

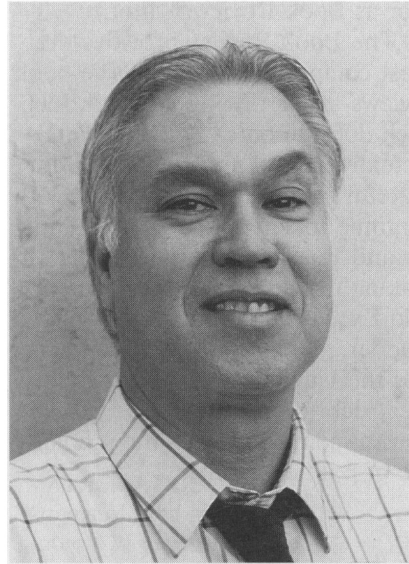
Association News

Sbragia and Garcia Named 1999 Program Cochairs

APSA President-elect Matthew Holden, Jr. recently named Alberta Sbragia, and John A. Garcia as Program Cochairs for the 1999 Annual Meeting. The Council unanimously approved their selection.

Sbragia is Director of the Center for Western European Studies and UCIS Research Professor of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh. Her scholarship has focused on European integration, comparative American-West European public policy and public finance, and American urban politics and urban economic development. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1974 and joined the faculty at Pittsburgh after completion of her dissertation on Italian politics as a Fulbright Scholar. Among her published works are an edited collection, *The Municipal Money Chase: The Politics of Local Government Finance* and the recently published *Debt Wish: Entrepreneurial Cities, U.S. Federalism, and Economic Development*.

John A. Garcia is professor of po-



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litical science at the University of Arizona where his primary areas of research have been in minority group politics, especially Latinos, and urban governments, survey research, and public policy. He was co-author of *Latino Voices: Perspectives of Cubans, Mexican Americans, and Puerto Ricans* (Westview Press, 1992), and a chapter, "Expanding Disciplinary Boundaries: Black, Latino, and Racial Minority Group Politics in Political Science" in *The State of the Discipline II* (1993). He served as one of four co-principal investigators of the *Latino National Political Survey (LNPS)* and earlier served on the research staff of the *National Chicano Survey (1979)* at ISR/University of Michigan. He has served (1993-95) on the Council of American Political Science Association and as Division Chair in Public Opinion and Participation (1998 meeting). He has also been Cochair of the Race and Ethnicity Organized Section. He has served on the Executive Council of the Inter-University Consortium for Political Research

and currently on the NSF Advisory committee to the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate. In addition, he has been active in local and county government on a number of boards and commissions. He received his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1977.

Sbragia and Garcia will present their proposed Program Committee for Council approval at its April 25th meeting. The 1999 meeting is scheduled for September 2-5 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Association Moves Proposals Process Online, Receives Record Number

In 1997, for the first time ever, scholars could submit proposals for APSA's Annual Meeting via the web. Over 50% of all proposals were received through APSA's web site, and an additional 25% were received via electronic mail. These electronic methods allowed for immediate acknowledgment of proposals receipt. All individuals who submitted a proposal also received an acknowledgment postcard in the mail by December 18. Just under 7000 proposals, nearly 2000 more than last year, were processed by the Annual Meeting Staff between November 15, 1997 and December 13, 1997.

In its second year of central processing, a system in which all Annual Meeting proposals are sent to the national office, the Annual Meeting staff reported that processing moved much more smoothly than last year. Convention Manager Jennifer Richards noted that while the Web-based operation was not without its bugs, the ability to search for individual paper and panel proposals via the web database was a tremendous benefit.



Alberta Sbragia

The proposals database also allowed Divisions Chairs to review all submissions to their Division in each of the four categories (paper, panel, poster, chair). And a special Chair's web site provided detailed instructions and sample materials on all aspects of the Chair's responsibilities. The Chair's database and web site will be redesigned next year to incorporate suggestions made by the current chairs.

Among the items the APSA Committee on the Annual Meeting will discuss at its April 24 meeting are the logistics of central processing, the organization of the Meeting, the definition of Program Divisions, the workload of the Program Committee, the increasing number of proposals (up 40% this year alone), satisfaction of members, and Meeting site selection. The Committee, chaired by Mary F. Katzenstein, will report back to the Council in time for its September 2 meeting.

The Annual Meeting Committee encourages responses from members on any of the topics above. Please address your comments to Mary Katzenstein at meeting@apsanet.org.

Mark Lichbach Renewed As APSR Book Review Editor

Ada W. Finifter, Editor of the *American Political Science Review*, has named Mark Lichbach of the University of Colorado for an addi-

tional three-year term as Editor of the Book Review, beginning in the fall of 1998. APSA and Colorado concluded an agreement for the extension which entails a generous contribution from the university in support of the Book Review.

Originally named by former APSR editor Bingham Powell and extended by Finifter, Lichbach is in his fourth year as Book Review Editor.

"The Book Review provides the most comprehensive, extensive book reviews in the discipline. Mark Lichbach does an outstanding job intellectually and administratively. I am grateful to him for his willingness to continue to serve, and to Ada Finifter and President Kent Jennings for making the necessary arrangements," said Executive Director Catherine Rudder. "Our profession owes Mark and the University of Colorado a great debt of gratitude for their important contribution to the scholarly life of political science."

Past Issues of APSR Now Available Through JSTOR

Theresa Gubicza, APSA

The American Political Science Association signed an agreement with JSTOR (short for Journal Storage) in 1996 has made the complete archive of the *American Political Science Review*, beginning in 1906, and the *Proceedings of the American Political Science Association*, 1903-1914, available through JSTOR's online database. The JSTOR database (<http://www.jstor.org>) provides electronic access to the backfiles of a number of core scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences. APSA entered the agreement after considerable review by both the Publications Committee and the Council. Since signing the JSTOR agreement, APSA has continually informed the regional political science associations about JSTOR's progress and encouraged wide participation by political science journals. A full list of all the journals currently participating in JSTOR is included here.

What is JSTOR?

JSTOR, a not-for-profit organization headquartered in New York City, was established to improve access to publications for the scholarly community using recent advances in information technology. The pilot phase of JSTOR, funded by a 1994 grant from the Mellon Foundation, gave students and faculty at seven test libraries access to the full archives of five economics and five history journals via the World Wide Web. By November 1997, JSTOR provided access to 32 journals in 12 disciplines and counted more than 200 college and university libraries among its participants.

Originally an initiative to solve library space and budget problems, JSTOR now strives to meet the needs of both scholars and libraries. Participating in JSTOR allows libraries to assemble and expand their collections and increase access to the journals while centralizing storage and delivery of those journals. JSTOR relieves the libraries of preservation and archiving duties while providing access to a number of journals unavailable in any other form. The database contains a thorough and accurate publication record for each journal included, giving the academic community access to full runs of important journal literature, within and across disciplines. The database is accessible 24 hours a day to students and faculty at participating institutions from any networked location, including offices and dorms; journals are never "out," and there are no missing pages or articles as there sometimes are in the stack copies of journals.

Since JSTOR focuses on preserving the archives of scholarly journals, current issues are not available in the database. Most scholarly journals appear on JSTOR three to five years after publication. Currently, JSTOR provides access to the 1906-1994, volumes of *APSR* and the full run of *The Proceedings of the American Political Science Association*, 1903-1914. A complete volume of *APSR* is added every year with a three year "moving wall." In 1998, the 1995 volume will be available; in 1999, the 1996 volume will be available and so on.

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