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New Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences Formed; APSA Members Danielle S. Allen, Amy Gutmann, Kathleen Hall Jamieson, and Donna E. Shalala Appointed as Commission Members

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has announced the formation of the new Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences in response to a bipartisan request from U.S. Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Mark Warner (D-VA) and Representatives Tom Petri (R-WI) and **David Price** (D-NC), also a political scientist and member of the APSA. Richard H. Brodhead, the president of Duke University, and John W. Rowe, the chairman and CEO of Exelon Corporation, have been appointed co-chairs of the Commission.

The Commission is composed of a number of prominent individuals from the humanities, social sciences, physical and life sciences, business, law, philanthropy, the arts, and the media, including four members of the APSA.



Danielle S. Allen

Danielle S. Allen is the UPS Foundation Professor in the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study. A political theorist, she has published widely on such areas as democratic theory, political sociology, and the history of political thought. She was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship in 2002. **Amy Gutmann** is the current president of the University of Pennsylvania and a professor in its political science department. She has authored and edited 15 books and taught at institutions including Princeton University and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She is the recipient of numerous honors and fellowships, including the 1997 APSA Ralph J. Bunche Award. **Kathleen Hall Jamieson** is the Elizabeth Ware Packard Professor of Communication at the Annenberg School for Communication and the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research primarily concerns political and campaign communication and rhetorical theory and criticism. She has edited and authored 15 books; her 2007 book Spiral of Cynicism: The Press and the Public Good (with Joseph N. Cappella) received that year's Doris Graber Book Award from the APSA. **Donna E. Shalala** is the current president of the University of Miami and a professor in its political science department. She has previously taught and held senior administrative positions at Columbia, CUNY, and the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Under President Clinton, she served eight years as the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, making her the longest serving HHS Secretary in U.S. history. In 2008, she was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Amy Gutmann



Kathleen Hall Jamieson



Source: University of Miami

Donna E. Shalala

The Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences aims "to claim a space in the national dialogue for the humanities and the social sciences and to recommend specific steps that government, schools and universities, cultural institutions, businesses, and philanthropies can take to support and strengthen these areas of knowledge." It will focus on both K–12 and higher education, as well as libraries and cultural institutions. The Commission will draw on prior research to recommend specific, actionable steps to maintain the nation's excellence in the humanities and the social sciences. These findings will serve as a companion to a forthcoming report of the National Academies on the future of the research university and ways to strengthen the American scientific enterprise.

For more information on the Commission, please see http://www.humanitiescommission.org/.

University of Connecticut Selects Susan Herbst as 15th President

Susan Herbst has been selected become the first female president of the University of Connecticut in July. Currently vice chancellor and chief academic officer at the University System of Georgia, Herbst was selected from a pool of over 100 applicants. Herbst has also held senior positions with the University at Albany, Temple, and Northwestern University. In addition to her administrative duties, Herbst serves on the faculty of the School of Public Policy at Georgia Tech.



Herbst received her BA in political science from Duke University and a Ph.D. in communications from the University of Southern

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California. She has also studied at Harvard and the University of Michigan. She has published a wide range of material mostly focusing on the role of public opinion and the media in public policy formulation. Her most recent book is *Rude Democracy: Civility and Incivility in American Politics* (2010).

Steven Rosenstone Appointed Chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and University System



Steven Rosenstone, currently Vice President for Scholarly and Cultural Affairs at the University of Minnesota, will assume the position of chancellor with the Minnesota State Colleges and University System in August. In this position, Rosenstone will oversee a university system of 32 institutions with a combined enrollment exceeding 430,000.

Rosenstone received his BA from Washington University, St. Louis, and his doctorate in political science from the University of California, Berkeley. He began his teaching career at Yale and continues to teach at the University of Minnesota. He has published an extensive amount of material covering a wide range of subjects, including higher education, political participation, and electoral systems.

Rosenstone is fluent in Spanish and has taught and lectured at several institutions in Spain. He serves on the board of directors of the Guthrie Theater and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Throughout his career, Rosenstone has consistently been involved with efforts to promote the diversity of faculty at institutions of higher education. ■

EVENTS

Kevin Anderson, professor, departments of sociology and political science, University of California, Santa Barbara, spoke at a plenary session on "Marx Against Eurocentrism" at the Historical Materialism Conference, University of London, November 14.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Arthur Goldsmith, professor, College of Management, University of Massachusetts, Boston, has been appointed associate dean for graduate programs in the College of Management.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Seung-Whan Choi, assistant professor, department of political science, Northern Illinois University

Scott Louis Minkoff, assistant professor, department of political science, Barnard College

J. Mitchell Pickerill, associate professor, department of political science, Northern Illinois University

Michelle R. Smith, assistant professor, department of political science, Barnard College

AWARDS

Ami Pedahzur, professor, department of government, the University of Texas at Austin, received a President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award.

PROMOTIONS

James E. Campbell, UB Distinguished Professor of Political Science, department of political science, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

Zachary Elkins, associate professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin

Wendy Hunter, professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin

Lorraine Pangle, professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin

Peter Trubowitz, professor, department of government, University of Texas at Austin

IN THE NEWS

Sarah Binder, professor, department of political science, George Washington University, on the role of Senator Ben Nelson in the 112th Congress, *Omaha World-Herald.*

Michael Genovese, professor, department of political science, Loyola Marymount University, on the connections between Reagan and the conservative movement today, *Los Angeles Times.*

Mona el-Ghobashy, assistant professor, department of political science, Barnard College, on Tunisia, Egypt, and the power of technology in popular uprisings, *Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Ellen Lust, associate professor, department of political science, Yale University, on Tunisian unrest, Voice of America.

Jennifer McCoy, professor, department of political science, Georgia State University, on the role of women in Latin American politics and government, *CNN International.*

James Thurber, professor, department of political science, American University, on Chicago and Obama's reelection campaign, *Los Angeles Times.*

Dominic Tierney, assistant professor, department of political science, Swarthmore College, on his recent book on the way America conducts its wars, *TIME Magazine.* ■

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