Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Ange-Marie Hancock, Associate Professor of Political Science and Gender Studies, University of Southern California**

Dr. Ange-Marie Hancock is Associate Professor of Political Science and Gender Studies at the University of Southern California. She is considered one of the primary scholarly authorities on Intersectionality. With Dr. Nira Yuval-Davis, Dr. Hancock is the co-editor of the book series, *The Politics of Intersectionality*, from Palgrave-Macmillan. She is also a founding co-editor of the Western Political Science Association’s *Politics, Groups and Identities* journal. Later this year, Oxford University Press is publishing the first of what will be a two-book treatment of intersectionality: *Intersectionality: an Intellectual History*.

Dr. Hancock received her Bachelor’s degree from New York University and her M.A. & Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the author of the award-winning *The Politics of Disgust and the Public Identity of the Welfare Queen* (2004, New York University Press) and a globally recognized scholar of the study of intersectionality – the study of the intersections of race, gender, class and sexuality politics and their impact on public policy. Her second book, *Solidarity Politics for Millennials: A Guide to Ending the Oppression Olympics* (2011, Palgrave Macmillan) focuses on the development of intersectional solidarity as a method of political engagement for individuals, groups and policy practitioners in U.S. politics. She previously taught at Yale University, Penn State University and the University of San Francisco. Hancock has appeared in multiple media outlets, most recently “The Melissa Harris Perry Show” and “The Young Turks.” She has been quoted in the *New York Times, Forbes*, and on FoxNews.com. She has appeared on NPR’s “Marketplace,” “News and Notes,” and “the Pat Morrison Show.” During the 2008 election she served as an international expert in American Politics for the U.S. Department of State and during the 2008 presidential election.

Prior to graduate school, Hancock worked for the National Basketball Association, where under the mentorship of NBA Hall of Famer Satch Sanders she conducted the preliminary research and created the original business model for the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA). Dr. Hancock has served as a member of the APSA Executive Council and a board member of the Liberty Hill Foundation.