

Regional and State Association News

Midwest Political Science Association

John P. Pelissero, *Executive Director*

The Midwest Political Science Association's 53rd annual meeting will be held April 6-8, 1995 at the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois. The hotel is located at 17 E. Monroe in downtown Chicago. Panels will begin Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and the last panel sessions will end at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday.

We invite our colleagues to attend the conference which has over 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.

The program committee, headed by Frank Baumgartner and Jan Leighley at Texas A&M, has embraced the idea of Poster Sessions as an addition to the panels during the conference. 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. Poster sessions are common in other social science disciplines and provide the first alternative "panel" format in our association in many years.

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. Call United's Specialized Meeting Reserva-

tions Center at 1-800-521-4041 and reference our meeting ID number: 591WK.

Palmer House Hilton hotel reservations are still available for the meeting. Convention rates apply between April 4-10. The conference rate with the Palmer House is \$83 for a single (one person) and \$100 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 100 individuals used the placement center in 1994.

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.

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Northeastern Political Science Association

Garrison Nelson, *1995 Program Chair*

The Northeastern Political Science Association had its Annual Meeting in Providence, RI on November 10-12, 1994. President Donald Tannenbaum of Gettysburg College presided over the Association's Annual Meeting with more than 400 political scientists in attendance at 95 professional panels with close to 300 professional papers given. Association members heard addresses by APSA President Sidney Verba of Harvard University and Ted Robert Gurr of the Center of International Development and Conflict Management at

the University of Maryland. Professor Gurr's talk was sponsored by the International Studies Association—Northeast and introduced by its President Jean Stern of Siena College.

Incoming officers for the Association include: President Russell Harrison of Rutgers University-Camden; 1st Vice President and 1995 Program Chair Garrison Nelson of the University of Vermont; 2nd Vice President Nancy E. McGlen of Niagara University; and 3rd Vice President Thomas C. Brogan of Albright College. Other officers of NPSA include Executive Director Joseph Melusky of Saint Francis College and Treasurer Donald Buzinkai of King's College.

The 1995 Annual Meeting will be held November 11-13, 1995 in Newark, NJ. General inquiries regarding the 1995 Meeting may be addressed to: Prof. Garrison Nelson, Department of Political Science, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405, Phone (802) 656-4223; Fax (802) 879-0099.

Southern Political Science Association

Michael A. Maggiotto, *Executive Director*

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association was held at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta, GA on November 3-5, 1994. Over 800 registrants, exhibitors, guests, and friends attended 100 panels and plenary sessions.

Special sessions were among the highlights of this convention. APSA President Sidney Verba began his luncheon inquiry into the impact of "Time and Money on American Politics" with the wry observation that "You heard it first. The rich have more money than the poor!" He continued on a more serious note to explore the relationships



Fairchild award winner Dorothy McBride Stetson (c) is flanked by Laura Wolliver (l), president of the Women's Caucus, South; and Susan MacManus, president of the Southern Political Science Association.

between political participation and its empirical and normal effects on democratic politics as a function of the availability of time and money across groups in society. His conclusions were as provocative as they were non-obvious.

Susan MacManus's Presidential Address, "Taxing and Spending Politics: A Generational Perspective," was drawn from her current research and forthcoming book *Young v. Old: Generational Gaps in Political Participation and Policy Preferences*. She detailed the conflicting interests among those who receive and those who pay for inter-generational income transfers. From her expertise in public finance, she asked us to ponder how sacred would the sacred entitlements continue to be when the number of those who pay dramatically decreases, when baby-boomers hit retirement age. The results of her economic, demographic, and attitudinal analysis were discomfiting, not just intellectually, to the boomers in the audience.

Peter Applebome of the *New York Times* delivered the Pi Sigma Alpha Address to a plenary session of the Association. In addition to regaling us with behind-the-scenes stories of the 1994 election session, he probed the performance of

the Clinton administration with thoughtful precision. For those who advocate referendum models of off-year elections, his remarks could only be termed prescient.

New Officers

A new administration took office at the meeting. Micheal Giles (Emory University) and Ronald Weber (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee) assumed duties as President and Vice President respectively. Elected to new offices were Marian Paley (University of Delaware), President-Elect; John Aldrich (Duke University), Vice President-Elect; and Walter Beach (Heldref Publications, Helen Dwight Reid Foundation), Recording Secretary; Lee Epstein (Washington University), Kathleen Knight (University of Houston) and Mitchell Rice (Louisiana State University) were elected to three-year terms on the Executive Council.

By constitutional amendment, the Editors of the *Journal of Politics* were formally made officers of the Association. In addition, a new Executive Director and Treasurer for the Association was named to a three-year term. Gregory Mahler (University of Mississippi) takes over the reins from Michael Mag-

giotto (Bowling Green State University).

SPSA Awards

The Association presented four awards for distinguished contributions at its Annual Meeting. Malcolm Jewell (University of Kentucky) was presented with the Manning J. Dauer Award, for his outstanding service to the profession of political science. The award citation recalled Professor Jewell's "organizational interests and ability as well as his personal skills, hard work, editorial leadership and character [that] have enhanced, strengthened and distinguished such organizations, publications and projects as the Kentucky Political Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association and its *American Journal of Political Science*, the American Political Science Association and its *American Political Science Review*, the Southern Political Science Association and its *Journal of Politics*, the *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, the *Comparative State Politics Newsletter*, and the Pi Sigma Alpha-American Political Science Association Oral History Project."

The V. O. Key Award for the

Best Book on Southern Politics published in the preceding year was shared by two authors. Carol Swain (Princeton University) won for her book, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*; and Katherine Tate (Harvard University) won for her book, *From Protest to Politics: The New Black Voters in American Elections*. About Professor Swain's book, the award committee noted, "she concludes—provocatively—that black voters need not be represented by black legislators to find their views accurately reflected; white legislators can fulfill this responsibility. She is pessimistic that many black-majority districts can be created anyway, and argues that blacks will have to form coalitions with white representatives to meet the policy objectives of African Americans." About Professor Tate's book, the committee wrote that using the National Black Election Studies of 1984 and 1988, "[s]he sees a slackening of black voting; but, nonetheless, she predicts an ongoing search among African Americans for individuals who can provide improved 'ballot box' leadership, rather than more extreme forms of political action." "Both books," the committee concluded, "are excellent examples of political science research at its best, blended with a courage to take on controversial policy issues that affect the South along with the rest of the nation."

Stanley P. Berard (University of Pittsburgh) received the Wadsworth Publishing Award for the best pa-

per by a graduate student for his paper, "Issue Type and Representation: The Case of Southern Democrats in the House, 1983–1990. And the Marian D. Irish Award for the Best Paper on Women and Politics was given to Sue Tolleson-Rinehart and Mark Somma (both of Texas Tech University) for their paper, "Tracking the Elusive Green Women: Environmentalism and Feminism as Schematically Connected Attitudinal Structures in the United States and Europe."

Michigan Conference of Political Scientists

Edward C. Lorenz, *Executive Director*

The Michigan Conference of Political Scientists held its annual meeting on Oct. 28–29, 1994, at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn Michigan, hosted by Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan Dearborn. In addition to numerous panels, featured speeches were by Norman Thomas, David Singer, and Theodore Lowi. Barbara Suhay of Henry Ford Community College assumed the presidency for 1994–95 from Edward Lorenz of Alma College. Peter Kobrak of Western Michigan University is President-Elect.

New York State Political Science Association

Leon Halpert, *President*

The New York State Political Science Association is pleased to announce the awards for the best paper prize at its 1994 Annual Meeting.

The award for the best faculty paper was presented to Andrew Rudyk, Adjunct Associate Professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, for his paper, "Managing Administrative Law Judges: A Problem in Employee Relations."

The award for best graduate student paper was presented to Neil Kraus, SUNY at Albany, for his paper, "Constructing the War on Drugs: Drug Policy and Poverty in the United States."

Wisconsin Political Science Association

The Wisconsin Political Science Association held its 29th Annual Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on October 7, 1994. Topics covered by the meeting were: Social Change in America, The Changing World Order, and Civics Education in Wisconsin. A student panel presentation by the winners of the WPSA Student Paper Competition was also held. The winner of the competition was Peter Carman from the University of Wisconsin-Madison for his paper "Malpractice Case Law."