# BRIEFS

## 2009 APSA Campus Teaching Awards

APSA and Pi Sigma Alpha will recognize political science faculty who receive teaching awards on their own campuses during the academic year (2008–09). These faculty members receive a certificate honoring their achievements and they are invited to a special reception at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Toronto. A roster of campus-wide teaching award winners, their affiliations, and the titles of their awards will be featured in an upcoming issue of *PS*. Please visit www.apsanet.org by July 1 and complete the form to submit your campus award recipient. ■

## Call for Papers: The Meaning and Legacy of the Magna Carta

Contributions are invited for a print symposium on the meaning and legacy of the Magna Carta for publication in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Contributors are invited to reflect on the historical context in which the Magna Carta was drafted and signed, as well as its multifaceted role in the development of modern political thought.

Signed by King John on the banks of the River Thames on June 15, 1215, the Magna Carta is an iconic and much mythologized document that sets out the terms of a new constitutional arrangement between the Crown and the country's most powerful nobles. Over the centuries, the Magna Carta has come to be regarded as a charter of individual liberty and a bulwark against despotism. Recent scholarship has explored the document's relationship to canon law, Roman law, and customary practice, as well as to the Charter of the Forest that was produced in the same era. This symposium will draw on this scholarship in an effort to recover the Magna Carta "in its fullness," as the historian Peter Linebaugh has written. The aim of the symposium is to situate the Magna Carta as a political document with powerful implications for concepts of citizenship, kingship, property, state-church relations, and the sources of legitimate authority.

Contributions from across the social sciences and humanities will be welcomed, with a special emphasis on political theory, medieval history, and legal studies. Completed papers should be roughly 12–15 pages in length. The deadline for submission of papers is April 15, 2009. The provisional deadline for completed papers is September 15, 2009, for publication in spring 2010.

Proposals and inquiries should be sent to Professor Kent Worcester, Department of Political Science, Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71 Street, NY, NY 10021 USA (kworcester@mmm.edu). ■

## Search for New *SPPQ* Editor

The State Politics and Policy section of the APSA has formed a search committee to solicit proposals for a new editor or editorial team for *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. A highly qualified person or team of persons is sought for a four-year term beginning in 2010. Nominations as well as proposals are encouraged.

First published in 2001, *SPPQ* is a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal publishing high-quality academic studies that develop general hypotheses of political behavior, institutions, and policymaking and test these hypotheses using the unique methodological advantages of the U.S. states and other sub-national governments worldwide. *SPPQ* has developed an impeccable reputation for attracting and developing top-quality scholarship through superior editorial service to authors. It is carried by 13 abstracting and indexing services, including the Social Science Citation Index; JSTOR inclusion is pending.

The new editor will have complete editorial responsibility for *SPPQ*, within the journal's established guidelines. He or she can expect to review 75–100 manuscripts per year, publishing 16–20 articles (including those in The Practical Research section of *SPPQ*). Soliciting and developing promising manuscripts are among the editor's most important responsibilities.

The editor's home institution is expected to provide, at minimum: course release time for the editor (preferably, the editor would teach no more than 1-1), a 12-month graduate assistant, and minimal postage and stationery supplies.

The precise timing of the takeover of editorial duties and other business arrangements are subject to negotiation, but the tentative date for the new editor to begin receiving new manuscripts is June 1, 2010.

To apply, candidates should e-mail (as PDF attachments) the following to the chair of the search committee (cmoon1@uis.edu) by November 15, 2009: a letter of interest explaining the candidate's relevant experience, goals for the journal, ideas for innovations or changes (if any), and a discussion of the resource support to be provided by his or her home institution, and a current curriculum vita.

If you wish to nominate a person to serve as editor or if you have questions about the journal or the position of editor, please contact the chair of the search committee:
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## American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowship Competition

The American Institute of Indian Studies invites applications from scholars from all disciplines who wish to conduct their research in India. Junior fellowships are given to doctoral candidates to conduct research for their dissertations in India for up to 11 months. Senior long-term (six to nine months) and short-term (four months or fewer) fellowships are available for scholars who hold a Ph.D.

Scholarly/professional development fellowships are available to scholars and professionals who have not previously worked in India. Eligible applicants include (1) U.S. citizens, and (2) citizens of other countries who are students or faculty members at U.S.


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colleges and universities (this rule does not apply to U.S. citizens). For applications please contact the American Institute of Indian Studies, 1130 E. 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. (773) 702-8638. E-mail: aiis@uchicago.edu. Web site: www.indiastudies.org. The application deadline is July 1, 2009.

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## Memorial Conference Papers and Tilly Fund for Social Science History

The presentations and papers of the Hirschman Prize Ceremony and memorial conference in honor of Charles Tilly are now available online at www.ssrc.org/hirschman/event/2008. At the memorial conference, the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the Social Science History Association (SSHA) announced the creation of the Charles Tilly and Louise Tilly Fund for Social Science History (www.ssrc.org/donate/tilly-fund). Shortly after Tilly's death, the SSRC launched the Web site Tributes to Charles Tilly featuring essays by several of his close colleagues and former students and providing the opportunity to submit tributes. The site includes a page with annotated links to Charles Tilly Resources, providing extensive information about Charles Tilly's life and work (www.ssrc.org/essays/tilly/resources). Furthermore, the SSRC published an interactive version of Tilly's new article "Memorials to Credit & Blame." Visit the site at www.ssrc.org/essays/tilly. ■

## AU School of Public Affairs Calls for Nominations for Federal Leadership Award

American University's School of Public Affairs announces the call for nominations for the 2009 Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership. The annual award, presented to outstanding federal leaders nominated from all agencies and across the nation, recognizes two public servants in the federal government whose work is marked by extraordinary effectiveness during a career, or in a single mission achievement.

Nominees must be members of the Senior Executive Service (SES). Nominations will be accepted until May 1. To view the nomination procedure, please go to "News & Events" on the School of Public Affairs Web site (http://spa.american.edu) and select "Roger Jones Awards" from the drop-down menu. Nominations may be made by presidential and other administration appointees. Self-nominations are not accepted. Award recipients, chosen by the Roger W. Jones Selection Committee, will be honored in a special awards ceremony in fall 2009 and will each receive $2,500.

For more information about the award, please contact Jacqueline Corbett, AU School of Public Affairs, at 202-885-2937 or corbett@american.edu. ■

## Madam Presidents of Learned Societies Held Summit at ASU

Women of color who have been elected to the office of president of national learned societies gathered at Arizona State University on February 27 for an unprecedented summit and leadership workshop. The group of women, who include scholars from across the humanities and social sciences, discussed how they have individually and collectively influenced and led changes that are taking root in higher education.

Among the speakers were Darlene Clark Hine, Organization of American Historians, and Southern Historical Association; Pat Hill Collins, American Sociological Association; Beverly Guy-Sheftall, National Women's Studies Association; Nell Irvin Painter, Organization of American Historians, and Southern Historical Association; Dianne Pinderhughes, American Political Science Association; Pearl Robinson, African Studies Association; Loriene Roy, American Library Association; and Vicki Ruiz, American Studies Association. The program's rapporteur was Frances Smith Foster, who ran for president of the Modern Language Association in 2007.

The summit was hosted by ASU's Faculty Women's Association with support from President Michael Crow and Provost Elizabeth D. Capaldi. ■

## NSF Integrating HSD Goals into Core SBE Programs

Following the innovations of the National Science Foundations's recently ended Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) priority area, the Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE) now encourages submission of research proposals to the regular SBE programs covering three areas. There will be new funds available in the divisions to support these activities where they differ in scope or scale from the traditional core of the programs.

The three areas are Complexity Science, Large-Scale Interdisciplinary Research, and Infrastructure. There are no special competitions or new programs for these three areas. Relevant proposals will be submitted to an existing SBE program according to the program's regular target or deadline dates.

One of the key topics of HSD-funded work in each of these three areas concerns the relation between human activities and environmental change. Links to SBE's programs and target date for the Division of Social and Economic Sciences is http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=SES. ■

## Northeastern Political Science Association's 2008 Meeting

More than 700 political scientists attended the 2008 Northeastern Political Science Association meeting held at the Omni Parker House in Boston this past November.

The Pi Sigma Alpha speaker was Barton Gellman, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Angler*, his biography of Vice President Cheney. APSA President Peter Katzenstein was another featured speaker.

The program chair was Francine D'Amico of Syracuse University. Next year's meeting will take place November 19–21 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia. ■



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