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Political Scientist Appointed to GAO Advisory Panel

Thomas P. Lauth, dean of the school of public and international affairs at the University of Georgia, has been appointed to the U.S. Comptroller General's Educators' Advisory Panel. The panel "receives briefings on current activities of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), advises the Comptroller General on the fiscal challenges facing the nation, and consults with GAO on its recruitment of students from public administration and policy schools." An expert in public finance, Lauth is coauthor of *The Politics of State and City Administration,* and coeditor of *Governors, Legislatures, and Budgets: Diversity across the American States.*

FOIA Anniversary

July 4 marked the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Freedom of Information Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The National Security Archive has issued a brief history of the FOIA entitled, "Freedom of Information at 40," and OpenTheGovernment.org has released a report assessing the degree of FOIA compliance by various federal agencies, entitled "FOIA's 40th Anniversary: Agencies Respond to President's Call for Improved Disclosure of Information." Meanwhile, the Archive lists William J. Aceves, professor and director of the International Legal Studies Program, California Western School of Law, as having the oldest pending FOIA request. Aceves filed a request while in graduate school in 1989 for information regarding a Department of Defense international waterway monitoring program.

National Portrait Gallery Names 2006 Paul Peck Presidential Award Winners

Arthur M. Schlesinger, emeritus professor of humanities, City University of New York, and Leon E. Panetta, former White House chief of staff, received the National Portrait Gallery's Paul Peck Presidential Awards for 2006. The awards honor two individuals each year: one recognized for service to the presidency and another for portrayal of the presidency. Panetta was honored for his service to President Clinton, and Schlesinger for his literary portrayal of several presidents. Among Schlesinger's books are *The Age of Jackson, The Age of Roosevelt, The Politics of Upheaval,* and *A Thousand Days: John F. Kennedy in the White House.* The APSA was among the 10 non-political organizations on the nominating committee for this year's awards.

Bush's Language Initiative Not Funded

The U.S. House and Senate Appropriations Committees both refused to provide funding for President Bush's much-heralded National Security Language Initiative. Bush had initially requested $114 million for FY07 to fund the initiative, which would have dramatically increased the number of Americans learning "critical needs" foreign languages, such as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi, Farsi, and others. The Administration later proposed a much more modest $24 million for the program. While refusing to fund the new initiative, both the House and Senate panels agreed to the Administration's proposed allocation of $105.8 million for the regular International Education and Foreign Language programs, authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act. This amount is the same as provided in last year's budget.

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