bership at large as the study progresses.

Other agenda items being considered are Committee panels at the Annual Meeting, inclusion of domestic partners in APSA member and employee benefits, and curricular materials. Any APSA member with other agenda items is encouraged to contact Committee members or Michael Brintnall at APSA.

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## Participation by Women in the 1992 APSA Meeeting <br> Martin Gruberg, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

For 21 years I have been reporting in PS on the gender participation balance at our annual meetings. While 1991 marked the best year yet for women as participants, 1992 saw a slight falling off.

| Year | Total | Women | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chairpersons |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 154 | 12 | 7.8 |
| 1981 | 137 | 16 | 11.7 |
| 1990 | 487 | 106 | 21.8 |
| 1991 | 439 | 107 | 24.4 |
| 1992 | 463 | 106 | 22.9 |
| Paper Givers |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 552 | 43 | 7.8 |
| 1981 | 520 | 98 | 18.8 |
| 1990 | 2,071 | 490 | 23.7 |
| 1991 | 1,940 | 512 | 26.4 |
| 1992 | 1,986 | 445 | 22.5 |
| Discussants |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 184 | 13 | 7.1 |
| 1981 | 161 | 28 | 17.4 |
| 1990 | 578 | 137 | 23.7 |
| 1991 | 455 | 120 | 26.4 |
| 1992 | 568 | 118 | 20.8 |

As I've noted previously, where women head sections or panels, there is a greater likelihood of other women being selected for program contributions. In 1992, 16 of the 41 section persons were women ( $39.0 \%$ ). The sections they headed had women as $30.6 \%$ ( 56 or 183 ) of the chairpersons, $25.9 \%$ (207 of 798) of the papergivers, and $31.8 \%$ ( 68 of 214) of the discussants.

The convention sections led by women had $52.8 \%$ of the convention's female panel chairs, $46.5 \%$ of the paper givers, and $57.6 \%$ of its discussants. Women-chaired panels had $34.6 \%$ female paper givers and $38.0 \%$ female discussants. These constituted $33.5 \%$ of the women giving papers at the 1992 convention and $41.5 \%$ of the women serving as discussants.

The sections with the strongest female representation were those on Law and Courts; Public Administration; Public Policy; Women and Politics; Race, Gender, and Ethnicity; History and Politics; and Politics and Life Sciences.

The sections with the weakest female representation in 1992 were those on Formal Political Theory; Political Methodology; Presidential Research; Comparative Politics; Politics of Developing Areas; International Collaboration; International Security and Conflict; Religion and Politics; Applied Political Science; and Computers and Multimedia.

Among the lopsidedly stag panels were those on Developments in Formal Theories of International Political Economy; American Presidents in Comparative Perspective; Political Economy and Political Behavior; Voting Turnout, Political Culture and Democratization Process; American Parties: Factions and Functions; Metropolitan Issues, Politics and Local Government Finance; A Comparative Analysis of State Legislative Campaign Financing; Roundtable on Agenda Setting Research: Twenty Years Later; Roundtable on Ethnic, Linguistic, and Regional Conflict and the Art of Constitutional Design; Comparative Analysis of Markets and Liberalization; Approaching Democratization through Political Culture/Approaching Political Cul-
ture through Democratization; Reconsidering Regime Change in Asia and Latin America; Pacts and Other Types of Coalitions in the Making of Democracy in Latin America; The Changing Shape of Inter-American Relations in a Post-Cold War World; International Institutions as Intersubjective Knowledge; Do Liberal Democracies Fight Each Other?; Rational Choice and Collective Security; Security Systems and Defense Issues: A Regional Perspective; Democracies in Conflict; Domestic Agendas and the U.S. Security System; Desert Storm: Insights into the Future; State Societal Relations and Strategies for Industrial Change in the Evolving International Economy; Foreign Policies of the New Europe; Religion and Legitimation; and Capitalism and Political Transformation.

Panels predominantly female in-cluded-Problems of Democratic Citizenship; Citizen Preferences and Legislative Behavior; Group Identification and Political Behavior; Interest Groups: Structures and Strategies; Elected Officials and Urban Leadership; Comparative Study of Abortion Politics; Is There a Problem with Care?; Government Control of Reproduction and Family: Justification and Impact; Liberal Law and Family Policy; Backing Women as Candidates: Party Organization Strategies in Comparative Perspective; Roundtable on the Bicentennial of Mary Wollstonecraft's Vindication of the Rights of Women; Roundtable on Gender as a Category of Analysis: A Dialogue between Political Scientists and Historians; Labor and American Political Development; Coping with the Legacy of the Old Regime; and Feminist Contributions in Political Transformation.

