

About SICA

SICA seeks to bring together members of ASPA committed to introducing an international and comparative perspective into public administration practice and academic endeavors. SICA provides a forum for practitioners, instructors and researchers to share experiences and to reflect on challenges facing the field worldwide. To learn more about SICA, please visit:

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**Letter from the Chair**

Dear SICA Members,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our first newsletter of the ASPA 2021 conference cycle. If I were to look back just one year ago and where SICA was in September 2019 as it was preparing for the ASPA 2020 conference, none of us could have predicted how our world would change in six months. Nonetheless, SICA has persevered. We could not have done so without your continued support and commitment to the comparative cause. In the aftermath of ASPA 2020's cancellation, SICA held an all-member call in April, congratulated several SICA members for publishing Riggs-related papers within the Asian Pacific Journal of Public Administration in April, and using ASPA's "2020 Annual Conference Digital Experience" held our planned ASPA 2020 Heady Roundtable with a representative from each of ASPA's geographic sections to discuss women in public service around the world as well as an impromptu COVID-19 panel chaired by ASPA's International Director (Pan Suk Kim) in which SICA members shared the early administrative and policy lessons from multiple countries.

Looking forward, SICA members should expect another 1-2 issues of our rejuvenated Occasional Papers Series to arrive before December 2020. Our Editor-in-Chief (Aroon Manoharan) has been working hard behind the scenes to recruit authors, to send articles out for review, and to put together our next issue. In addition, Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim has been working with closely with Aroon to put together a Series issue that draws on papers that would have been presented at SICA's 2020 Riggs Symposium. I am grateful for their dedication to SICA and its efforts. Our next Series issues will be fantastic.

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In addition, and given ongoing pandemic issues in the US, ASPA has wisely delayed announcing its Call for Papers for ASPA 2021. However, SICA and the other Sections have it on good word from ASPA that we should see its ASPA 2021 Call in the next month. As such, I worked with our SICA Chair-Elect and our SICA Board members to create our ASPA 2021 Committees. The list of SICA's ASPA 2021 Committees and their members may be found in the last page of this newsletter. SICA intends a full round of SICA-offered Awards, a Riggs Symposium, and a Heady Roundtable for ASPA 2021. It is going to be another exciting year. I look forward to you joining us on this important journey.

Sincerely,

Kim Moloney

SICA Chair

Murdoch University, Australia

The 2020 Fred Riggs Symposium

The organizing committee for the 2020 Fred Riggs Symposium, co-chaired by Veronica Junjan and Alasdair Roberts and joined by Mauricio Dussauge, Peter Haruna, Meghna Sabharwal, Jen Murtazashvili and Farhad Hossain, had put together an outstanding selection of panels and papers. Of course, the Covid-19 pandemic prevented us from holding the symposium and the rest of events associated to ASPA's annual meeting.



However, thanks to the collective efforts of ASPA, the Riggs Symposium organizing committee, SICA, and the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration (APJSA), we had some alternatives to recover part of the Riggs Symposium experience while we wait for a renewed edition in 2021.

ASPA's 2020 Annual Conference Digital Experience

Now through the end of 2020, those who are registered for this event will find on these pages some of the best panels and sessions our 2020 conference would have offered, presented digitally for easy access. This includes SICA's planned 2020 Ferrel Heady Roundtable along with an impromptu comparative COVID-19 panel involving SICA members. Special thanks to Pan Suk Kim for expertly navigating this panel, and to Edgar Ramírez de la Cruz, Kim Moloney, Veronica Junjan and Alfred Wu for their willingness to share experiences and insights from Mexico, Netherlands, Australia, and Singapore.

[Find more information here](#)

Riggs Symposium Essays at APJSA

As part of its first issue of 2020, the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration hosted 6 essays that were to be delivered by Aditya Dasgupta, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, David Arellano-Gault, Calin Emilian Hinteá, Alasdair Roberts and Veronica Junjan as part of the Riggs Symposium plenary on public administration and the challenge to democracy.

[Find the essays here](#)

SPAR Best Book Award

The ASPA Section on Public Administration Research (SPAR) invites your nominations for the SPAR Best Book Award. We welcome nominations for books on public administration published in 2019 and 2020. The criterion for the award is a book that significantly contributes to research in public administration. All research methods are welcomed, as are books across the wide range of public administration research. Edited volumes are welcomed. Books primarily written as textbook will not be considered. We welcome international publications written in English. This recognition will be awarded at the annual ASPA National Conference in Spring 2021 scheduled for April 9-13. A nominating committee comprised of SPAR members will review each of the nominations and choose the award winners. The deadline for receipt of nominations is December 15, 2020. Nominations should list the book title, author, and publisher, and include at least a one-page summary outlining the unique contributions of the book. The nomination documents should be sent to the review committee member by email. A copy of the book should be sent to each member of the review committee by **December 15, 2020**.

SPAR Book Award Committee 2021:

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Join ASPA and become a SICA member

ASPA, the American Society for Public Administration, is the leading interdisciplinary public service organization that advances the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration. Membership is open to anyone working in, studying, researching, or interested in public service. ASPA will help you build your professional networks and acquire the knowledge, skills, and necessary experiences to be exceptional public servants. ASPA membership provides various opportunities that can help you succeed in your career.

Additionally, section membership in SICA, the Section on International and Comparative Administration, will bring you together with ASPA members committed to introducing an international and comparative perspective into public administration practice and academic endeavors. SICA is comprised of practitioners and academics that are involved in, or interested in, international or overseas public administration activities. The section is concerned with promoting research and communication of public administration with an international and comparative focus. Your SICA membership and engagement will provide numerous additional benefits to your ASPA membership including forums for practitioners, instructors and researchers to share experiences and to reflect on challenges facing the field worldwide.

ASPA and SICA upcoming elections

ASPA elections

Seven individuals—the president-elect, five district representatives and student representative—will be elected to ASPA leadership positions in 2020. Their service will begin on April 13, 2021 at the conclusion of the 2021 Annual Conference. All individuals will serve on the National Council, the Society’s governing body. Among other responsibilities, the council sets ASPA’s overall direction and policy; oversees its management and ensures its financial stability; and establishes and oversees Chapters, Sections, committees and other bodies.

Please submit your nominations by Monday, September 14 and find more information on the process here: <https://www.aspanet.org/elections>

SICA elections

On January 2021, SICA will elect 5 new members of the board, as well as the SICA Chair-Elect.

- The 5 members of the board will be elected for a 3-year period (April 2021 – April 2024).
- The Chair-Elect will serve for two years and will be expected to succeed as SICA Chair in 2023.

Interview Series: Pan Suk Kim

Pan Suk Kim is Professor of Public Administration in the College of Government and Business at Yonsei University in South Korea; International Director of the American Society for Public Administration; and International Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

Last year you received the Fred Riggs Lifetime Achievement Award from SICA, what did this mean to you?

I received the Fred W. Riggs Award from the SICA in 2019 and it elicited many memories for me. According to Fred W. Riggs's curriculum vitae archived by the University of Hawaii, he was a visiting lecturer at the National Official Training Institute (NOTI; its name was changed to the Central Officials Training Institute in 1961) in South Korea (hereafter, Korea) in 1956. Immediately after independence in 1945, under the influence of the U.S. military government and U.S. aid, American-style public administration education began to be introduced in Korea. In fact, the NOTI was established by U.S. aid in 1949. Moreover, the Korea Public Administration Research Association, which changed its name to the Korean Association for Public Administration (KAPA) in 1961, was established at the meeting of the NOTI in 1956. Considering these historical facts of Fred Riggs' involvement with Korea, I was quite pleased to receive the Fred Riggs Award as a former student of the



“Development Administration” course. When I was an undergraduate student of public administration in Seoul, there was a course called “Development Administration” in the mid-1970s, and in the textbook we used, several models (the prismatic model, the Sala model, etc.) discussed in Fred Riggs' popular book “Administration in Developing Countries” were introduced by a Korean professor; this course was offered widely in Korea. Currently, such a subject has disappeared from the curriculum of the Department of Public Administration, but when I was an undergraduate student, it was a popular course that had many students. Presently, many universities in Korea have a Department of Public Administration in undergraduate and graduate schools, making it one of the countries where public administration is widely offered. In that regard, it is a great honor on a personal level that I have received the Fred Riggs Award. At another level, this is indirect evidence that the development of public administration in Korea has now matured.

How has the Section on International and Comparative Administration helped or impacted your work?

The SICA has been a great venue for exchanges in international and comparative administration research. I have been a member of ASPA since 1989. Since then, I have been involved in the activities of the ASPA and the SICA. Through this engagement, I have met a number of good colleagues and became acquainted with their research and educational activities, and the SICA has become a place for information exchanges and mutual cooperation both in educational activities and in research. In particular, I remember that Fred Riggs emphasized that it would be hard for us to realize the value of public service systems and/or policies without being able to compare. In other words, it might be difficult to know the proper value of our work, unless it was compared with that of others. I believe that the SICA has been a good platform for all those who study comparative and global public administration as well as international development because I think that it has helped me considerably in establishing academic insights while comparing public administration systems and issues with various perspectives on local, regional, international, and global levels.

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Interview Series: Pan Suk Kim

What are the three things that you wish you knew when you were beginning your career?

The first thing I wanted to know when I was beginning my career was how to publish a good article in the field of public administration. For me, after graduating from university in Korea and receiving my master's and doctorate degrees in the United States, producing a good article in the field of public administration in English was not an easy task. However, I was able to gradually expand my productivity while critically thinking about related literature around interesting topics. When I was an assistant professor at Old Dominion University in Virginia, I really seemed to have spent most of my time sitting at a study table trying to maintain my momentum.

Second, I wanted to know about an academic society in the field of public administration. That is why I joined the ASPA in 1989 and have participated in annual conferences almost every year since then. In the first few years of my involvement with the ASPA, there was little fellowship with the members of the ASPA, but as I attended regularly, presented papers, and became involved with the ASPA sections and chapters, my relationships have increased significantly. After that, when I returned to Korea, I found that specific area-based sections of the KAPA were not well developed so my colleagues and I promoted the establishment of the Section on Public Personnel Administration under the KAPA. Fortunately, it materialized in 1997 and, later, I became the second president of the Korean Society for Public Personnel Administration (KOSPPA) from 1990 to 2000. I also wanted to participate not only in domestic but also international conferences. So, from the early 1990s, I began to participate in the conference of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) housed in Brussels, Belgium. Since the conference was held abroad, there was a difficulty in funding travel expenses, but I tried to attend as often as possible. After such efforts, I was fortunate to be elected as IIAS President from 2010 to 2013, the first time an Asian had held this position.

Third, as public administration is an applied science, I wanted to know the path and role that public administration theory could play and how it could be practically applied to government administration. At the time, when I asked a famous professor in Korea for advice on how to be effective at government administration, he did not give me a clear answer but just smiled. In fact, the Korean government often invites professors for policy advice at both central and regional levels from time to time. Consequently, I first began to provide such policy advice to the local governments. After that, central government agencies, such as the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs, invited me to their policy advisory boards. Accordingly, I have tried to introduce good and/or best practices as well as innovative ideas to the Korean government as much as I can in hopes that the administration of the Korean government will develop. As a result of such activities, I was able to serve as a member of the Government Reform Committee and contributed to promoting administrative innovation to the Korean government.

Interview Series: Pan Suk Kim

You have succeeded not only as an academic, but also as a practitioner, even becoming the Minister of Personnel Management of the Republic of Korea. In your opinion, what are the key elements to build the bridge between the worlds of academia and public service practice?

I think that both my relatively long educational experience and rich research experience related to personnel administration played a role in bridging the worlds of academia and public service practice. Since I received my doctoral degree from the American University on a subject related to personnel administration, I have continually published papers on topics related to personnel administration, and have written a textbook on personnel administration with close colleagues. In doing so, I have been serving as a policy advisor for both local and central governments. When the Civil Service Commission was established, I served as a policy advisor. Then, with the inauguration of the Roh Moo-hyun administration in 2003, I was appointed as a Secretary to the President for Personnel Policy in the Office of the President, to promote various civil service reforms. For example, the Korean government did not have the Senior Executive Service (SES) as the U.S. government had before the Roh government, but a similar system was newly established in 2006 and I was one of the promoters of such a system. I subsequently returned to my present job--teaching public administration, which I have done for approximately 30 years. When the current Moon Jae-in administration entered office in 2017, I was appointed as the head of the Ministry of Personnel Management (MPM), which is somewhat similar to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in the U.S.

When I recall my experience there, it was quite a busy and difficult time in my life as I had a very heavy sense of responsibility, but it was rewarding to learn the practical side of public administration and put theoretical knowledge into practice. As I have lectured on personnel administration for a long time at the university, and published many articles and several books on subjects related to personnel administration, there was not much difficulty in carrying out my professional duties and responsibilities. However, attending the National Assembly, participating in the sharp debate between the opposition and ruling parties, and responding to the politically motivated debates demanded considerable emotional tolerance and a good command of languages to avoid triggering heated political struggle. Such activities also required physical patience because congressional standing committee meetings, which required the attendance of ministers, sometimes finished around or after midnight. In addition, when introducing major new personnel policies or re-orienting the direction of an existing policy, one of the important tasks was to look at the reactions not only of public officials and the general public but also the media, labor unions, and sociopolitical communities. In other words, formulating a good public policy and implementing it effectively are a must for government executives, but collaborating with other stakeholders (political leaders, civil society, experts, media, etc.) with a broad perspective is also an essential part of public leadership.

Member Spotlight: Aroon Manoharan



Aroon Manoharan is an associate professor and director of the Global Comparative Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the University of Massachusetts Boston. His area of research is public management, with primary emphasis on e-government, the use of information technology to deliver government services, integrate and transact government business, and enable citizen participation in government. His focus on e-government integrates the domains of strategic planning, performance measurement, and public performance reporting. His research also employs an international

comparative focus, and he was involved in e-government projects in Prague (Czech Republic), Sofia (Bulgaria), and Cape Town (South Africa).

Manoharan's edited book *E-Government and Websites: A Public Solutions Handbook*, offers a citizen-centric perspective of e-governance, with key suggestions for practitioners. In his previous position as associate director of the E-Governance Institute, National Center for Public Performance at Rutgers University-Newark, he directed the *Digital Governance in Municipalities Worldwide Surveys* and the *U.S. States and Municipalities E-Governance Surveys*.

Manoharan is currently the chair of the Section on Public Performance and Management (SPPM) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), and a member of the Massachusetts Chapter of ASPA (MassASPA). In 2020, he was awarded the Jeanne-Marie Col Award for Section Service to SICA. He is also the founding editor of SICA's rejuvenated Occasional Paper Series

Member Spotlight: Denise D.P. Thompson



Denise D.P. Thompson is associate professor in the Public Management Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. She earned her doctorate in Public Administration at Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg. Her areas of research focus include disaster management, disaster policy and sustainable development with emphasis on small island states and regional disaster management mechanisms; organizational learning and performance and critical incident analysis with an international comparative emphasis.

Prior to coming to John Jay College, Professor Thompson worked in the Caribbean region on sustainable development issue including:

- Being program coordinator of the Canada-Caribbean Gender Equity Fund working to mainstream gender considerations in government policies and programs,
- Program Officer for the Jamaican Social Investment Fund to promote sustainable community development.
- Independent consultant examining ways to improve Jamaica's social safety net program.
- Election observer.

Publications by SICA Members

JOURNAL ARTICLES

South Korea's fast response to coronavirus disease: Implications on public policy and public management theory

Pan Suk Kim. 2020. Public Management Review. [Link](#)

More than a decade in the making: A study of the implementation of India's Right to Information Act

Jeannine E. Relly, Md. Fazle Rabbi, Meghna Sabharwal, Rajdeep Pakanati, and Ethan H. Schwalbe. 2020. World Development. [Link](#)

The Hubris of Public Administration

Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2020. Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration.

I didn't want to be a burden: Improving interactions between refugees and nonprofit service providers

Brittany Keegan. 2020. Journal of Nonprofit and Public Affairs. [Link](#)

Interacting Capacities: The Indirect National Contribution to Subnational Service Provision

Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez. 2020. Public Administration Review. [Link](#)

Public Administration Pedagogy in India

Aroon P. Manoharan, Shilpa Viswanath and Meghna Sabarwal. 2020. Journal of Public Affairs Education. [Link](#)

Australian Quarantine Policy: From Centralization to Coordination with mid-Pandemic COVID-19 Shifts

Kim Moloney and Susan Moloney. 2020. Public Administration Review. [Link](#)

What Can We Learn about Theories of Self-Governance by Studying Its Most Extreme Cases?

Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2020. The Review of Austrian Economics.

Publications by SICA Members

BOOK AND ENCYCLOPEDIA CHAPTERS

Bottom-Up State-Building

Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2020. In Bottom-up Responses to Crisis, edited by Stefanie Haefele and Virgil Henry Storr. Mercatus Studies in Political and Social Economy. Cham: Springer International Publishing.

Public Sector Reform and Perceptions of Public Servants: An International Longitudinal Review

Pablo Sanabria-Pulido and Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez. 2020. In The Palgrave Handbook of the Public Servant, edited by Helen Sullivan, Helen Dickinson and Hayley Henderson. Palgrave Macmillan. [Link](#)

When Is Top-Down State-Building Appropriate?

Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2020. In Government Responses to Crisis, edited by Stefanie Haefele and Virgil Henry Storr. Mercatus Studies in Political and Social Economy. Cham: Springer International Publishing.

Transnational Administration of Regional and Global Policies

Kim Moloney and Diane Stone. 2020. In Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics.

Policy Analysis for Decision Making in Colombian Local Governments

Claudia N. Avellaneda and Ricardo Bello-Gomez. 2020. In Policy Analysis in Colombia, edited by Pablo Sanabria-Pulido and Nadia Rubaii. Bristol: Policy Press, University of Bristol.

Publications by SICA Members

BLOGS, PODCASTS AND OTHER DIFFUSION MEDIA

[Border closures, identity and political tensions: how Australia's past pandemics shape our COVID-19 response](#)

Susan Moloney and Kim Moloney. 2020. The Conversation.

[Postindustrial Podcast. Episode 5 with Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili](#)

Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2020. Postindustrial Podcast.

[Colombia federal o descentralización efectiva \(In Spanish\)](#)

Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez. 2020. La Línea del Medio.

[Crisis Management as a Test of Reforms in Uzbekistan](#)

Panel at the Central Asia Program, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at George Washington University. Including Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili as a speaker.

[Anti-harassment, anti-racism and policy reform in academia](#)

Brittany Keegan and Sarah Jane Brubaker. 2020. Transforming Society (Blog Post).

Awards and Announcements

- Dr. Meghna Sabharwal was promoted to Full Professor in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas, effective September 1.
- Dr. Ricardo Bello-Gomez was appointed Assistant Professor in the Public Administration program, Department of Political Science at Texas Tech University.

SICA Occasional Paper Series - Call for Papers

The forces of globalization have led to renewed focus on sub-national, national, and supranational administrative systems. The public issues being faced today are increasingly global in nature and include chronic hunger, poverty, climate change, human rights, immigration and related issues. Each issue has the potential for global impact and it is important that public administrators and public policy makers develop international, comparative, and development perspectives as they address each issue. Such understandings will enable global actors to develop solutions that are feasible, sustainable, and lead to increased cooperation.

SICA reinforces this perspective into public administration practice and academic endeavors. SICA develops a community of scholars and practitioners dedicated to research on transnational, international, comparative, development public administration and public policy topics. The Occasional Paper Series provides a forum for SICA and non-SICA members, including academicians, practitioners, students, instructors and researchers to reflect upon the challenges facing the field. Occasional Paper Series submissions will follow one of the four models below.

- **Policy Briefs:** These are expected to reflect a transnational, comparative, and/or development focus and a sound theoretical and methodological approach. Ideally the Brief is used to share the policy ramifications of already-published academic papers although this is not a necessary pre-requisite.
- **Practitioner Perspectives:** These articles will focus on transnational, comparative, and/or development best practices, success factors and challenges, and lessons learnt that can be applied in global settings.
- **Research Ideas:** Short literature reviews and/or conceptual or methodological pieces on subjects of interest to SICA and its members.
- **Reflections:** Analyses of SICA and/or related administrative or policy leaders or events and their impact on the field of comparative public administration and development administration.
- All submission will be between 1000-3000 words including citations (using APA format). Each submission is subjected to a blind review from at least two SICA members. The Occasional Paper Series is published twice a year (minimum), it is open-access, and will be available via the SICA website and its social media accounts. Submissions are reviewed on a rolling basis. More information: <https://aspasica.wordpress.com/occasional-paper-series/>

Calls for Papers

Administrative Theory & Praxis

Beyond Administrative Sovereignty: Rethinking Directionalities and Objects in Administration and Policy

Abstract deadline (350 words): 01 November 2020

More information [here](#)

Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration

Government capacity, quality, and governance outcomes in the Asia Pacific region

Proposal deadline (1,000 words): 01 November 2020

More information [here](#)

Public Management Review

Public service resilience post COVID19

Summary deadline (1,500 words): 27 November 2020

More information [here](#)

Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory

Framing the Study of Racism, Power, and Inequality in Public Administration

Submission deadline: 30 November 2020

More information [here](#)

International Journal of Public Sector Management

Bringing the State Back in: The Prospects and Challenges of the Administrative State in the 21st Century

Proposal deadline (500 words): 30 November 2020

More information [here](#)

Public Integrity

The New 4 Es: Fostering Engagement, Empathy, Equity, and Ethics in an Era of Uncertainty

Proposal deadline (500 words): 01 December 2020

More information [here](#)

Contribute to the next issue of the newsletter

The newsletter team highly values each member's opinion, contributions, and constructive ideas to help create, generate, disseminate, and optimize your newsletter's objectives.

We hope you will continue enriching this newsletter through your contributions to help strengthen not only your professional growth, but also sustain SICA as a global professional forum to bridge the relativity gap among world societies.

Email us at rbellogo@ttu.edu or Shahrin.Upoma@utdallas.edu if you have items for our newsletter, blog, or social media sites including:

- New Publications
- Research Projects
- Conferences
- Recent Accomplishments
- Speaking Engagements
- Calls for Papers
- Etc.

Book Series Announcement

Transnational Administration and Global Policy Series

by Kim Moloney, Michael W. Bauer, and Meng-Hsuan Chou (eds.). 2019.

Bristol: Bristol University Press and Policy Press.

Publications in these series arise from multiple disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences, various actors (public, private, public-private, corporate, non-profit), multiple perspectives (across all governance levels and sectors), and several theoretical and methodological foci. What strongly ties the book in these series is their shared understanding that administrative studies, policy creation, and its implementation are irremovable from both broader global trends and the actors engaging global governance spaces.

For more information, visit the [project's website](#)

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- Shamsul Haque (2017-2019), National U. of Singapore
- Gedeon Mudacumura (2013-2017), Cheyney U. (USA)
- Jeanne-Marie Col (2009-2013), John Jay College at CUNY (USA)

SICA Executive Board Members

4/2020 – 4/2023

- Brittany Keegan, Virginia Commonwealth U. (USA)
- Aroon Manoharan, U. of Massachusetts at Boston (USA)
- Edgar Ramírez de la Cruz, CIDE (Mexico)
- Shilpa Viswanath, John Jay College at CUNY (USA)
- Alfred Wu, National U. of Singapore

4/2019 – 4/2022

- Farhad Hossain, U. of Manchester (UK)
- Naim Kapucu², U. of Central Florida (USA)
- Jen Murtazashvili, U. of Pittsburgh (USA)
- Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim, Cairo U. (Egypt) Northeastern University (USA)

4/2018 – 4/2021

- Aminata Sillah^{1,2}, Towson University (USA)
- Peter Haruna, Texas A & M International U. (USA)
- Genevieve Enid Myers^{1,2}, U. of Detroit at Mercy (USA)
- Meghna Sabharwal (Chair-Elect), University of Texas at Dallas (USA)
- Charlene Roach, U. of the West Indies (Trinidad & Tobago)

4/2020 – 4/2021

- Cristina Stanica³, Northeastern University (USA)

No Designation = Elected Board member or Prior SICA Chair

¹ = Appointed SICA Board member by Haque

² = Term extended by Moloney in August 2019 via agreement of individual Board member, Election Committee Chair, and SICA Chair-Elect. Purpose: Ensure annual Board elections have approximately equal numbers of Board positions open for SICA member election. With the above shift, five Board positions will be open for election in January 2021, five in January 2022, and four in January 2023.

³ = One-year term to complete term of departed Board member.

SICA Committees

Riggs Symposium Committee

- Meghna Sabharwal, Co-Chair
- Atta Ceesay, Co-Chair
- Edgar Ramírez de la Cruz
- Peter Haruna
- Farhad Hussain
- Naim Kapucu
- Alfred Wu

Occasional Paper Series Committee

- Aroon Manoharan, Chair/Editor
- Brittany Keegan
- Genevieve Enid Meyers
- Kim Moloney
- Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim
- Jen Murtazashvili
- Charlene Roach
- Amina Sillah
- Cristina Stanica
- Shilpa Viswanath
- Srinivas Yerramsetti

Heady Roundtable Committee

- Kim Moloney, Co-Chair
- Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim, Co-Chair
- Aroon Manoharan
- Genevieve Enid Meyers
- Shilpa Viswanath

Election Committee

- Brittany Keegan, Chair
- Peter Haruna
- Kim Moloney
- Meghna Sabharwal

Social Media Committee

- Brittany Keegan, Chair
- Aroon Manoharan, Twitter (@SICAPaperSeries)
- Kim Moloney, Twitter (@ASPA_SICA)/Facebook/Website
- Jen Murtazashvili, Facebook/Website
- Meghna Sabharwal, Facebook/Website

Riggs Lifetime Award Committee

- Kim Moloney, Chair
- Louise Comfort, 2020 Awardee
- Naim Kapucu, 2018 Awardee
- Pan Suk Kim, 2019 Awardee
- Meghna Sabharwal
- Jen Murtazashvili

Gould Award Committee

- Kim Moloney, Chair and 2009 Awardee
- Shilpa Viswanath, 2018 Awardee
- Brittany Keegan, 2017 Awardee
- Cristina Stanica, 2019 Awardee
- Charlene Roach

Col Award for Section Service

- Meghna Sabharwal, Chair
- Aroon Manoharan, 2020 Awardee
- Genevieve Enid Meyers
- Charlene Roach
- Amina Sillah

Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award Committee

- Edgar Ramírez de la Cruz, Co-Chair
- Alfred Wu, Co-Chair
- Farhad Hussain
- Shilpa Viswanath
- Meghna Sabharwal

SICA Bylaws Revision Committee

- Kim Moloney, Chair
- Atta Ceesay
- Meghna Sabharwal
- Edgar Ramírez de la Cruz

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