BRIEFS

APSA Annual Executive Director's Report Scheduled for January 2010 *PS*

The APSA executive director's report normally published in this issue of *PS* will routinely be published now in the January issue. For the record, APSA affairs continue to proceed smoothly—membership levels remain steady and annual meeting registrations, as of the mid-summer date of this writing, are on track with prior years. APSA investments of course have shifted with the markets. With some cost-cutting steps, such as reduced committee travel, and modest increases from rental space, the association is operating on a balanced budget, conservatively shaped to help protect operating reserves.

The new date for the annual report follows from a change in the association's fiscal year from one ending in June to one ending in September. The APSA Council approved the fiscal year change as a routine, and long overdue, adjustment to conform the fiscal year with the revenue and expense patterns of the annual meeting.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about the association's activities, please contact the executive director, Michael Brintnall, at brintnall@apsanet.org, or any of the association officers, listed online at http://www.apsanet.org/content_1877.cfm and in the front of *PS*. ■

MFP Anniversary

The American Political Science Association's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) celebrates its fortieth anniversary in 2009. The MFP, which was established in 1969 as the Black Graduate Fellowship, was created in an effort to increase the number of African American Ph.D.'s in the political science discipline. To date, the Minority Fellowship Program has designated more than 500 fellows and has contributed to the successful completion of doctoral political science programs for over 100 individuals.

To mark this august occasion, there was a special APSA roundtable convened at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Toronto entitled "The 40th Anniversary of the APSA Minority Fellowship Program: Promoting Scholarship and Diversity." Panelist included (in alphabetical order): Tony Affigne (MFP '88), Providence College; Joseph Brown (MFP '70), Baylor University; Lisa Garcia Bedolla (MFP '92), UC Berkeley; Mae C. King, Howard University; Matthew B. Platt (MFP '03), Harvard University; Sherri Wallace (MFP '89), University of Louisville; Maurice C. Woodard, Howard University; and special written remarks by Jewel L. Prestage, Prairie View A&M University. The panelists' remarks focused upon their experiences, the rich history of the APSA Minority Fellowship Program, and the future directions of the APSA Minority Fellowship Program and its fellows. A reception was also held to mark the anniversary. Excerpts of the panelists' remarks will appear in the January 2010 issue of *PS*. ■

2009 Pi Sigma Alpha Student Award Winners

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is pleased to announce the winners of its student awards for 2009. All winners are members of Pi Sigma Alpha.

Howard Penniman Scholarships for Graduate Study in Political Science

Benjamin Bohr, University of California Irvine
Lesley Cole, Whittier College
Stephen Herzog, Knox College
David Waterman, The George Washington University

Scholarships for Washington Internships

Bryan O'Brien, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
Patrick Pratt, Middle Tennessee State University
Sally Anne Stenzel, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Best Undergraduate Honors Thesis

FIRST PLACE: Peter Johannessen, University of Vermont, "Beyond Modernization Theory: Democracy and Development in Latin America"

RUNNER-UP: Audrey Curtis, Dominican University of California, "Manly Women: A Look at the Effects of Masculine Qualities on Women's Political Success"

RUNNER-UP: Joseph Hack, Georgetown University, "The Bench or the Benjamins: An Analysis of Judicial Recruitment and the Effects of Inadequate Compensation on the Federal Judiciary"

Best Undergraduate Class Paper

FIRST PLACE: Julia Norton, Connecticut College, "From Kulturkampf to Kampf der Kulturen: Political Recognition and Representation of Islam in Germany in the Example of Islam Instruction in German Public Schools"

RUNNER-UP: Andrew Berglund, Christopher Newport University, "Disturbing the Dragon: Chinese Threat Perceptions and the Influence of the United States"

RUNNER-UP: Shea Hack and Meredith Rees, Purdue University, "Are Losers Funny or is it the Funny Who Lose?" ■

SPPQ Editor Search

The State Politics and Policy section of the APSA has formed a search committee to solicit proposals for a new editor or editorial team for *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. A highly qualified person or team of persons is sought for a four-year term beginning in 2010. Nominations as well as proposals are encouraged.

First published in 2001, *SPPQ* is a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal publishing high-quality academic studies that develop general hypotheses of political behavior, institutions, and policymaking and test these hypotheses using the unique methodological advantages of the U.S. states and other sub-national governments worldwide. *SPPQ* has developed an impeccable reputation for attracting and developing top-quality scholarship through superior editorial service to authors. It is carried by 13 abstracting and indexing services, including the Social Science Citation Index; JSTOR inclusion is pending.

The new editor will have complete edi-

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torial responsibility for *SPPQ*, within the journal's established guidelines. He or she can expect to review 75–100 manuscripts per year, publishing 16–20 articles (including those in The Practical Research section of *SPPQ*). Soliciting and developing promising manuscripts are among the editor's most important responsibilities.

The editor's home institution is expected to provide, at minimum: course-release time for the editor (preferably, the editor would teach no more than 1-1), a 12-month graduate assistant, and minimal postage and stationery supplies.

The precise timing of the takeover of editorial duties and other business arrangements are subject to negotiation, but the tentative date for the new editor to begin receiving new manuscripts is June 1, 2010.

To apply, candidates should e-mail (as PDF attachments) the following to the chair of the search committee (cmoon1@uis.edu) by November 15, 2009: a letter of interest explaining the candidate's relevant experience, goals for the journal, ideas for innovations or changes (if any), and a discussion of the resource support to be provided by his or her home institution, and a current curriculum vita.

If you wish to nominate a person to serve as editor or if you have questions about the journal or the position of editor, please contact the chair of the search committee:

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National Humanities Center Residential Fellowships

The National Humanities Center offers 40 residential fellowships for advanced study in the humanities during the academic year, September 2010 through May 2011. Applicants must hold a doctorate or equivalent scholarly credentials. Fellowships are individually determined, the amount depending upon the needs of the fellow and the center's ability to meet them. The center seeks to provide at least half salary and also covers travel expenses to and from North Carolina for fellows and their dependents. For more information, see the NHC's fellowships page at http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/fellowships/appltoc.htm. ■

Call for Editorial Team Proposals For *Politics & Gender*

The Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association's peer-reviewed journal *Politics & Gender* is published by Cambridge University Press and currently in its fifth year of publication. The section actively seeks applications for a new *Politics & Gender* editorial team, to be composed of three to five faculty members in this research area, most preferably holding a tenured or tenure-stream position at a college or university anywhere in the world. The term of the editorial team will be three years, with a possible extension by the section for one additional three-year term.

All proposals must identify a managing editor, responsible for ongoing journal administration, working in cooperation with Cambridge University Press. Proposals should also identify an editorial team of three to five members. The editorial team will be responsible for managing and administering the day to day operations of the journal, selecting and appointing the *Politics & Gender* editorial board of 20 to 35 members (which exercises general oversight), and presenting an editorial report to the annual business meeting of the Women and Politics Research Section at the APSA Annual Meeting.

Potential candidates should feel free to consult with the current editors about the journal and its editorialship. All editorial team proposals and other inquiries should be directed to the chair via e-mail at mhawkes@rci.rutgers.edu, or via regular mail at the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University, 162 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901. E-mail submissions are preferred.

All editorial team proposals should reach Mary Hawkesworth, chair of the search committee, by January 15, 2010. The Editorial Selection Committee expects to appoint the editorial team by April 1, 2010. ■

Seeking Nominations for APSA Officers and Council Members

The APSA Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions for candidates for 2010 Council seats and offices. This year, eight Council seats, three vice presidencies, and the offices of president-elect and secretary are open. Council members serve staggered two-year terms. The president-elect, vice presidents, and secretary all serve one-year terms.

The Nominating Committee encourages all members of the association to suggest names for consideration. Those wishing to do so should explain why they believe the person's accomplishments, background, and views would make them a good choice for a leadership position in the association. The Nominating Committee hopes to nominate a slate of accomplished scholars and practitioners who reflect the diverse membership of the association. To help the committee achieve this goal, they rely on the membership to forward suggestions and recommendations of candidates representing a broad spectrum of backgrounds, institutional settings, intellectual interests, professional experiences, and geographical regions.

Please return your list of nominees to APSA (by mail or e-mail to nominations@apsanet.org or by visiting the Web site at www.apsanet.org/section_230.cfm) by January 8, 2010.

The Nominating Committee will meet in February to begin compiling a slate of candidates. A report will be made no later than April 16, 2010, and during the Business Meeting on Saturday, September 4, as part of the 2010 APSA Annual Meeting to be held in Washington, D.C., from September 2–5.

Members of the Nominating Committee include Amrita Basu, Amherst College; Peter A. Hall, Harvard University; John Ishiyama, University of North Texas; Miles Kahler, University of California, San Diego; Walter R. Mebane, Jr., University of Michigan; and Kay Lehman Schlozman, Boston College. ■

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