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News and Notes

APR Call for Papers

In late-2005 (or early 2006), *American Politics Research* will be publishing a special issue on the 10 years of Republican control of the U.S. House of Representatives preceding the start of the 109th Congress. The *APR* readership is most interested in articles that evaluate theories, test hypotheses, and examine data about electoral, historical, and institutional characteristics and factors.

Papers on all topics related to congressional politics are welcome. Papers that contrast the 10 years of Republican control to the previous era of Democratic control would be especially valuable.

The **deadline** for submission of papers is **March 1st, 2005,** although articles will be accepted and reviewed before then. For more information visit http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apr/. Questions, as well as electronic submissions should be directed to Jim Gimpel, Editor at apr@gvpt.umd.edu.

First BIHE National Conference

Black Issues in Higher Education jointly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision and the 20th anniversary of *Black Issues in Higher Education* with a special conference focusing on the "Benchmarks and Barriers for People of Color in Higher Education," to take place at the Marriott Crystal Gateway, Arlington, VA, **June 17–19, 2004.** The conference has assembled a "who's who" of American educational, political, and social activists to make presentations on the ongoing struggle to ensure access and equity for people of color in American higher education. Schedules speakers include Congressman Chaka Fttah (D-PA), Attorney Johnnie Cochran, and Brown University President Dr. Ruth Simmons, among others. For more information on the conference visit www.blackissues.com or contact Karen C. Wilson at kwilson@aqe-inc.com.

IPSA XX Call for Proposals

The International Political Science Association seeks proposals that will address the theme, "Is Democracy Working?," at the XX World Congress in Fukuoka, Japan, July 9–14, 2006. Panels and special sessions related to the main theme will be grouped under six major subthemes: the crisis and capacity of democracy; democracy and the new world order; Institutional legitimacy, interest representation, and democratic practice; citizen participation, values, and identity; public policies, bureacracies, and the quality of democracy and; theory, knowledge, and crafting better democracies. More information about the proposal process and the XX World Congress is available at www.fukuoka2006.com or by contacting info@fukuoka.com.

AAAS Meeting Seeks Proposals from Political Scientists

The 2005 American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, to be held in Seattle, WA February 17–21 in Washington, D.C., seeks proposals from scientists of all ilks to contribute to the Meeting's main theme, "The Nexus: Where Science Meets Society." Panels should hold broad relevance, be multidisciplinary, and broadly representative. The panel proposal deadline is **April 30, 2004.** For more information on the Meeting and on proposal guidelines, visit www.aaas.org/meetings/.

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