

Regional and State Association News

Midwest Political Science Association News

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New Services on Our Web Site

The Midwest Political Science Association is continuing to develop its World Wide Web services. Our colleagues will now be able to submit a membership application or renew their membership and subscription to the *American Journal of Political Science* through web files and e-mail. We have also added several new files on our Web page located at: <http://www.luc.edu/orgs/mpsa>.

Information on the *American Journal of Political Science* now includes Tables of Contents for recent and forthcoming issues of the journal. Article abstracts are also available for issues published in 1995, 1996, and forthcoming issues in 1997. The site for *AJPS* articles is: <http://www.luc.edu/orgs/mpsa/ajps.html>.

Annual meeting information can be obtained on our web site, also. The Preliminary Program for the 1997 meeting may be viewed or downloaded as a file. We have added downloadable files containing the Annual Programs, including panels and paper titles, from 1991–96. The Web site has further information on meeting registration, hotel and airlines reservations, child care, and job placement services. These may be accessed at: <http://www.luc.edu/orgs/mpsa/meetings.html>

55th Annual Meeting

The Midwest Political Science Association's 55th annual meeting will be held April 10–12, 1997 at the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL. The hotel is located at 17 E. Monroe in downtown Chicago. Panels will begin Thursday morning and the last panel sessions will end at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday.

The theme for this meeting is "Political Science: A Discipline Too Divided?". A series of special theme panels are being organized across the program sections to address this question. We invite our colleagues to attend the conference, which will feature more than 300 panels covering all areas of political science: international relations, comparative politics, political behavior, institutions, state, urban, and intergovernmental politics,

public policy, public administration, political economy, political methodology, and political theory. New sections this year will present new research on political culture and teaching political science.

The program committee, co-chaired by Mary Dietz and John Freeman of the University of Minnesota, also has organized a series of Poster Sessions as an addition to the regular panels this year. Participants will prepare poster-style summaries of their research findings that will be displayed during designated poster session periods in a common exhibit room at the hotel. Convention participants will be able to view the posters at their convenience and discuss the research with the authors at designated times during the meeting.

United Airlines is the official carrier for the Midwest Political Science Association and offers a discount off of the lowest applicable fares, including first class. This special offer is available only to attendees of this meeting, and applies to travel on domestic segments of all United Airlines and United Express flights. You or your travel agent should call United's Specialized Meeting Reservations Center at 1-800-521-4041 and reference our meeting ID number: 508HA, to obtain the discounted fares.

Palmer House Hilton hotel reservations are still available for the meeting. Convention rates apply between April 8–13 if reservations are made by March 18, 1997. The conference rate with the Palmer House is \$92 for a single (one person) and \$110 for a double/twin (two persons). These rates apply for rooms in the main part of the hotel, not the Towers. Call the Palmer House at (312) 726-7500 to make reservations.

A Placement Center will operate throughout the conference for individuals seeking positions in universities. More than one-hundred individuals used the placement center in 1996.

Any individual or group that would like to hold a meeting or reception at the conference may do so by contacting the MPSA by mail or phone. We are always happy to provide meeting space for our professional colleagues.

New Publication Months for *AJPS*

The *American Journal of Political Science* will begin publishing on a new schedule in 1997: January, April, July,

and October. The new publication schedule will permit the editorial office and the publisher (The University of Wisconsin Press) to more efficiently produce the journal for printing and mailing.

Robert H. Durr Award Established

The MPSA has renamed the award for the best paper "applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem" in honor of Robert H. Durr, Washington University-St. Louis, who died of cancer of the pancreas on August 3, 1996 at the age of 32. The Executive Council renamed the award at the suggestion of Lee Epstein, Bob's colleague and Chair at Washington University.

Lee Epstein summarized why this award is an honor particularly appropriate to Bob. "Despite his youth and his battle with cancer, Bob managed to make several extraordinary contributions to the fields of mass behavior and political methodology. Several generations of graduate and undergraduate students at Washington University in St. Louis knew Bob to be a gifted instructor. What's more, he was a real Midwesterner, having received his B.A. and M.A. at Kent State and his Ph.D. at Iowa."

If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please send a check payable to the MPSA Endowment Fund to: MPSA Endowment Fund, Midwest Political Science Association, 6525 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626.

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Northeastern Political Science Association News

Nancy E. McGlen, Program Chair

The Northeastern Political Science Association held its Annual Meeting in Boston, MA on November 14–16, 1996. President Garrison Nelson presided over the Association's largest annual meeting with 700 political scientists in attendance at 145 panels. The President of the APSA, Elinor Ostrom of Indiana University addressed a dinner meeting of the participants on Thursday. Thomas B. Rosenstiel of the Pew Charitable Trust

gave the Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture on Friday.

The Program Committee for the 1996 Annual Meeting was Nancy Kassop of SUNY-New Paltz, Joseph F. Zimmerman of SUNY at Albany, John C. Berg of Suffolk University, Harry Wessel of Merrimack College, Thomas L. Dumm of Amherst College, Glenn Palmer of Binghamton University-SUNY, Michael Roskin of Lycoming College, Debra L. Dodson of Rutgers University and Stephanie L. Bressler of Kings College. Nancy E. McGlen of Niagara University was the Program Chair.

Incoming Officers of the Association include: President Nancy E. McGlen of Niagara University; 1st Vice President and Program Chair Thomas C. Brogan of Albright College; 2nd Vice President Jo Renee Formicola of Seton Hall University; and 3rd Vice President Wilbur C. Rich of Wellesley College. Other officers of the Association include the Executive Director Joseph Melusky of Saint Francis College and the Treasurer Donald Buzinkai of Kings College.

The 1997 Annual Meeting will be held November 13–15, 1997 in Philadelphia, PA. General inquiries regarding the 1997 Annual Meeting may be addressed to: Thomas C. Brogan, Department of Political Science, Albright College, PO Box 15234, Reading, PA 19612; Phone: (610) 921-2381; E-Mail: tomb@joe.alb.edu.

Southern Political Science Association

The Southern Political Science Association held its Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA on November 7–9, 1996. Among the items attended to was the election of new officers and executive council members for 1996–97. They include: Earl Black, Rice University, President; Ronald E. Weber, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, President-Elect; Karen O'Connor, American University, Vice-President and Program Chair; Harold Stanley, University of Rochester, Vice-President-Elect; and Walter Beach,

Helen Dwight Reid Foundation, Recording Secretary. The Executive Council members include: Lee Epstein, Washington University; Kathleen Knight, University of Houston; Mitchell F. Rice, Louisiana State University; Diana M. Owen, Georgetown University; Suzanne Parker, Florida State University; Gary Zuk, Auburn University; Thad Beyle, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill; Karen Hult, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Dennis Ippolito, Southern Methodist University; and Marian Lief Palley (*ex officio*), University of Delaware. Gregory S. Mahler, University of Mississippi will continue to serve as Executive Director. Editor of the *Journal of Politics* will remain David Lowery, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill.

The 1996 SPSA meeting also featured the presentation of a number of professional awards. Edward Shannon LaMonte, Birmingham Southern College, was named winner of the V.O. Key Award for his book *Politics & Welfare in Birmingham, 1900–1975* (University of Alabama Press). The Key Award recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of American politics with an emphasis or focus on the South. Committee members cited its “insightful analysis of the interaction between politics and social policymaking in this important city.”

Co-winners were named for the Marion Irish Award, presented for the best paper on women and politics given at the 1995 SPSA annual meeting. University of North Carolina faculty member Holloway Sparks and Heather Foust of Emory University were selected for their papers, “Accountable Courage: Feminist Theory, Coalitions, and Dissident Citizenship” and “AFDC Benefit Levels: Do Women Legislators Make a Difference?,” respectively.

Robert L. Boucher and Albert D. Cover, SUNY–Stony Brook were named winners of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for their paper “The Impact of Global Evaluations of Congress on Individual Vote Choice.” The ΠΣΑ Award is presented annually for the best paper at the previous year’s SPSA annual meeting.

The Malcolm E. Jewell Award for the best paper by a graduate student presented at the 1995 annual meeting was awarded to Barry C. Burden of Ohio State University. The title of Burden’s paper was “The Unintended Consequences of Primary Scheduling in Congressional Candidate.”

The 1996 Manning J. Dauer Award was presented to Walter E. Beach. One of the driving forces behind the creation of the Dauer Award in mid-1980’s, Beach has served the Association through a variety of formal and informal contributions. The award was designed to recognize those who have made unusually valuable contributions to the profession of political science, particularly through service to organizations and journals. Committee chair Malcolm Jewel noted “Walter is ideally suited for this award because his career includes a long record of organization work and a wide variety of informal and unpublished acts of service to his colleagues.” That career includes duty with the American Political Science Association, The Brookings Institution, and currently the Helen Dwight Reid Foundation.

The 1996 meeting also featured the release of a special report by the SPSA Committee on the Status of Afro-American Faculty in the South titled “The Status of African American Faculty in Political Science Departments in the Southern Region.” Prepared by Shirley Geiger and Toni-Michelle Travis, the 31-page report contains the most detailed information of its kind ever assembled. The report is available in its entirety through the SPSA web site at <http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/spsa>

The 1997 SPSA Annual Meeting will be held November 5–8 at the Omni Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA. General inquiries regarding the conference should be directed to SPSA Executive Director Greg Mahler, Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677; Phone (601) 232-5673 or via E-mail at spsa@cypress.mcscr.olemiss.edu.