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## EDITORS' CORNER

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Our April issue continues to provide rich and varied content, and we hope our political science readership appreciates the many pointed hat the journal wears, as purveyor of original research, articles on pedagogy and the discipline, and our varied menu of symposia, which have become increasingly important to the journal. We hope like the jesters of old, the journal entertains, informs, and sometimes amuses. We are a profession but also a community, and we recognize the role that *PS* plays in providing some of the glue that holds this community together.

An important debate that continues to animate discussion within our discipline and the academy at large is how conscious and unconscious biases work to undermine efforts to broaden and diversify the profession. *PS* is the go-to outlet for this kind of research, and we welcome this responsibility. This issue features four important articles that examine the sources of and solutions for the gender gap in political science. What we find particularly important about each is that they highlight the complex causes that result in differential citation patterns, co-authorships, and content of syllabi. Encouragingly, each article also points to specific solutions that can be put in place by researchers and teachers that may help bridge what has been a frustrating and persistent gender gap.

Because it is April and baseball season is upon us, we also want to highlight an article in a lighter vein: Teodoro and Bond's article, "Presidents, Baseball, and Wins above Expectations: What Can Sabermetrics Tell Us about Presidential Success?" Their new and unique analysis of presidential success is sure to reignite many debates in the halls of political science

offices and classrooms this spring. This issue's cover art features some selections from Professor Bond's extensive collection of baseball cards.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the four symposia that are included in this issue. The first symposium, "Daniel Patrick Moynihan's America: The Legacies of a Professor–Politician" edited by Patrick Andelic, Louisa Hotson, and Daniel Rowe is based on papers delivered at a conference this past April sponsored by the Rothermere American Institute at Oxford University. The articles in this symposium examine a variety of issues and policies important to Moynihan's life and legacy.

The second symposium, "Higher Education in the Knowledge Economy: Politics and Policies of Transformation" edited by Tobias Schulze-Cleven, examines the changing role and expectations of higher education in our modern society and the critical role which political science can play in addressing these challenges. Current as well as aspiring faculty should give this symposium a close reading.

The third symposium, "Disembodied Shades: Teaching the Territories of the United States," edited by Bartholomew Sparrow aims to explain why the study of the US territories is integral to political science. The individual articles address why the territories of the United States merit more rigorous investigation, why they are central to understanding US politics, and how the territories might be routinely included in political science syllabi and curricula.

The fourth and final symposium, "The 2017 Guide to Choosing Your Textbook" is a new feature which we plan to publish in each April issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics*. The goal of this symposium series is to provide faculty with a simple and

useful resource to assist with selecting their textbooks. Our plan is to include in each April issue a review of several textbooks for four to six courses regularly offered in political science curricula to assist faculty with this critical decision in preparing their courses.

Finally, as a commemoration of 50 years of *PS: Political Science & Politics*, we begin this issue with a reprint of "San Francisco 1975: Saints and Sinners as Scholars" from our Winter 1976 issue (see Figure 1). The article offers some interesting and perhaps humorous reflections on the 1976 APSA Meeting in San Francisco. Highlights of the meeting included APSA's "experiment in pre-registration," the move from a five to four day schedule, and the inauguration of a joint book exhibit. Failures of the annual meeting including an experiment with selling tapes of panel sessions (only 12 were sold—though what are they worth now?) and chartered flights for members from Washington, New York, and Chicago.

However, most importantly, APSA experimented during the San Francisco meeting with arranging charter trips to Hawaii immediately following the meeting. Sadly, this tradition seems to have fallen by the wayside. Here's to hoping that the Association revisits this community-building enterprise!

We hope you will enjoy this short reflection on our past as we look forward to 50 more years of highlighting the scholarship and progress of our profession in the pages *PS: Political Science & Politics*. ■

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# San Francisco 1975: Saints and Sinners as Scholars

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When more than 1100 political scientists from some 350 institutions appear on about 250 sessions in four days, it makes for a very busy schedule. When the approximately 2500 (total attendance) have to travel a great distance at a great expense to attend, it makes for a very sober convention. In comparison with past years, at least, it seemed that a greater proportion of the attendees chose to pack themselves into tiny, windowless meeting rooms at the Hilton Hotel.

Owing to the ever-increasing number of meetings sponsored by unaffiliated groups, the meeting rooms had to be partitioned into their smallest components. The attendance figures, therefore, are difficult to assess (see Figure 1) because many of the panel sessions had overflow attendance, while many of the non-official meetings had little or no attendance.

As has been the practice in recent years, we tried some new wrinkles at the 1975 meeting—some notably less successful than others. Prominent among the failures was the sale of tapes of the panel sessions. It had seemed after the tentative, initial trial in 1974 that there would be substantial interest in purchasing these tapes; but since only some 12 to 15 were sold, we won't pursue the matter in future years.

The success of the charter flights was wildly uneven. The Washington group had a very satisfactory experience. The New York group's trip was fine except for the last-minute discovery by *all* of us that the departure from San Francisco left at an ungodly hour. The Chicago charter was so badly handled by the travel agency that it brought out a very strong litigious streak in most of the passengers. In short, the benefit provided some Association members

FIGURE 1.  
Sections—In Order of Mean Attendance

Sections	Tue. a.m.	Tue. p.m.	Tue. eve.	Wed. a.m.	Wed. p.m.	Wed. eve.	Thur. a.m.	Thur. p.m.	Thur. eve.	Fri. a.m.	Fri. p.m.	Mean	Total
15. The American Polity (evening Plenary sessions)	—	—	323	—	—	115	—	—	207	—	—	215	645
1. Political Theory	69	70	—	131	138	—	81	183	—	70	133	109	875
6. Comparative Politics —Communist Areas	60	84	—	75	—	—	48	85	—	65	43	66	460
7. International Relations	72	65	—	84	115	—	58	64	—	23	58	65	585
2. Epistemology and Methodology	—	99	—	96	57	—	58	29	—	51	40	63	440
5. Comparative Politics —Developing Areas	82	69	—	49	32	—	44	42	—	50	41	51	409
10. Public Administration and Organization Theory	41	55	—	43	56	—	57	32	—	56	—	49	340
Program Chairperson's Roundtable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	48	48
9. Political Organization and Political Action	38	62	—	—	—	—	64	34	—	59	25	47	282
11. Constitutional Law and Judicial Behavior	39	43	—	64	36	—	57	60	—	26	—	46.4	325
14. Political Involvement and Political Behavior	14	39	—	84	36	—	32	77	—	33	49	45.5	364
3. Political Science as a Profession	29	41	—	64	39	—	57	47	—	57	16	44	350
4. Comparative Politics —Western Areas	49	—	—	25	54	—	61	40	—	59	15	43	303
13. Federalism—Old and New	40	24	—	49	28	—	44	—	—	—	14	33	199
12. Public Problems and Public Policy	36	51	—	36	32	—	24	16	—	37	17	31	249
Mean	47	58	323	67	55	115	53	57	207	49	40	—	—
Total	616	760	323	877	721	115	685	739	207	653	519	—	6195

was heavily offset by the amount of criticism the headquarters received for the confusion of the Chicago arrangements. We won't pursue domestic charters in the foreseeable future.

On the other hand, holding the official meeting from the morning of the first day through the afternoon of the fourth does seem to be an improvement over the five-day schedule. The attendance at sessions at either end of the schedule didn't suffer as much, and so the practice will be continued. We will, however, return to the Thursday-to-Sunday time since it takes advantage of lower hotel prices.

We were very pleased with our experiment in pre-registration. Over 500 people—or about one-fifth of those registered—took advantage of this opportunity. Pre-registration will be offered again this year, despite people's quite extraordinary inability to follow simple instructions. (For instance, at least 400 people rejected the dotted line for cutting purposes, choosing instead a wide variety of more creative approaches. As a consequence, the convention coordinator got callouses trimming the registration cards so they could be filed.)

We also found the First Annual APSA Joint Book Exhibit to be a success, and hope to expand it in 1976. It provided exposure for the smaller publishers who didn't want to undertake the expense of a booth, and for publishers who wanted to "test our market." The response

in book orders to these publishers was very encouraging.

1976 will find us back at the Palmer House in Chicago, meeting from Thursday, September 2 through Sunday, September 5. As is shown elsewhere in this issue, the program will be a very large one. In addition to the official program, enough requests have already been received from unaffiliated groups so that we estimate some 300 sessions will take place in the four days. That ought to be enough political science for anyone!

## FIGURE 2.

### Panels Attended by 100 People or More

Plenary I	Women and the American Polity (Schuck)—183
Plenary III	The American Bicentennial: The United States as Polity (Storing)—207
1-8	On American Political Thought (Kristol)—183
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1-6	<i>Thinking About Political Action: Wittgenstein, Dialectics and Hermeneutics</i> (Pitkin)—133
1-1	The Study of the Small Platonic Dialogue (Bloom)—131
7-7	Alternative Explanations of Comparative Foreign Policy Behavior with Comparable Data (Deutsch)—115
Plenary II	The American Bicentennial: The United States as Model (Storing)—115

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### For Selection of Officers of the American Political Science Association for 1976-77

Officers to be selected: President-Elect, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, eight Members of the Council for two-year terms. All members of the Association are invited to submit suggestions to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in care of The American Political Science Association.

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