

# Meet the 2023 First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant Recipients

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**T**he [APSA Committee on the Status of First Generation Scholars in the Profession](#) works to bring focused attention to the ways in which class, economic inequality, and mobility can effect political scientists' ability to thrive educationally and professionally throughout their careers. In October 2023, the Committee matched donations to the APSA Annual Fund to support the professional development of 129 first generation scholars in the political science discipline. This support was also made possible by the contributions from the Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans, Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas, and the Committee on the Status of Women. The following scholars were awarded for the 2023 accessibility reimbursement grant:

**Catherine Abou-Khalil**, Boston University  
**Muhammad Hassan Bin Afzal**, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
**Nancy Aguilera**, University of Missouri-St. Louis  
**Christopher Akor**, The University of Alabama  
**Sanjida Amin**, University of Toronto  
**Scovia Aweko**, Purdue University  
**Muharrem Bagriyanik**, University of Florida  
**Dipak Kumar Biswas**, West Virginia University  
**Mitchell Bosley**, University of Michigan  
**Francisco Brandao**, Loughborough University  
**Francesco Bromo**, Texas A&M University  
**Enock Bulime**, Kansas State University  
**You Chen Chen**, Soochow University  
**Oripha Chimwara**, North West University  
**ChaeEun Cho**, Vanderbilt University  
**Seoungin Choi**, University of Arizona  
**Gonzalo Contreras**, University of Oxford  
**Juan Corredor Garcia**, CUNY Graduate Center  
**Dimitri Courant**, Harvard University  
**Jerome Patrick Cruz**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**Karol Czuba**, Nazarbayev University  
**Nicolás de la Cerda**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Alessandro Del Ponte**, The University of Alabama  
**Larissa Doroshenko**, Northeastern University  
**Jonathan Elkobi**, University of California, San Diego  
**Melek Eroglu**, University of Pittsburgh  
**Keely Eshenbaugh**, University of Nevada Reno  
**Ingrid Faleide**, University of Bergen  
**Yibin Fan**, University of Washington  
**Jun Fang**, University of Michigan  
**Maria Belén Fernández Milmanda**, Trinity College

**Chengyu Fu**, Harvard University  
**Chris Gahagan**, Florida State University  
**Natalia Galica**, University of Silesia in Katowice  
**Ziyu He**, University of California San Diego  
**Mehmet Hecan**, Boston University  
**Dilara Hekimci**, University of Miami  
**Kun Heo**, New York University  
**Paa-Kwesi Heto**, University of California, Irvine  
**David Houghton**, London School of Economics and Political Science  
**R. Joseph Huddleston**, Seton Hall University  
**Yu Jeong Hwang**, University of Arizona  
**Sekou Jabateh**, New York University  
**Suna Jeong**, Georgetown University  
**Yujin Jung**, University of Missouri  
**Jay Kao**, Loyola University Chicago  
**Akbota Karibayeva**, George Washington University  
**Mohit Karnani**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**Ruchan Kaya**, Austin College  
**Aleena Khan**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**Yu Bin Kim**, University of Missouri  
**Julien Labarre**, University of California, Santa Barbara  
**Natalie Lau**, The University of Edinburgh  
**Diana Da In Lee**, Columbia University  
**Jesslene Lee**, University of Toronto  
**Young-Im Lee**, California State University-Sacramento  
**Youngjoon Lee**, University of Maryland, College Park  
**Shengqiao Lin**, University of Texas at Austin  
**Yue Lin**, University of California, Berkeley  
**Ying Liu**, Rutgers University-Newark  
**Alejandro Lopez Peceño**, New York University  
**Haofeng Ma**, The University of Iowa  
**Sidi Maghraoui**, Al-Akhawayn University  
**Ali Masood**, Oberlin College  
**Javier Matamoros Becerra**, University of Extremadura  
**Yu Mei**, University of Rochester  
**Ankushi Mitra**, Georgetown University  
**Nathalie Mendez**, Universidad de los Andes  
**Juan Micozzi**, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México  
**Philip Moniz**, University of Texas at Austin  
**Bedirhan Mutlu**, George Washington University  
**Miwa Nakajo**, Tsuda University  
**Kasia Nalewajko**, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
**Silviya Nitsova**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Hyesang Noh**, University at Albany, State University of New York  
**Nicola Nones**, University of Toronto  
**Christopher Nyabira**, University of the Western Cape

**Nife Ogunbodede**, University of Delaware  
**Inhwan Oh**, Boston College  
**Yunus Orhan**, North Dakota State University  
**Alex Osei-Kojo**, University of Tennessee Knoxville  
**Busra Nur Ozguler Aktel**, Georgia State University  
**Camila Paez**, Arizona State University  
**Anmol Panda**, University of Michigan  
**Hyunjung Park**, University of Pittsburgh  
**So Yeon Park**, Michigan State University  
**Yul Min Park**, The University of Texas at Austin  
**Tereza Petrovicova**, UC San Diego  
**Mathias Poertner**, London School of Economics and Political Science  
**Hayley Pring**, University of Oxford  
**Mariana Ramirez Bustamante**, Vanderbilt University  
**Mohammad Rezwanul Haque Masud**, University of Colorado, Boulder  
**Joan Ricart-Huguet**, Loyola University Maryland  
**Andreu Rodilla**, University of Barcelona  
**Rashi Sabherwal**, University of Pennsylvania  
**Regine Schwab**, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt  
**Miklós Sebők**, Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest  
**Sefa Secen**, Ohio State University  
**Didem Seyis**, Binghamton University (SUNY)  
**Farzin Shargh**, SUNY, University at Albany  
**Sally Sharif**, Simon Fraser University  
**Michael Sharpe**, York College/Graduate Center-CUNY  
**Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun**, University of California, San Diego  
**EmiLee Smart**, University of Kentucky

**Dehua Sun**, University of Rochester  
**Marton Szabo**, University of Rochester  
**Hugo Tai**, University of Oxford  
**Peter Thompson**, Appalachian State University  
**Paul-Sewa Thovoethin**, Lagos State University, Ojo Campus  
**Sedef Topal**, Washington State University  
**Shu-An Tsai**, SUNY Buffalo  
**Ozlem Tuncel Gurlek**, Georgia State University  
**Jingding Wang**, Syracuse University  
**Hsu Yumin Wang**, Emory University  
**Tsukasa Watanabe**, University of North Texas  
**Fiona Hoi-yan Wong**, University of Edinburgh  
**Kristina Wright**, University of Florida  
**Weifang Xu**, Florida State University  
**Eddy Yeung**, Emory University  
**Muhammed Yusuf Yilmaz**, McGill University  
**Lori Young**, University of Waterloo  
**Jermaine Young**, Howard University  
**Jianjun Yu**, University of Iowa  
**Shuli Zhang**, University of Pittsburgh  
**Tongtong Zhang**, Stanford University  
**Weidong Zhang**, University of Iowa  
**Zhu Zhang**, Fairfield University  
**Bang Zheng**, University of Arizona  
**Lidiya Zubytska**, Ave Maria University  
**James Steur**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**Cigdem Unal**, University of Pittsburgh  
**Everett Vieira**, California State University, Fresno  
**Rui Wang**, University at Buffalo  
**Yuan Wang**, University of Georgia ■

## "HISTORY OF THE PROFESSION": APSA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT VIDEOS

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During the 2023 [National Conference of Black Political Scientists \(NCOBPS\)](#) Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, the APSA Diversity and Inclusion Department conducted a series of oral history interviews of Political Science Scholars. This collection of interviews (<https://connect.apsanet.org/apsaoralhistory/home/contributions-by-scholars-of-color-series/>) contributes to a continuous project that seeks to amplify the scholarship and contributions of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to the profession and investigate the history of race and racism in the political science profession. The collection is motivated by the [McClain Task Force on Systemic Inequal-](#)

[ity in the Discipline \(2022\)](#). The videos premiered at the 2023 APSA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA and will be shown at the 2024 NCOBPS Annual Meeting.

Interviewees include: Dr. Dianne M. Pinderhughes, Notre Dame University (former APSA President); Dr. Kathie Stromile Golden, Mississippi Valley State University (former APSA Council Member and Executive Director of NCOBPS); Dr. Elsie Scott, Howard University; and Dr. Todd Shaw, University of South Carolina (former APSA Council Member).

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