The Center Page

APSA Centennial Center: A Look Back and Ahead

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On the 10th anniversary of the APSA Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs, it seems appropriate to go back to the genesis—to the decisions made by the 1998 APSA Council—to remind ourselves of their expectations.

This historical backdrop draws heavily on then APSA executive director Catherine Rudder's "Executive Director's Report" to the council. In anticipation of the association's 100th anniversary in 2003, it was decided that APSA should launch an historic endeavor to create a Center for Political Science in Washington and establish Professional Opportunity Grants. Both the Center and the grants program would be available to assist members in their teaching and research. Political scientists in all fields and at all ranks, including graduate students and scholars from abroad, would be the beneficiaries of this effort. Rudder's report noted that "because the Center and grants will be supported by a permanent endowment, the fruits of this Campaign will assist not only political scientists currently engaged in the study of politics but also generations of scholars and teachers into the foreseeable future.… We should, in short, celebrate the past by investing in the future, a plan that has become the catchphrase of the Centennial Campaign." The council agreed that APSA would undertake a fundraising campaign as a centerpiece of the celebration. The goal would be to raise $3 million—$1 million from APSA members and friends and an additional $2 million by leveraging internal resources, for example, by allocating annual budget surpluses to the Campaign fund, and by seeking funding outside the immediate political science community.

With the endowment in place, APSA planned to create a Centennial Center for Political Science. "The Association could open a floor that was currently rented at its national headquarters [in other words, APSA would forego the revenue stream represented by renting or leasing the third-floor office space] and put that space into service for as many as 30 scholars each year [10 residential scholars at any one time] for all research in all fields of political science and cognate areas. The endowment could also help fund members' basic research and pedagogical activities through Professional Opportunity Grants. These grants would be coupled (but not co-mingled) with APSA's existing grant programs (for research for scholars from non-PhD-granting institutions … Existing activities would retain their identities and original purposes but, together with the new funds, would also contribute to a large, sustainable resource for members."

To oversee the Centennial Center operations, "a rotating committee representing the breadth of the discipline and appointed by APSA's president with Council Approval, would select the scholars who would be in residence at the Center for periods of 1 to 12 months" [in practice, the selection of Centennial Center scholars, based on application to a number of designated endowments for residential stays or to help fund nonresidential field research, has been largely made by Center staff who periodically update the Advisory Board] "This committee, in cooperation with the Education and Professional Development Committee, also would oversee the distribution of Professional Opportunity Grants that could be used in conjunction with a stay at the Center or for entirely separate scholarly purposes."

The fund-raising drive for the Centennial Center was initiated under the leadership of Dale Rogers Marshall, president of Wheaton College, and Jack Peltason, former president of the University of California. Lucius Barker and Elinor Ostrom responded to requests to head the group of former APSA presidents. APSA deputy director Robert Hauck became the campaign director. Even before the campaign was officially opened it had raised $450,000 with gifts from a veritable "who's who" of APSA: Elinor and Vincent Ostrom, Frank Sorauf, Walter E. Beach, Richard Fenno, Ruth Jones and Warren Miller, Robert and Nannerl Keohane, Martha Joynt Kumar, Arend Lijphart, Dale Rogers Marshall, Norman Nie, and Jack Peltason. Most contributors made unrestricted gifts to support the overall purposes of the campaign, while others directed their contributions to specific elements of the campaign. Richard Fenno's contribution, for example, was directed at supporting the expansion of opportunities for minorities in the discipline as exemplified by the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. An important gift was received from the estate of Leo A. Shifrin and matched by the University of Louisville in honor of Aaron Wildavsky for whom a conference room at the Centennial Center would be named.

As Catherine Rudder noted in her 1998 Executive Director's Report to the council, "endowments provide stability, predictability, and continuity for worthy programs that otherwise might not be maintained—or even exist at all." As a 1974–75 Congressional Fellowship alumna, she specifically noted that "Congressional Fellows surely appreciate the endowment of the Congressional Fellowship Program by MCI Communications Corporation, which was arranged by political scientist Gene Eidenburg [a 1964–65 Congressional Fellow]."

As described by Rudder, the initial Centennial Campaign, planned to conclude in 2003, created "a time-limited mechanism for every political scientist tangibly to help future political scientists pursue their research and teaching interests. Even when resources from campuses and foundations shrink, political scientists will find support for their work through the grants and programs made possible by the Centennial Campaign."

The official kick-off of Centennial Campaign took place at the 94th APSA Annual Meeting September 3–6, 1998 in Boston, Massachusetts.

The January 2003 issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics* announced the fall 2003 opening of the Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs. In recognition of the association's centenary, "the Center seeks to encourage individual research and writing in all fields of political science. … and to promote communication between scholars and policymakers."

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Billed as "a home away from home," the article noted that the Center, located within the association's headquarters building, provides scholars with work space, phone, computer, and library access. That same issue of *PS* listed the scores of association donors to date for the Centennial Campaign with 11 qualifying for the "Centennial Center Circle" with gifts of $25,000+, 4 in the "1903 Circle" with gifts of $15,000+, 9 in the "2003 Circle" with gifts of $10,000+, and 36 in the "Founders Circle" with gifts of $5,000+.

At the April 2003 council meeting, deputy director Rob Hauck reported on the status of the Centennial Center including a proposed creation of a nine-person advisory board to oversee the center, an additional honorary board of trustees to support the Center's strategic plans and activities and adding "and Public Affairs" to the name of the Centennial Center to emphasize the Center's broad public policy reach. The council unanimously approved the creation of both boards and the expansion of the name of the Centennial Center.

As published in the October 2003 issue of *PS*, executive director Michael Brintnall's Executive Director's Report envisioned a wide role the Centennial Center could play: "APSA's newest venture into linking political science with public resources and issues lies in the opening of the Centennial Center for Political Science in the APSA building in Washington. The foremost purpose of the Center is to support research scholars needing access to international and domestic political and policy resources in Washington by providing workspace and collegial interaction. We anticipate, however, that the Center will also play a significant role in linking political science scholarship to the political and policy community in Washington through seminars, speakers' series, workshops, and dialogue. By bringing scholars from different countries, fields, and areas of practice together, we expect that the Centennial Center will expand the boundaries of scholarly and public understanding and practice—building another "bridge" connecting those who teach about politics, those who write about politics, and those who work in politics." In his note, Michael Brintnall was presaging the synergies that have developed during the last few years between the Centennial Center and the Congressional Fellowship Program that has resulted in a number of formal and informal interchanges.

NEW FUNDS AND DIRECTIONS AUGMENTED CENTENNIAL CENTER'S ROLE

The Centennial Center continued to be a focus for additional fund drives and bequests to enhance its relevance to the membership. In 2005, in recognition of his contributions to the scholarly community and the profession, friends of Seymour Martin Lipset established a fund to endow the Centennial Center Library in his name. "The library is at the heart of APSA's new study center, located in its Washington, DC headquarters building. The library will provide resources for scholars conducting research in Washington and provide an ideal location for small meetings and interaction between Center visiting scholars." Paul Rich, University of the Americas and the Hoover Institution; Larry Diamond, Hoover Institution, and Walter Beach, Helen Dwight Reid Educational Fund spearheaded the fundraising effort which sought to raise an endowment of $100,000. The July 2005 issue of *PS* noted that $30,000 had already been raised in gifts and pledges.

The July 2006 issue of *PS* announced an additional Centennial Center research opportunity with the redirection of the William A. Steiger Fund from supplementing Congressional Fellowship stipends for political scientists, effectively being proven unnecessary with the MCI endowment that would provide political scientist and journalist stipends in perpetuity, and instead providing former Congressional Fellowship political scientists with funding for a return to Washington, DC, for research at the Center. "Hopefully," the article noted, "this is the beginning of a longer-term trend in which former Congressional Fellows will return to the scene of their Fellowship experience to build upon research ideas that were acquired at that time. Certainly this would be in the growing tradition of the Centennial Center as it bridges the discipline with the larger world of public affairs—an arena which has been the environment of the Fellowship now for more than 50 years."

In a broad review of APSA in his Executive Director's Report carried in the October 2008 issue of *PS*, Michael Brintnall ranged across the association's engagement individually and institutionally. He noted that while the main parts of APSA's activities are to support individual scholars and to maintain and coordinate institutions important to the functioning of the discipline, "there are a few instances in which APSA explicitly contributes institutional capacity to the discipline. Three such areas are our operation of the Congressional Fellowship Program, the work of the Centennial Center, and our funding of Small Research Grants." He noted that "a number of structured initiatives within APSA work to help advance the presence of the discipline and to engage political science scholarship with public issues. Some of this engagement is built on long-standing APSA activity. "The APSA Centennial Center," he continued, "also supports these initiatives. The center as a physical space provides a resource for scholars seeking a workspace while in Washington, DC, and as an intellectual center for discussion, lectures, and brown-bag research presentations. The center as an endowment program manages a series of research funds generously established by



Centennial Center Library. Centennial Scholar peruses a title from the Seymour Martin Lipset Library.

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the political science community to support new work in the discipline."

The APSA Executive Director's Report for 2011 was carried in the January 2012 issue of *PS* and represented a particularly in-depth look at association activities. "Intersecting between professional support and engagement of the discipline are two key APSA initiatives: the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program and the Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs. To take advantage of their basic synergy and to enhance the quality of both, as of September 2011, these two are now under the same APSA staffing direction. Over the past few years, for example, several Centennial Center scholars have become Congressional Fellows—a practical legislative working experience that built on their more scholarly work at the Centennial Center." The report went on to note that "funding for the Centennial Center draws on 11 separate funds with their own inherent objectives that range across the broad expanse of the discipline. Since the center's inauguration in 2003, some 175 scholars have been supported residentially in the APSA offices or overseas. Several scholars have been supported by the Steiger Fund that was created specifically to support former APSA Congressional Fellows." The report recognized and encouraged a trend that had been evidenced in the recent past. "In the months ahead, the international research funding potential should receive greater stress as it appears to be less well understood."

"We hope to transform the Centennial Center into something more far reaching than the Washington, DC, residential offices, desks, and computers that are basically representative of the past." However, Brintnall also focused on the residential scholars' potential as he stressed the intellectual outreach objective of the Center. "APSA is less-equipped to compete with the infrastructure of our Dupont Circle neighborhood's think tanks and academic institutions such as the Carnegie Endowment, The Brookings Institution, or the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. However, we are in a position to provide a small group discussion venue for topics reflected among our Centennial Center scholars and draw on the Congressional Fellows as the nucleus of a mutually profitable exchange. As a trial run, the four scholars currently in residence at APSA agreed to brown-bag lunch discussions of their work during the November 2011 orientation with appropriate members of the Congressional Fellows."



Centennial Center Scholar at APSA. Caitlin Harrington Lee's research included unmanned aircraft program. She was one of 54 scholars take advantage of the APSA Centennial Center in the past three years.

The Center Page in the July 2013 issue of *PS* added a new Centennial Center dimension in an article titled "New APSA Pracademic Program Announced Supported by the Beryl Radin Fund." The program is part of a bequest by 2013 Gaus Lecturer Beryl A. Radin and would be established for faculty members teaching public administration, public management, public policy, and related fields. It is designed to be eclectic in terms of background, academic program home, and research agenda of prospective grantees. The Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs will administer the program along with consultation with the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program and appropriate APSA sections including public administration, public policy, and federalism. APSA would designate a three-person selection committee yearly for the program that would include a practitioner from the world of public policy, a senior APSA faculty member, and a member of the Centennial Center's Advisory Board.

Unlike some parts of the political science discipline, the fields of public policy and public administration (and related areas) are constantly defined and redefined by the world of decision-making. As a result, faculty in those fields are challenged to keep up with developments and to integrate them into research and teaching. In the past, faculty were encouraged and able to spend time in that decision-making world. Increasingly, however, this is rare; The Pracademic Program is designed to find ways to link theory and practice. It is designed to create opportunities for faculty to spend time in settings that give them direct knowledge of decision-making. The program is intended, in part, to harken back to the days when many professors of public administration/public policy were able to combine their academic expertise with real life experience in the world implementing public policy—something less common on today's campus. This would provide academics with the chance at "hands on" experience in the applied world that could be taken back to the university and bridge these two arenas.

The updated figures for the use of the Centennial Center for Political Science & Public Affairs encompassing 20102013 are shown in table 1 and table 2. The 54 scholars are divided between those for whom grant funding was provided and those who were self-financed that provided revenue to APSA. The projects illustrate the divisions between residential scholars and those receiving field research funding and the endowments upon which they both drew.

The nation's capital has inevitably been a destination for individuals with an interest in the exercise of political power and policy implementation. This is true for lawyers, doctors, as well as scholars who are attracted to the wealth of archival materials and political actors to interview found nowhere else. The Centennial Center for Political Science & Public Affairs has supported this research by providing a "home away from home" as well as funding for field research outside the Washington, D.C. environs.Because of a number of changes within APSA (the available space and funds available to the Centennial Center), an

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Table 1

2010–2013 APSA Centennial Center Awards

FULL NAME	AWARD AMT.	FUND	YEAR	AFFILIATION	PROJECT TITLE
Ms. Tara Maller	750	BRYCE	2010	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Diplomacy Derailed: The Unintended Consiquences of U.S. Diplomatic Disengagement
Dr. Laura R. Woliver	400	WOMEN	2010	University of South Carolina	The American Women's Movements National Coalition: Lobbying for Gender Justice
Dr. Sonali Chakravarti	800	BARNETT	2010	Wesleyan University	Anger and Victim Testimony
Dr. Amanda M. Girth	3000	VOLCKER	2010	American University	Volcker Award. Project titled "Perspectives from the front lines of contracting: Examining accountability and discretion through the enforcement of contract incentives"
Dr. Jennifer Burns	1500	MILLER	2010	University of Virginia	Intellectural Architecture of the Conservative Coalition
Ms. Joanna Didi Kuo	1400	MILLER	2011	Harvard University	From a Shot of Whiskey to the Bridge to Nowhere: The Evolution of party Strategies in Early Democracies
Dr. Anne Pluta	900	PRESIDENCY	2011	"Univeristy of California, Santa Barbara"	The Changing Dimensions of Popular Presidential Communications: Washington to Obama
Dr. Takakazu Yamagishi	225	MILLER	2011	Nanzan University	The American Health Care System and Veterans
Dr. Shannon Drysdale Walsh	1786	WOMEN	2011	University of Notre Dame	Engendering State Institutions: State Response to Violence Against Women
Ms. Kerry Frances Crawford	500	KELLY	2011	George Washington University	Punctuated Silence: Variation in the International Response to Wartime Sexual Predation
Ms. Victoria Anne Shineman	500	ELLY	2011	New York University	The Effort of Costly and Incentivized Participation on Information and Informed Voting
Dr. William G. Resh	3000	VOLCKER	2011	American University	Political Control, Managerial Trustworthiness, and Active Dyadic Trust: Antecedents of Intellectual Capital and Bureaucratic Discretion in Federal Agencies
Dr. Laura R. Woliver	1110	BARNETT	2011	University of South Carolina	The American Women's Movement's National Coalition: Lobbying for Gender Justice
Dr. Joseph Fischel	500	WOMEN	2011	Brown University	Selling Sex (and Justice) in Orleans Parish
Dr. Jaimie Bleck	1114		2011	University of Notre Dame	Can Local Radio Emancipate Rural Women to Become Democratic Agents?
Dr. Laura R. Woliver	1110	BARNETT	2011	University of South Carolina	The American Women's Movement's National Coalition: Lobbying for Gender Justice
Mr. Brian Rosenwald	450	MILLER	2011	University of Virginia	Mount Rushmore: Republicans' complicated Relationship with Conservative Radio
Dr. Takakazu Yamagishi	3600	MILLER	2011	Nanzan University	The American Health Care System and Veterans
Dr. Diana G. Zoelle	600	WOMEN	2012	Bloomburg University	Edited Volume: The Future Development Lending: A Gendered Analysis of Social Piolicy, Neoliberal Globalization and Survival Migration
Ms. Helen Chang	900	MILLER	2012	City University of New York	Looking Beyond Electoral Institutions: Explaining Variations in Electoral Behavior & Outcomes
Dr. Kimberly Moloney	600	BRYCE	2012	University of the West Indies (JAMAICA)	Stakeholder Power and World Bank Public Sector Policies (1980–2010)
Ms. Emily Kathryn Lynch	600	MILLER	2012	The Ohio State University	The Dynamic Study of Congressional Party Voting and Constituent Loyalty
Ms. Ana Bracic	485	KELLY	2012	New York University	EU Accession, Membership and Human Rights: Discrimination Against the Roma in Slovenia and Croatia
Dr. Rebecca J. Hannagan	300	WOMEN	2012	Northern Illinois University	How War Has Shaped Us, and What Sex Has To Do With It
Mr. Dorian B. Kantor	750	PRESIDENCY	2012	Freie Universitaet Berlin	Politics as Law: Jurifified Executive Unilateralism and the Conservative Legal Movement
Dr. Aroon P. Manoharan	3000	VOLCKER	2012	Kent State University	Determinants of the Stages of County E-Government in the United States
Mr. Nyron Crawford	750	BARNETT	2013	Ohio State University	The Devil You Know: Race, Scandal, and Bias in Judgment
Mr. William Harder	1200	PRESIDENCY	2013	American University	Administrative Executives and Party Strength

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FULL NAME	AWARD AMT.	FUND	YEAR	AFFILIATION	PROJECT TITLE
Mr. Markus Björn Siewert	750	PRESIDENCY	2013	Goethe University, Frankfurt (Germany)	A Systematic Comparative Case Study of Presidential Success in the Legislative Arena
Ms. Ayuko Picot	1000	KELLY	2013	Northwestern University	From Quantity to Quality: Promoting Female Leaders in Africa for What End?
Maggie McKinley	1200	MILLER	2013	Harvard Law/University of Chicago	The Language of Lobbying Project
31 AWARDS TOTAL	**34780**				

Table 2

2010–2013 APSA Centennial Center Self-Funded Visiting Scholars

FULL NAME	RENT AMT	CODE 1	CODE 2	YEAR	AFFILIATION	PROJECT TITLE
Dr. Paul A. Williams	700	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2010	Bilkent University	The Comparative Political Economy of US and EU Energy Security and Climate Change Policies
Cynthia Burack	900	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Ohio State University	Tough Love: Compassion, Sexuality and the Christian Right
Dr. Kenneth J. Boutin	225	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Deakin University, Australia"	Resilience and the Security Agenda: Implications for Inter-State Collaboration
Cynthia Burack	900	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Ohio State University	Tough Love: Compassion, Sexuality and the Christian Right
Dr. Sonali Chakravarti	585	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Wesleyan University	On the Brinks: Anger and Testimony after Mass Violence
Dr. Dinshaw Mistry	750	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Univrsity of Cincinnati	Diplomacy, Domestic Politics and the Nuvlear Agreement with India
Dr. Dara Z. Strolovitch	0	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	University of Minnesota	1 Day meeting space—Fee waived
Dr. Rick K. Wilson	0	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Rice University	Joint project to study Natural Disaster and risk orientations of citizens and public officials.
Ms. Yelena Biberman	225	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Brown University	Gambling with Violence: Why States Outsource the Use of Force to Extremist Nonstate Actors
Dr. Eric M. Patashnik	0	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	University of Virginia	1 Day meeting space—Fee waived
Dr. Alan Gerber	0	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Yale University	1 Day meeting space—Fee waived
Dr. Nancy Kassop	0	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	SUNY New Paltz	SUNY New Paltz Political Science Club (20 Students)
Dr. Thomas M. Keck	0	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	Syracuse University	1 Day meeting space—Fee waived
Ms. Ulrike Lepont	900	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	University of Montpellier	The Role of Health Policy Experts in the Evolutions of the American Health Policy (1993–2010)
Dr. Jennifer Burns	1500	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2011	University of Virginia	Intellectural Architecture of the Conservative Coalition
Dr. Thomas T. Holyoke	300	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2012	California State University, Fresno	Interest Groups and Political Representation in the Digital Age
Ms. Caitlin Harrington Lee	1500	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2013	King's College London	Along for the Ride? The Air Force's Approach to Innovation in the R/MQ-1 Predator Program
Professor Michael S. Lewis-Beck	300	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2013	University of Iowa	Election Forecasting: The Future, A Symposium
Ms. Erica De Bruin	150	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2013	Yale University	Paramilititaries and Political Stability in the Developing World
Professor John C. Courtney	750	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2013	University of Saskatchewan	Re-evaluating Redistricting in Canada
Dr. Takakazu Yamagishi	2100	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2013	Nanzan University	The American Health Care System and Veterans
Mr. Michael Dichio	900	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2013	Cornell University	The Supreme Court and American State Development, 1789–2011
Mr. Tobias Ruettershoff	150	CENTENNIAL	VISITING	2013	University of Sussex	The Evolution of Expert Knowledge Production in US Military Campaigns (1898–2008)
23 Scholars -Total Rent Collected	**12835**					

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update is necessary for this history of the Center. The following message from executive director Michael Brintnall to the APSA Council outlines those changes and implications for the Center's operation:

> I wanted to fill you in on a couple of developments and opportunities for the Centennial center and Centennial programs, and to invite your discussion of next steps.
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> I have taken advantage of some recent opportunities in our office to reorganize use of space, and in the process to generate a significant new revenue stream for Centennial programs of about $60,000 in new revenue for Centennial programs. You'll see this reflected in the FY 2014 budget.
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> It prompts opportunity for a discussion involving the APSA council and the Centennial Center Advisory Board about how best to employ these resources, and the future shape of our Centennial programs. In a larger sense, I see this as a step toward developing more dynamic programming for Centennial activities relating to research support and the next generation of scholars, drawing on the named funds, as appropriate to their limitations, as well as these new revenues.
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> Coincidentally, as you know, there are many developments underway in APSA to frame long-term commitments in support of the purposes of the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute to create pathways for students from underrepresented groups to enter the discipline and to advance career. I think an alignment of APSA's efforts in this realm and our Centennial programs can be productive for both.
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> It may be that in the short run using the new revenue stream available to Centennial programs in support of RBSI may be appealing. In any case, I encourage a discussion about bringing Ralph Bunche initiatives into alignment with Centennial programs - since all serve a common objective to create opportunities for the next generation of scholars in political science.
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> Here is some background on all of the above.
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> APSA has this summer renovated our building, with one outcome being a substantially larger new conference and meeting space on our main floor. This has meant that the former conference room on the 3rd floor is no longer essential for the center or for APSA in general. Coincidentally, one of APSA's long standing tenants has needed more space and would have had to leave our building if we cannot offer them some more. This created a rare opportunity to generate revenue for our programs by leasing them some of our third floor space while still protecting core space that will continue the initial objectives outlined in the original Centennial campaign. I am aware that the original concept of the center, and the objective to which many donors initially contributed, included both physical space in the building as well as support more general programming and research support to create opportunities for the next generation of scholars. The changes at hand shift the balance a bit between these two goals, but I feel confident still maintain their overall spirit.
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> I recognize that this tightens up space for residential scholars in private offices. We can honor all the commitments we currently have (there are three scholars booked for the fall) and the new arrangement will continue to have two desks for long-term fellows in the center. I believe we can arrange for appealing additional work space in the library space on the third floor as short-term visitor space and will keep more permanent additional space in mind as we move ahead. There will inevitably be APSA scholars seeking to conduct their research in Washington, DC, and we will make every effort to accommodate those needs. And we now have much superior space for public events sponsored by the Centennial Center.
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> What we also now have is a net new revenue stream of about $60,000 for Centennial programs. Up until now, the draw from APSA's 2d century fund, budgeted this year to be about $80,000, has gone entirely to APSA general operations as "rent" for the third floor space for the center and has not been used directly to support scholarship. Because of the changes in physical space, I am budgeting just 1/4 of this "draw" for rent, releasing the rest to back to Centennial programs as new pool of funding for research support and other non-residential support.
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> We have also frequently taken draws from the various named Centennial program funds to pay APSA for the expenses of scholars visiting the center. As the balance shifts from a residential support to more general research support, these funds too are more available to support scholarly activity directly, in whatever venues make the most sense for the work to be done.
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> As the APSA Council has just approved the first steps to build an endowment for Ralph Bunche programs to support the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute and related efforts, I think an alignment of the efforts with Centennial programs—all with a common focus on supporting the next generation of scholars and teachers—makes sense. I think it would be good for Bunche to be allied with Centennial programs in a shared mission to "advance the next generation of scholars" and for Centennial programs to be enhanced with Bunche. I hope in the short run (and perhaps long run) the council will work with the advisory committee and Centennial programs to use some of the new Centennial program resources in this way. ■

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