

# Shifting Agendas

PSA (UK) Women & Politics Conference, February 19, 2010

The University of Manchester, UK

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

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## Call for papers – due November 1, 2009

The PSA (UK) Women & Politics Group, and conference organizers in Politics at The University of Manchester, invite paper abstracts for the forthcoming conference **Shifting Agendas**. This conference will showcase gender research from across the discipline of Politics. Colleagues researching women & politics will be all too aware of the need to work across identity boundaries and to incorporate conceptions of intersectionality in their research whether it be in policy, institutions and party politics, international relations, Europe or feminist theory. In addition, this conference offers space to think about the placement and assessment of such research within the discipline. We welcome paper proposals within the following broad four strands:

- **Theorizing and Operationalizing Intersectionality**  
This strand highlights papers considering 'intersectionality' in theory, policy or practice.
- **Conserving Feminism**  
Papers could consider party positioning, 'the women's vote', women in politics/political parties, institutions. In addition, papers would be welcome on the theme of generational shifts within feminism and/or feminist theory.
- **Gender & the profession**  
This strand focuses on the assessment of 'gender research' within the discipline.
- **Sexuality & Politics**  
This strand features papers in this growing area of research from all perspectives in the discipline, including theory, policy, representation and governance.

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**Paisley Currah** (CUNY) recently co-edited *Transgender Rights* (2006; with R. M. Juang and S. P. Minter) which was a Lambda Literary Award finalist. His most recent article is "We Won't Know Who You Are: Contesting Sex Designations on New York City Birth Certificates" (*Hypatia*, 2009, co-authored with Lisa Jean Moore) and current book project is entitled *The United States of Gender: Legislating, Litigating, and Regulating (Trans)Gender*. Paisley serves on the APSA Committee for the Status of LGBTs in the profession and is the president-elect of the ASPA Sexuality & Politics Section. He is on the editorial board of *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, *GLQ: A Journal for Lesbian and Gay Studies* and *Women Studies Quarterly*.

**Wendy Smooth** (OSU) current book *Perceptions of Power and Influence: The Impact of Race and Gender on Legislative Influence*, examines the impact of race and gender on the distribution of power and influence in U.S. state legislatures. Her work considers the ways in which institutions preference gender and racial norms through their institutional arrangements, norms, preferences and day to day operating procedures. Wendy is active in APSA Women & Politics Section and serves on the editorial board of *Politics & Gender*.

Further information about the conference can be found at:

<http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/disciplines/politics/events/shiftingagendas>

Please send abstracts via email to the conference organizer by **November 1, 2009**:

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Registration deadline is **January 10, 2010**. Limited places – register early!