

APSA Organized Section 32: Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Invites Nominations and Applications for Editor of *Political Behavior*

Professor Michael Martinez, Chair of APSA Organized Section 32: Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB), has appointed a Search Committee to select a new Editor for the Section's affiliated journal, *Political Behavior*. Published by Springer Science+Business Media, the journal receives approximately 400 manuscript submissions per year, publishes four issues per year, and has a five-year Impact Factor of 2.6.

The members of the Search Committee are:

- Cindy Kam (Vanderbilt University), Chair
- Richard Johnston (University of British Columbia)
- Jan Leighley (American University)
- Alex Pacek (Texas A&M University)
- Dave Peterson (Iowa State University, ex officio)

The Search Committee invites nominations and applications for the Editorship of *Political Behavior*. The incoming Editor will succeed current Editor David Peterson, whose term will end on December 31, 2018. The new Editor will serve a renewable four-year term, from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022. The Search Committee welcomes both individual Editor and Editorial Team candidacies.

The Editor/Editorial Team will be expected to:

- Sustain and build *Political Behavior's* current high stature as a preeminent publication outlet within political science
- Ensure that *Political Behavior* be open to submissions from all areas within the study of political behavior and to innovative work that may span traditional disciplinary boundaries
- Handle the review process and adjudicate publication decisions in a discerning, fair, timely, and equitable manner
- Work within the available resources to maintain journal operations and the editorial office
- Appoint and consult with the Editorial Board as needed, and convene a meeting of the Editorial Board during the annual APSA general meeting
- Give a brief report on the "state of the journal" at the annual business meeting of the EPOVB section (held during the annual APSA general meeting)
- Join and continue membership in the EPOVB Section of APSA

Nominations and applications for the Editorship of *Political Behavior* should be sent via e-mail to the Search Committee Chair, Cindy Kam (E-mail: cindy.d.kam@vanderbilt.edu).

A complete application for the *Political Behavior* Editorship should consist of a single .pdf containing the following four elements:

1. Application Letter: The application letter should discuss aspects of the candidate's professional and scholarly experiences that will enable the candidate to succeed in the position.

2. Vita: A complete vita should be provided by each individual candidate or each individual member of a proposed editorial team.

3. Support Plan: Candidates should outline their plan to support *Political Behavior* while it is housed at their institution(s). Candidates for the Editorship are expected to receive some support from their home institution for the editorial duties. This typically includes: (1) a partial release from teaching responsibilities; (2) a graduate research assistant; and (3) summer support for the graduate student. Additional support, in the form of an online editorial management system and a yearly stipend for the editor, is provided by the publisher.

4. Management Plan: The application should include a formal statement laying out plans for managing *Political Behavior*. Candidates should address the issues they believe to be relevant to the intellectual content and/or management of the journal. An effective management plan might engage questions such as:

(a) Would you initiate any new editorial policies, modify old policies, or redirect emphasis on distinctive features of the journal? In what directions do you wish to take the journal? How would you ensure attention to the diverse areas of interest within the subfield of political behavior?

(b) If you are proposing an Editorial team, what would be the division of labor among the individuals that comprise the team? How would the final editorial decisions be made on submitted manuscripts?

(c) What is your view of desk rejections? How will you select reviewers for manuscripts? How will you handle refusals and nonresponses from potential reviewers? How will you augment the reviewer pool?

(d) What strategies and procedures will you employ to encourage individuals to return high-quality reviews in a timely manner? How important do you believe turnaround time is, as an element of the review process?

(e) What policies for data accessibility and research transparency will you have as editor?

(f) How will you plan to use social media to increase the visibility of the journal?

(g) At the end of your tenure as Editor, what benchmarks would you use to evaluate your performance during your term?

To ensure full consideration, applications must be submitted by January 1, 2018. The Committee will work closely with the publisher, Springer Science+Business Media, to make every effort to select the new Editor by May 1, 2018.