

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APLS 2000 to be Held in Washington, DC

The 2000 annual meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences will be held in Washington, DC, USA, August 31–September 3. The American Political Science Association (APSA) will be meeting in Washington at the same time. The call for abstracts—and other conference information—will be posted at the association's web site: <http://WWW.LSSU.EDU/APLS>. Information may also be obtained by contacting Judy Bawks, APLS administrative assistant, in the association's administrative offices: Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Lake Superior State University, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-1699, USA; tel: +1-906-635-2757; fax: +1-906-635-6693; E-mail: APLS@LAKERS.LSSU.EDU.

APLS Graduate Student Paper Award—2000

The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences annually awards a prize for the best paper by a graduate student on a topic related to politics or public policy and one or more of the life sciences. The range of eligible topics, methods, and approaches is reflected in the range of articles and commentaries published in *Politics and the Life Sciences*. Papers coauthored with faculty members are not eligible. The award for the best graduate student paper is a cash prize of \$500, recognition at the association's annual meeting, and publication in *Politics and the Life Sciences*. Graduate students should send four copies of a paper to be submitted for consideration, together with a letter of endorsement by a faculty sponsor (who need not be from the institution at which the student is formally enrolled, and who may be a scholar in any discipline). Papers and faculty letters of endorsement should be submitted by May 1, 2000 to APLS Graduate Student Paper Award, c/o Robert H. Blank, Department of Political Science, University of Canterbury, Christchurch 1, New Zealand. The association offers its sincere thanks to Andrea Bonnicksen for her dedicated service as chair of the graduate student paper award committee for the past four years.

IPSA to Meet in Quebec City in 2000

The XVIII World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) will meet in Quebec City, August 1-6, 2000. Those interested in presenting a paper on one of

the panels for Research Committee #12, "Biology and Politics," should send an abstract of the proposed paper, together with name, address, institutional affiliation, and E-mail (if used) to either Albert Somit, Room 256, Lesar Law Building, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901 or Steven A. Peterson, School of Public Affairs, Penn State Harrisburg, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17037, USA; E-mail: sap12@psu.edu.

Bioethics Conference in Knoxville

To mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the University of Tennessee's Graduate Program in Medical Ethics, a conference entitled "Bioethics: The Next Twenty-Five Years" will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, April 6-8, 2000. The keynote speaker will be Rebecca Dresser, JD, School of Law, Washington University. The two other plenarists are Robert M. Arnold, M.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and James F. Childress, Ph.D., Kyle Professor of Religious Studies and Professor of Medicine, University of Virginia. The conference is sponsored by the Philosophy Department and Center for Applied and Professional Ethics of the University of Tennessee.

Papers are welcome on any philosophical issue in clinical medicine, medical science, or related fields, as well as on the enterprise of bioethics itself. What are likely to be the most pressing challenges for the next twenty-five years? What is needed to prepare society to come to grips with the developments in medical science and the structure of healthcare institutions in the next quarter-century? What training can best prepare the next generation of bioethicists to lead the social discussion of these issues? Papers should not exceed 3,000 words, and the author's name should appear only on the title page. The deadline for receipt of submissions is November 15, 1999. Mail papers to Hilde L. Nelson, Director, Center for Applied and Professional Ethics, 801 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0480, USA.

Summer Bioethics Seminar for College Teachers

From June 12 to July 14, 2000, the National Endowment for the Humanities will sponsor "Bioethics in Particular," a summer seminar for college and university teachers. The seminar will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

If medicine is properly seen as persistently needing to

strike a balance between the generalities of the life sciences on which it draws and the particularities of each patient it seeks to serve, bioethics can be seen in much the same way. The seminar will explore the ways in which ethical reflection on health care practices and policy must balance general moral insights against particular configurations of technologies, practice patterns, and patients' social and personal situations. Working with seminar co-directors James Lindemann Nelson and Hilde Lindemann Nelson, and with William Ruddick, Sara Ruddick and John Hardwig as guest faculty, fifteen college and university teachers from a variety of disciplines will consider the relationship between general ethical principles and such human particularities as gender, familial connections, age, race, and physical ability, as these bear on bioethical issues at the beginning and end of life.

The NEH provides a stipend of \$3250 for seminar participants. Inquires should be directed to James Lindemann Nelson, Department of Philosophy, 801 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN 37996-0480, USA; phone: (423) 974-7216; E-mail: jnelson@utkux.utcc.utk.edu.

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