

THE PENNSYLVANIA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1939, the Pennsylvania Political Science Association (PPSA) is the nation's oldest state political science association. Its mission has always been to promote scholarship, research, and the exchange of ideas within the Pennsylvania community of political scientists. PPSA draws its membership principally from the political science and public administration faculties of Pennsylvania's public and private colleges and universities but also includes government professionals and faculty members from surrounding states.

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- Pennsylvania campaigns, elections, and public opinion
- International relations with clear consequences for Pennsylvania and its regions

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