

The following two awards were made at the 1998 Meeting.

The Michael Harrington Award for an outstanding book that demonstrates how scholarship can be used in the struggle for a better world was shared by George Katsiaficas for *The Subversion of Politics: European Autonomous Social Movements and the Decolonization of Everyday Life*; and Steven Best and Douglas Kellner for *The Post-modern Turn*.

The Christian Bay Award for the best paper presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting was given to Timothy W. Luke for "The Discipline as Disciplinary Normalization: Networks of Research."

Public Policy

Nominations Committee

To nominate a slate of people to fill the Section's president-elect position and four council posts.

Charles Barrilleaux, Chair, Florida State University

Marian Leaf Palley, University of Delaware

Paul Teske, SUNY-Stony Brook

Aaron Wildavsky Enduring Contribution Award Committee

An award given to any book or article published between ten and twenty years ago that continues to influence the study of public policy.

Susan MacManus, Chair, University of South Florida

Thomas Anton, Brown University

John Schwarz, University of Arizona

Ad Hoc Reform Committee
To consider (a) whether to separate the section presidency from the program chair, and (b) whether to offer a best paper award and/or other awards, and if so, whether to give a monetary prize.

Mary Anne Steger, Chair, University of Northern Arizona

Kenneth Wong, University of Chicago

Lenneal Henderson, University of Baltimore

Race, Ethnicity and Politics

1998–1999 Best Dissertation Award Review Criteria

1. Makes an important theoretical contribution to our understanding

Washington Insider

Moves toward Normalization with Cuba Include Liberalization of Scholarly Exchanges

President Clinton's January 5 announcement of "measures designed to ease the plight of the Cuban people and help them prepare for a democratic future" included a pledge to expand "people-to-people contact through two-way exchanges among academics [and] scientists." A small step in the slow but steady easing of America's economic and cultural pressure on Cuba, the expansion of scholarly exchanges flows directly from 1992's Cuba Democracy Act, which calls for such steps, and continues a recent trend in which American scholars have been granted much fuller and more frequent access to Cuban archives.

AAUP Study Finds Women Faculty at Disadvantage in Rank, Pay

According to a report published in the January–February 1999 issue of *Academe*, female faculty tend to earn less and be promoted less frequently than their male colleagues, regardless of discipline or institution. According to data compiled by Ernst Benjamin, director of research for the American Association of University Professors, women, who comprised 33.8% of college and university faculty in 1997–98, held 55.6% of lectureships, 58.6% of instructorships, 46.8% of assistant professorships, and only 18.7% of full professorships. The study also found that women more readily accept low-paying positions and appointments at low-prestige institutions than do men, but offered no explanation for this finding. More information about this study can be found online at www.aaup.org/Wrepup.htm.

National Archives Making Plans to Expand Retention of Electronic Records

In response to a U.S. District Court ruling of October 1997 that nullified regulations that allowed it to destroy electronic programmatic records from most government agencies if comparable paper records existed (*Public Citizen v. John Carlin*, Civil Action No. 96-2840), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is devising procedures for collecting and preserving such records. Although NARA is appealing the ruling, it plans to issue guidelines for submitting and cataloging electronic records to agencies in March 1999. The proposed guidelines would give agencies six months to 2½ years to comply, which the plaintiffs in the original case—including the American Library Association, the American Historical Association, and the Organization of American Historians—have argued is too long.