# BRIEFS

## New APSA Council Members Elected

Eight new members of the APSA Council have been elected in APSA's fourth contested election in recent years. The new council members are: Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Jodi Dean, Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Kathleen Hall Jamieson, University of Pennsylvania; Rose McDermott, University of California, Santa Barbara; Maria Victoria Murillo, Columbia University; Mark A. Peterson, University of California, Los Angeles; Sherri L. Wallace, University of Louisville; and Franke Wilmer, Montana State University, Bozeman. Walter R. Mebane, University of Michigan, was not elected.

Under APSA election rules, the Nominating Committee proposes one name per open seat and additional nominations, sponsored by at least 10 members, may be made from the membership. This year, Jodi Dean, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, was nominated from the membership and was elected. The election was conducted by electronic ballot, with a 30.3% turnout—similar to other recent APSA elections. Detailed results can be found at: www.apsanet.org/content_56819.cfm. The new council members take office immediately. These council members' terms have correspondingly wrapped up: Lisa Baldez, Dartmouth College; Susan R. Burgess, Ohio University; Dennis Chong, Northwestern University; Michael W. Doyle, Columbia University; Kerry L. Haynie, Duke University; Arthur Lupia, University of Michigan; Anna Sampaio, University of Colorado, Denver; and Melissa S. Williams, University of Toronto. APSA thanks them for their commitment and service to the discipline. The full APSA officer roster can be found on page iv of this and every issue of *PS*. ■

## Small Research Grant Competition

The APSA Small Research Grant Program supports research in all fields of political science. The intent of these grants is to support the research of political scientists who are not employed at Ph.D.-granting department in the field and to help further the careers of these scholars.

Grant recipients have been able to publish several books and book chapters, journal articles, working papers, and conference presentations. A small number of these grants are awarded annually by the APSA Council on the basis of a peer-review process. Individual grants do not exceed $2,500 and are not renewable. Application are due by February 2, 2009. Visit www.apsanet.org/content_9222.cfm for eligibility requirements and more information. ■

## Nominations Sought for Roman & Littlefield Awards

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers proudly announces the thirteenth year of the Rowman & Littlefield Award for Innovative Teaching in Political Science. The award, which carries a $500 cash stipend, will be presented at the APSA Reception Honoring Teaching at the 2009 APSA Annual Meeting in Toronto.

The award recognizes political scientists who have developed effective new approaches to teaching in the discipline. The award seeks to honor a wide range of new directions in teaching, not a particular new direction. Thus, in one year a professor might be chosen because of an innovative course syllabus; in another year a multimedia approach to reaching students might be chosen; in yet another the creator of a simulation or an educational data set might be recognized; and in yet another, the author of a text or monograph that changes the way in which a subject is taught might be tapped. The only limits on what will be recognized are the imagination and creativity of those teaching political science.

The recipients of the award will be chosen by a five-person committee, selected by APSA president Peter Katzenstein. The nomination deadline is April 1, 2009. To nominate an individual for the 2009 Rowman and Littlefield Award, please submit a letter of nomination and any supporting documents that best reflect or demonstrate why this individual should be the recipient of the Rowman & Littlefield Award for Innovative Teaching in Political Science. You can find more information and submission instructions by visiting www.apsanet.org/content_9040.cfm. ■

## *Law and Politics Book Review* Editorship

The Law & Politics section of the APSA is seeking applications for the position of editor for the *Law and Politics Book Review* (LPBR). The *LPBR* is the leading online book journal offering peer review of 250 to 300 books per year, and additional book notes prepared by the editor. *LPBR* has 1,300+ subscribers in more than 39 countries.

The editor will supervise all the operations of the *LPBR*. While the Law and Politics section provides $1,500 per year to defray costs, there is an expectation that the host institution will also support the *LPBR*. Applications should include a CV and a cover letter, which should provide an editorial vision. Applications should also include a statement of institutional support. Applications are due by February 28, 2009. Comment or questions about the *LPBR* editorship should be directed to David Schultz at dschultz@hamline.edu. ■

## Call for Applications: Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

The 2009 class of Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) Scholars will mark the twenty-third year of the institute. The application deadline is February 13, 2009 (application materials should be postmarked by this date). Applications can be found at http://apsanet.org/rbsi. Please contact kmealy@apsanet.org with any questions. The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute is named for past APSA president (1953), UN diplomat, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Ralph J. Bunche. Dr. Bunche was also the first African American to receive a Ph.D. in political science. The



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Ralph Bunche Summer Institute has been hosted at Duke University since 2000.

The institute is an intensive five-week academic and professional development program designed to assist in preparing African American, Latino/Latina, and Native American college students for graduate work in political science. The program provides academic credit, mentoring, and training in statistical analysis and the substantive area of race and ethnicity in political science. Under the leadership of Dr. Paula McClain and with the funding support of the National Science Foundation, Duke University, and APSA, this program has helped to simulate the graduate experience for over 400 undergraduates. Former RBSI participants include those who have gone on to attend graduate school and receive their Ph.D.s in political science. Bunche scholars have also been the recipients of fellowships from the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and APSA. ■

## American Association of Chinese Studies Annual Conference

The American Association of Chinese Studies invites proposals for panels, roundtables, and papers concerning China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other Chinese societies for the fifty-first Annual Conference of AACS, which is being hosted by Rollins College, Orlando, Florida. The meeting will be held October 16–18, 2009. Although membership in AACS is required for participation in the meeting, non-members are welcome to submit proposals, join the association and participate in the annual meeting.

The program committee prefers proposals for complete panels (a chair, two to three papers, and one to two discussants) and roundtables (a chair and three or four other participants). The committee also welcomes proposals for individual papers and will attempt to place the presenter on an appropriate panel. They particularly welcome proposals that address the impact of the U.S. change in presidential administration, as well as the late 2008 global financial crisis, on Chinese societies, economies, and polities.

Please send your proposal, preferably by e-mail, to Jerry McBeath at ffjam@uaf.edu. by May 1, 2009. ■

## State of the Parties Call for Papers

The University of Akron's Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics will sponsor the sixth quadrennial "State of the Parties" conference on American political parties October 2009, in Akron, Ohio. The purpose of the conference is to assess changes in American political parties resulting from the 2008 presidential campaign and election. The conference will bring together scholars and practitioners for this purpose, and the best papers will be included in the sixth edition of *The State of the Parties*, scheduled to be published in 2010. Papers on any aspect of contemporary American political parties are welcome, including political polarization; regional voting patterns; national, state, and local party organizations; presidential primaries and campaigns; the role of money and other resources in the 2008 campaigns; and the role of parties and partisanship in the federal, state, and local governments. Scholars interested in presenting a paper should submit a one-page proposal by March 13, 2009, to bliss@uakron.edu. ■

## APSA's Centennial Center Accepting Applications

The Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs is now accepting applications for 2009 scholars. Located in APSA's headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Centennial Center has space to host 10 visiting scholars whose research brings them to the district. Senior or junior faculty members, postdoctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications are reviewed throughout the year, however the deadline for supplemental funding is February 28, 2009.

Funding and grant opportunities are available to support research on a variety of topics including but not limited to diversity, cultural nationalism, women and politics, the American president, and electoral politics. To find out more about the center and funding opportunities please visit www.apsanet.org/centennialcenter. ■

## Berlin Seminar

Bradley University's annual Berlin Seminar will be held from July 5 through July 11, 2009. This program is intended for academics interested in the history and contemporary culture, society, economy, and politics of Germany and Europe. Centered at the European Academy in Berlin-Grunewald, the seminar activities include discussions with leaders from the realms of academia, culture, and politics. There will also be guided trips to points of historical and contemporary interest, including a day trip to Dresden. All sessions are conducted in English or with a translator. The cost is $1,600, which includes room and board in Berlin, the seminar program, and the Dresden trip. Applications are due by January 15, 2009. For further details and an application form, please visit www.bradley.edu/academics/las/his/Berlin or contact Dr. John A. Williams at johnw@bradley.edu or 309-677-3182. ■

## Luxembourg Income Study Workshop

The 2009 Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) Summer Workshop will be held from July 5 to July 11, 2009. This is a one-week workshop designed to introduce researchers in the social sciences to comparative research in income distribution, employment, and social policy using the LIS database. LIS welcomes applications from researchers with varying levels of knowledge and experience. The Luxembourg Income Study has made comparable over 160 large micro-data sets that contain comprehensive measures of income, employment, and household characteristics for 30 industrialized countries. Also, in 2009, LIS will add datasets from five Latin American countries for the first time (Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, and Uruguay); these datasets will be ready for use by the July workshop.

For more information and application instructions, visit http://www.lisproject.org. The deadline is April 3, 2009. ■



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