Western Political Science Association Presents Annual Awards

As part of it 2001 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, the WPSA presented five awards to outstanding scholars and students.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award, for the best paper at the 2000 WPSA meeting, to *Robert W. Mickey*, doctoral candidate, Harvard University, for his paper "Ruling Parties in a Bind: The Transitions of South Carolina and Mississippi in Comparative Perspective.

WPSA Dissertation Award, for the best dissseration completed in 2000, to *Elisabeth Hilbink*, Princeton Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, for her dissertation "Legalism Against Democracy: The Political Role of the Judiciary in Chile, 1964-1994." Honorable mention to *Daniel I. O'Neill*, UCLA, for his dissertation "A revolution in Morals and Manners: The Burke-Wollstonecraft."

Blacks and Politics Award, for the best paper on blacks and politics, to *Seth Masket*, UCLA, and *Frank Gilliam*, UCLA, for their paper "You've Got Mail: The Impact of Partisan and Racial Cues in Direct Mail Campaigns."

Chicanas/Chicanos and Politics Award, for the best paper on Chicanas/Chicanos and Politics, to Cristina Beltran, Rutgers Unversity, for her paper "The Hybrid as Hierarchy: Theorizing Mestizaje in Chicano Political Discourse."

Charles Redd Award, for the best paper on the politics of the American West, to *Stephanie Di Alto*, graduate student, University of California, Irvine, for her paper "The Role of Policy, Discourse, and Institutions in the Social Construction of Group Identity: The Japanese-American Experience, 1890's to the Present."

SWPSA Seeks Nominations for Ted Robinson Award

The Southwestern Political Science Association is seeking nominations for the 2002 Ted Robinson Memorial Award. The Robinson Award is designed to encourage graduate students to study minority politics broadly defined. The $250 cash award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association March 28-30, 2002 in New Orleans (recipients need not be present). Past winners of the award include Tom Longoria (University of Texas, El Paso), Jason Kirksey (Oklahoma State University), and Donald P. Haider-Markel (University of Kansas).

To be considered for the award, the award committee must receive 1) a one page abstract on the minority politics research project, 2) a vita, and 3) a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. All materials must be received by February 1, 2002. Send materials to Kenneth J. Meier, Center for Presidential Studies, Policy & Governance, Bush School of Government, 4349 TAMUS, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4349.

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