BRIEFS

Isaac Takes Over as *Perspectives* Editor

APSA is pleased to announce that on June 1, 2009, Jeffrey C. Isaac took over editorship of *Perspectives on Politics*, with editorial offices hosted at Indiana University. The APSA Council would like to express its appreciation of James Johnson for his previous editorship of the journal and to the University of Rochester political science department for hosting the editorial offices. The new editorial board is:

Jeffrey C. Isaac, Indiana University, editor
Lisa Wedeen, University of Chicago
James Scott, Yale University
Stathis Kalyvas, Yale University
Marc Howard, Georgetown University
Timothy Kaufman-Osborne, Whitman College
Elizabeth Markovits, Mount Holyoke
Melissa Nobles, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Bryan Jones, University of Texas at Austin
Paul Pierson, University of California at Berkeley
Edwina Barvosa, University of California, Santa Barbara
Dara Strolovich, University of Minnesota
Richard Battistoni, Providence College
Page Fortner, Columbia University
Daniel Drezner, Fletcher School, Tufts University ■

Small Research Grant Recipients Named

APSA is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 Small Research Grant Program. This year awards averaging $2,111 went to nine proposals. The Small Research Grant Program supports research in all fields of political science and is designed to support the research of political scientists who are not employed at Ph.D.-granting institutions.

Recipients:

Leah Haus, Vassar College, "Minorities, Integration, and School History Curricula: The Role of Institutional Legacies in Explaining Policy Variation between England and France"
Jeffrey S. Peake and **Melissa K. Miller**, Bowling Green State University, "Overt Message/Covert Meaning: Race and Gender in Press Coverage of the 2008 Presidential Campaign"
McGee Young, Marquette University, "Following the Leader: Mobilizing Support for Free Trade, 1934–1955"
Frieda Fuchs, Oberlin College, "Paternalism, Protective Labor Legislation, and the Regulation of Child and Female Labor: The Origins and Development of the Early Welfare State in Britain and France, 1833–1914"
Paul A. Djupe and **Brian Calfano**, Denison University and Missouri State University, "Explaining the Evangelical Crackup: Elite Persuasion Through Credibility and Values"
Liesl Haas and **Richard Haesly**, California State University, Long Beach, "My Neighbor's Keeper: Religious Identity, Community Membership and the Formation of Policy Preferences"
Brian Wampler, Boise State University, Grafting Participatory Governance onto Representative Democracy and Existing State Institutions: Changing Access Points among Citizens, Activists, and Politicians"
Michael Orlando Sharpe, York College/City University of New York, "The Political Incorporation of Latin American Nikkeijin (Japanese Descendants) in Japan"
Seth Racusen, Anna Maria College, "Contesting Racial Insults and the Making of Cosmopolitan Subjectivity in Brazil"

The 2010 Small Research Grant competition cycle will open December 1, 2009. ■

Polity: Call for New Editor

The Northeastern Political Science Association seeks a new editor for its distinguished, peer-reviewed journal *Polity*, to succeed Andrew Polsky (Hunter College and the Graduate Center, CUNY), effective July 1, 2010. The editor's term is five years.

Now in its forty-first year, *Polity* is a general political science journal that has been recognized by scholars across the discipline as among its 10 best-known journals. It publishes original research, review essays, and occasional forums and special issues organized by the editor. With electronic submission and review, time to decision on manuscripts is two months. Each year the journal receives about 120 submissions with an acceptance rate below 20%.

The journal is published quarterly by Palgrave Macmillan, which provides an editorial subsidy to help defray the costs associated with running a journal. It is expected that support will be provided by the editor's home university, including office space and graduate student assistance.

The editor serves as a member of the executive committee of the Northeastern Political Science Association and is expected to attend committee meetings twice per year, once at the annual meeting of the association in November and once in the spring.

Review of applications/nominations will begin on or about September 1, 2009. Please apply to Jeffrey Kraus, executive director, Northeastern Political Science Association, at jfkraus1@aol.com. For additional information about the operations of the journal, please contact the editor at apolsky@hunter.cuny.edu. ■

2009 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

APSA is pleased to announce the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) class of 2009. Twenty students from colleges and universities around the country were selected to attend the Institute from May 31–July 1, 2009. Since 2000, the RBSI has been hosted and cosponsored by Duke University, under the direction of Dr. Paula D. McClain. It is also supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, with operational cooperation and assistance from the American Political Science Association.

The 2009 class:

Tiffany Andrade, Suffolk University
Jesse James, Washington University in St. Louis
Rebecca Bakre, University of Maryland, College Park

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Jamaal Barnes, St. John's College
Lashonda Brenson, University of Rochester
Tamara Fouche, Beloit College
LaGina Gause, Howard University
Dwayne Gulley, Chicago State University
Victoria Jackson, Pennsylvania State University
Ashley Lagaron, University of Florida
Kiah Lewis, Univeristy of Texas at Austin
Jamela Pugh, California State University, Chico
Maisha Rashid, Barnard College
Camillia Redding, University of Rochester
Mariela Rodriguez, Georgia State University
Deborah Rountree, Bethune-Cookman University
Isaac Russell, University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Helena Taye, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Jennifer Tejada, Connecticut College
Yvonne Valencia, DePaul University ■

WPSA Update

Western Political Science Association president Shaun Bowler and program chair Christine DiStefano are planning the 2010 Annual Meeting of the association scheduled for April 1–3, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco, California. Information regarding the program and additional WPSA news is found at http://www.csus.edu/org/wpsa. Please note that the deadline for submission of participation forms is September 18, 2009.

A number of items are highlighted here for you to access on the Web site:

- A call for papers from program chair Christine DiStefano: http://www.csus.edu/org/wpsa/call.stm
- Listing of the 2010 Program Committee: http://www.csus.edu/org/wpsa/sections.stm
- WPSA Executive Council roster for 2009–10: http://www.csus.edu/org/wpsa/officers.stm
- WPSA awards announcement and submission instructions: http://www.csus.edu/org/wpsa/awards.stm

Volunteers for service on all WPSA committees are sought. Terms of service are three years for all committees except the award committees, the terms of which are one year. WPSA committees are Committee on Nominations, Awards Committees (Best Dissertation Award, Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Charles Redd Politics of the American West Award, and Environmental Political Theory Award), Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, Committee on the Status of Chicanos in the Profession, and Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession

Please indicate your interest in committee service, including an indication of the committee/s on which you would like to serve, your name, university affiliation, address, work phone, and e-mail address in an e-mail to: Christine DiStefano, president-elect, WPSA: distefan@u.washington.edu. ■

Top 10 Most-Read *PS* Articles

The 10 most-downloaded *PS* articles from Cambridge University Press's Web site from June 2008 to June 2009 are as follows:

"Ranking Political Science Journals: Reputational and Citational Approaches"
Micheal W. Giles and James C. Garand
Volume 40, Issue 4

"Doing a Literature Review"
Jeffrey W. Knopf
Volume 39, Issue 1

"Forecasting the 2008 Presidential Election with the Time-for-Change Model"
Alan I. Abramowitz
Volume 41, Issue 4

"Asking Questions: Techniques for Semi-structured Interviews"
Beth L. Leech
Volume 35, Issue 4

"Same-Sex Marriage and the 2004 Presidential Election"
Gregory B. Lewis
Volume 38, Issue 2

"Editor's Introduction: Forecasting the 2008 National Elections"
James E. Campbell
Volume 41, Issue 4

"Moral Issues and Voter Decision Making in the 2004 Presidential Election"
D. Sunshine Hillygus and Todd G. Shields
Volume 38, Issue 2

"The 'Myth' of Moral Values Voting in the 2004 Presidential Election"
Kenneth Mulligan
Volume 41, Issue 1

"Teaching Critical Analysis Skills with Analysis Briefs: What They are and How They Work"
Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh
Volume 41, Issue 1

"Black Politics, the 2008 Election, and the (Im)Possibility of Race Transcendence"
Valeria Sinclair-Chapman and Melanye Price
Volume 41, Issue 4

To download articles, log into your MyAPSA account at www.apsanet.org and select PSOnline. ■

SSHRC Awards Grant for "Making Electoral Democracy Work"

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada has awarded a grant for a seven-year research project entitled "Making Electoral Democracy Work." The study aims to develop a comprehensive understanding of how the rules of the game influence parties and voters as well as the dynamic relationship between them. The study will examine 27 elections (national, supranational, and sub-national) in five countries (Canada, France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland) and will include an Internet panel survey of the same citizens over different elections, an analysis of party strategies in these same 27 elections, and a series of innovative experiments designed to complement the analyses of party and voter behavior. The total cost of the project is $3.7 million (CA).

The study is directed by André Blais (Montreal) and involves the following researchers: William Cross (Carleton); Louis Massicotte (Laval); Martial Foucault and Claude Montmarquette (Montreal); Jim Engle-Warnick and Elisabeth Gidengil (McGill); Fred Cutler, Ben Nyblade, Paul Quirk, and Victoria Savalei (UBC); Laura Stephenson (Western Ontario); Indridi Indridason (California-Riverside); Christopher Anderson (Cornell); Matt Golder and Sona Golder (Florida State); Christopher Achen (Princeton); James Kuklinski (Urbana-Champaign); Thomas Gschwend (Mannheim); Jean-François Laslier (Paris); Ignacio Lago (Pompeu Fabra); Karine van der Straeten (Toulouse); and Hanspeter Kriesi (Zurich). ■

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2010 Africa Workshop Leaders: Call for Applications

APSA is recruiting applications from U.S.-based APSA members interested in organizing a team of leaders for a three-week political science workshop scheduled to take place in East Africa in the summer of 2010. Supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the 2010 East Africa workshop is part of an ongoing three-year effort to organize annual residential political science workshops in Africa. The workshop will bring together up to 30 scholars and cover substantive issues, methodologies, and reviews of research.

View the call for applications for 2010 workshop leaders at http://www.apsanet.org/~africaworkshops/content_64659.cfm. The deadline for submitting applications is October 1, 2009. For more information about the previous workshops held in Dakar, Senegal, and Accra, Ghana, please visit www.apsanet.org/~africaworkshops/. ■

National Conference of Black Political Scientists 41st Annual Meeting

NCOBPS is accepting proposals for the 41st Annual Meeting to be held at the Doubletree Hotel-Buckhead in Atlanta, GA, from March 18–21, 2010. The conference theme is "Toward a New Black Political Science: New Paradigms, New Questions, New Directions."

NCOBPS invites paper, panel, and poster proposal submissions for consideration by 11 organized sections as well as volunteers to serve as chair(s) and/or discussant(s). Participants must be members of NCOBPS and may submit a maximum of two proposals for consideration. The deadline for proposal submissions is October 15, 2009.

Also, they invite nominations for their NCOBPS awards: W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book, Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year, Fannie Lou Hamer Outstanding Community Service, Rodney Higgins Best Faculty Paper, Sammy Younge Best Student Paper, and Bayard Rustin Best LGBT Paper (Graduate Student). This does not include the Jewel Prestage Mentorship Awards, which is run by independent foundation. The deadline for awards submissions is Monday, August 3, 2009. There are travel scholarships for students made available through the Graduate Assistantship Program. Applications can be made online. Visit http://www.ncobps.org to review the call for papers and for more information regarding the annual meetings. All proposals and award nominations must be submitted online. ■

Southern Political Science Association Call for Proposals

The Southern Political Science Associaton (www.spsa.net/) is currently accepting proposals for their 81st Annual Conference, January 7–9, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia. They invite you to submit your proposals for consideration by one of the 27 sections planned for the upcoming meeting. They welcome proposals for papers, panels, or roundtables, as well as volunteers for chair and discussant duties. Submissions are open through August 5, 2009.

You may submit your proposal for review to a maximum of two sections. This is a sequential review with a computer serving as gatekeeper, so indicating first preference will provide that section chair with the right of first refusal to your proposal. Second preferences help the Program Committee identify opportunities for co-sponsored panels, so please select a second preference if your work overlaps multiple sections.

Use All Academic (http://convention3.allacademic.com/one/spsa/spsa10/index.php?cmd=spsa10&id=) to submit proposals. Do not try to login from the SPSA homepage, as this login function is for personnel only. Your user name is your entire e-mail address. If you forgot your password, please follow the instructions in the far right hand column of the All Academic Web site. For assistance, e-mail spsa@georgiasouthern.edu or call (912) 478-7978. ■

Coming in the NEXT ISSUE

American Political Science Association PS Political Science & Politics

A preview of some of the articles that will be published in the October issue:

SYMPOSIUM

Diversity and Inequality
John Echeverri-Gent, guest editor

FEATURES

Trying to Thread the Needle: The Effects of Redistricting in a Georgia Congressional District
Seth C. McKee and M. V. Hood III

A Presidential Economic Scorecard: Performance and Perception
Chris J. Dolan, John P. Frendreis, and Raymond Tatalovich

THE PROFESSION

Political Science Journals in Comparative Perspective: Evaluating Scholarly Journals in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom
James C. Garand, Michael W. Giles, André Blais, and Iain McLean

Determinants of Political Science Faculty Salaries at the University of California
Bernard N. Grofman

Who SoTLs Where? Publishing the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Political Science
Kerstin Hamann, Philip H. Pollock, and Bruce M. Wilson

THE TEACHER

Wizarding in the Classroom: Teaching Harry Potter and Politics
Stephen Deets

Neoliberalism: A Useful Tool for Teaching Critical Topics in Political Science
Lori Hartnabb-Mahmud

Comparative Reasoning in Undergraduate Classrooms
George Gavrilis and Mona El-Ghobashy

Comparing Judicial Institutions: Using an Inquisitorial Trial Simulation to Facilitate Student Understanding of International Legal Traditions
David L. Weiden

Simulating Terrorism: Credible Commitment, Costly Signaling, and Strategic Behavior
Joseph K. Young and David Siegel

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