

## **Gay and Lesbian Political Science Caucus Formed**

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**D**uring the 1988 APSA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, a Gay and Lesbian Political Science Caucus was formed. Its objectives include organizing or sponsoring presentations on gay and lesbian topics at APSA meetings, working for equity for gay men and lesbians within the profession, and providing a support network for them. Elected to co-chair the caucus were Mark Blasius (City University of New York) and Sarah Slavin (State University of New York College at Buffalo). Two panels, one on sodomy laws and one on issues in gay and lesbian political research, and possibly a workshop on homophobia in the profession, are planned for the 1989 annual meeting in Atlanta. People interested in making presentations in Atlanta, or in participating in the caucus in other ways, may write to Mark Blasius, 429 West 46th Street, Apartment 6-D, New York, NY 10036; or Sarah Slavin, 736 Ashland Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222.

## **Inviting Applications for Seminars on The Bill of Rights and Civil Rights at 1989 Annual Meeting**

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**A** faculty development project designed to enhance inquiry and teaching on the Bill of Rights and civil rights will be offered to college faculty in conjunction with the 1989 Annual Meeting. The project is supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Participants in the project will be able to strengthen their presentations and assignments on the history and politics of civil rights in their American government

courses. The program offers participants a choice among four short seminars prior to the 1989 APSA Annual Meeting. The titles and directors of the seminars are:

"Landmarks in Judicial Interpretation of Civil Rights in America," directed by Henry J. Abraham, University of Virginia.

"The Concept of Rights as Limits on Government," directed by Jennifer Nedelsky, University of Toronto.

"Civil Rights and Social Change: The Contributions of Interest Groups, Social Movements and the Courts," directed by Karen O'Connor, Emory University.

"The Philosophical Roots of the Bill of Rights: The Federalists' and Anti-Federalists' Conceptions of Rights," directed by Tom Pangle, University of Toronto.

Complete descriptions of the four seminars are published in the fall issue of *The Political Science Teacher*.

Seminar participants will also attend panels offered in two special sections of the 1989 Annual Meeting Program Committee—the sections devoted to the Bill of Rights in honor of its bicentennial and The Civil Rights Act of 1964 in observance of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

### **Arrangements**

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Faculty selected to participate in the seminars will receive travel support and living expenses for the duration of the seminars and the Annual Meeting, from Sunday, August 27, until Sunday, September 3, 1989. Participants will have accommodations that week at the Atlanta Hilton, headquarters for the 1989 APSA Annual Meeting.

### **To Apply**

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Faculty wishing to participate in the program should apply by submitting a curriculum vitae along with a letter indicating:

1. a first and second choice of seminar.