



2017-2018 APSA eJobs Report:

6 Month Report, July 1 - December 31, 2017

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Foreword

Enclosed please find an analysis of job advertisements posted to the APSA eJobs site between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

The total number of jobs between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 was higher than previous years. July was the only the only month where the posting rate was below average. August through December saw posting rates higher than average. Postings were predominantly for positions in International Relations (23.8%), American Government and Politics (18.5%), and Comparative Politics (15.9%) subfields. In relation to position and rank, a plurality of postings were for Assistant Professors (48.3%).

Between October 2014 and June 2015, the eJobs database was on a different platform. Data for these months are excluded from this report. Starting in July 2017, duplicate job postings were tracked. A posting is considered a duplicate if the same job is advertised in multiple postings. Of the 899 postings made, 109 were duplicates, making the true number of postings 790. As duplicate postings have not been identified in previous years, they are included in the total number of postings in this report when drawing comparisons over time.

We encourage you to read the report carefully, and we welcome your questions, suggestions, or ideas. Please contact us with any specific questions about the findings. We will aim to fold in some of the broader questions that members bring to our attention through subsequent reports and materials on the American Political Science Association website, www.apsanet.org. You can contact us at surveys@apsanet.org, or by calling the main APSA office at 202-483-2512.

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Key Findings

- The eJobs report presents data on the subfields, type of position, and the region of the advertising colleges, universities or institutions.
- During the first 6 months of the 2017-2018 academic year 899 job postings were made. This is 5.8% higher than average (Table 1).
- August, September, October, November, and December 2017 reported a higher than average number of postings. Only July 2017 had fewer postings than average (Figure 1).
- Postings for positions in the US were generally for positions in the US Northeast (31.1%), US All Regions (16.8%), or the US Midwest (12.0%) (Figure 2).
- Postings for positions outside the U.S. comprised 15.4% of all postings from July through December 2017 (Figure 4). Most international postings were located in Europe (36.1%), followed by Asia (25.4%). (Figure 3).
- The largest major subfield category for postings was International Politics (23.8%), followed by American Politics and Government (18.5%), and then Comparative Politics (15.9%) (Figure 5).
- Tenure-Track positions were the most frequently posted positions, comprising nearly two-thirds of all postings (Figure 6).
- Under all major subfields, postings tended to be for tenure-track junior faculty positions. With the exception of the 'Other' category, which had the highest rate of non-tenure track positions (43.2%), postings for positions in all major subfields were for tenure-track positions at least two-thirds of the time (Table 2).

Figures and Tables

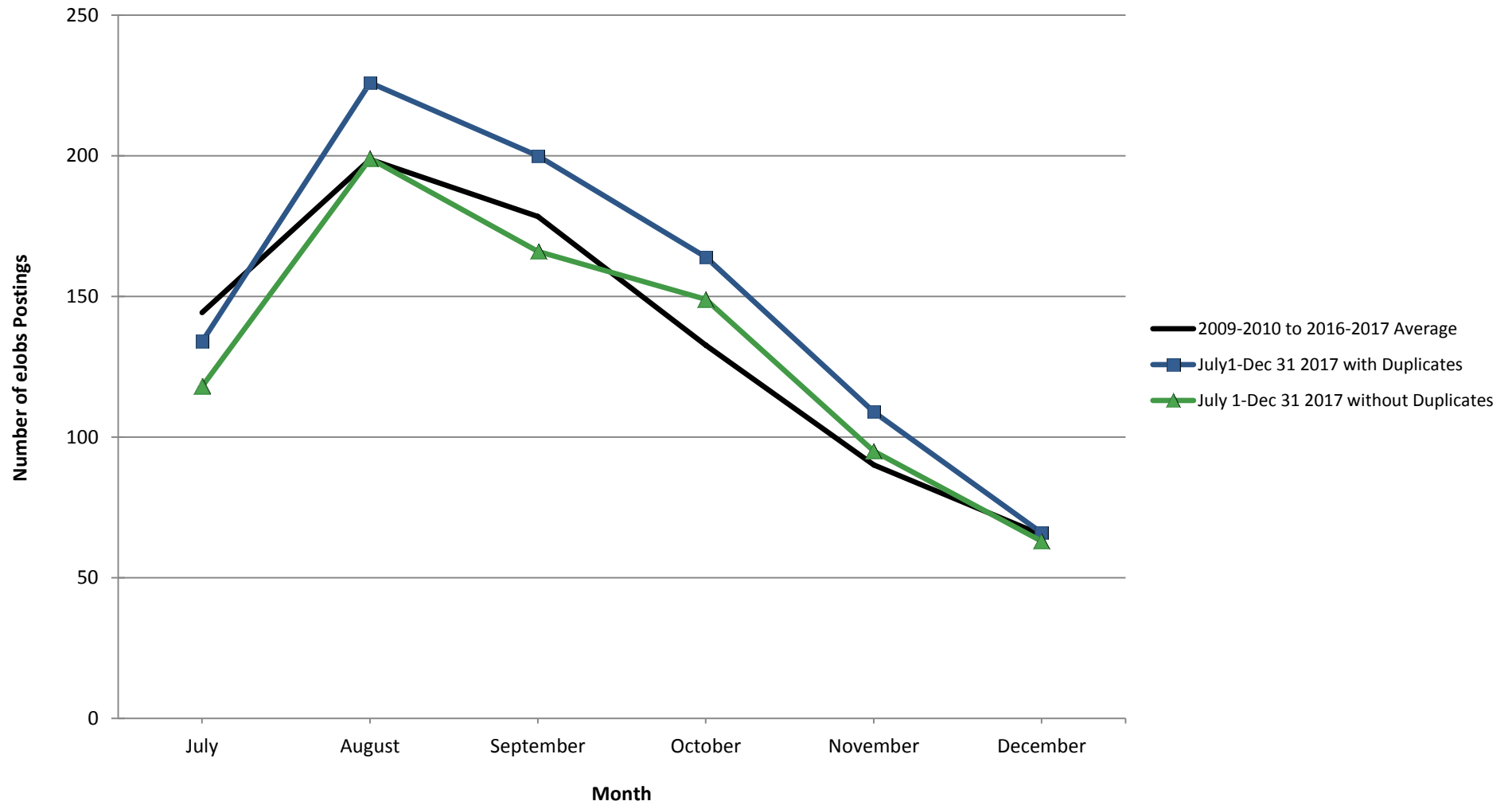
Figure 1. eJobs Postings Over Time, July-Decemer 2009-2010 to 2017-2018

Figure 2. Posting by US Region

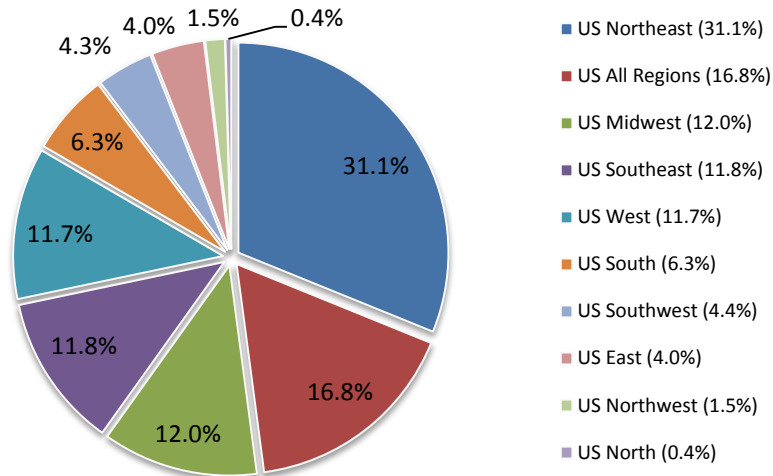


Table 1. Total eJobs Postings During 2010-2017 Academic Years

Academic Years	First 6 Months (July - Dec.)	Second 6 Months (Jan. - June)	Total
2010-2011	825	390	1215
2011-2012	881	417	1298
2012-2013	846	392	1238
2013-2014	845	385	1230
2015-2016	898	362	1260
2016-2017	758	383	1141
2017-2018	899		
2017-2018*	790*		
2010-2017 Average	842	388	1230

*Over the past 6 months, duplicate job postings were logged. A posting is considered a duplicate if the same job is advertised in multiple postings. Between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 there were 109 duplicate postings. As duplicates were not logged over previous years, they were not subtracted from the total postings when making comparisons over time.

Figure 3. Posting by International Country or Region outside the US

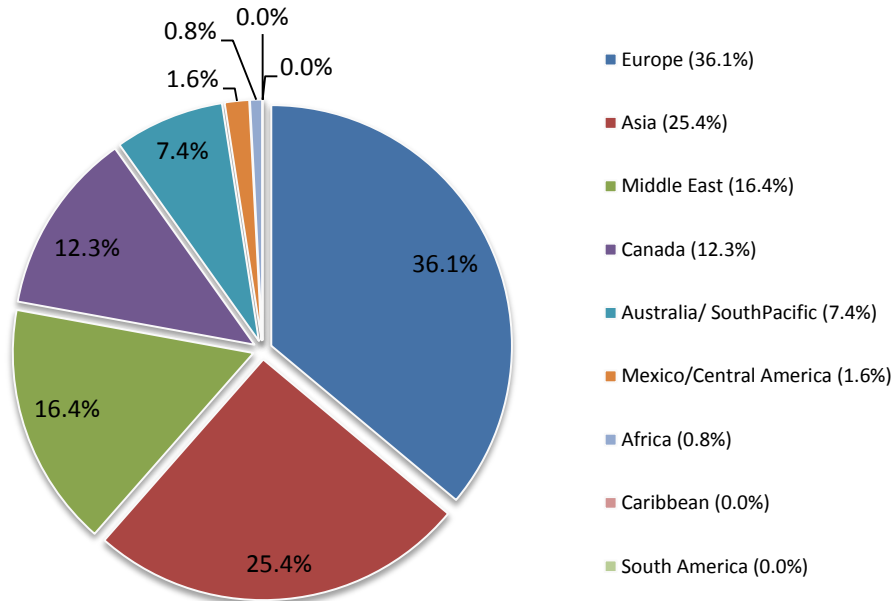


Figure 4. eJobs Postings

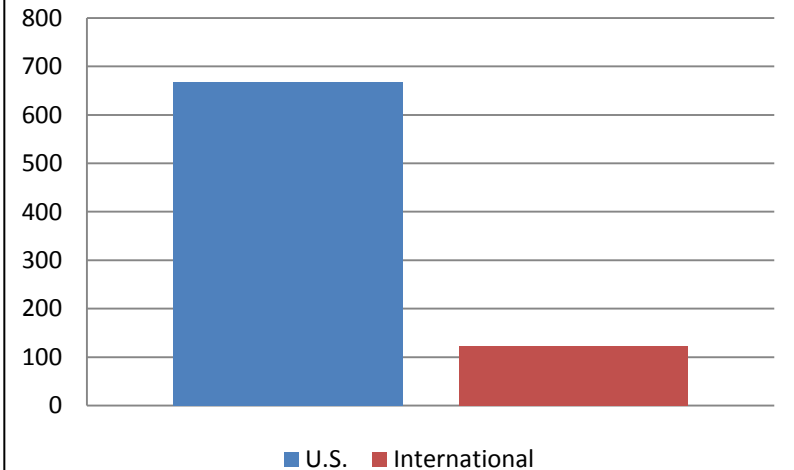


Figure 5. Major Subfields of Job Postings

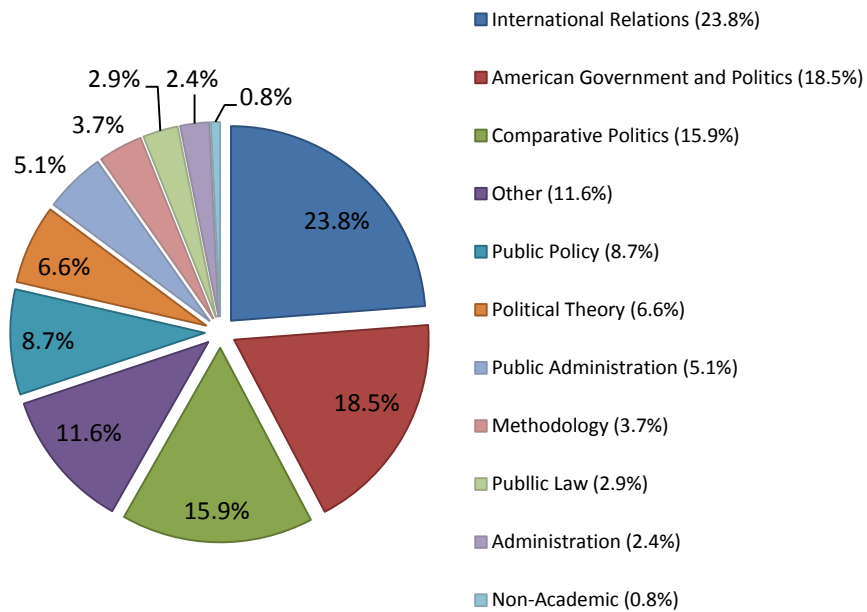


Figure 6. Junior Faculty Positions*

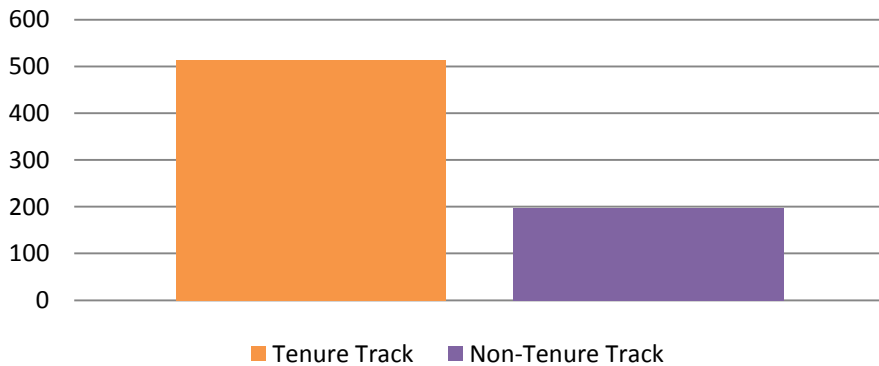


Table 2. Major Subfields by Junior Faculty Positions

Major Subfield	Junior Faculty Positions*	
	Non-Tenure Track	Tenure Track
American Government and Politics n=135	31.9%	68.1%
Comparative Politics n=120	19.2%	80.8%
International Relations n=169	27.1%	72.8%
Methodology n=25	20.0%	80.0%
Political Theory n=48	22.9%	77.1%
Public Administration n=36	13.9%	86.1%
Public Law n=21	23.8%	76.2%
Public Policy n=60	25.0%	75.0%
Other n=81	43.2%	56.8%

*Junior Faculty Tenure Track includes Academic Positions: All, Assistant Professor, and Assistant/Associate Professor; Multiple Ranks, and Open. Junior Faculty Non-Tenure Track includes Academic Positions: Instructor, Lecturer, Other, and Visiting Professor; Fellowships/Post-docs: Pre-doctoral, Post-doctoral, Other, and All; and Other. Not included: Academic Positions: Associate and Full Professors.