New 2006–2007 APSA Officers Elected

Robert Axelrod, the Arthur W. Bromage Distinguished University Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He has appointments in the Department of Political Science and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, became the Association's 103rd president on September 2nd at the Association's Annual Business Meeting when outgoing APSA President Ira Katznelson of Columbia University presented Axelrod with the Association gavel. Joining Axelrod in guiding the Association are six new officers. Eight new members of the council will be elected in an all-member electronic election during the month of October. Details on the results of the election will be available on the web and in the January issue of *PS*.



Robert Axelrod (r) receives the gavel from outgoing Association President Ira Katznelson.

Axelrod is best known for his interdisciplinary work on the evolution of cooperation. His published work includes: *The Evolution of Cooperation* (Basic Books, 1984); *Structure of Decision* ([ed.] Princeton University Press, 1976); "The Further Evolution of Cooperation," *Science,* 242 (with Douglas Dion); "Sexual Reproduction as an Adaptation to Resist Parasites," *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (with William D. Hamilton and Reiko Tanese); *The Complexity of Cooperation: Agent-Based Models of Competition and Collaboration* (Princeton University Press, 1997); and *Harnessing Complexity: Organizational Implications of a Scientific Frontier* (Free Press, 2000, with Michael D. Cohen).

His current research interests include complexity theory (especially agent-based modeling), and international security. Among his honors and awards are membership in the National Academy of Sciences, a five year MacArthur Prize Fellowship, the Newcomb Cleveland Prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences for an outstanding contribution to science, and the National Academy of Sciences Award for Behavioral Research Relevant to the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Recently Axelrod has consulted and lectured on promoting cooperation and harnessing complexity for the United Nations, the World Bank, the U.S. Department of Defense, and various organizations serving health care professionals, business leaders, and K–12 educators.

Axelrod's service contributions to APSA include service as vice president and secretary of the Association, member of the Nominating Committee, and chair of the APSA panel on the Perestroika debate.

A full intellectual bio of President Axelrod will appear in the January issue of *PS*.

Assuming the position of president-elect is Dianne Pinderhighes, who holds a joint appointment as professor in the departments of political science and Africana studies at the University of Notre Dame. She has served as president of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and has served on the Council of the Midwest Political Science Association. In the APSA, she has held positions as a member of the Council, as vice president, and as a member of the Task Force on Inequality and American Democracy. She was co-president of the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Organized Section and served as president of the Urban Politics Organized Section.

Other 2006–2007 officers include:

Vice Presidents: Martha Ackelsberg, Smith College; Henry E. Brady, University of California, Berkeley; and Helen V. Milner, Princeton University

Treasurer: Tony Affigne, Providence College

Secretary: Luis Ricardo Fraga, Stanford University

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