

**Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Conference Group
Business Meeting 2017**

Minutes

The business meeting was convened in the Parc 55 hotel, San Francisco, Powell II room, on Friday, September 1, 6:30-7:45 pm. It was chaired by Ido Oren. About 25 people were in attendance.

1. Report from this year's program chair (Lee Ann Fujii)

IMM was allocated one panel on the program. We received four individual paper submissions—they were all accepted and formed a single panel, which was co-sponsored by QMMR: Varieties of Interpretive Research: From Trump to Transylvania. In addition to this panel, we co-sponsored two other panels with QMMR:

- The Contributions of Interpretive Research to Political Science: A Retrospective
- Interpretive Methods in Contemporary Political Science

We also co-sponsored (with QMMR) the Methods Café, which does not count toward our panel allocation (see item 3 below).

2. Report on Short Course (Dvora Yanow)

Held on Wednesday, August 30, between 1:30–5:30 pm, “The Methods Studio” started with a workshop on “Interpretive Methodology in a Post-Fact World.” Dvora Yanow, Renee Cramer, and Ido Oren led off with brief remarks, followed by a lively discussion. The workshop was followed by a “crit” with three presenters—PhD students Taylor McDonald and Osha Smith-Gittelman and UC-Riverside Associate Professor Farah Godrej. Samantha Majic, Sarah Marusek, Timothy Pachirat, and Denise Walsh served as official respondents and additional comments were offered by others in attendance. More than thirty scholars participated in the short course this year—a record number.

3. Report on the Methods Café (Sam Majic and Timothy Pachirat)

This was the first APSA methods café coordinated by Timothy and Sam. The Café this year had 15 tables and 25 specialists. New tables were added re: funding and publishing. About 75 scholars were in attendance and the room was busy throughout the 90 minute duration of the event. Free coffee was made available thanks to Routledge Publishers.

4. Award presentations

- Grain of Sand award (presented by Ido Oren, Lee Ann Fujii, and Timothy Pachirat, for the committee)
 - Presentation of the award to **Dvora Yanow** (Wageningen University) and **Peregrine (Peri) Schwartz-Shea** (University of Utah)
 - Award Committee: Lee Ann Fujii (University of Toronto), Joe Lowndes (University of Oregon), Ido Oren (University of Florida; chair), Timothy Pachirat (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Frederic C. Schaffer (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Joe Soss (University of Minnesota).
- Charles Taylor 2017 book award (presented by Daniel Kato, for the committee)
 - Presentation of the award to Sarah Wiebe, University of Hawaii, for *Everyday Exposure: Indigenous Mobilization and Environmental Justice in Canada's Chemical Valley* (Vancouver and Toronto: UBC Press, 2016).

- Award Committee: Jutta Weldes, University of Bristol, Chair; Lahra Smith, Georgetown University; Daniel Kato, Queen Mary University of London.
- Hayward Alker 2017 best graduate student paper award (presented by Kevin Funk, for the committee)
 - Presentation of the award to Michelle Weitzel, (doctoral candidate at the New School for Social Research), for “An Acoustemology of Conflict in Israel-Palestine: Toward a Theory of Sound-Power.” The paper was presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in San Diego. It was self-nominated. ‘
 - Award Committee: Kevin Funk, Spring Hill College, Chair; Karen Baird, Purchase College, SUNY; Jaime Lluch, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras.

5. Members’ announcements

This section of the agenda—which would have included an announcement of two new titles in the “Routledge Series on Interpretive Methods,” coedited by Peri Schwartz-Shea and Dvora Yanow—was skipped in the interest of time. The two titles are:

- Lee Ann Fujii, *Interviewing in Social Science Research: A Relational Approach*
- Timothy Pachirat, *Among wolves: Ethnography and the Immersive Study of Power* (forthcoming in November)

6. New business

- a. APSR Associate Editor Ingo Rohlfing came to the meeting (for the second year in a row) and made brief remarks. Under the previous editorial team the APSR signed the Journal Editors’ Transparency Statement, implementing the Data Access/Research Transparency policy supported by the APSA. The current editorial team continues to adhere to this statement. Rohlfing stressed that, with regard to qualitative submissions, the application of the policy would be flexible, determined on a case by case basis. So far the current (relatively new) editorial team has received very few qualitative submissions and has accepted none for publication yet. The overall rate of acceptance of submissions to the APSR continues to be very low.
- b. In the interest of time, we skipped the announcement of the 2018 IMM Program Chair: Lee Ann Fujii (University of Toronto) will continue as Program Chair for the 2018 APSA annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes drafted by Ido Oren