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## Professional Notes

### The National Conference of STATE LEGISLATURES

The National Conference of State Legislatures was established in January, 1975, with the merger of three previously existing legislative organizations: the National Legislative Conference, the National Conference of State Legislative Leaders, and the National Society of State Legislators. Headquartered in Denver, NCSL is a non-partisan public interest group serving all 7,600 state legislators and their staffs.

The NCSL has three basic objectives:

- To improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures.
- To assure state legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal decision-making process.
- To foster inter-state communication and cooperation.

In order to meet these objectives the Conference maintains an office of state-federal relations in Washington, conducts a program of training seminars for legislators and legislative staff and provides central research services and technical assistance on both procedural and substantive issue problems of the legislatures. NCSL also publishes a monthly magazine, *State Legislatures*, which provides news of happenings in the legislatures.

Political scientists who serve on the Conference staff include Karl T. Kurtz, William Pound, William Wilken, and Carl D. Tubbesing. For further information about the Conference contact Karl T. Kurtz, Director of Operations, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1405 Curtis Street, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 623-6600.

### AMERICAN POLITICS Group

The American Politics Group has been established with the main objectives of encouraging research on all aspects of American politics, and promoting greater coordination between teachers of American politics in Britain. An inaugural conference, primarily of a workshop nature, was held at the University of Keele on January 3-5, 1975, the opening address being given by Professor Archibald Cox. At the conference it was agreed that a second conference would be held at the University of Essex in January, 1976, and that a periodic newsletter would be sent to all members of the Group and to others indicating interest in its activities, beginning in the summer of 1975.

The conference also discussed ways in which the Group could further research and teaching

in American politics. It was felt that the Group should endeavor to include in its activities all those in higher education with a substantial interest in the study of American politics and society. Discussion also took place about current research projects, potential areas of research and information about research grants or awards that might be available. Peter Madgwick, of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, agreed to serve as chairman; John Lees of Keele University agreed to act as Newsletter editor; and David McKay of Essex University as conference secretary. Anyone seeking further information about the activities of the group, or wishing to be placed on the mailing list for the Newsletter should write to the chairman or to Dr. John Lees, Department of American Studies, Keele University, Staffordshire, ST5 5BG, England.

### PERSPECTIVE: Review of New Books in Government, Politics and International Affairs

*Perspective* is the monthly journal which annually reviews over 500 political science books while they are still new—within 1 to 6 months after publication. Written by specialists acquainted with the relevant literature, a *Perspective* review provides basic information about the book.

The review describes the book's contents, its major strengths and weaknesses, the author's credentials and the intended audience. An evaluation of the book's contribution to knowledge is an important part of each review.

The major value of *Perspective* is its usefulness as a reference tool. Each issue has an author index cumulated annually. Editor: Cornelius W. Vahle, Jr.; subscription: institutional, \$15.00; individual, \$10.00. All correspondence should be addressed to Suite 302, 4000 Albemarle Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

### BLACK Directory of Political Scientists and Register of Graduate Students

The 1975 editions of the Biographical Directory of Black Political Scientists, \$5.00 per copy, and the Register of Black Graduate Students, \$2.50 per copy, published by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), are now available. Pre-paid order requests with checks or money orders made payable to NCOBPS, should be sent to: NCOBPS-G.A.P., Inc., P.O. Box 129, Howard University, Washington, D.C. 20059.

## **EXPERIMENTAL Study of Politics**

The recently established journal, *Experimental Study of Politics*, invites political scientists to submit manuscripts for consideration and subscription.

The journal's objective is to provide an outlet for the publication of material dealing with the experimental analysis of political phenomena. The editors strive for publication in the shortest possible time to aid in rapid dissemination of new ideas and developments in research and theory. Submitted material accepted for publication by the editorial board and reviewers is reproduced by photo offset, thereby significantly reducing the period between the submission of a manuscript and its appearance in print. The journal is now in its fourth volume.

Editors of the Journal are James W. Dyson, Florida State University, and Frank P. Scioli, Jr., University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. Associates are Charles Brownstein, National Science Foundation; Thomas Cook, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle; Heinz Eulau, Stanford University; Norman Luttbeg, Florida State University; Thomas Madron, Western Kentucky University; Lawrence Nitz, University of Hawaii; C. Powell, Southern California University; and Charles Walcott, University of Minnesota.

Manuscripts should be forwarded to Frank P. Scioli, Jr., Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

## **Oral Arguments Before the SUPREME COURT**

The National Archives has among its extensive sound recording holdings audiotapes of oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1955-74 terms. These recordings constitute the official record of the Court's proceedings since verbatim typed transcripts were not prepared before 1968. The recordings can be made available for research purposes at the National Archives, at the eleven branch archives, and at the Presidential libraries. Complete arguments as recorded may be purchased on cassette or reel to reel tapes. The recordings are transferred to the Archives annually, but tape copies may not be purchased until three years after the date of argument. Prior written permission authorizing duplication must be obtained from the Marshal of the Supreme Court, Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, D.C. 20543. Further details and prices may be obtained by writing to James W. Moore, Director, Audiovisual Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

## **JACKSON STATE-MISSISSIPPI STATE Joint Public Administration Program**

The Departments of Political Science at Jackson State University and Mississippi State University have been awarded a grant by the Fund

for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Office of Education to initiate a joint graduate program in public policy and administration. The program involves the sharing of faculty, facilities, materials, and institutional connections with the public sector. Designed for students seeking professional careers in public service, the joint program offers course work in two major areas: (1) a policy and administration core, and (2) professional specializations in urban, state and county, judicial, and environmental administration as well as general public management. Through the alliance of a traditionally Black institution located in an urban area and a traditionally White institution located in a rural area, the joint program not only pools together diversified faculty and resources to the benefit of the program's students, it also represents a new direction for higher education in Mississippi and the Mid-South. Inquiries should be addressed to either Dr. Leslie McLemore, Department of Political Science, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi 39217, or Dr. Dale Krane, Department of Political Science, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762.

## **AAAS Program for HANDICAPPED in Science**

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has launched its Project for the Handicapped in Science. The purpose of this initial project, which is funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare through the George Washington University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center is to identify and explore barriers obstructing the entry and full participation of physically disabled persons to education and employment opportunities in science. Specifically, the project will seek to examine and evaluate ways in which the scientific professional associations and organizations of and for the handicapped can contribute to equal opportunities in science careers.

In order to build an ongoing and realistic program, the AAAS needs the expert consultation of handicapped individuals who have experienced difficulties in receiving an education to be a scientist or in professional placement because of their handicap. If you are a disabled scientist, please identify yourself to Martha Redden, Director, Project on the Handicapped in Science, Office of Opportunities in Science, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The project will not use, without permission, the names of individual scientists who respond.

## **CARL HAYDEN Papers**

The papers of Senator Carl T. Hayden of Arizona, who served continuously in the United States Congress from 1912-1968, are now open for use by researchers in the Department of Special Collections of the Arizona State University Library. This voluminous collection of

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approximately 1000 linear feet of records was indexed over a three-year period and contains material on a broad range of subjects related to American politics. Included are records of Senator Hayden's 42 years of service on the Senate Appropriations Committee. In addition, there are documents pertaining to federal projects in the Western United States related to irrigation, reclamation, public lands, and Indian affairs.

## LEGISLATIVE Studies Quarterly

The Comparative Legislative Research Center of the University of Iowa announces the publication of *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, an international journal devoted to research on representative assemblies. The first issue is scheduled to appear in February, 1976. The purpose of the new journal is to disseminate scholarly work on parliaments and legislatures, their relationship to other institutions, their functions in the political system, and the activities of their members. The journal will include articles on Congress, American state legislatures, and legislative bodies at the national and subnational level in both Western and non-Western countries.

The pages of the *Legislative Studies Quarterly* are open to scholars of all countries and to all research approaches. Its emphasis is comparative, and authors will be encouraged to emphasize the cross-national implications of their findings, even when these findings are based on research within a single country. The journal will include not only articles that report empirical research, but also articles that contribute to theory and conceptualization in this field, and review articles assessing the state of knowledge in the legislative field. One issue each year will be devoted to a single theme, usually the papers resulting from a conference on legislative research.

The journal is actively seeking contributions from scholars in this country and abroad. Manuscripts should be submitted in duplicate to the editor: Malcolm E. Jewell, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

The subscription rate is \$8 a year for individuals and \$15 for institutions. Lower rates are available for longer term subscriptions. Subscriptions should be sent to: Comparative Legislative Research Center, 304 Schaeffer Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

## LINCOLN University Department of Political Science

Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, has announced that it has established a separate Department of Political Science after many years of affiliation with the Department of History. The new Department will offer a B.A. in political science and a B.S. and M.A. degree in Social Science with emphasis in political science. The acting chairperson of the Department is Stephen Chen..

## Political Scientists Traveling ABROAD

The Association is continuing its interest in developing on a continuous basis a roster of members traveling abroad.

It has a number of requests from other national political science associations, from universities in other countries and from various agencies who wish to meet such individuals, to use them as speakers and to invite them to seminars and meetings. Individuals traveling abroad and interested in being placed on such a roster should forward information on travel plans to the Editor of *PS*.

Information should include general biographical information as well as language ability, travel plans, special expertise and possible lecture topic.

## Course SYLLABI Project

In October, 1974, the Wisconsin Political Science Association instituted a clearinghouse for Political Science syllabi. Syllabi are put on a stencil and made available for little more than cost (1¢ per page plus postage). The project, though originally composed of syllabi used on Wisconsin campuses, is now expanding to include contributions from all over. As of August it includes syllabi for:

- a. 17 courses (ranging from Introduction to Government to Power on the Campus) in the General and Behavioral area.
- b. 19 courses (from American Government to Black Politics) in the American sector.
- c. 23 courses (extending from Introduction to Law to Political Crimes and Trials) in the Law realm.
- d. 9 courses (going from Early Political Thought to Contemporary Political Philosophy) in the Theory portion.
- e. 20 courses (from Introduction to Comparative Politics to Elite and Mass in Third World Politics: The Philippines) in the Comparative Politics area.
- f. 17 courses (extending from International Politics to National Security Politics) in the International Politics field.
- g. 21 courses (from Introduction to Public Administration to Development Planning) in the Public Administration and Public Policy sector.

Copies of the latest checklist may be obtained from Martin Gruberg, Political Science Department, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901.

## Joint Center CITIES Assessment

The Joint Center for Political Studies has undertaken an assessment of the planning needs of small and medium-size American cities.

The study, being made with funds provided by the National Science Foundation, will review how well professional planning knowledge meets the needs of these towns. The needs will

be determined by in-person visits to several towns located throughout the country.

JCPS Research Director Herrington J. Bryce, who is project director for the study, said the results of the research should "suggest policies which might help meet the special needs of smaller cities.

"Many of these towns have serious problems but do not have many experts on hand to help solve them, as bigger cities do," Bryce noted. "So far, we have failed to take the deep interest which the problems of small cities demand."

For further information write to the Joint Center for Political Studies, 1426 H Street, N.W., Suite 926, Washington, D.C. 20005.

### Washington Institute for **WOMEN** in Politics

The Washington Institute for Women in Politics, a national center for women who seek careers in government and politics, has opened at Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. A full degree program offers a combination of coursework, field work and internships, designed to provide specialized training with carefully guided application. Participants in the program include: Mount Vernon students; post college-age women, and "political women" at all levels of public service.

For women who are already elected or appointed to office, or who plan to enter public service, the WIWP conducts programs of ongoing education in the form of conferences planned around specific topics. Two conferences scheduled at the Institute for the forthcoming academic year include: a week-end workshop for women state legislators co-sponsored with the Democratic National Committee; and a conference on women in presidential campaigns, developed with the help of representatives from both political parties and from groups whose interests coincide with the Institute's.

A politically neutral and independent educational program, the Washington Institute for Women in Politics offers an environment which affirms the growing role of women in politics by encouraging their meaningful and constructive participation in public life. For more specific information contact: Dr. Susan Tolchin, Director, Washington Institute for Women in Politics, Mount Vernon College, 2100 Foxhall Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

### Study of NSF Program in Behavioral and Social Research

A committee of the National Research Council (NRC) has been organized to recommend ways to increase the effectiveness of the behavioral and social science research programs of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The year-long study, undertaken at the request of NSF, will be headed by Herbert A. Simon, professor of psychology at Carnegie-Mellon University.

The NRC Committee on the Social Sciences in the National Science Foundation will prepare recommendations on research priorities and

NSF's future commitment to behavioral and social science programs. Funding of these programs during the current fiscal year is expected to be approximately \$50 million.

Among issues to be addressed by the committee are:

- Currently neglected areas of research in the behavioral, social, and policy sciences that deserve NSF support.
- Ways to increase use of basic research results for public-policy formation.
- The appropriate role of NSF in planning and stimulating basic research and in responding to initiatives from the field.
- Institutional or program support versus individual or project support.
- Coordination among existing social and behavioral science activities both within NSF and between NSF and other funding agencies.

The committee is organized within the NRC's Assembly of Behavioral and Social Sciences. The committee expects to prepare an interim report by December 31, 1975, and its final report by July 31, 1976.

Members of the committee are Eleanor Jack Gibson, Cornell University; Leo A. Goodman, University of Chicago; Zvi Griliches, Harvard University; Charles V. Hamilton, Metropolitan Applied Research Center, New York City; Caryl Haskins, former president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.; Gardner Lindzey, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California; James G. March, Stanford University; James N. Morgan, The University of Michigan; James V. Neel, The University of Michigan Medical School; William D. Neff, Indiana University; Marc Nerlove, Northwestern University; William Sewell, University of Wisconsin; Eleanor B. Sheldon, Social Science Research Council, New York City; Anthony F. C. Wallace, University of Pennsylvania; Sherwood L. Washburn, University of California, Berkeley; and Frank H. Westheimer, Harvard University.

Executive secretary of the committee is Sara Kiesler, professor of psychology at the University of Kansas, who will become a full-time member of the NRC staff September 2.

Political scientists are welcome to comment on the Project.

### **WESTERN** Association Committee on Unemployed and Non-University Affiliated Political Scientists

The Western Political Science Association has appointed a committee to study the special needs and interests on non-university affiliated (and/or unemployed) political scientists. Anyone with recommendations to make or special concerns in this area is invited to write to Professor Judith Stiehm, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90007.



## WASHINGTON Center for Learning Alternatives

A Washington Center for Learning Alternatives has been founded by William M. Burke, president. The Center is a non-profit, independent educational institution which provides internship programs in the nation's capitol for college students.

WCLA has operationalized a "total package" program for participating colleges and universities. According to Sheila McRevey, director, WCLA develops, assigns and coordinates internship placements in all three branches of government, as well as public and community interest groups. More than 23 colleges and universities are with the program this fall.

The "package" WCLA provides consists of internship placements and coordination, formal courses which are offered in the evening taught by an adjunct faculty hired by the Center and housing.

Housing, always a major stumbling block to universities which want to place their students in federal internships, is provided in a modern 10-story apartment house, centrally located and containing efficiency and one-bedroom apartments. Desk facilities, security, parking and a swimming pool on the roof, give the house an aura of a campus dormitory while being in the heart of the Federal District.

The program allows students to intern in an office in Washington for a semester. Interns put in a 35-hour week, which usually generates 12 credit hours from the participating institution. This follows the usual 3:1 ratio which is used in

WCLA utilizes three full-time intern coordinators who carry out the developing, selecting, matching, placing and coordinating the internships. Recent college graduates themselves, Suzanne Chamberlain, John O'Hara and Patty McDonough work closely with the student-intern before they get to Washington and while they are here. They make every attempt to place the student by matching them with

As the internship experience continues to attract student interest as an alternative learning method, WCLA will enforce strong guidelines as to what an acceptable experience should be. With an emphasis on learning, rather than work, the WCLA Program should become one of the more unique programs of its kind.

offices that will provide a learning experience which could never occur at the home campus. allowing credit for field experience learning. The half day "leftover" is used by the interns to prepare for the class they attend or to participate in the seminars that are held frequently.

The courses are staffed by professionals who often have the doctorate degree. This fall, for example, 90 percent of the teaching staff hold the Ph.D. All hold professional capacities.

The courses are developed by Dr. Joseph C. Honan, associate professor of Political Science and currently on leave from Illinois State University. He hires the adjuncts, designs the courses and evaluates the program offerings.

Class format is unstructured and faculty are encouraged to relate the intern's working experiences to the conceptual and theoretical aspects of their courses. Classes are kept small; usually numbering between 12 and 15. Fifteen courses are scheduled for this spring including Inter-governmental Relations, Bureaucratic Behavior, Race and Politics, Criminal Justice, Consumer Interest Groups, Media and Government, Foreign Policy, Congressional Politics and others.

In addition to the formal courses, WCLA sponsors one-time seminars which are offered on topics and issues of current concern. Invariably, a Washington notable is tapped for these events.

The internship placements cover a wide array of agency and office locations. More than 150 congressional offices accept WCLA interns. Public interest groups, the judiciary and community groups account for another 100 placements.

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