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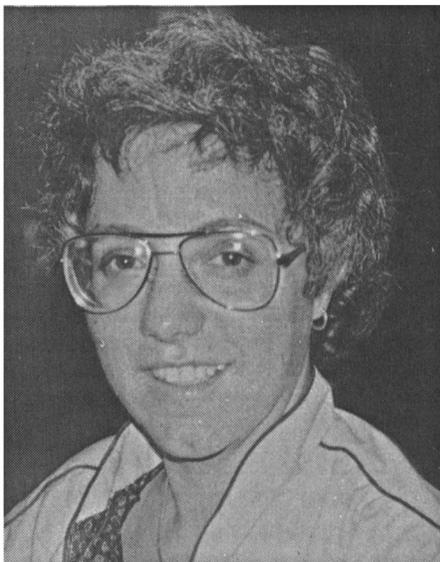
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Task Force Develops Feminist Units

The Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession met with members of the Committee on Education on October 30 to set in motion a new project designed to enhance and enlarge coverage of women's issues, activities and concerns in basic American government courses.

The project, supported by a grant to the Association from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, calls for the preparation and distribution of a series of instructional units that can supplement the textbooks and monographs used in the introductory American government course. The units will be written by members of a special task force. The units will then be demonstrated to faculty who attend workshops held in conjunction with the 1983 meetings of the regional political science associations.

Eight of the ten possible task force members were selected at the October committee meeting. The task force was convened on December 10 to determine the objectives and strategies of the project and to specify topics for the units. Task force members decided to produce eight units in order to cover core topics in American government and introduce topics on women's issues and feminist



Susette Talarico of the University of Georgia heads the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession.

perspectives that are not now taught in American government. It is likely that the units can be adopted also in specialized upper division courses.

The task force agreed to entitle the project: *Citizenship and Change: Women and American Politics*.

The task force is chaired by Diane Fowlkes, Georgia State University, who will coordinate the preparation of the units and provide an essay for the profession describing the project and its materials. Other current task force members and their responsibilities are:

- Irene Diamond, Purdue University, who will write a unit on family and public policy.
- Milda Hedblom, Augsburg College, who will write a unit on federal institutions: executive-legislative.
- Mary L. Shanley, Vassar College, who will write a unit on feminist theory and feminism.
- Sarah Slavin, University College at Buffalo, who will write a unit on constitutional principles.
- Judith N. Stiehm, University of

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Southern California, who will write a unit on coercion and violence.

● Susette Talarico, University of Georgia, Chair, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, who will serve as liaison for the project between the committee and the task force and write a unit on judicial process. The task

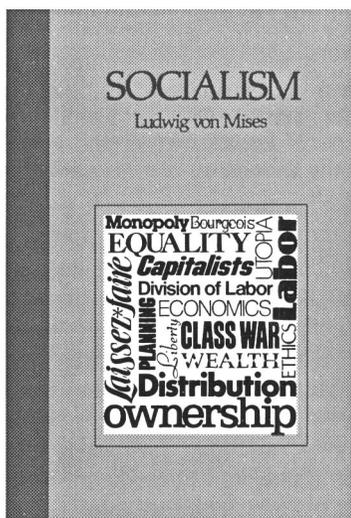
force anticipates the addition of units on two additional topics—political participation and women's movements—and is now recruiting authors for the units who will also join the task force. Interested faculty should send a *vita* to: Women and American Politics/APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. ■

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