

## Annual Meeting Perspectives

### Participation by Women in the 1996 APSA Meeting Martin Gruberg, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

CHAIRPERSONS			
Year	Total	Women	%
1971	154	12	7.8
1981	137	16	11.7
1991	439	107	24.4
1992	463	106	22.9
1993	452	115	25.4
1994	509	164	32.2
1995	480	134	27.9
1996	517	136	26.3
PAPERGIVERS			
1971	552	43	7.8
1981	520	98	18.8
1991	1940	512	26.4
1992	1986	445	22.5
1993	2053	525	25.6
1994	2200	576	26.2
1995	2160	598	27.7
1996	2414	781	32.4
DISCUSSANTS			
1971	184	13	7.1
1981	161	28	17.4
1991	455	120	26.4
1992	568	118	20.8
1993	521	152	29.2
1994	594	157	26.4
1995	583	157	26.9
1996	574	142	24.7

Where women head divisions or panels, there is a greater likelihood of other women being selected for program contributions. This year (and last) we had a male and a female co-chairing the Program Committee. In 1996 15 of the 49 division persons were women (30.06%) (Cf. 1995: 38.8%). The divisions they headed had women as 26.1% (55 of 211) of the chairpersons, 35.1% (313 of 892) of the papergivers, and 29.8% (72 of 242) of the discussants (Cf. 1995 = 30.7%, 34.2%, 31.0%).

The convention divisions led by women had 40.4% of the convention's female panel chairs, 48.1% of the papergivers, and 50.7% of its discussants (Cf. 1995: 44.0, 48.0, 42.0). Women-chaired panels had 38.7% female paper givers and 33.9% female discussants (Cf. 1995: 41.0, 42.5%). These constituted 30.9% of the women giving papers at the 1996 convention and 30.3% of the women serving as discussants (Cf. 1995: 40.8%, 43.3%).

The divisions with the strongest female representation were those on Foundations of Political Theory\*, Public Administration, Women and Politics\*, Comparative Politics\*, Politics and Society in Western Europe, Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics, Transformational Politics, New Political Science, Teaching and Learning in Political Science, and Race, Ethnicity, and Politics.

The divisions with the weakest female representation in 1995 were those on Formal Political Theory, Political Methodology\*, Legislative Behavior\*, Election and Electoral Behavior, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, International Collaboration, International Security, International Security and Arms Control, Foreign Policy Analysis, Representation and Electoral Systems, Conflict Processes, and Religion and Politics\*.

(\* = headed by women)

#### Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellows

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Director, HIV/AIDS Center,  
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#### German Fellows

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In addition to those selected in  
May 1996, two Foreign Service Of-  
ficers have been added to the federal  
component. They are:

Bruce Armstrong, Assistant Cultural  
Affairs Officer for Exchanges,  
American Embassy, Bonn (United  
States Information Agency), and  
Mark Davidson, Branch Public Af-  
fairs Officer/American Center Di-  
rector in Japan, Sapporo (United  
States Information Agency).

#### Preserving APSA's Historic Home

Renovations to APSA's national  
headquarters began in August in an  
effort to preserve the 100 year old  
building. Improvements were made  
to publications storage, electronic  
publishing, Membership Services,  
and Annual Meeting areas of the  
building.

Located at 1527 New Hampshire  
Avenue, NW in Washington DC, the  
building underwent further improve-  
ments to the heating and cooling

systems, the installation of emergency lighting, the improvement of work space, and remodeling aimed to facilitate team work and efficient use of space.

Renovations began during the Annual Meeting, while the majority of the staff was in San Francisco, and continued through mid-September. The Membership Services, Personnel Service and Annual Meeting offices experienced minor delays in processing requests due to this undertaking.

### **Membership Insurance Benefits Go On-Line**

The Customer Service Department of Albert H. Wohlers & Co., our Group Insurance Administrator, is now on the Internet.

The Wohlers Company has established two new E-Mail addresses to assist members with their insurance needs. The new E-Mail addresses are: [cusv@ahw.com](mailto:cusv@ahw.com) and [info@ahw.com](mailto:info@ahw.com).

Members can use [cusv@ahw.com](mailto:cusv@ahw.com) to reach Wohlers' Customer Service Department with any questions regarding the insurance plans. Members seeking information—such as brochures or applications for the plans—should use [info@ahw.com](mailto:info@ahw.com) to receive these materials in the mail.

When using the Internet to contact the Wohlers Company, it is important for members to include the following information: name, complete address, date of birth, spouse date of birth, telephone number and name of association. This will enable them to provide members with complete and accurate details on the insurance plans.

### **Library of Congress Institutes New Reader Registration System**

In an effort to enhance security of collections and make a more effective and serviceable system for users, the Library of Congress is implementing photographic Reader Registration Cards. The new badges will be required to use Library collections and 19 reading rooms. Patrons wishing to use the public reading rooms and the Library's collections should report to a badging station

located on the ground floor of the Jefferson Building.

At badging station computers, patrons will key in their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and the first five digits of their social security numbers, their primary topic of research, the purpose of use, and the primary format of the materials used. All this information—including a photo and signature—will be included in a database, which can be accessed by authorized staff throughout the Library. Reading room staff will scan a patron's barcode, which will activate the patron's online record. That record will show whether the card is valid for use in a specific reading room. If the card is valid, the materials ordering process will continue. If the card is not valid, the patron will have to undergo further proceedings in order to obtain materials.

The badge issued to registered readers will be valid for a period of two years or less and must be renewed at the end of the period for which it is issued.

### **NSF Appoints New Director for Law and Social Science Program**

Dr. Harmon Hosch was appointed Program Director of the National Science Foundation's Law and Social Science Program, effective September 3, 1996. Dr. Hosch was a professor of law and psychology at the University of Texas, El Paso. He succeeds Dr. Neal Tate who has returned to the political science department at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

### **German Marshall Fund of the United States Appoints Program Director for Central and Eastern Europe**

The German Marshall Fund of the United States has announced the appointment of Krystyna Wolniakowski as Program Director for the Fund's grantmaking activities and projects in Central and Eastern Europe.

As Program Director for Central

and Eastern Europe, Ms. Wolniakowski will manage the Fund's grantmaking program, developing initiatives that will include projects and fellowship exchanges supporting political development and environmental reform. She will also administer a major project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the German Marshall Fund to develop greater citizen participation in local governance and policymaking. Ms. Wolniakowski will work out of the Fund's office in Berlin.

## **Section News**

### **APSA Organized Sections Distribute Awards at Annual Meeting**

Nineteen APSA Organized Sections presented awards at the 1996 Annual Meeting to recognize distinctive scholarship and career service within their fields of political science. Winners are listed below.

#### *Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations*

The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizing distinguished scholarly contributions to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations was presented to Richard P. Nathan, SUNY-Albany. The Best Paper Award, conferred for the best paper in the field of federalism and intergovernmental relations presented at the previous years APSA Annual Meeting was awarded to Daniel Treisman, Harvard University, Richard Cole, University of Texas, Arlington, Carl W. Stenberg, University of Baltimore, and Carol W. Weissert, Michigan State University, for their paper "A Ranking of Key Intergovernmental Relations, Events, Issues and Trends: 1980-1995." The Best Book Award was presented to Morton J. Grodzins, University of Chicago, for *The American System*. This award is conferred for the best book on federalism and intergovernmental relations published at least ten years ago that has made a lasting contribution to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations.