

Forty-Sixth Class of Congressional Fellows Begins 1998-99 Program

As the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program (CFP) prepares to welcome its 46th class, it does so with more than the usual imponderables of an off-year congressional election cycle and the uncertainties of whether the incumbent members

with whom the fellows interview will all return for the 106th Congress. This year, there is the added ingredient of the report of the independent counsel and a U.S. House of Representatives consideration of presidential impeachment.

Apart from the practicalities of seeking an office assignment, this puts an added burden on the CFP staff to book November orientation speakers.

Fortunately, the CFP has among its loyal and generous stable of guest speakers some of the best-informed observers of Congress in the country. Among those political scientists who have traditionally provided our academic perspective will be Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute, Tom Mann of the Brookings Institution, Professors James Thurber, Susan Hammond,

Technological Changes Promote Better Service at the National Office

APSA's national office is constantly growing and changing in an effort better to meet members' needs. This fall, several major technology changes have occurred at the national office. We have recently completed a major upgrade of our computing capabilities and are in the midst of a major extension of our web site, APSANet (www.apsanet.org), all in order to provide faster, more efficient, more accurate service.

Association Management Software

Slightly more than a year ago, we began researching the feasibility of upgrading our membership and meetings database. We had been using our previous UNIX-based database for six years, and we were rapidly outgrowing the package's capabilities and format. The week after we returned from Boston, we replaced the old database with a Windows-based package that takes advantage of current technology, particularly the latest version of Microsoft Access. At the same time, we also upgraded our accounting software. The old system was permanently shut down in mid-October. Although the transition has been challenging for all APSA staff members, this new program will allow us to work more efficiently, provide information in a more flexible manner, and link more easily with the other programs, including email and the web, we use regularly in the national office.

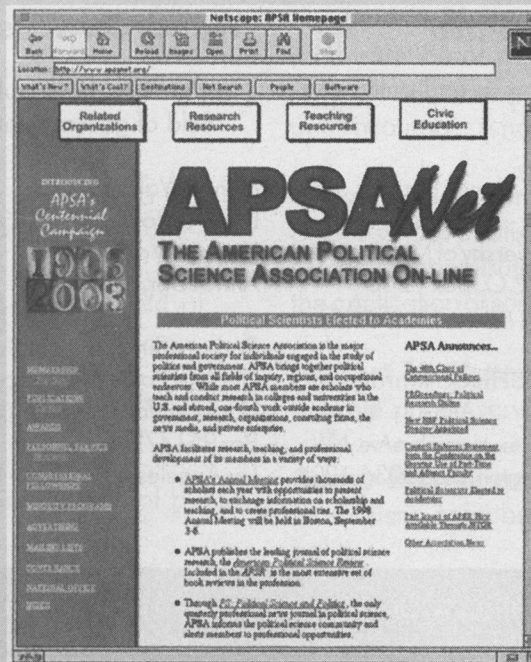
APSANet

The APSA web site, redesigned in September 1997,

contains a wealth of information on the Association and political science in general. Since September 1997, we have made great strides in both the quality and the content of the site. Our most significant development was institution of a web-based Annual Meeting Call for Papers. Of the nearly 7000 proposals submitted for the 1998 Annual Meeting, over 50% were received via the online forms.

This past spring, we began the process of taking the *Personnel Service Newsletter* online, unfolding in a two stage process. Stage one involved allowing departments to submit job listings via a special online form. The listings are maintained in a database where the *PSN* editor may access a complete log of job listings formatted for publication. In stage two, which began June 1, *PSN* was made fully available online, with access password-restricted to subscribers.

We are currently expanding CENnet, our new civic education site (www.apsanet.org/CENnet/), which already includes essays from the *this Constitution* series and *PS*, an address book of scholars and organizations in the United States and abroad working in civic education, and materials prepared by the APSA Task Force on Civic Education. Soon, the site will also have links to classroom materials and essays for teachers. Additionally, we launched *PSonline* this fall, the web version of this journal, which includes time-sensitive materials such as calls for papers, fellowship and grant information, and upcoming meeting and conference details.





Nominations Sought for 1999 APSA Book Awards



Nominations are invited for APSA Book Awards to be presented at the 1999 Annual Meeting, September 2-5, in Atlanta. Books published in 1998 may be nominated by publishers or individuals who submit nominations. The deadline for submission of books to an award committee is February 15, 1999. A list of 1999 Book Award Committees and their addresses follows:

Ralph J. Bunche Award

For the best scholarly work in political science which explores the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism

Charles Henry
U. of California, Berkeley
200 California Hall
Berkeley, CA 94720

Valerie Martinez-Ebers
Dept of Political Science
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, TX 76129

Richard Shingles
Dept of Political Science
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA 24061-7874

Bunche Award
APSA
1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20036-1206

Gladys M. Kammerer Award

for the best political science publication in the field of U.S. national policy

Helen Ingram
School of Ecology, URP
U. of California, Irvine
202 Social Ecology I
Irvine, CA 92697

Dean Yarwood
Dept of Political Science
University of Missouri
113 Professional Bldg.
Columbia, MO 65211

Matthew J. Dickinson
385 Maiden Lane
P.O. Box 114
Ripton, VT 05766

Kammerer Award
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Victoria Schuck Award

For the best book published on women and politics.

Marjorie Lewis
Grad. School of Public Affairs
University of Colorado
1380 Lawrence St., #600
Denver, CO 80202

Nancy Burns
3063 ISR
University of Michigan
P.O. Box 1248
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Clyde Wilcox
1653 Trap Road
Vienna, VA 22182

Schuck Award
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Washington, DC 20036-1206

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award

For the best book published in the United States in the field of government, politics or international affairs

Hanes Walton Jr.
Dept. of Political Science
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Randolph Siverson
Dept. of Political Science
U. of California, Davis
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

Barbara Sinclair
Dept. of Political Science
U. of California, Los Angeles
Box 951472
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1472

Wilson Award
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Nominations Sought for 1999 APSA Awards



Nominations are invited for APSA Career and Dissertation Awards to be presented at the 1999 Annual Meeting, September 2-5, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Departments are invited to submit nominations for dissertation prizes, although not more than one per award. Dissertations eligible are those completed and accepted during the past two academic years. Department submissions should be sent to each member of the award committee and include a letter of nomination and a copy of the dissertation. A copy of the nomination letter only should be sent to the APSA national office. Departments must submit their nominations by January 15, 1999.

Individuals are also invited to submit, for consideration, letters of nomination for APSA-sponsored Career Awards. Career Awards are decided upon by three-member committees appointed by the president and approved by the Council. The deadline for submission of letters is February 1, 1999.

Dissertation Prizes

Gabriel A. Almond Award - in the field of comparative politics.

William Anderson Award - in the field of state and local politics, federalism and intergovernmental relations.

Edward S. Corwin Award - in the field of public law.

Harold D. Lasswell Award - in the field of policy studies.

Helen Dwight Reid Award - in the field of international relations, law and politics.

E.E. Schattschneider Award - in the field of American government.

Leo Strauss Award - in the field of political philosophy.

Leonard D. White Award - in the field of public administration.

Career Awards

James Madison Award - presented triennially to honor an American political scientist who has made a distinguished contribution to political science. The award is designed to recognize a career of scholarly excellence rather than a particular piece of scholarship.

John Gaus Award and Lectureship - to honor a recipient's lifetime of exemplary scholarship in the joint tradition of political science and public administration and more generally, recognizes achievement and encourages scholarship in public administration.

Charles Merriam Award - given biannually to a person whose published work and career represents a significant contribution to the art of government through the application of social science research.

Hubert H. Humphrey Award - in recognition of notable public service by a political scientist.

Carey McWilliams Award - to honor a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics.

For information on award committee members or further details, visit APSA on the Association's web site, at www.apsanet.org or contact Sean Twombly, at (202) 483-2512 or twombly@apsanet.org.

Hammond, and Candice Nelson of American University, Professor Christopher Deering of George Washington University, and Professor Roger Davidson of the University of Maryland. Among the new political scientists addressing the Fellows will be Professor and former Fellow Larry Evans of William and Mary and William Koetzel, a Fellow from the 1997-98 class who has remained within the House Republican leadership on the staff of Majority Deputy Whip Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL).

So Fellows receive the journalists' perspective, November orientation speakers will also include *The Washington Post's* David Broder, *The Wall Street Journal's* Al Hunt, ABC News and National Public Radio's Cokie Roberts, former Congressional Fellow and current political editor for *USA Today* Ron Elving, *NBC News'* Andrea Mitchell, and *Los Angeles Times* bureau chief Doyle McManus.

Helping the Fellows bridge the not entirely distinct worlds of academe, the press, and politics will be a two-day orientation on legislative mechanics sponsored by the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service that will include presentations by Dan Mulhollan, Walter Oleszek, Stan Bach, Lou Fisher, and Judy Schneider. Other authoritative orientation voices will include Alan Ehrenhalt's, editor of *Governing*; Alton Frye's, senior vice president of the Council on Foreign Relations and a former Fellow; Gary Hymel, senior vice president at Hill and Knowlton and former chief-of-staff to Speaker Tip O'Neill; Brian Lamb, C-SPAN CEO; Celinda Lake, president of Lake Research; and the staff of the Heritage Foundation.

Among the most essential aspects of any orientation program are those current congressional staffers and former Congressional Fellows who form a series of panel discussions focused on the everyday life on "The Hill." Blessed as the CFP is with a cast of well-known experts, there are few people better prepared to offer advice on the nitty-gritty of serving as a congressional staffer than our own former Fellows. The goal of the orientation, after all, is to prepare Fellows for their re-

Washington Insider

More Words on Affirmative Action Bans in College Admissions

Thirty-five students from underrepresented minority groups, nine of whom are black, entered law school at the University of California, Berkeley in the fall of 1998. In 1997, only 15 minority students, one of whom is black, enrolled. Cut another way, minorities constituted 13% of the incoming class in 1998, down from the 20% in 1996 (before the affirmative action ban was put in place), but substantially higher than the 6% they comprised in 1997. School administrators attribute the increase in minority enrollments to aggressive recruiting and flexible admissions criteria that call for less consideration of standardized test scores. Programs similar to UC's are being implemented in Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota, and several other states.

House Report on Status, Future of Science Policy Leaves out Social Science

On October 7, the U.S. House declared *Unlocking Our Future: Toward a New Science Policy* should "serve as a framework for future deliberations on congressional science policy and funding." A year in preparation and authored by Vern Ehlers (R-MI), the report is being touted as replacement to Vannevar Bush's seminal 1945 call to action, *Science: The Endless Frontier*. The new report's theme is that the U.S. "must maintain and improve its preeminent position in science and technology in order to advance human understanding of the universe . . . and to improve the lives, health, and freedom of all people." Calling science "a critical driver of the nation's economy," the report urges Congress to "make stable and substantial federal funding for fundamental scientific research a priority" and praises public-private partnerships, stresses the need for better science education at all levels, and asks for greater reliance upon sound science when making policy. With the exception of a single footnote indicating that the definition of science used for preparing the report includes social science, the report contains no mention of social science. In a press release accompanying the report, Committee member George Brown (D-CA), decried the narrow focus and noted that "an argument can be made that the most pressing issues facing our society—crime, education reform, social justice—are likely to be addressed through investment in the social sciences rather than in the hard science." The report is available for review and comment on the Science Committee's home page (www.house.gov/science/science_policy_study.htm).

Republicans Win Initial Cases to Block Sampling in 2000 Census

On August 24, a three-judge panel of the District Court for the District of Columbia unanimously ruled that the Clinton administration's plan to use statistical sampling in the 2000 Census did not meet the requirements set for "an enumeration" of the country's population as the term is defined in the Constitution and Title 13 of the United States Code. An identical ruling was issued by a three-judge panel in a case brought by the Southeastern Legal Foundation before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The challenge in the first case was filed in the name of the U.S. House of Representatives by Census Subcommittee Chairman Dan Miller (R-FL). The U.S. Department of Justice filed an appeal and secured an agreement from the U.S. Supreme Court to expedite consideration of the case. Arguments will be heard on November 30, 1998, and a decision has been promised by March 30, 1999. In the interim, the Census Bureau is proceeding with a "dual-track" planning process for the upcoming census-preparing plans for a count that uses statistical sampling and another that does not.

House Passes Digital Database Copyright Bill, But It's Killed in Conference

In early August, the U.S. House passed the "Collections of Information Antipiracy Act" (H.R. 2652). Widely criticized as inimical to legitimate research efforts, the "database bill" imposes a narrow interpretation of fair use onto collections of data archived and available in electronic format. The summary of the Bill, which was referred to the Senate in August but was dropped from the slew of copyright legislation passed in mid-October, which included the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and Copyright Term Extension Act, states, in part, that the Act "amends Federal copyright law to make person who extract, or use in commerce, a substantial part of a collection of information gathered or maintained by another person . . . so as to harm the other person's . . . actual or potential market for a product or service that incorporates such information and is offered or intended to be offered in commerce liable to the person . . . for [civil] remedies under this Act." Exemptions to the Act specifically include "extraction or use of individual items of information or extraction or use of information for verification, nonprofit educational, scientific, or research, or news reporting purposes." The full text of the Act, along with summary and referral reports, can be found on the U.S. Copyright Office web site (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/penleg.html>). It will be reintroduced in the next Congress.

possibilities as legislative assistants to members of the Congress. Fellows are scheduled to begin working on Capitol Hill in early December.

For more information on the Congressional Fellowship Program, contact Congressional Fellowship Program, APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036-1206; (202) 483-2512; Fax: (202) 483-2657; Email: cfp@apsanet.org; www.apsanet.org/CFP.

Disability Income Now Available to APSA Members

A Disability Income plan with monthly benefits of \$1000, \$2000, or \$3000 is now available to members of the APSA.

All APSA members and their spouses/domestic partners are eligible (upon meeting certain requirements) for up to five full years of guaranteed income if disabled by a covered accident, and up to one full year if disabled by a covered illness. Benefits are payable in addition to income from other sources, up to 70% of the recipient's monthly salary.

For more information on the APSA Disability Income Plan, contact Albert H. Wohlers & Co., Attn: APSA Insurance Administrator, 1440 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-1400; (800) 503-9230; Email: cusv@ahw.com.

APSA Organized Sections Distribute Awards at Annual Meeting

As part of the 1998 Annual Meeting in the Boston, Organized



New Officers for Pi Sigma Alpha

Susan MacManus, University of South Florida, has been chosen as president-elect of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. The current ΠΣΑ president, William Keefe, University of Pittsburgh, will serve from 1998 until 2000.

Newly elected to four-year terms on the ΠΣΑ Executive Council are Gregory S. Butler, New Mexico State University; William Furlong, Utah State University; Charles Knerr, University of Texas, Arlington; Karen O'Connor, American University; Dianne Pinderhughes, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; and Elen Singh, Mississippi Valley State University. They join continuing Council members John F. Bibby, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, past president; David B. Magleby, Brigham Young University, past president; Naomi B. Lynn, University of Illinois, Springfield, past president; James I. Lengle, Georgetown University, executive director; John Tierney, Boston University, newsletter editor; Christopher Bosso, Northeastern University, Leslie Feldman, Hofstra University; Jewel L. Prestage, Prairie View A&M University; Michael Preston, University of Southern California; Darryl Roberts, Tuskegee University; and Elaine Swift, Eastern Washington University.

Sections of the Association presented nearly 50 awards recognizing dissertations, books, papers, and careers. Many of these Section prizes are annual and nominations are sought at this time for next year's awards. For further information visit the APSA web site (www.apsanet.org).

Political Psychology

The Best Book Award in Political Psychology was awarded to two outstanding publications in 1997, *Shook Over Hell: Post Traumatic Stress, Vietnam, and the Civil War*, by **Eric T. Dean** and *System Effects: Complexity in Political and Social Life*, by **Robert Jervis** of Columbia University.

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizing distinguished scholarly contributions to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations was presented to **Paul E. Peterson** of Harvard University. The Best Paper Award was conferred on **Richard C. Elling** and **Lyke Thompson**, Wayne State University, for "Let Them Eat Marblecake: Michigan Citizens' Preferences on Intergovernmental Structure." The award recognizes the best paper in the field of federalism and intergovernmental relations presented at the 1997 APSA Annual Meeting. The Best Book Award, for the best book on federalism and intergovernmental

Listing of Doctoral Dissertation in Political Science Now Available Online

For the first time, the annual listing of dissertations completed in political science is available on the web. Go to *PSonline* (www.apsanet.org/PS/), click on Dissertations, and find the author, title, school, or subject you seek. No more six-point type. No more reading through dozens of uninteresting titles. No more failing to find the listings you seek due to fatigue, frustration, or faltering vision. Paper copies of the dissertation listing will be retained by APSA for archival purposes and will be sent to individuals without web access upon request from Editor, *PS*, American Political Science Association, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036-1206; (202) 483-2512; Fax: (202) 483-2657.

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