

# Regional & State Association News

## Midwest Political Science Association

**John P. Pelissero,**  
Executive Director

### 1995 Convention Sets Attendance Records

The 53rd annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), held April 6–8 in Chicago was the largest in the history of the association. 2,105 individuals participated in the meeting, which featured 280 panels and 22 poster presentations with more than 1,600 paper presenters, discussants, and chairs. The meeting was held for the 12th year at the Palmer House Hilton.

### Special Programs

Two special programs were included in the 1995 meeting. A plenary session was held that featured a speech by the Deputy Prime Minister of Quebec, Bernard Landry, on "Quebec's Political Future." In honor of the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage, Jane Cox, of the Catt Center at Iowa State University, performed a dramatic reading of "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage," a tribute to Carrie Lane Chapman Catt, feminist leader, co-founder of the League of Women Voters, and advocate for women's suffrage. The tribute was co-sponsored with the Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science.

### New Officers Elected

Jim Stimson of the University of Minnesota became the President of the MPSA for 1995–1996. He announced the appointment of Charles H. Franklin of the University of Wisconsin–Madison to chair the program for the 1996 annual meeting to be held at the Palmer House Hilton, April 18–20, 1996. At the annual business meeting the

following political scientists were elected to serve on the association's executive council:

President-elect:

**Arlene W. Saxonhouse,** University of Michigan

Vice President (1995–97):

**Gregory A. Caldeira,** Ohio State University

Council Members (1994–1997):

**Allan J. Cigler,** University of Kansas

**Melinda Gann Hall,** University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

**Jeffrey A. Segal,** SUNY–Stony Brook

**Lana Stein,** University of Missouri, St. Louis

**Nancy H. Zingale,** University of St. Thomas

### Best Paper Awards

The association presented two awards to individuals who delivered the best papers at the 1994 meeting:

**MPSA Graduate Student Award** (\$100 award for best paper by a graduate student)

Recipient: **Mitch Sanders,** University of Rochester. Paper: "Beneath Stormy Waters: The Evolution of Individual Decision Making in the 1984 and 1988 Presidential Elections." The award committee: Christopher Kenny (chair), Lee Ann Banaszak, and Michael McBurnett.

**Sophonisba Breckinridge Award** (\$100 award for best paper written about women and politics)

Recipient: **Carol Chaney,** University of California, Riverside. Paper: "Gender Differences in Committee Decision-Making: An Experimental Approach." The award committee: Carole Mershon (chair), Liane Kosaki, Pamela Edwards, Evelyn Fink, Susan Hannah, and De Lysa Burnier.

## Southwestern Political Science Association

### SWPSA Elects Officers

The Southwestern Political Science Association chose officers for 1995–1996 at its annual meeting at the Park Plaza Hotel in Dallas, Texas, March 22–25. Individuals who will direct the organization for the next year include:

*President:* Joseph Stewart, Jr., School of Social Sciences GR31, University of Texas at Dallas, Box 830688, Richardson, TX 75083-0688; (214) 883-2571

*President-Elect:* Patricia Hurley, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843; (409) 845-1928

*Vice President and Program Chair:* Gary Copeland, Carl Albert Center and Department of Political Science, 630 Parrington Oval, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019-0375; (405) 325-6372

*Secretary-Treasurer:* Harold Bass, Jr., Department of Political Science, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AK 71923; (501) 245-5168.

### Executive Council:

Richard Herrera, Department of Political Science, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-2001; (602) 965-6551. 1995–1996

Susan Howell, Department of Political Science, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148; (504) 286-6467. 1995–1996

T. Clifton Morgan, Department of Political Science, Rice University, P. O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251; (713) 527-8101. 1994–1996

Judith Baer, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843; (409) 845-2246. 1995–1997

Anthony Champagne, School of Social Sciences GR31, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX 75083-0688; (214) 883-2927. 1995–1997

James Riddlesperger, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX 76129; (817) 921-7395. 1995-1997

Michael Mansfield, Department of Political Science, Baylor University, P. O. Box 97276, Waco, TX 76798; (817) 755-3161. *Ex officio* (Past President).

James F. Sheffield, Jr., Department of Political Science, Wichita State University, Box 17, Wichita, KS 67208; (316) 689-3165. *Ex-officio* (Past Vice President and Program Chair).

## SWPSA Awards

A variety of awards were announced by the Southwestern Political Science Association at its 1995 annual meeting in Dallas, Texas. These included:

### Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award

**Christopher Wlezien** was honored for having written the best paper delivered at SWPSA's 1994 annual meeting; the paper is entitled, "The Public as Thermostat: Budgetary Politics and the Dynamics of Preferences for Spending." Wlezien is on the faculty at the University of Houston. The paper is forthcoming in the *American Journal of Political Science*.

### 1995 Ted Robinson Memorial Award

This award recognizes a graduate student in political science who is engaged in the study of minority politics and is given in memory of Ted Robinson, whose research on the representation of African-Americans in urban political systems continues to guide and encourage scholarly work in minority politics. The winner of the 1994 award is **Margaret Ellis** of the University of Texas at Dallas for a project entitled, "Single Member District Remediation."

### Best Graduate Student Paper Award

The Association recognized **John Janssen** of the University of Texas at Austin as the winner of the Best Paper award for a paper presented by a graduate student at the 1994 meeting. The paper is entitled "Af-

firmative Action, Privileges and Immunities, and Race Consciousness."

### Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award

**Rebecca Miller** of Columbia University received an award for the best paper written by an undergraduate student. The paper is entitled, "Individual Means: A Look Inside Community Organizing." The paper was written for Phillip Thompson.

## Western Political Science Association

Both individuals and departments are strongly encouraged to submit nominations for Western Political Science Association Awards. Submissions should be sent to the individual listed below. The deadline for all submissions is October 16, 1995. All papers must be received by this date.

*Pi Sigma Alpha Award:* for the best paper presented at the previous WPSA annual meeting. \$250 prize. Send papers to Matthew Cahn, Department of Political Science, California State University-Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330-8254; Phone: (818) 885-4797; Fax: (818) 885-4502.

*Dissertation Award:* for the best doctoral dissertation completed at a university within the regional groupings of the WPSA between July 1 and June 30 of the previous academic year. \$250 prize. Send dissertations to Donald Chisholm, Department of Political Science, University of California-Los Angeles, Room 4289 Bunche Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1472; Phone: (310) 825-4331; Fax: (310) 825-0778.

*Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award:* for an outstanding paper on women and politics. \$100 prize. Send papers to Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, Department of Political Science, 252 Orson Spencer Hall, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112; Phone: (801) 581-7031; Fax: (801) 585-6492.

*Chicano Politics Award:* for an outstanding paper by a Chicano

scholar on Chicano politics and its relative aspects. \$100 prize. Send papers to Fernando Guerra, Chicano Studies, Loyola Marymount University, 7101 West 80th St., Los Angeles, CA 90045-2706; Phone: (310) 338-4565.

*Blacks and Politics Award:* for an outstanding paper discussing issues and problems which concern most Black Americans. \$100 prize. Send papers to Robert Smith, Department of Political Science, 1600 Holloway, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 94127; Phone: (415) 338-1178; Fax: (415) 338-2391.

*Charles Redd Politics of the American West Award:* an award offered jointly by the WPSA and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies of Brigham Young University for the best paper on the politics of the American West presented at the previous convention of the WPSA. Papers may cover a broad range of topics—governance, policy, culture, politics,—and may compare the west to other regions. \$250 prize. Send papers to David Magleby, Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University, 722 Spencer W. Kimball Tower, Provo, UT 84602; Phone: (801) 378-3423.

## Mississippi Political Science Association

The officers of the Mississippi Political Science Association are: President: Larry Chappell, Mississippi Valley State University; Vice-President: Stephen L. Rozman, Tougaloo College; Secretary: Elen Singh, Mississippi Valley State University; Executive Director: Robert Hairston, Jackson State University; Executive Committee Members-at-Large: Goberdhan Bhagat, retired, University of Mississippi; Iren Omo-Bare, Millsaps College, Devirio Manning, undergraduate representative, Tougaloo College, Delarie Henderson, graduate student representative, Mississippi State University, and Charles Hicks, graduate student representative, Jackson State University.