

Gladys De La Cruz, Florida International University: "Racial Identification and Its Effects on Attitudes towards Domestic Policy"

Angelique Douyon, The College of New Jersey: "Marching Towards a Homeland of the Free: Perceptions of Discrimination and Black Political Participation"

Tehama Lopez, University of Virginia: "A Look at the Death Penalty and Race: A Statistical Analysis of Black and White Attitudes"

Michelle Oby, Marquette University: "Feminism and Affirmative Action"

Itika Oldwine, University of California, Los Angeles: "Racial Composition of Neighborhoods' Affect on Residents' Group Cohesion"

Gabriel Sanchez, St. Mary's University (TX): "United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

Jawad Towns, Louisiana State University: "The Role of Black Media in Galvanizing Black Political Activism and Participation"

Velsa M. Weaver, University of Virginia: "Explaining the Exception: Race-Consciousness, Parties, and Participation of Blacks"

Deva Woodly, University of Virginia: "Theology Matters: Understanding the Role of Ideology in African American Political Participation"

The impressive presentations by the students grew out their final projects for the graduate-level quantitative analysis and race and American politics courses they took during the five-week Institute. While at the Annual Meeting, the students were invited to attend panels and receptions and encouraged to meet scholars within the profession.

The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute is now in its fifteenth year, and continues to introduce undergraduate minority students to the world of graduate study. The Institute's main goal is to encourage more African-American, Latina/o, and Native American students to pursue academic careers in political science. To that end, the Institute exposes participants to leading issues and problems in the discipline and profession of political science, introduces students to leading scholars in the field,

Library of Congress Welcomes APSA Scholars

The Library of Congress held an open house and orientation sessions for APSA members in conjunction with the APSA Annual Meeting that attracted scholars interested in learning to effectively use the Library's resources. Organized by Carolyn Brown, acting director of the Area Studies Division, and the APSA Area Studies Liaison Group, the open house allowed APSA members to access the Library's collections using their Annual Meeting badges in lieu of a regular readers' card. The orientation sessions were offered by Paul Baker, a political science specialist in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division, and attracted a number of graduate students and junior scholars. Dr. Baker gave an overview of the Library's holdings, answered questions, and explained how to use many of the online resources including THOMAS, the Library's web tool for researching issues relating to the U.S. Congress. After the orientation session, Prosser Gifford, director of Scholarly Programs, spoke with the group about various ways in which the Library supports the broader academic community.

informs the students of career opportunities for political scientists, and enhances the writing, research, and analytical skills of the students, making them more competitive applicants for graduate school admissions and financial assistance. Also included in the program are Graduate Record Exam preparatory classes and a recruitment fair of graduate programs.

Under the direction of RBSI Director Paula McClain, professor of political science and law at Duke University, students are introduced to the world of political science outside of their own undergraduate institutions. Many students who have attended the program go on to Ph.D. programs in political science with full fellowships and teaching assistantships. Three Bunche alumni have already been named assistant professors at the university level.

To get more information about and application materials for the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, please visit www.apsanet.org/about/minoirity.

Graduate Students Attend Meeting with APSA Assistance

In a continuing effort to assist graduate students wishing to participate in the Annual Meeting, the Association awarded 56 Advanced Graduate Student Grants for its 2000 meeting in Washington, DC. Winners were selected from a pool

of over 115 applicants, all of whom were scheduled to present a paper or poster.

Since the grants were first awarded in 1994, almost 200 doctoral students from the United States have been funded. The number of applications submitted for consideration has risen by nearly 50% since the first year of the program.

As the number of applicants grows and the level of departmental support available to graduate students becomes more limited, the Association finds it increasingly difficult to meet its goal of enabling student participation in the meeting. Contributions to the travel grant fund are welcome from Organized Sections, Related Groups, and individual members. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Sue Davis at 202-483-2512 or sdavis@apsanet.org.

The name and affiliation of the 2000 winners follow.

Fiona B. Adamson, Columbia University
Paul Axelrod, University of Washington
John Baxter, Old Dominion University
Ben Bishin, University of California, Los Angeles

Khalilah L. Brown, Ohio State University

Rhonda Callaway, University of North Texas

Steven J. Campbell, University of South Carolina

Teri L. Caraway, Northwestern University

Miki Caul, University of California, Irvine