

# Association News

## Washington Meeting Breaks Attendance Record

Returning to Washington, D.C. for the first time in four years, attendance at the 1997 Annual Meeting surpassed all previous records, as more than 6,400 political scientists, exhibitors, and members of the press gathered at the Sheraton Washington and Omni Shoreham hotels during the last week of August.

Program Co-Chairs James Alt, Harvard University, and Margaret Levi, University of Washington, coordinated an exciting program around the theme "New Institutions for a New Century." There were over 650 panel sessions organized by the 49 division chairs who comprised the Program Committee. In addition, over 150 panels were sponsored by Related Groups.

In addition to regular panel sessions, the 93rd Annual Meeting hosted a record number of poster sessions. Three hundred presenters took part in sessions on American politics, international relations, political methodology, political theory, comparative politics, and teaching and learning in political science using visual formats to spark discussion of their work with colleagues. A new session, "Getting and Spending: Support for Social Science Research," included presenters from major funding institutions such as the National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, and the Department of Education, who discussed funding initiatives, application requirements, and the competitive proposal process. Several students from the APSA's Ralph Bunche Summer Institute presented their work and had the opportunity to speak with senior scholars in their fields of interest.

Audiences were drawn to this year's six Hyde Park sessions to discuss and debate controversies. These sessions begin with short, formal presentations intended to define current political issues and conclude



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala makes a point during her 1997 Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture.

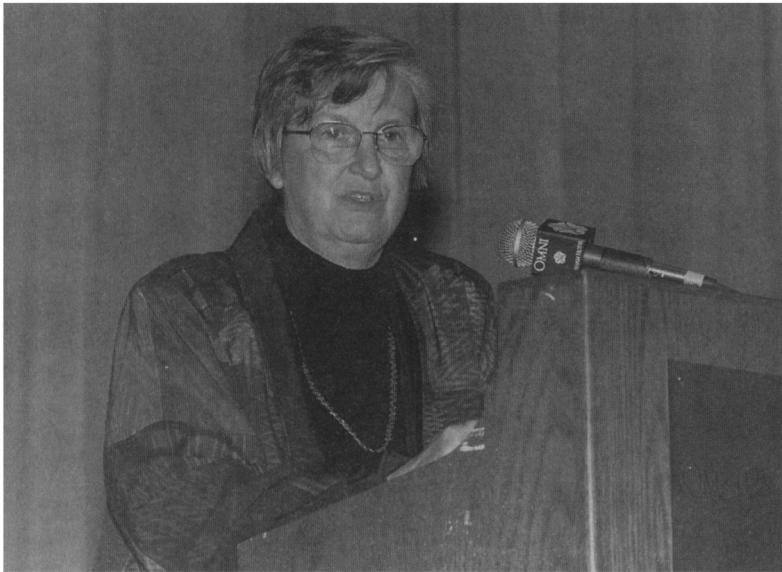


Nobel laureates James Buchanan, George Mason University (L), and Douglass C. North, Stanford University, discuss their presentations before the "What the Nobelists Think About Political Science" plenary session.

with open discussions among presenters and audience members. This year's Hyde Parks were: "Almost Two Years and Counting . . . The New AFL-CIO"; "Crafting New Institutions: Women and Politics in the Next Century"; "Restructuring Governance: Assessing the Promise, Performance, and Implications of the New Paradigm"; "Has Civil Society Fallen Apart? Can Civic Education Save It?"; "Nuclear Terrorism: Trends in Our Knowledge and Con-

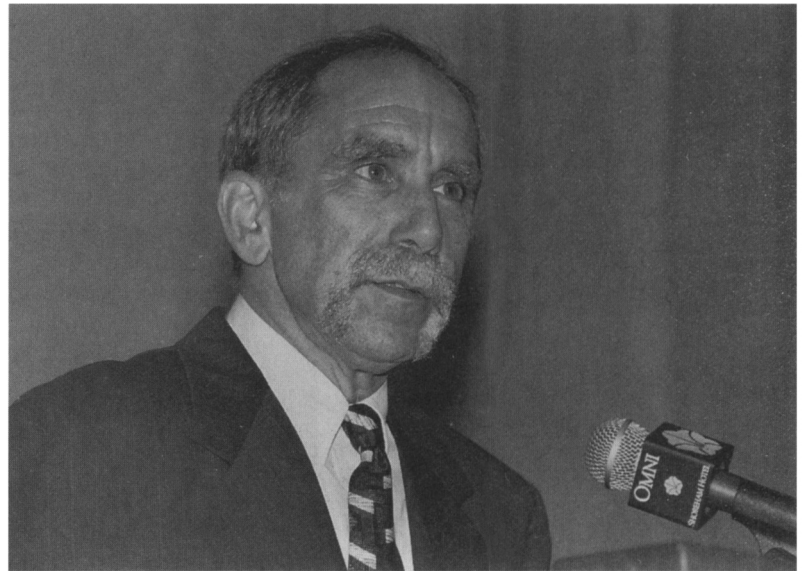
trol of New Threats"; and "Morality and Politics."

The meeting also featured several major speaking events, including the annual Pi Sigma Alpha lecture delivered in 1997 by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala; Nobel laureates Douglass C. North and James Buchanan discussing "What the Nobelists Think About Political Science," James G. March's John Gaus Lecture, entitled "Administrative



1997 APSA President Elinor Ostrom, Indiana University, delivers her Presidential Address “A Behavioral Approach to the Rational Choice Theory of Collective Action.”

1997 Program Cochairs James E. Alt, Harvard University, and Margaret Levi, University of Washington, coordinated the largest ever Annual Meeting Program. Over 650 panel sessions took place at the 1997 meeting.



Program Cochair Margaret Levi presents the 1997 Leo Strauss Award for the best dissertation in political theory to Andrew Sabl of Williams College.





Attendees look over some of the more than 2400 papers available in the Panel Paper room at the Annual Meeting.

the Fall Chairs Newsletter and is available by contacting Polly Leonard at [pleonard@apsanet.org](mailto:pleonard@apsanet.org).

The 1997 short course selection provided opportunities for political scientists and graduate students to learn new teaching and research skills, develop computer skills, and listen to senior scholars reflect on the profession. Sponsored by a diverse group, including several APSA Organized Sections, the Institute for Contemporary Studies, and the Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors, nearly 200 Annual Meeting attendees participated in this year's short course program. Courses of special note included the Eighth Annual Leading Scholars Series, this year featuring Arend Lijphart, University of California, San Diego and G. Bingham Powell, Jr., University of Rochester; "A Method of Ecological Inference," led by Gary King of Harvard University; and "Using the Records of Congress," which introduced nearly 30 scholars to the resources available at the National Archive's Center for Legislative Archives.

Preparations for the 1998 Annual Meeting in Boston are already underway. Detailed information on airfare, hotels, and preregistration will be available in the March issue of *PS*. Preliminary information is avail-

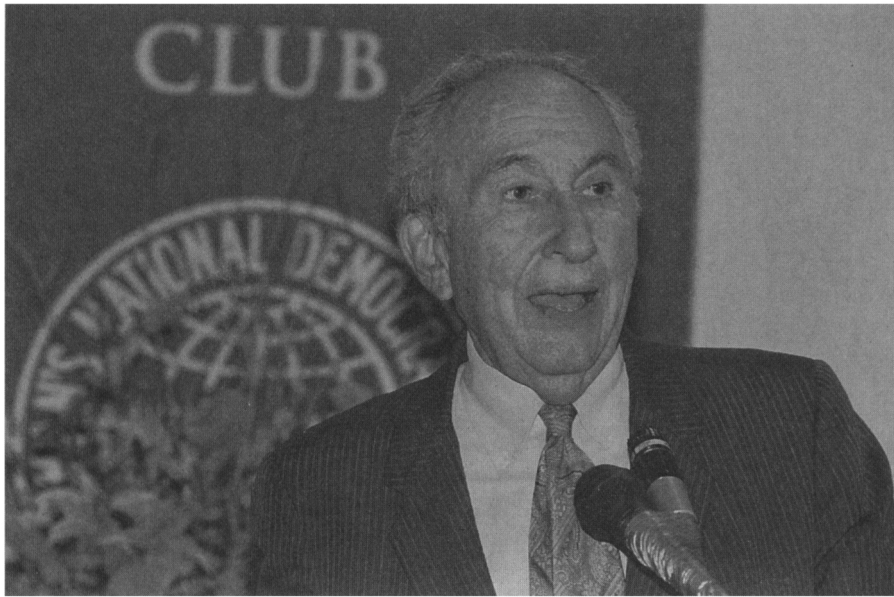
Practice, Organization Theory, and Political Philosophy: Ruminations on the *Reflections* of John M. Gaus" (found in this issue of *PS*), and Elinor Ostrom's Presidential Address, "Behavioral Approach to the Rational Choice Theory of Collective Action," which will appear in the March 1998 issue of *APSR*.

The Association also sponsored a "Professional Development Day," now in its fifth year, prior to the official opening of the program. Among the events scheduled were a conference for department chairs and a number of short courses and workshops.

Sponsored by the Departmental Services Committee, the chairs conference included sessions on tenure review, designing introductory courses, and the impact of Advanced Placement, Major Field Test, and the GRE on Student Interest and Assessment. A full report on the chairs conference was produced for



Jean Bethke Elshtain, Divinity School, University of Chicago, offers comments during a Hyde Park Session entitled "Has Civil Society Fallen Apart? Can Civic Education Save It?" Other session participants included Richard Merelman, University of Wisconsin, William A. Galston, University of Maryland, Stephen Macedo, Syracuse University, and Wendy M. Rahn, University of Minnesota.



Max M. Kampelman, recipient of APSA's Frank J. Goodnow Award for Distinguished Service which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the political science profession and the building of the APSA. Fellow Recipients were Pendleton Herring and Roberta S. Sigel (pictured here) and Eugene Eidenberg (not pictured).

able at the APSA On-line at [www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org).

### Association Hosts Honors Reception During Annual Meeting

Seeking to recognize special achievements in the profession, the Association held its annual Honors Reception on Wednesday, August 27, at the historic building of the Woman's National Democratic Club in Washington, D.C., as part of its 1997 Annual Meeting.

The reception was preceded by an awards ceremony, and one of the high points of the evening came when out-going Association President Elinor Ostrom presented Pendleton Herring, Roberta S. Sigel, Max M. Kampelman and Eugene Eidenberg with APSA's new annual Frank J. Goodnow Award for Distinguished Service. Named for the Association's first president, the award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to both the development of the political science profession and the building of the American Political Science Association.

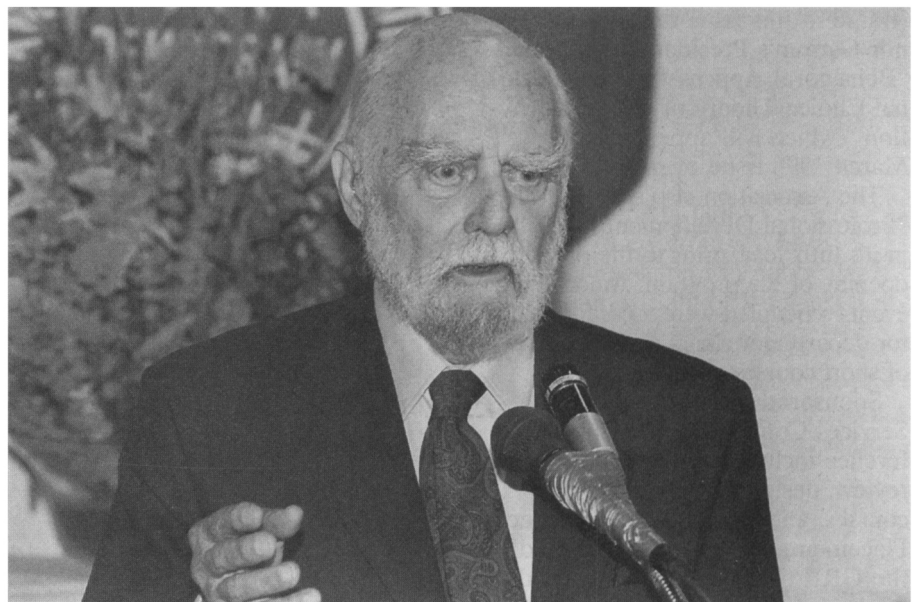
The Association recognized Pendleton Herring's contributions to the social sciences and his leadership

of the Association during the formation of the Congressional Fellowship Program. Roberta Sigel's citation noted her leadership in the profession and her role in the development of the APSA Organized Sections. The Association acknowledged Max Kampelman's achievements in higher education and diplomacy as well as his service as APSA treasurer. Eugene Eidenberg's citation highlighted his career in public service and his

role in securing a grant for the Congressional Fellowship Program while he was executive vice-president of MCI Communications Corporation. The full text of the Frank J. Goodnow Award citations appears in "The Gazette" in this issue of *PS*.

The Association also used the Honors Reception to recognize the winners of various teaching awards. Elinor Ostrom acknowledged political scientists who received campus-wide awards for outstanding teaching during the 1996-97 academic year. A special section on those winners can be found in this issue of *PS*. Additionally, APSA Executive Director Catherine Rudder recognized Jerry Goldman's receipt of the 1997 Educom Medal Award, an award conferred by Educom, a consortium of colleges, universities, and other organizations, upon individuals who are transforming education through their development and use of information technology.

In order to recognize political scientists who have developed effective new approaches to teaching in the discipline, representatives from Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Company, which helped sponsor the reception, presented the inaugural Rowman & Littlefield Award for Innovative Teaching to Kent Portney of Tufts University and Jerry Goldman of Northwestern University.



Pendleton Herring