

APSA 2000

Washington Meeting Draws Record Crowd

The 2000 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, surpassed all registered attendance records with a total of 6,167 political scientists (31 more than came to Boston in 1998). Adding in exhibitors and members of the press brings the total attendance to 6,567. With over 690 panels held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, the recent meeting is the largest ever hosted in Washington.

The 2000 program, put together by 45 division chairs and led by Program Co-Chairs Ira Katznelson and Helen Milner, both of Columbia University, was organized around the theme "Political Science as Discipline? Reconsidering Power, Choice, and the State at Century's End." Over 40 sessions were designated as "theme sessions," including 13 sessions presenting the work on the upcoming third edition of the *State of the Discipline* (due to be published in winter 2001).

The two highest attendance figures among the daily panel sessions were recorded for "Political Science as Discipline: An Overview" (160 attendees) and the APSA Area Studies Liaison Group panel titled "Contributions of Comparative Politics to Political Science: Insights from Area Studies" (137 attendees). The *New York Times*-sponsored panel, "The Presidential Election: Is It 'It's the Economy, Stupid' Again?" attracted the largest audience among Related Group panels, with 248 attendees.

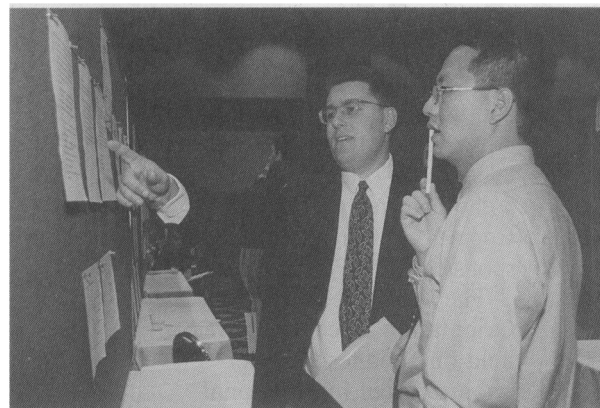
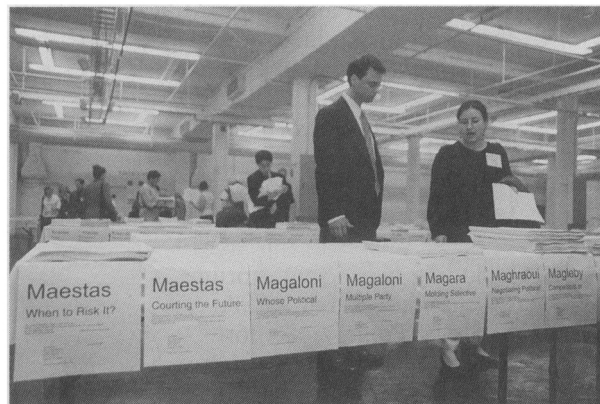
Poster sessions, now an established form of academic exchange at the APSA meeting, included 394 presenters in five sessions organized by theme and spanning Compara-

tive Politics and International Relations, American Politics, Political Methodology, Political Theory, and Teaching and Learning in Political Science. Eleven Ralph Bunche Institute students presented research and joined research support institutions, including the U.S. Institute of Peace, U.S. Department of Education, National Science Foundation, and the Fulbright Scholar Program, in the Thursday session. APSA annually invites these institutions to participate in the poster session to offer political scientists an introduction to their programs and grant opportunities.

Program Co-Chairs Ira Katznelson and Helen Milner hosted a well-attended Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening, followed by the Presidential Address, "Governance in a Partially Globalized World," delivered by Robert O. Keohane of Duke University (which will be printed in the March 2001 issue of *APSR*). During the awards ceremony portion of the evening, 18 members of the profession were recognized for their scholarly achievement (see later articles in this issue).

The 16th Annual John Gauss lecture drew one of the largest crowds of the meeting, as attendees came to hear Nobel Laureate Herbert Simon of Carnegie Mellon University. His address, "Public Administration in Today's World of Organizations and Markets," appears in this issue of *PS*.

Drawing on the Washington location, numerous guest lectures were organized for this year's meeting, featuring prominent members of government and the policy world. The annual Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture was delivered by former Congressman Lee Hamilton. In his address (published in this issue of *PS*), Hamilton presented 10



Generating Buzz. 2000 APSA President Robert O. Keohane delivers his Presidential Address (top); attendees peruse the panel paper room (center); and poster sessions offer one-on-one interaction.

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“By the Numbers”

6567 total attendees (including exhibitors and members of press)

6157 total registrants

696 panel sessions

1261 papers submitted to PROceedings

1439 papers delivered to panel paper room

2033 unique papers submitted online and in paper room

394 poster presentations

42 kids in child care (25 two and under!)

104 receptions

2776 sleeping rooms utilized

5735 total electronic messages sent

553 international attendees

496 jobs listed in eJobs

755 job candidates

116 travel grants awarded (graduate students and international scholars)

17 APSA awards presented

60 Organized Section awards presented

376 pages in program

159 exhibitor booths

8265 riders on shuttle buses

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points that he wishes political scientists would teach students about Congress to help alleviate common misunderstandings and increase Americans' participation in national political life. Hamilton said that even when Congress seems less visible it is constantly working behind the scenes to better American lives. Hamilton currently directs the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan spoke on “Government Work: Forty Years of National Politics” as part of a plenary organized by the Organized Section on Public Policy. The senior Senator from New York, retiring at the end of this session of Congress, used the opportunity to plead for sustained political focus on important issues.

The meeting hosted a number of other special plenary sessions, including the Foundations of Political

Theory plenary delivered by Lani Guinier, Harvard University; the Undergraduate Education roundtable titled “Political Engagement and Political Science Education: Where Are We and Where Do We Need to Be?”; and the New Political Science plenary featuring Barbara Ehrenreich.

Washington-area media directed attention to the APSA Plenary Session on “The Clinton Presidency: A Retrospective,” featuring E.J. Dionne Jr., *The Washington Post*; former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, now at the American Enterprise Institute; Matthew Holden Jr., University of Virginia; Donna Shalala, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Stephen Skowronek, Yale University; Paul Wellstone, U.S. senator, Minnesota; and, as chair, Norman Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute. Participants used the opportunity to put Clinton's presidency in historical perspective by comparing him with former presidents including Richard Nixon and Franklin Roosevelt. The 90-minute session was organized by Ira Katznelson and Helen Milner and drew a standing-room-only crowd of over 800 people and a national audience, as the session was broadcast live by C-SPAN.

Lively discussion was heard during the five Hyde Park sessions held this year, including two “Open Forum Discussions on the APSA Strategic Planning Report.” Fourteen short courses were held as part of the 8th annual Wednesday's Professional Day, in addition to the Conference for Department Chairs. The Organized Section on Political Organizations and Parties drew close to 100 attendees during their Wednesday celebration of the 50th anniversary of the APSA Report, “Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System.”

The first “Welcome and Orientation Reception” was held on Wednesday afternoon to greet international visitors, graduate students, and first-time attendees, and attracted a crowd of over 200 people at the Marriott Ward-

man Park. APSA President Robert Keohane and President Elect Robert Jervis offered remarks at the gathering, which was generously sponsored by Addison Wesley Longman Publishers.

New innovations and expanded services at this year's meeting include the new eJobs Placement Service, where employers reviewed resumes and set up interviews in advance of the meeting, the electronic messaging service, and the Cyber Stop. Several exhibitor-sponsored receptions and coffee breaks were held throughout the meeting and attracted thousands to the Exhibit Hall.

Planning for the 2001 Meeting in San Francisco is well underway and the headquarters hotels are the Hilton San Francisco, the Renaissance Parc Fifty-Five, and the Hotel Nikko San Francisco. The 2001 Call for Papers was issued during the fall and the deadline for submitting proposals passed on November 15. Look to APSA's web site (www.apsanet.org) regularly as information on meeting highlights, registration, and hotel reservations will soon appear.



Hot Type. Attendees leave the exhibition hall which featured 159 booths.

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