Members of the Month

BETH ELISE WHITAKER

AUGUST MEMBER OF THE MONTH University of North Carolina, Charlotte

"Because the courses I took in college changed the trajectory of my life, I am passionate about my role today teaching undergraduates at UNC Charlotte. More than one-fourth of our students are first-generation college students and a significant number are foreign-born, including many African immigrants. As director of the Political Science Honors Program, I do my best to help our students pursue their own research interests as my professors encouraged me to do."





JENNIFER FREDETTE

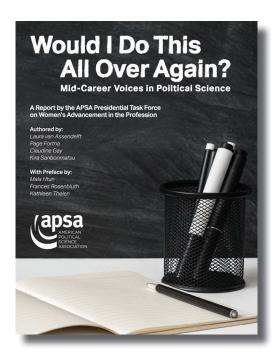
SEPTEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH
Ohio University

"I initially joined APSA because I was thinking about the job market, and APSA offered the widest interview opportunities. I continue to stay involved because I really appreciate the connections and scholarly exchanges I get to make through the French Politics Group."

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