



**Diversity and Inclusion Hackathon**  
2018 APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

*Call for Participation*

**What:** The APSA Presidential Task Force on Women's Advancement will hold a Diversity and Inclusion Hackathon at the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting in Boston, chaired by Mala Htun and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr. Hackathons are events where communities of scholars, activists, programmers, and others come together to exchange ideas about and work collaboratively to provide solutions to a common problem. Hackathons may produce multiple outcomes, including the analysis and visualization of new data, websites, apps, research designs, consensus documents, policy proposals, and plans for social interventions. While the goal of a hackathon is ostensibly to develop products, participants frequently cite their impact on cognitive horizons, social networks, and community-building. Our main goal to build on past and present efforts by APSA and its component organizations to promote diversity and inclusion by creating a collaborative, diverse, and inclusive space for annual meeting participants to come together. At the hackathon, teams will develop strategies that address key challenges facing the profession, build partnerships, and plans to move forward. This event and approach will not solve all the complex problems associated with diversity and inclusion, but it will help nudge us in the right direction.

Hackathon teams will tackle many different subjects, including the status of contingent faculty, intersectionality in political science education, improving and studying departmental climates, institutions that encourage sexual misconduct reporting, using genomics to teach about race, how men can advance gender equality, improving the diversity of the political methodology pipeline, inclusive citation counts, and strategies to recruit and retain a diverse faculty. Proposals for new teams are welcome! We will also host a data visualization workshop.

**When:** Friday, August 31, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, including food, prizes, and a reception.

**Where:** APSA Annual Meeting, exact room location TBA.

**Who:** Anyone interested in making our discipline more diverse and inclusive. There will be a scholarship available to participate in the hackathon through the APSA Travel Grants.

**Sponsors:** APSA, National Science Foundation, MIT Political Science, 23andme, Women's Caucus for Political Science, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, Center for Diversity and Democracy at Northwestern, Society for Political Methodology, MIT Media Lab.