Thomas Brunell, *University of Texas, Dallas*
Kevin Bruyneel, *Babson College*
Matthew Burbank, *University of Utah*
Miguel Centellas, *University of Mississippi*
Caleb Clark, *Auburn University*
Elizabeth Corley, *Arizona State University*
Michael Craw, *University of Arkansas, Little Rock*
Austin Crothers, *Illinios State University*
David Darmofal, *University of South Carolina*
Jeffrey Davis, *University of Maryland, Baltimore*
Janet Day, *SUNY, University at Oneonta*
Michelle Deardorff, *Jackson State University*
Mary Durfee, *Michigan Technological University*
Heather Evans, *Sam Houston State University*
Victoria Farrar-Myers, *University of Texas, Arlington*
Jasmine Farrier, *University of Louisville*
Kenneth Foster, *Concordia College*
Martial Foucault, *University of Montreal*
Brian Gaines, *University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign*
James Garand, *Louisiana State University*
J. Gillespie, *College of Charleston*
Johnny Goldfinger, *Marian University Indianapolis*
Jane Gordon, *Temple University*
Benjamin Gregg, *University of Texas, Austin*
Leon Halpert, *Siena College*
Charles Helm, *Western Illinois University*
Sunshine Hillygus, *Duke University*
Donna Hoffman, *University of Northern Iowa*
James Hutter, *Iowa State University*
John Ishiyama, *University of North Texas*
Stephen Jessee, *University of Texas, Austin*
Whitt Kilburn, *Grand Valley State University*
Brian Lai, *University of Iowa*
Edward Lascher, *California State University, Sacramento*
Howard Lehman, *University of Utah*
Tracy Lightcap, *LaGrange College*
Adam Luedtke, *Richard Stockton College*
Lindsey Lupo, *Point Loma Nazarene University*
Renee Marlin-Bennett, *Johns Hopkins University*
Seth Masket, *University of Denver*
Kenneth Mayer, *University of Wisconsin, Madison*
Allan McBride, *University of Southern Mississippi*
Kristine Mitchell, *Dickinson College*
Jack Nagel, *University of Pennsylvania*
Hans Noel, *Georgetown University*
Eric Novotny, *US Agency for International Development*
Manju Parikh, *College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University*
Thomas Pepinsky, *Cornell University*
Andrew Perrin, *University of North Carolina*
Delia Popescu, *LeMoyne College*
John Rausch, *West Texas A&M University*
Joachim Rennstich, *CJD Arnold-Dannenmann-Akademie*
Joseph Roberts, *Roger Williams University*
Michael Rocca, *University of New Mexico*
Amanda Rosen, *Webster University*
Mark Sachleben, *Shippensburg University*
Mikael Sandberg, *Halmstad University*
Todd Sechser, *University of Virginia*
Mack Shelley, *Iowa State University*
Gordon Shockley, *Arizona State University*
Mark Souva, *Florida State University*
Katina Stapleton,
Jerold Waltman, *Baylor University*
M. Stephen Weatherford, *University of California*
Joseph Wert, *Indiana University Southeast*
Irene Wu, *Federal Communications Commisssion* ■

APSA Task Force Report Released

The APSA Task Force on Electoral Rules and Democratic Governance has published its report, *Political Science, Electoral Rules, and Democratic Governance*, edited by Mala Htun and G. Bingham Powell, Jr.



In it, the authors discuss how electoral rules help to make democracy work. Small variations in them influence the type of democracy that develops. The field of political science has defined the study of why and how this happens. Political scientists have contributed to the world of electoral systems as scientists and as engineers. Taking stock of recent scientific research, this report shows that context modifies the effects of electoral rules on political outcomes in specific and systematic ways. It explores how electoral rules shape party systems, the inclusion of women and minorities, the depth and nature of political competition, and patterns of redistribution and regulation. It considers institutional innovations that could promote political equality. Finally, the report describes the diverse ways that political scientists are producing an impact on the world by sharing and applying their knowledge of the consequences of electoral rules and global trends in reform.

Members of the task force are Mala Htun, University of New Mexico, Chair; G. Bingham Powell, Jr., University of Rochester, APSA President, 2011–12; John Carey, Dartmouth College; Karen E. Ferree, University of California, San Diego; Simon Hix, London School of Economics; Mona Lena Krook, Rutgers University; Robert G. Moser, University of Texas, Austin; Shaheen Mozaffar, Bridgewater State University; Andrew Rehfeld, Washington University in St. Louis; Andrew Reynolds, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Ethan Scheiner, University of California, Davis; Melissa Schwartzberg, Columbia University; and Matthew S. Shugart, University of California, Davis.

The report is available at no charge at www.apsanet.org/taskforce/ElectoralRules. ■

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Commission Releases *The Heart of the Matter* Report

The American Academy of Arts & Sciences Commission on the Humanities & Social Sciences, co-led by Duke University president, Richard H. Brodhead, and retired chairman and chief executive officer of Exelon Corporation, John Rowe, presented, *The Heart of the Matter*, a report about the importance of humanities and social sciences in education, on Capitol Hill June 19, 2013. The report was requested in 2011 by Representatives Tom Petri (R-WI) and David Price (D-NC), and Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Mark Warner (D-VA) and serves as a response to a 2007 report about the role of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines in education.

"The humanities and social sciences help us understand where we've come from and who we are as a people, and that understanding points us toward the endeavors we must undertake to help every person reach their full potential," said Representative Price. "Studies in these areas are critically important to a well-rounded education and the future of our country. This report comes at a crucial moment, and I hope it will help raise the profile of the humanities, provide a better understanding of their value, and spur a national conversation about how the humanities and social sciences keep our nation strong and competitive."

The report implores us to all join in on the national conversation about the importance of humanities and social sciences in "integrative thinking and imagination."

Five main areas of concern are covered in the report: K–12 education, higher education, research, cultural institutions and international security, and competitiveness and is available at http://www.humanitiescommission.org/. The website has a full report, an executive summary (in both English and Spanish), and a brief video of "The Heart of the Matter" featuring director George Lucas, actor John Lithgow, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. ■

Minority Fellows' Institutions Announced

As part of the APSA Minority Fellows Program, we are pleased to announce the graduate schools that the 2013–2014 APSA Minority Fellows will attend. Noted below are the students, their undergraduate institution (noted with an asterisk), and their graduate institution.

Angie Bautista-Chavez, *Rice University*, Harvard University*
Andrew Brooks, *University of Tulsa*, Stanford University*
Liwu Gan, *Willamette University, University of Chicago** (MA program in International Relations), PhD Institution TBA
Steven Garza, *St. Norbert College, American University* (MA in US Foreign Policy), PhD Institution TBA*
Chan Peter Kim, *University of Southern California*, Harvard University*
Avram Munoz, *University of Southern California*, University of Minnesota*
Phillip Parnell, *Williams College*, Duke University*
Patricia Posey, *University of Florida*, University of Pennsylvania*
Nura Sediqe, *Harvard University*, Duke University*
Juan Tellez, *University of Florida*, Duke University*
Laurie Tumaneng, *University of Guam*, Pennsylvania State University*

About the Program

Since 1969, the APSA Minority Fellowship has designated more than 500 fellows, both funded and unfunded, and contributed to the completion of doctoral political science programs for over 140 individuals. Seventy-five fellows are currently in graduate programs around the country. The association has refocused and increased efforts to assist students from diverse backgrounds in completing their doctorates by concentrating not only on minority recruitment, but also assisting with the professional development of these groups within the profession. The APSA Minority Fellows Program designates up to 12 fellowships of $4000 each year. More information on the MFP program and a list of previous fellows can be found at www.apsanet.org/mfp. ■

Nominations Accepted for the 2014 APSA Awards

Submit your nominations for the APSA Goodnow, Dissertation, Book, Paper and Article, and Career Awards, which will be presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. For more information, visit www.apsanet.org/content_2951.cfm. The 2014 awards include:

GOODNOW AWARD

Awarded to scholars who have made outstanding contributions to both the development of the political science profession and the building of the American Political Science Association. Nominations are due by March 14, 2014.

DISSERTATION AWARDS

Departments are invited to submit nominations for dissertations that have been completed in the past two academic years. Nominations are due by January 17, 2014.

Gabriel A. Almond Award
In the field of comparative politics.

William Anderson Award
In the field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state, or local politics.

Edward S. Corwin Award
In the field of public law.

Harold D. Lasswell Award
In the field of policy studies.

Helen Dwight Reid Award
In the field of international relations, law, and politics.

E. E. Schattschneider Award
In the field of American government.

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Leo Strauss Award
In the field of political philosophy.

Leonard D. White Award
In the field of public administration.

BOOK AWARDS

Books published in 2013 may be nominated by individuals or publishers. **The deadline for nominations from individuals is January 17, 2014. The deadline for nominations from publishers is February 14, 2014.**

Ralph J. Bunche Award
For the best scholarly work in political science that explores the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism.

Gladys M. Kammerer Award
For the best political science publication in the field of US national policy.

Victoria Schuck Award
For the best book published on women and politics.

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award
For the best book published in the United States in the field of government, politics, or international affairs.

PAPER AND ARTICLE AWARDS

Nominations are due by November 29, 2013.

Frankin L. Burdette / Pi Sigma Alpha Award
For the best paper presented at the previous Annual Meeting.

Heinz Eulau Award
For the best articles published in the *American Political Science Review* and *Perspectives on Politics* during the previous year.

CAREER AWARDS

Bestowed for significant achievements related to political science. Nominations are due by January 31, 2014.

Distinguished Teaching Award
To honor outstanding contributions to undergraduate and/or graduate teaching of political science at two- and four-year institutions. The award recognizes contributions that have made a significant impact on the manner in which political science is taught or individual career contributions.

John Gaus Distinguished Award and Lectureship
Honors the recipient's lifetime of exemplary scholarship in the joint tradition of political science and public administration.

James Madison Award
The James Madison Award recognizes an American political scientist who has made a distinguished scholarly contribution to political science.

Hubert H. Humphrey Award
Awarded annually in recognition of notable public service by a political scientist.

Benjamin E. Lippincott Award
Awarded biennially to recognize a work of exceptional quality by a living political theorist that is still considered significant after a time span of at least 15 years since the original date of publication.

Carey McWilliams Award
Awarded annually to honor a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics.

Charles E. Merriam Award
Awarded biennially to recognize a person whose published work and career represent a significant contribution to the art of government through the application of social science research. ■

Nominations for APSA Officers and Council Needed

The APSA Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions for 2014 nominees for president-elect, vice president, secretary, and council members. Council members serve staggered two-year terms. The president-elect, vice presidents, and secretary serve one-year terms.

The nominating committee encourages all members of APSA to suggest fellow members 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. The nominating committee hopes to nominate a slate of accomplished scholars and practitioners who reflect the diverse membership of APSA. To achieve this goal, they rely on the membership to forward suggestions and recommendations. Please send suggestions to nominations@apsanet.org by January 17, 2014. Visit www.apsanet.org/nominations for more information.

The committee will meet in early 2014 to begin compiling a slate of candidates. A report will be published in the July 2014 issue of *PS*.

Members of the nominating committee are James D. Fearon, Stanford University, Chair; Kerry L. Haynie, Duke University; and Elizabeth Zechmeister, Vanderbilt University. ■

Seeking APSA Committee Nominations

APSA president-elect Rodney E. Hero welcomes suggestions from members of various APSA standing committees for 2014. Typically, members of the standing committees serve a staggered three-year term, and members of the awards committees serve a one-year term.

Send suggestions to nominations@apsa.org by January 17, 2014. Visit www.apsanet.org/nominations for more information. ■

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Oakland University to Host *Journal of Undergraduate Politics*



The Pi Sigma Alpha *Journal of Undergraduate Politics* will have a new home and editorial team beginning this fall. President Alice Jackson (Morgan State University) announced in May that the Alpha Nu Omega chapter at Oakland University will assume editorial responsibilities with faculty advisor Terri Towner serving as editor.

The journal publishes outstanding undergraduate research from around the country on a bi-annual basis, and is operated entirely by undergraduate students from the host university, who review, edit, and produce the journal. The journal moves from the College of Williams and Mary where editors Christine Nemacheck and Ronald Rapoport led the effort for three years.

The Alpha Nu Omega chapter was selected after a national call for proposals. In hosting the journal, Oakland University students will have the unique opportunity to drive the direction of a peer-reviewed publication. Participating students will register for a special course where they will learn to assess manuscripts by criteria such as the work's contribution to political science scholarship, support for main conclusions, appropriateness of its methodology, and writing quality. Student leaders will edit the manuscripts, check citations and references, and format the articles to fit the layout.

"This is a major achievement for the Pi Sigma Alpha Nu Omega chapter," said Terri Towner, assistant professor and faculty advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha. "As a result of working on the journal, OU students will increase their critical thinking, writing, and verbal communication skills. In addition, students will gain valuable leadership experience and cultivate teamwork skills."

The *Journal of Undergraduate Politics* welcomes submissions from all undergraduate students—regardless of membership in Pi Sigma Alpha. Digital copies of the journal and a Call for Papers can be seen at www.psajournal.org. ■

Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Outstanding Advisors and Chapters

Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, recognized two faculty advisors and 16 chapters with awards this summer as part of its annual awards program.

Robert J. Spitzer, SUNY-Cortland, and **Henry B. Sirgo**, McNeese State University, were selected to receive Chapter Advisor Recognition Awards. Spitzer, Distinguished Service Professor and Chair at Cortland, was honored for his 15 years of service as advisor to the Zeta Delta chapter and the chapter's excellent, virtually unbroken record of initiates during his tenure in the post. He joined the faculty in 1979. Sirgo, Professor of Government at McNeese State, has served as advisor of the Chi Psi chapter since its charter on campus in 2000. The Chi Psi chapter has a long record of interesting and innovative programs on campus to enhance student participation. He has served on the faculty at McNeese State since 1976.

The national office selected 16 chapters across four categories to be honored with Best Chapter Awards. The selection is based on chapter annual reports and other evidence of extraordinary levels of activity. The award carries a $250 prize.

Under 5,000 Enrollment:

Ohio Northern University
Robert Alexander, chapter advisor
Illinois Wesleyan University
James Simeone, chapter advisor
Providence College
Jeffrey Pugh, chapter advisor
University of Saint Thomas (TX)
Jean-Philippe Faletta, chapter advisor
Wake Forest University
John Dinan, chapter advisor
Wilkes University
Thomas Baldino, chapter advisor

5,000–15,000 Enrollment:

Lewis University
Laurette T. Liesen, chapter advisor
Purdue University, Calumet
Frank J. Colucci & Meg Rincker, chapter advisors
University of Arkansas, Little Rock
Art English, chapter advisor

15,000–25,000 Enrollment:

California State University, San Bernardino
Brian Janiskee, chapter advisor
Utah State University
William Furlong, chapter advisor
University of Texas, El Paso
Taeko Hiroi, chapter advisor

Over 25,000 Enrollment:

Brigham Young University
Christopher Karpowicz, chapter advisor
California State University, Fullerton
Sarah Hill, chapter advisor
San Jose State University
James Brent, chapter advisor
University of South Florida
Susan MacManus, chapter advisor ■

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