

Association News

APSA Internet Report

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The increasing popularity and usefulness of the Internet has prompted APSA to locate material relevant to the political scientist. Through the efforts of several of its members, APSA has selected gopher and web sites containing such information. APSA has made accessible its own gopher site with the help of Bill Ball, Department of Political Science, Trenton State University, and is currently working on developing a site on the World Wide Web.

A gopher provides you with the capability to move around the Internet by selecting categories of information. It is a link from your terminal to others around the world. The APSA gopher project is moderated and edited by Gary Klass, Department of Political Science, Illinois State University, and Michael Margolis, Department of Political Science, University of Cincinnati.

Accessing the APSA gopher server enables you to discover files which APSA is making available and to connect to computers around the world holding political science research documents, press releases, and updates on worldwide political current events.

The APSA gopher server is designed to work in conjunction with the Political Science Research and Teaching List (PSRT-L) which itself has approximately 1600 subscribers in 49 countries. PSRT-L is a moderated discussion list (send the command "subscribe psrt-l your name" to listserv@mizzou1.missouri.edu to join).

In 1995 the APSA gopher averaged 115 accesses a day. The root menu is as follows:

About the American Political Science Association Gopher
American Government Gopher at Northwestern University
Comparative Politics
International Relations
Political Theory
Public Policy and Public Administration
Computers, Software & Data
APSA Information & Services
Conference Information
Scholarships, Fellowships, & Grants
Journal Information
The Political Science List of Lists

E-Mail Directory of Political Scientists Related Gophers and Reference Information

To access the APSA gopher server select the "gopher client" option from your main menu. If you are unfamiliar with using gopher servers or do not have a "gopher client" option on your main menu, contact whoever provides your access to the Internet.

After selecting the "gopher client" type apsa.trenton.edu and hit enter. The above menu will appear.

Connecting to other gopher servers is just as easy. The following list contains brief descriptions of gopher sites available on the Internet:

gopher.igc.apc.org

Full text of the Dayton Peace Treaty. Follow path PeaceNet; Balkans/Ex-Yugoslavia; Dayton Peace Treaty.

nber.harvard.edu

The National Bureau of Economic Research provides information and statistical data on the state of the U.S. economy. A nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization.

To access these sites simply select the "gopher client" option from your main menu. Type in the name of the gopher site, and hit enter. This will connect you to that particular site's root menu.

The World Wide Web (WWW) allows users to view text as well as graphics, video, and sound. Like the gopher, special software is needed to access web pages. The APSA web page is located at <http://www.dgsys.com/~apsa/apsa.html>. The following sites also contain information relevant to political science:

<http://u.arizona.edu/~bsjones/psdir.html>

A directory of political scientist home pages.

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/

The U.S. Government Printing Office has access to the *Congressional Record*, the *Federal Register*, congressional bills, and daily government documents.

<http://www.dtic.dla.mil/bosnia>

BosniaLINK, the official Department of Defense information system about

U.S. military activities in Bosnia. Includes maps, fact sheets, news releases, and photos.

<http://www.luc.edu/orgs/mpsa>

The Midwest Political Science Association home page.

<http://www.npr.gov/status95/reports.htm>

Vice President Al Gore's September 1995 Status Report, "Common Sense Government: Works Better and Costs Less."

<http://www.umich.edu/~nes>

The National Election Studies provides data on voting, public opinion, and political participation.

Suggestions or comments on other gopher links and web sites can be sent by e-mail to Matt Linkie at mmlinkie@apsa.com.

Two-Year College Political Science Faculty: Recruitment and Responsibilities

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There are some 1,438 two-year colleges in the United States. According to the APSA's mailing lists, 850 of these institutions have social science divisions, and 100 have separate political science departments. This two-year/community-college sector of higher education is not monolithic. It is useful to distinguish among community colleges, junior colleges, vocational or technical colleges, university branch campuses, and institutions that are not branches per se but components of a larger university system of lower and upper division colleges (roughly).

The types of two-year colleges differ considerably. Some are similar to secondary schools in their governance, while others are associated with a statewide system of higher education. These institutions employ a significant portion of higher education faculty even taking account of the finding that 53.4% of all public two-year college faculty teach part-time (*Faculty* 1994).