

## Political Science Down South: Alabama and Mississippi Political Science Associations

The Alabama Political Science Association continues to be a vibrant organization with over 50 active members. Each year it meets in a different part of the state. Numerous subjects are addressed, including, for example, civil rights, international relations, political theory, American institutions, and Alabama state politics. The APSA actively promotes attendance by students.

Last spring the Mississippi Political Science Association met jointly with Alabama at Jackson, MS. This year, Alabama hosts Mississippi in Mobile (located on the Gulf of Mexico), February 25–26, 2000. The mayor of Mobile, Mike Dow, is tentatively scheduled to speak about “A Mayor’s View of Alabama Politics” at a roundtable and Peter A. Lawler, Berry College, is going to address the Saturday luncheon on his new book, *Postmodernism Rightly Understood: The Return to Realism in American Thought*. Coincidentally, the conference will be held during the Mardi Gras celebration. (Mobile is the birthplace of Mardi Gras!)

The Mississippi Political Science Association was established approximately 30 years ago. Its purpose is to encourage the understanding of teaching and research in political science and to promote cooperation among those who teach political science in Mississippi and with others who are interested in or practitioners of political science and government.

The Association has approximately 30 dues-paying members. The Association is a member of the Southeastern Political Review Consortium. An annual meeting is held each February and includes at least 15 panels covering all areas of political science and includes participants from several states. Student panels are encouraged. The Association on occasion meets jointly with the Louisiana or Alabama Political Science Associations. For further information, contact Executive Director Garry Jennings at [GJenning@dsu.deltast.edu](mailto:GJenning@dsu.deltast.edu).

### State Association Update

Representatives from various state association gathered in Atlanta during the APSA Annual Meeting in Atlanta to discuss issues of mutual concern. The list below includes names of those in attendance. This is not a complete list. For details on all state association be sure to visit APSANet ([www.apsanet.org/PS/organizations/state](http://www.apsanet.org/PS/organizations/state)).

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Georgia Political Science Association  
February 25–26  
Hilton Head, SC

Southwestern Political Science Association  
March 15–18  
Galveston, TX

Indiana Political Science Association  
March 24  
Fort Wayne, IN

Western Political Science Association  
March 24–26  
San Jose, CA

North Carolina Political Science Association  
March 31–April 1  
Greensboro, NC

Pennsylvania Political Science Association  
April 7–8  
Reading, PA

New York Political Science Association  
April 14–15  
Hofstra, NY

Midwest Political Science Association  
April 27–30  
Chicago, IL

New England Political Science Association  
May 5–6  
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