Regional and State Association News

The Sixty-Third Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

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The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association was held at the Hyatt Regency Westshore, Tampa, FL, November 7-9, 1991. Over 800 registrants, guests, and friends attended 107 panels and a plenary session, “Reapportionment in the Southern States,” that included leading practitioners, elected officials, and scholars. APSA President James Q. Wilson (UCLA) asked a packed luncheon audience, “What Have We Left Out of Political Science?” and touched off a spirited exchange. Out-going SPSA President, Bradley C. Canon (Kentucky) capped the same day with an equally challenging presidential address, “The Roles of the Supreme Court in Zero Sum Games: Player and Cheerleader.”

New Officers

A new administration took office at the meeting. Anne H. Hopkins (Minnesota) and Michael W. Giles (Emory) assumed duties as President and Vice-President respectively. Elected to new offices were Charles D. Hadley (New Orleans), President-Elect; Marian L. Palley (Delaware), Vice-President-Elect; and Maurice Woodard (Howard and APSA), Recording Secretary. Merle Black (Emory), Thomas Lauth (Georgia), and Joel Thompson (Appalachian State) were elected to three-year terms on the Executive Council.

Journal of Politics Editor Search Begun

A constitutional amendment concerning the editorship of the Journal of Politics was passed by the Association that changed the term of office to a non-renewable four years. An ad hoc committee, chaired by Malcolm Jewell (Kentucky) was formed to begin the search for new editorial leadership, with the expiration of the editorial terms of co-editors Cecil L. Eubanks and Ronald E. Weber. Nominations and expressions of interest in the editorship of the Journal of Politics for a four-year term beginning in April 1993 should be addressed to Malcolm Jewell, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506, by March 31, 1992. Selection will be made in November 1992.

SPSA Awards

Three awards for distinguished contributions were presented by the Association at the Tampa meeting. The V. O. Key Award for the best book in American politics focusing on the South was presented to Frank R. Parker for his book, Black Votes Count; Political Empowerment in Mississippi After 1965 (University of North Carolina Press, 1990). The SPSA Award for the Best Paper on Women and Politics was presented to Elizabeth Cook for her paper, “Feminist Consciousness and Candidate Preference Among Americans, 1972-1988.” The Brooks-Cole Award for the Best Paper presented by a graduate student was presented to David R. Reed and Charles E. Smith, Jr. for their paper, “Estimating the Separate Effects of Party Identification and Short-Term Partisan Orientations on the Vote.”

1992 Annual Meeting and Call for Papers

The next Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association will be held at the Colony Square Hotel, Atlanta, GA, November 5-7, 1992. Those interested in participating should contact the appropriate section chairs listed below. General correspondence should be addressed to the Program Committee Chair. The deadline for paper and panel proposals is March 27, 1992.

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Midwest Political Science Association News

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Political Science Videos Available

The Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) began videotaping some of the important panels at the 1991 annual meeting and has the following tapes available for purchase:

"The Interdisciplinary Foundations of Political Science" (1 hour, 24 minutes; $20)

The theoretical and research foundations of political science that stem from work in other disciplines are discussed by four political scientists who have developed much of their own work from other social sciences. The program is moderated by Donald Stokes (Princeton) and includes Russell Hardin (Chicago), David O. Sears (UCLA), and John Sprague (Washington University, St. Louis). This program is the Plenary Session of the 1991 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

"The Dissertation: Getting Started, Getting Done" (1 hour, 35 minutes; $20)

A panel of experts on the dissertation process share ideas on beginning and finishing the research and writing of a dissertation in political science. The program is moderated by Robert H. Salisbury (Washington University, St. Louis) and includes Dianne Pinderhughes (Illinois), Kenneth J. Meier (Wisconsin–Milwaukee), and Steven Rosenstone (Michigan). The program is very useful for graduate students and faculty advising dissertation students.

The tapes are available from: Midwest Political Science Association, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626. Tapes are $20 each or both may be purchased for $35; check or purchase order accepted.

New Books Published

The Midwest Political Science Association sponsored a series of panels on the Future of Political Science at the 1989 meeting of the organization. Now the Northwestern University Press has published a four-volume collection, Political Science: Looking to the Future, edited by William Crotty (Northwestern) that grows out of this 1989 program. The volumes assess developments in subfields of political science that are important as the discipline enters the 1990s. The royalties from this series benefit the Midwest Political Science Association and are dedicated to a future series of books and conference programs. The volumes and their contents are:

Volume I: The Theory and Practice of Political Science
Table of Contents
1. "Setting the Stage," William Crotty
2. "The Making of a Discipline," Donald M. Freeman

Volume II: Comparative Politics, Policy and International Relations
Table of Contents
1. "Setting the Stage," William Crotty
4. "Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?: Analyzing the Politics of Socialism in the 1990s," Ellen Comisso
5. "Foreign Policy Analysis: Renaissance, Routine or Rubbish?," Deborah J. Gerner

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