

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (APLS) will be held October 23-24, 2015, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

Individual paper presentations, panel, and roundtable proposals are welcome on any topic that pertains to the following broad categories: new directions in politics and the life sciences, biobehavior, life science policies (e.g., health policy, genetically modified foods, stem cell research), neurobiology and politics, bioethics, bioterrorism, environmental policy and communication (e.g., media coverage and public opinion about climate change), genetics and politics, biotechnology, and other biopolitical topics.

THEME: "New Media, Polarized Politics, and the Life Sciences"

The lines between politics and the life sciences increasingly blur in today's polarized political climate and rapidly changing media landscape. Issues, such as synthetic biology, climate change, genetically modified foods, vaccines, and alternative energy are just a few recent examples. This has created new dynamics of how the public understands science and how different stakeholders and legislators shape policy. While new media environments, such as social media, allow for people to have broad discussions about these topics, it is also easier now than ever before for citizens to restrict their informational diets to sources within ideological echo chambers or other filter bubbles. Empirical explorations into how these three different developments fit together and influence each other will be crucial for informing the future of public and political interfaces of the life sciences.

Although participants are encouraged to address the conference theme, other topics are also welcome.

To be awarded: Best Paper (\$500) and Best Student Paper (\$250)*

TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS: The Program Committee will consider proposals for individual paper presentations, research panels, and roundtables. ***The deadline for receipt of proposals is Tuesday, June 30, 2015.***

For **paper presentations**, please send in the body of an email to Gregg Murray (g.murray@ttu.edu) an abstract not to exceed 200 words that includes: the title of your presentation, your name and title, and your institutional affiliation.

For **research panels** and **roundtables**, please send in the body of an email to Gregg Murray (g.murray@ttu.edu) a description not to exceed 200 words of the proposed panel or roundtable that includes the panel title, your name as "organizer," your affiliation, and contact information for all other panel and roundtable participants. All panel members should submit abstracts for their individual papers and also indicate their panel affiliation.



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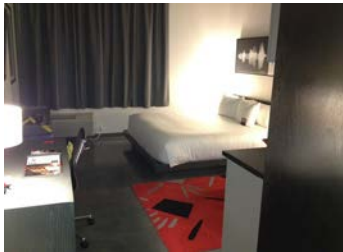
Travel & Registration

AIR TRAVEL: Flights can be arranged directly to Dane County Regional Airport-Madison. Flights may be less expensive through a Chicago airport and bus (~3.5 hours) to Madison.

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS: To be arranged individually. The conference hotels are:



Wisconsin Union Hotel
1308 West Dayton St. | Madison, WI 53715
608.263.2600 | Fax 608.890.4422
<http://www.union.wisc.edu/wuhotel.htm>
\$127/night + tax
Group: Association for Politics and the Life Sciences
Reservations must be received by September 21, 2015.



HotelRED
1501 Monroe St. | Madison, WI 53711
608.819.8228 | Fax 608.819.8703 | dos@hotelRED.com
<http://www.hotelred.com>
\$179/night + tax (king executive room)
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REGISTRATION FEES:

Professionals: \$150

Students: \$50 (for students registered full time in a graduate program)

Online registration is available at: <http://goo.gl/Bf83BD>. To avoid a \$20 late fee, please register by September 30, 2015.

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS:

Up to four \$250 travel grants are available to graduate students. To be eligible, the student must be registered full time in a graduate program and present an empirically based paper at the conference. Please contact Gregg Murray at g.murray@ttu.edu for more information.

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* To be considered for one of the best paper awards, please submit the full paper by October 16, 2015, to Gregg Murray at g.murray@ttu.edu. Only students registered full time in a graduate program are eligible for the Best Student Paper Award. Forthcoming, in press, and published manuscripts are not eligible for best paper awards.