

## Section Prizes and Awards

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Below is a description of each prize as well as the eligibility requirements for each category and expectations for members of the selection committees. Nominations (and self-nominations) for prizes are due **due January 1**. The QMMR section has also asked to advertise its prizes to the MENA Politics section. QMMR award nominations are **due January 31**. Please consider nominating work by MENA Politics section members for appropriate awards in both sections.

### MENA POLITICS SECTION AWARDS

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### ***MENA Politics Section Award for Best Book***

Awarded for the best book published in the previous year (January-December). Monographs utilizing any methodological, theoretical, and empirical tools for the study of the politics of the Middle East and North Africa will be considered. Edited volumes, handbooks, and similar works will not be considered. If there are sufficient nominations, the award committee may choose to split the award into “first book” and “second+ book” categories. Please submit nominations or self-nominations to the award committee with the subject heading “MENA Politics Best Book Nomination” at [apsamena@gmail.com](mailto:apsamena@gmail.com) by January 1. Electronic copies of the nominated book should also be sent to the chair of the award committee, Khalid Medani, at [khalid.medani@mcgill.ca](mailto:khalid.medani@mcgill.ca). Members of the award committee who have worked closely with a nominee (as advisor, dissertation committee member, co-author, etc.) will recuse themselves from deliberation over that nominee's work.

### ***MENA Politics Section Award for Best Journal Article***

Awarded for the best article published in a peer-reviewed journal the previous year (January-December). Articles utilizing any methodological, theoretical, and empirical tools for the study of the politics of the Middle East and North Africa will be considered. Should sufficient nominees exist, the committee may also consider recognizing any submission for a “Best Fieldwork” or “Best Dataset” sub-award. Please submit nominations or self-nominations with the subject heading “MENA Politics Best Journal Article Nomination” at [apsamena@gmail.com](mailto:apsamena@gmail.com) by January 1. An electronic copy of the nominated article should also be sent to the chair of the award committee, Sarah Parkinson, at [sparkinson@jhu.edu](mailto:sparkinson@jhu.edu).

### ***MENA Politics Section Award for Best Dissertation***

Awarded for the best doctoral thesis defended in the previous academic year. (August-July). To be considered, the dissertation must be nominated by the dissertation adviser or another faculty member familiar with the work; self-nominations are not permitted and dissertations may only be nominated once. The nominator should submit a short letter explaining why the dissertation makes an exceptional contribution to the study of the politics of the Middle East and the broader discipline of Political Science; this letter should also indicate if any portion of the dissertation has been published in article format and/or if it is being nominated for another section award. Work utilizing any methodological, theoretical, and empirical tools for the study of the politics

of the Middle East and North Africa will be considered. Please submit nomination letters, with the dissertation as a PDF attachment, to the chair of the award committee with the subject heading “MENA Politics Best Dissertation Nomination” at [apsamena@gmail.com](mailto:apsamena@gmail.com) by January 1. An electronic copy of the nomination materials should also be sent to the chair of the award committee, Ian Hartshorn, at [ihartshorn@unr.edu](mailto:ihartshorn@unr.edu). A member of the selection committee may not nominate their own graduate student and will recuse themselves from deliberations over their student’s work should it be nominated by others.

### ***MENA Politics Section Award for Best Paper***

Awarded for the best conference paper presented at the previous annual meeting of the APSA. Papers utilizing any methodological, theoretical, and empirical tools for the study of the politics of the Middle East and North Africa will be considered. Please submit nominations or self-nominations with the subject heading “MENA Politics Best Paper Nomination” at [apsamena@gmail.com](mailto:apsamena@gmail.com) by January 1. An electronic copy of the nomination materials should also be sent to the chair of the award committee, Lisel Hintz, at [lhintz1@jhu.edu](mailto:lhintz1@jhu.edu).

### **QMMR Section Awards**

#### ***Alexander L. George Article Award***

This award honors Alexander George's contributions to the comparative case-study method, including his work linking that method to a systematic concern with research design, and his contribution of developing the idea and the practice of process tracing. This award may be granted to a journal article or to a chapter in an edited volume that stands on its own as an article. The George award will be given to works published in the calendar year prior to the year of the APSA meeting at which the award is presented, i.e. for the 2023 award to materials published in 2022. In determining the date of an article publication, authors may choose either the date the article was first electronically published or the date of the formal journal citation (but not both). In determining the date of a book chapter publication, the copyright date of the book will establish the relevant year. A pdf file of the nominated article/chapter should be emailed to [T.A.Fairfield@LSE.ac.uk](mailto:T.A.Fairfield@LSE.ac.uk).

### ***Kendra Koivu Paper Award***

This award honors the scholarly legacy and contributions of Kendra Koivu, who published important works on process tracing, case selection, and other qualitative fields, and who provided valuable service to the section. This award is given to a paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Please note that to be eligible for consideration, the paper must be the version that was presented at the 2022 APSA annual meeting, not a subsequent iteration. A pdf file of the nominated APSA paper should be emailed to [T.A.Fairfield@LSE.ac.uk](mailto:T.A.Fairfield@LSE.ac.uk).

### ***Giovanni Sartori Book Award***

This award honors Giovanni Sartori's work on qualitative methods and concept formation, and especially his contribution to helping scholars think about problems of context as they refine concepts and apply them to new spatial and temporal settings. This award may be granted to a single-authored or multi-authored book, or to an edited volume. The Sartori award will be given to works published in the calendar year prior to the year of the APSA meeting at which the award is presented, i.e. for the 2023 award to materials published in 2022. The copyright date of the book will establish the relevant year. One copy of the nominated work should be sent to each of the three committee members at the addresses below:

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***David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award***

This award honors David Collier's contributions – through his research, graduate teaching, and institution-building – as a founder of the qualitative and multi-method research movement in contemporary political science. The award is presented to a mid-career political scientist to recognize distinction in methodological publications, innovative application of qualitative and multi-method approaches in substantive research, and/or institutional contributions to this area of methodology. To be eligible for the mid-career award, nominees must have defended their dissertation within fifteen years of the beginning of the year in which the award is presented. For the 2023 award, for example, nominees must have defended their dissertation in or later than 2008.

Please send nominations by January 31, 2023, via email to Alan Jacobs ([alan.jacobs@ubc.ca](mailto:alan.jacobs@ubc.ca)), the President of the APSA Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research. Each nomination must include a cover letter summarizing specific merits of the candidate (not merely generic praise), as well as an up-to-date curriculum vitae of the nominee, including the date of the doctoral degree. Self-nominations are welcome.