

APSA Statement on Selection of Dr. Claudine Gay as Harvard University President

The American Political Science Association celebrates the [appointment](#) of Dr. Claudine Gay as the 30th president of Harvard University. Dr. Gay is the Wilbur A. Cowett Professor of Government and of African and African-American Studies and the Edgerley Family Dean of the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences. She is an outstanding scholar and political scientist specializing in democracy, political participation, and race and politics in America, as well as an accomplished university leader. She will be the first Black president of the university.

Dr. Gay is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and serves on the board of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. At APSA, she was a member of the Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession and served on the executive committee of the *American Political Science Review*. Dr. Gay also is an alumna of the APSA Diversity Fellowship Program.

We congratulate Dr. Gay for her terrific achievement and thank her for her many important contributions to the political science discipline and the higher education community.