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No Chicano/Latino Graduate Fellows were selected this year. APSA encourages appropriate prospects to apply for this APSA fellowship next year. The deadline is December 1, 1989.

## APSA To Offer Short Courses at Annual Meeting

The Association will offer four intensive short courses on Wednesday, the day before the annual meeting begins, as part of the professional development services offered at the 1989 annual meeting.

The short courses to be offered are:

### Hostage Crisis: A Foreign Policy Simulation

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Moorhead Kennedy, Executive Director, and Martha McDougale Keys, Associate Director, The Council for International Understanding of the Myrin Institute

Wednesday, August 30, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$25.

This short course is a demonstration of a foreign policy simulation written by the short course directors and designed to help students think critically, preparing them to cope with complexity and ambiguity in foreign affairs. The plot of the simulation is based on actual hostage incidents, including the Iranian captivity of Moorhead Kennedy. The specific learning objectives of the simulation are to introduce students to:

- the Middle East: Islam, nationalism, economic and social issues,
- the dimensions of international terrorism,
- cross cultural thinking,
- ethical sensitivity,
- survival skills,
- sound decision making and negotiating skills on all levels: personal, national, and international.

The kit for this simulation includes 43 individual role playing booklets, two textbooks, a video and a facilitator's manual.

### ICPSR Data Archives: Data Archives: Access and Instructional Uses

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Carolyn Geda and Janet Vavra, ICPSR; William H. Flanigan, University of Minnesota; Charles L. Prysby, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Wednesday, August 30, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee: \$40.

This short course focuses on the data archives of the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research and their instructional applications. First, there will be a presentation on data entry and access with a demonstration of access to the system and its reference tools.

The course then presents the use of data analysis exercises in the introductory American government course—with and without computers. Exercises in advanced courses leading to independent analysis of National Election Study for a term paper. A discussion of analytic files and code-books, computer software, and elementary statistics required for exercises.

A special session will be devoted to the forthcoming SETUPS based on the 1988 National Election Study. Preview copies of this SETUPS will be distributed.

### Modeling Political Structure and Process Through Computer Simulation

Marcia Lynn Whicker, Virginia Commonwealth University; Lee Sigelman, University of Arizona.

Wednesday, August 30, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee: \$40.

This workshop will introduce political scientists interested in using computer simulation to model political structure and processes to the advantages, disadvantages, and techniques of this methodology. Topics covered in the workshop will include:

- *Methodology Definition*: What computer simulation is—how it differs from other research methodologies and what are the major components of a computer simulation model;
- *Methodology Purpose*: The primary purpose of computer simulation, where it is most appropriately applied, and its major strengths and weaknesses;
- *Model Selection*: Including model types—structural versus dynamic, deterministic versus stochastic, complete design versus limited comparisons, etc.;
- *Model Development*: Designing a computer simulation model and selecting a programming language;
- *Model Validation*: Three types of model validation;
- *Model Application*: Analysis and presentation of output, and sensitivity testing;

- *Theory Building*: Linking modeling to broader theory and hypothesis generation; and
- *Examples and Exercises*: Examples of simulations in political and social science, and practice exercises.

### Making Political Science Pay: A Guide to Non-Academic Applications

Herb Smith, Western Maryland College.

Wednesday, August 30, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$25.

This short course will cover four types of consulting services which political scientists can provide, including:

1. *Public Opinion and Election-Day Exit Polling for Local Media Outlets*: Political scientists with some statistical skills can construct a reliable and accurate sample and sub-contract for random digit dial or registered voters lists for most states or subdivisions. Questionnaire development and format, recruitment and training of interviewers, administration of the questionnaire, coding, computing, and analysis will be thoroughly explained and discussed. While the process of exit polling is more compressed (one has only eight to ten hours to produce the results) and the consequences of error greater (one doesn't want to be on the wrong side of a margin of error), the components are much the same as opinion survey work.

2. *Campaign Management and Consulting*: The Campaign Industry (and that's exactly what it is, a one-billion dollar activity in 1988) presents another field of opportunity for applied political science. Given the length of the academic year and the nature of virtual permanent campaigns that extend from the presidency on down to the state and local elective levels, professors have time and candidates often need professional assistance in preparing precinct vote analyses, position papers, policy evaluations, etc. Polling for state and local candidates is another possibility.

3. *Governmental Consulting*: Political scientists with the appropriate background and interest can participate in the governmental process as consultants or project

directors on public problem/policy research. In many instances the research process is not that different from purely theoretical/academic research.

4. *Newspaper Political Analyst/Columnist*: Although the number of big-city dailies has diminished markedly in the last few decades, there's a concurrent proliferation of suburban and county weeklies and dailies all of whom have column inches to fill. Local analysts are frequently preferred over the nationally syndicated.

## **Foreign Student Travel Grants**

Please see "Research and Training Support" in this issue of *PS* for information on foreign student travel grants to the 1989 APSA annual meeting.

## **APSA Offers Free Child Care at Annual Meeting**

Child care services will be available without charge to Annual Meeting registrants in Atlanta from Thursday, August 31 through Sunday, September 3, at the Atlanta Hilton.

The hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Thursday through Saturday. On Sunday the service will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Snacks will be available for the children.

Members wishing further information on the 1989 Child Care Service and registration forms should write:

Child Care Coordinator  
APSA  
1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20036

The service is offered by the Association in response to a request from the APSA's Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession.

## **Placement Service Set for Meeting**

The first step in the academic job search begins with the Annual Meeting Placement Service which will be available again at the 1989 Annual Meeting.

The Service allows employers to review the vitae of job applicants and to interview them at the Annual Meeting. Also, applicants can review the list of positions which are open in their respective fields and can apply for positions in which they are interested.

The Placement Service will be open from August 31 to September 3 and will be in the Grand Salon of the Atlanta Hilton Hotel.

To participate in the Service, APSA members are urged to register prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting. Placement registration forms are available in the back of this issue of *PS* and in the APSA's *Personnel Service Newsletter*.

## **Shklar Featured at ACLS Meeting**

Association President-Elect Judith Shklar delivered the Charles Homer Haskins lecture at the annual meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies April 6.

Charles Homer Haskins was the first chairman of the American Council of Learned Societies. In 1983, to recognize Haskins' signal contributions to the world of learning in the United States, the ACLS inaugurated a series of lectures entitled "The Life of Learning" in his honor. Designed to pay tribute to a life of scholarly achievement, the Haskins lecture is delivered by an eminent humanist. The lecturer is asked to reflect and to reminisce upon a lifetime of work as a scholar, on the motives, the chance determinations, the satisfactions and the dissatisfactions of the life of learning.

Previous Haskins lecturers were John Hope Franklin, Carl E. Schorske, Milton V. Anastos, Lawrence Stone, Mary Rosamond Haas, and Maynard Mack.