

# Announcements

## Association for Politics and the Life Sciences

The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences is pleased to announce its annual award competition for the best paper by a graduate student on topics that relate the life sciences to the study of politics. Graduate student papers using empirical or other theoretical approaches that address relevant problems are eligible for consideration. Papers co-written with faculty members are not eligible.

The award for the best graduate student paper is a cash prize of \$500. The selected paper will be included in the program of the Politics and the Life Sciences' unaffiliated group at the American Political Science Association's annual convention in San Francisco, from August 29–September 1, 1996. The paper will also be reviewed for possible publication in the Association's journal, *Politics and the Life Sciences*.

Graduate students should submit three copies of their manuscript. Submissions should be accompanied by a written endorsement by a faculty sponsor who need not be from the institution at which the student is formally enrolled and who may be a scholar in any discipline.

To be considered, manuscripts should be submitted by March 31, 1996, to: Andrea L. Bonnicksen, Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

## Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award

The Religion and Politics Organized Section of APSA is accepting nominations for the Aaron Wildavsky best dissertation award. The award carries a cash prize of \$250.00. Doctoral dissertations with a central focus on any aspect of the relationship between religion and politics, in any subfield of the discipline, which have been completed during calendar years 1994 or 1995, are eligible.

The award committee consists of Ted G. Jelen, Illinois Benedictine College (Chair), Lowell Gustafson, Villanova University, and Thomas Rourke,

Texas Tech University. A copy of the nominated dissertation, along with a brief letter of nomination, should be sent to Ted G. Jelen, Department of Political Science, Illinois Benedictine College, 5700 College Road, Lisle, IL 60532-0900. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 1996. The winner of the award will be announced at the Religion and Politics business meeting at the 1996 APSA convention in San Francisco.

## Major Restructuring at the National Endowment for the Humanities

Effective December 4, 1995, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will be redesigned to create a leaner, more focused, and flexible agency in order to adjust to a 1996 budget reduction of almost forty percent.

With the reconfiguration, NEH will give greater support to the activities that best meet its guiding tenets. The Endowment will focus on the following areas:

- Supporting original scholarship
- Preserving the American cultural heritage
- Providing learning opportunities for the nation's teachers
- Engaging the American public in the humanities.

Structurally, the NEH will consist of three divisions containing a total of seven programs, and a separate office to administer challenge grants. Following are brief descriptions of the programs (by division) with contact information. Application deadline dates through September 1996 are contained in the *Summary of NEH Programs*.

### Division of Preservation and Access

One program with one set of guidelines and one funding cycle, encompassing the following:

Preservation and access projects (which will include support for education and training, regional field service programs, and research and demonstration projects), the stabilization and documentation of material culture collections, and the U.S. newspaper program.

Deadline July 1, 1996. Contact: (202) 606-8570; [preservation@neh.fed.us](mailto:preservation@neh.fed.us).

### Division of Public Programs and Enterprise

Two programs with one set of guidelines and two funding cycles encompassing:

Public Programs: planning and implementation of public humanities activities, including museum exhibitions, library exhibitions and programs, and radio and television programs.

Enterprise: special initiatives, partnerships with other agencies and the private sector, trans-divisional projects, and other activities. Contact: (202) 606-8267; [publicpgms@neh.fed.us](mailto:publicpgms@neh.fed.us).

### Division of Research and Education

Four programs, each with its corresponding set of guidelines and funding cycles, encompassing the following:

Seminars and Institutes: summer seminars and institutes for higher education faculty and school teachers.

Education Development and Demonstration: materials and model curricula with related professional development and trial implementation; e.g., teaching with technology.

Fellowships and Stipends: fellowships for university teachers, college teachers, and independent scholars; summer stipends; and HBCU faculty graduate study.

Research: editions, translations, basic research, archaeology, humanities study of science and technology, centers, international programs, and conferences. Contact: (202) 606-8373; [education@neh.fed.us](mailto:education@neh.fed.us).

### Office of Challenge Grants

This office will continue to function in its present form, offering support for educational, scholarly, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. Grantees will be required to raise three or four dollars for every dollar they receive from NEH. Deadline May 1,

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1996. Contact: (202) 606-8309; challenge@neh.fed.us.

A new edition of the *NEH Overview of Endowment Programs*, a brochure that describes Endowment programs, gives eligibility requirements, and lists the state humanities council offices, will be available in early 1996. For copies of the new *Overview* or for more information about the National Endowment for the Humanities, contact: NEH Public Information Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Rm. 402, Washington, D.C. 20506; Phone: (202) 606-8400; E-mail: info@neh.fed.us.

### Political Scientists for a Progressive Democratic Party

The Political Scientists for a Progressive Democratic Party have chosen William Crotty, Thomas P. O'Neil Jr. Chair of Public Life, Northeastern University, as President-Elect. The organization was begun by James McGregor Burns to give voice to the more liberal elements of the association in an effort to influence national politics and policies. The group sponsors a talk by a major political figure and related panels at each national convention and publishes analyses of policy directions. Those interested in the organization should contact Crotty at: Department of Political Science, 303 Meserve Hall, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115. Phone: 617-373-2796.

### Campaign '96: Third Party Time?

The Kennedy School of Government has prepared an experimental, World Wide Web-based case study about launching third-party presidential candidacies in this election year. This hyper-text case poses a specific learning problem for students: the design of a basic political strategy memo for a prospective third-party or independent U.S. presidential candidate. To complete the assignment, students must use a wide variety of information sources available via the World Wide Web in areas ranging from ballot access to political media buying.

To view the case, enter the following URL in your Web browser (Netscape 1.1 or higher recommended): <http://ksgwww.harvard.edu/~ksgcase/pa1201>.

### Catalog Describes Materials on Women's History

The rich heritage of women's history can be discovered with books, videos, posters, computer software, and more, from the National Women's History Project. Call or write for a free 48-page catalog of multicultural materials for all ages. National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Dept. P, Windsor, CA 95492; Phone: 707-838-6000; Fax: 707-838-0478.

### Peace and Conflict Studies

*Peace and Conflict Studies* is a journal published by the Network of Peace and Conflict Studies. It includes articles on various issues in peace research. The journal promotes alternative discourse on a wide range of issues and serves as a network of those who are interested in peace research and education. It also attempts to develop communication between peace studies communities and non-governmental organizations. The journal is available through the internet: <http://www.trenton.edu/~psm/pcs/>, "without subscription charges." Inquiries about paper submissions can be made to either Charles E. Snare, Middle Georgia College, 111 Jackson Hall, Sarah St., Cochran, GA 31014; Fax: (912) 934-3199; e-mail: csnare@warrior.mgc.peachnet.edu, or Ho Won Jeong, The Center for International Studies, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121; Fax: 314-516-6757; e-mail: shjeon@umslvama.umsl.edu.

### Congress & the Presidency

Christine DeGregorio, associate professor, School of Public Affairs, American University, has been appointed guest co-editor of *Congress & the Presidency* for the 1995-96 academic year. Manuscripts on legislative behavior should be sent to DeGregorio's attention at: School of Public Affairs, American University, Ward Circle Building 211, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20016-8083; Phone: 202-885-2343. Manuscripts on the presidency may continue to be sent directly to Darrell West, co-editor, at: Department of Political Science, Box 1844, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912. Phone: 402-863-2826.

### Chiapas Scholars Network

Scholars and students whose work concerns the history and society of the state of Chiapas, Mexico, are invited to join the "Red de Investigadores sobre Chiapas," which is currently in the process of formation.

As first steps, the members of the network are (1) compiling a directory of Chiapas scholars to facilitate academic contacts and exchanges (it is hoped that a first version of this directory will be in the hands of participants by early spring, 1996); and (2) requesting that colleagues who plan to visit Chiapas advise the network's Secretary of the dates of their stays so that they can be included in seminars and conferences.

Those who wish to participate are requested to send their addresses and a brief summary of their research interests to: María Elena Fernández Galán, Secretary, Red de Investigadores sobre Chiapas, A.P. 297, San Cristóbal de Las Casas 29200, Chiapas, México; Tel/Fax: (967) 8-35-34; E-mail: mfernan@montebello.unach.mex.

### National Center For Environmental Decision-Making Research

Funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation, the University of Tennessee has established the National Center for Environmental Decision-Making Research. The Center will conduct fundamental research and outreach to help cities, states, and non-governmental organizations make more effective decisions about environmental issues.

The Center will be operated by the Joint Institute for Energy and Environment, a University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge National Laboratory-Tennessee Valley Authority consortium. Its director is Milton Russell, a University of Tennessee economics professor.

The Center's researchers will study how economics, urban planning, sociology, geography, mathematics, ecology, psychology, political science, and computational sciences can aid decision making on environmental problems. For more information contact Milton Russell at the Joint Institute for Energy and Environment, University of Tennessee, 600 Henley Street, Suite 314, Knoxville, TN 37996-4134; Phone: (423) 974-4324 or David Feldman, Energy, Environment and Resources Center, University of Tennessee, 600 Henley Street, Suite 311, Knoxville, TN 37996-4134; Phone: (423) 974-4251.