

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas C. Wiegele Memorial Fund established at NIU

A memorial fund in honor of Thomas C. Wiegele has been established at Northern Illinois University. Income from this endowed fund will be used to provide an annual dissertation completion award for a graduate student studying biopolitics. Those wishing to contribute to this fund should make their checks payable to the "NIU Foundation" and send them to the NIU Foundation, Thomas C. Wiegele Memorial, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, USA.

Workshop on politics and genetic engineering

The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences is planning to offer a workshop on politics and genetic engineering on Wednesday afternoon, August 26, 1992, immediately preceding the 1992 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago. Members expressing interest in directing this teaching-oriented course include Robert Blank, Andrea Bonnicksen, Ira Carmen, Martha Traylor, and William Traylor.

Participants will be introduced to a variety of perspectives concerning the political, constitutional, and legal issues that have arisen along with our rapidly expanding knowledge of the human genome and our emerging technical capacities to intervene. Bibliographic and teaching materials will be distributed by each of the faculty directors.

There may be a small fee required by APSA, but it will be kept to a minimum to encourage participation in this first APLS workshop. In order to offer the course, an adequate number of people must be interested. Please inform either Andrea Bonnicksen or Robert Blank of your interest by April 15, 1992: Andrea Bonnicksen, Program for Biosocial Research/SSRI, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, USA, telephone (815) 753-9675; Robert Blank, Department of Political Science, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, fax 011-64-3-642-007.

Customized interdisciplinary reader

The Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, and Primis (a subsidiary of McGraw Hill Publishing) are

developing an innovative way to bring the latest work on evolutionary biology and human behavior into the classroom. They are introducing a "customized" reader or textbook based on a "menu" of articles from which teachers in the social sciences, biology, or law may select readings. The readings will be in a computerized database. After the instructor has placed an order, a traditional bound book with a unique ISBN number will be produced. There will be no minimum number of copies required.

The goal is to give teachers the flexibility of a photocopied collection of readings without the confusion. Books are intended to be of high quality, yet competitive in price with photocopying. The database is to be continuously updated, permitting the addition of important new work as it appears.

The system's inaugural work will be a second edition of Margaret Gruter's and Paul Bohannon's edited collection on *Law, Biology, and Culture* (originally published in 1983). This second edition will include several new chapters and will be available on April 1, 1992. In succeeding months, additional articles will be added to the database to produce a broad array of materials designed to suit the teaching needs of a variety of scholars in the social sciences, law, and biology.

The Gruter Institute Reader in *Biology, Law, and Human Social Behavior* is under the general editorship of Roger D. Masters of Dartmouth College. Decisions to include material in the database will be made by an interdisciplinary editorial board. In order to produce a database of general utility, the board welcomes nominations for articles to be included. Suggestions (and, where appropriate, a photocopy of relevant materials) should be sent to Roger D. Masters, Department of Government, Silsby Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755, USA.

Call for book reviewers

The two new book review editors for *Politics and the Life Sciences* would like to expand the list of those upon whom they may call for book reviews. If you would like to be considered as a reviewer, send your name, address, telephone number, and areas of interest to the appropriate book review editor.

For policy books, including those related to biomedical policy, biotechnology policy, biological warfare,

medical ethics, health policy, Third World agricultural policy, and environmental and energy policy, contact Andrea Bonnicksen, Program for Biosocial Research/SSRI, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, USA (815) 753-9675.

For biobehavioral books, including those related to evolutionary theory, sociobiology, human evolution, ethology, primatology, behavioral ecology, physiology, neurobiology, and philosophy, contact Joseph Losco, Department of Political Science, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306, USA (317) 285-8982.

Interdisciplinary bibliography in sociobiology

An annotated, interdisciplinary bibliography in sociobiology is available for \$6.00 (U.S.) from BioDiversity Unlimited. This 39 page, photocopied bibliography is entitled "The Heuristic of Sociobiology: An Emerging Science of Human Nature, An Annotated Bibliography (1986-1991)." The compiler is listed as Daceton Armigerum. To order, or for more information, contact Joe D. Pratt, Director, BioDiversity Unlimited, Fort Buroak, Armington, IL 61721, USA.

ISSC Stein Rokkan prize in comparative research

The International Social Science Council, in conjunction with the Conjunto Universitario Candido Mendes (Rio de Janeiro) has announced that the sixth Stein Rokkan prize will be awarded in the autumn of 1992. The prize is intended as a reward for a substantial and original contribution in comparative social science research by a scholar under forty years of age on December 31, 1992. It can be either an unpublished manuscript of book length or a printed book or collected works published after December 31, 1989. The prize is \$2000 (U.S.). For more information, contact The Secretary General, International Social Science Council, UNESCO—1 rue Miollis, 75015 Paris, France.

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