



APLS at APSA

The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences will present five panels at the American Political Science Association meeting in Denver, Thursday, September 2 to Sunday, September 5, 1982. The APLS business meeting will be held Friday, September 3 at 12:30 PM.

Program

Panel 1: Evolution, Ethology, Sociobiology, and Politics

Chair:
Samuel M. Hines, Jr.
College of Charleston

Papers:
Empirical Evidence for a Cybernetic Theory of Politics
Peter Corning
Stanford University

Evolution and Political Thought
Joseph Losco
Widener University

The Functioning and Dysfunctioning of Political Institutions and the Human Organism
Dov Ronen
Harvard University

The Drive for Dominance: S. Herbert and the Politics of Immortality
Ray Geigle
California State College,
Bakersfield

Discussants:
Richard Hartigan
Loyola University
Odella Funke, Environmental
Protection Agency

Panel 2: Public Policy and Biological Technologies

Chair:
James N. Schubert
Alfred University

Papers:
Political Impacts of Life-Extending Technologies
James N. Schubert
Alfred University

Legal Issues in Bio-Medical Research and Technology
Robert Blank
University of Idaho

To Regulate or Not to Regulate: The Continuing Controversy over Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
Samuel M. Hines
College of Charleston

Discussants:
Thomas C. Wiegale
Northern Illinois University
Raymond Zilinskas
Office of Technology Assessment

Panel 3: Research Methods and the Life Sciences

Chair:
Albert Somit
Southern Illinois University

Papers:
Cognitive Psychology and the Study of Politics
Steven A. Peterson
Alfred University
Robert Lawson
Alfred University

Ethological Methods for Analyzing Interaction Process in Small Group Legislative Decision-Making
James N. Schubert
Alfred University

Linguistic Conflicts: Why Need We Consider Neurophysiological Factors
Jean Laponce
The University of British Columbia

Discussant:
Meredith W. Watts
University of Wisconsin-
Milwaukee

Panel 4: Graduate Student Panel

Chair:
Joseph Losco
Widener University

Papers:
The Politics of Hard Cases: Emerging Structures in Bioethical Decision-Making
Thomas C. Shavory
University of Iowa

A Biobehavioral Approach to Group Behavior
Mark Emmert
Syracuse University

How "Significant State Interests" Affect the Minor's Right to Abortion
Barbara Ryan
Temple University

Discussants:
Robert Blank
University of Idaho
Albert Somit
Southern Illinois University

Panel 5: Dialogues on Biology and Politics

Chair:
Thomas C. Wiegale
Northern Illinois University

Paper:
The Evolution of Political Science
Glendon Schubert
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Discussants:

Hayward Alker, Jr.
Massachusetts, Institute
of Technology
Robert Presthus
York University
Dinna Zinnes
University of Illinois

**Mainstream Panel:
Psychophysiological Influences
on Political Behavior**

Chair:

Glendon Schubert
University of Hawaii

Papers:

*Neurophysiology and Rationality in
Political Thinking*

Steven A. Peterson
Alfred University

*Hemispheric Lateralization and
Political Communication*

William Kitchin
Loyola College of Baltimore

*The Political Socialization of Gender:
What Contribution Biology?*

Denise L. Baer
Southern Illinois University
David A. Bositis
George Washington University

Discussants:

Samuel M. Hines
College of Charleston
Joseph Losco
Widener University

**Report from the Committee
for Liaison with the
American Association for
the Advancement
of Science**

The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences hopes to develop relations between social and natural scientists with a common interest in the implications of contemporary biology for understanding political behavior and formulating public policies. At the 1982 meeting of the American Association for the Ad-

vancement of Science, a symposium entitled "Ethological Approaches to the Study of Politics" was organized by Albert Somit, president of Southern Illinois University, and Roger Masters, professor of government at Dartmouth College.

Program**Chair:**

Albert Somit
Southern Illinois University

Papers:

*Ethological Methods in the Study of
Basic Types of Political Behavior*

Carol Barner-Barry
University of Maryland
Baltimore County

*Biological Correlates of Social Status
Changes in Verbet Monkeys*

Michael T. McGuire
University of California
at Los Angeles

*Nice Guys Don't Finish Last: Ag-
gressive and Appeasement Gestures
in Media Images of Politicians*

Roger D. Masters
Dartmouth College

Ethological Politics

Glendon Schubert
University of Hawaii-Manoa

*Toward a Veterinarian Theory for a
Crowded Planet*

Lionel Tiger
Harry Frank Guggenheim
Foundation

Discussant:

John Wahlke
University of Arizona

The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences hopes to pursue the possibility of a more formal relationship with the AAAS. In addition, we would like to organize another symposium at the 1983 meeting of AAAS. Suggestions for symposium topics or papers suited to AAAS format should be directed to Albert Somit, Office of the President, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901 or Professor Roger Masters, Department of Government, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. 03755.

Roger Masters
Dartmouth College

**Report from the Committee
for Liaison with the
International Political
Science Association**

After almost a year of preliminary discussions, the IPSA Biology and Politics Research Committee was invited by the (then) Polish government to hold a special meeting on biological approaches to political behavior in Warsaw in June 1981. The purposes of the meeting were to plan for the 1982 IPSA Congress session and to familiarize Polish and European social scientists with recent developments in this general research area via a series of lectures and symposia. Unfortunately, the deteriorating political situation in Poland forced the cancellation of the meeting.

With the Warsaw meeting cancelled, planning for the 1982 Congress (scheduled August 9-14 in Rio de Janeiro) was accomplished through smaller meetings in Europe and the U.S., numerous phone calls, and a rather extensive exchange of letters. With the close cooperation of the Center for Biopolitical Research, invitations to submit proposals for panel papers were mailed to several hundred political and social scientists. As has been the experience in the past, more proposals were submitted than could be accommodated by the IPSA rule fixing a maximum of six papers for the two sessions (morning and afternoon) allocated to the committee. A subset of the committee has been functioning as a review group to select the six papers, a task complicated by the fact that at the time this report is being written, some of those whose papers were approved are still uncertain as to whether they will be able to secure funding to attend the congress.

The committee is already planning a major conference for 1983 at which it will be possible to deal with developments in biopolitics more thoroughly and systematically than is practicable at the two- and three-hour panel sessions permitted at the meetings of our professional political science associations, whether international, national, or regional. Possible sites currently being explored are Italy, Germany, and, perhaps least likely now, Poland. A European site is desired to en-