

1998 Bunche Participants and their Graduate Schools

A number of former Bunche Institute participants have gone on to pursue graduate studies in political science, including seven from the 1998 class.

Gloria Anglon, Providence College; Ph.D. program, University of Maryland
Elmer Ray Block, Howard University; Ph.D. program, Ohio State University
Katrina Gamble, Smith College; Ph.D. program, Emory University
Andra Gillespie, University of Virginia; Ph.D. program, Yale University
Monique Lyle, Michigan State University; Ph.D. program, Duke University
Aisha Raj, Pepperdine University; Ph.D. program, Rice University
Melvin Rogers, Amherst College; Ph.D. program, Yale University

Bunche Students Present Posters in Atlanta, Institute Expands Eligibility

Eight of this year's Ralph Bunche Summer Institute students were selected to present posters at APSA's 1999 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. They were

DeAunderia Bryant, University of California, Berkeley: "Gender, Race, and Support: Black Women and the Perception of Leadership"

Sacajawea Hall, Goucher College: "Black Media as a Factor in Strengthening Group Cohesion among Blacks"

Carmen Huerta, Santa Clara University: "Group Cohesiveness and Assimilation in the Mexican Community"

Conra Gist, Southwestern University: "The Dominance of Race in the Face of Class Equality: Will Race Ever Go Away?"

Christina Grant, Hofstra University: "Perceptions of Justice and Political Activism in the African American Community."

Ronnie Booker, University of Virginia: "Who Supports Black Nationalism?"

Tyson Marsh, University of Washington: "Black Women and Grassroots Political Involvement"

Rickey Williams Jr., Millikin University: "Black Women, Marital Status, and Voting."

In addition to presenting their research, the students attended several panels and many receptions sponsored by political science departments. At the Minority Identification Project's breakfast meeting, newly elected APSA President Robert Keohane commended the students for the quality of their research.

Beginning with the 2000 class, the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute will be open to Latino and Native American students, as well as African American students, between their junior and senior years of college. Applications are being taken at Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-1206; (202) 483-2512; minority@apsanet.org. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2000.

While at UVA, Bunche students are introduced to the world of graduate study and encouraged to apply to Ph.D. programs in political science. Students take two graduate level courses for credit, one in quantitative analysis and another on race and American politics, and attend guest lectures. They also meet recruiters from Ph.D. programs and are prepped for GREs by volunteers from the Kaplan Educational Center.

Students who have participated in this program over the past 10 years have reported improvements in their analytical, writing, and quantitative skills. Most students who attend the Institute excel in their senior year and go on to graduate school, many

with full fellowships and teaching assistantships. A number of Institute participants have gone on to receive their masters or Ph.D. degrees, and three have already been named assistant professors at the university level.

For more information about the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, visit the web site at www.apsanet.org/about/minority.

The State of the State Associations

Representatives of eleven state associations gathered during APSA's Annual Meeting in Atlanta to discuss the opportunities state associations have and the problems they face in trying to take advantage of those opportunities. The picture is mixed. Some state associations are quite vibrant while others seem to be barely breathing.

State associations vary widely in how they are structured and in what they offer. The most active associations have web pages easily accessed via APSA's site (www.apsanet.org/PS/organizations/state/), hold annual conferences, and sponsor email discussion lists. Some even publish journals. The North Carolina Political Science Association, for example, provides subscriptions to its *Southeastern Political Review* as a benefit of membership. And, while the Michigan Political Science Association each year holds a two-day conference paid for by the sponsoring institution and its political science department, the Missouri Political Science Association had to suspend planning for its most recently planned meeting due to lack of interest.

Representatives reported varying degrees of success maintaining their associations' memberships, regardless of whether they relied upon an institutional base (e.g., Michigan) or an individual base (e.g., New York) and they debated how to encourage participation in association activities, especially participation by graduate and upper-level honors undergraduate students. Among the suggestions offered for making memberships more attractive and meaningful were

inviting prominent political scientists to annual meetings to offer research workshops and short courses or “state of the field” seminars and offering workshops on service learning and civic education to K–12 teachers.

As 1999 Goodnow Award winners Malcolm Jewell and Doris Graber noted, strong state associations are necessary for the health of the discipline. State associations are a public good that can offer many benefits to faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, and the broader public. To join a discussion of how to keep state associations fulfilling their important functions, subscribe to the APSA-State listserv by sending the following message to listserv@h-net.msu.edu: subscribe APSA-State yourname yourinstitution (ex: subscribe APSA-State John Doe State University). You can also send your questions, ideas, and suggestions to Sue Davis at sdavis@apsanet.org.

Sue Davis Joins APSA Staff

APSA is pleased to announce that Sue Davis, a Ph.D. graduate of Emory University who specializes in comparative politics with a focus on the areas of the former Soviet Union, has joined the Association staff.

Dr. Davis came on board to be Director of International Programs and also has primary staff responsibility for the Association’s Organized Sections, survey activities, and status committees.

She did her undergraduate work at the University of Minnesota and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and received a master’s degree from UNLV after writing a thesis on politics in the Baltic States under Gorbachev. She spent the past three years at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has also taught at Georgia Tech, Emory, Oglethorpe University, and UNLV.

Dr. Davis has published widely on topics as diverse as ethnicity in Kazakhstan, parties in Ukraine and Poland, and trade unions in the former Soviet Union. She is currently preparing a manuscript based on her dissertation for publication with

Macmillan on trade unions in Russia and Ukraine and has just contracted with Harwood Academic Publishers to write a book tentatively titled *The Russian Far East: The Last Frontier*, which will be issued in the *Postcommunist States and Nations* series.

She currently serves as vice president of the Association for the Study of Nationalities and is an active member of Women in International Security, the Southern Political Science Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, the International Political Science Association, and, of course, APSA. In addition, Dr. Davis is an adjunct professor at the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School, where she lectures on Ukraine, Belarus, the Caucasus, and ethnic conflict.

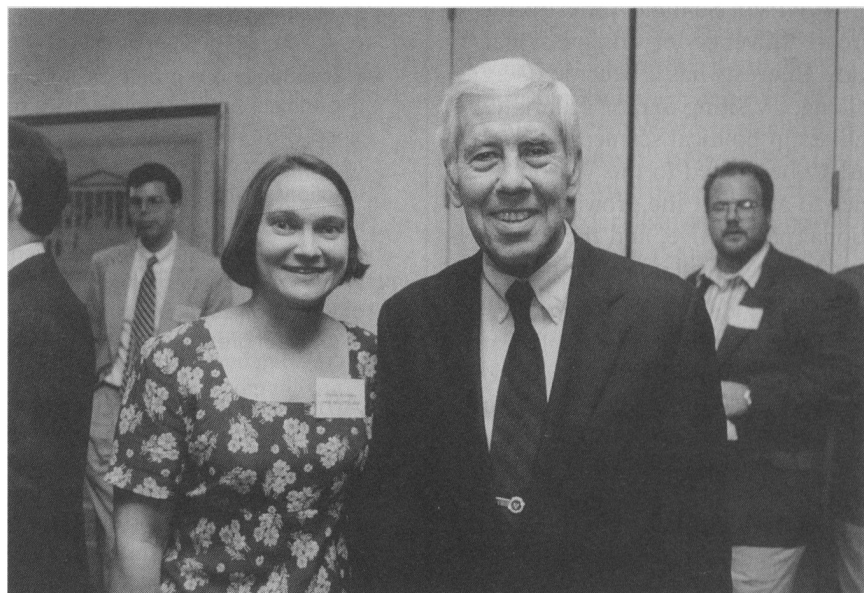
1998–99 Congressional Fellows Honored, 1999–2000 Fellows Welcomed

From the purist’s point-of-view, the only “right” time to conclude a working experience with the Congress is when the final gavel adjourns the institution *sine die*. For a ten-month program, which has to merge diverse career needs of political scientists, journalists, government employees, international scholars,

and health-policy professionals, the American Political Science Association’s Congressional Fellowship Program compromise has traditionally been August 15—when the Fellows are treated to a reception in the Capitol.

As illustrated by the photo below, the annual event inevitably draws members of Congress for whom the Fellows worked this session such as Representatives Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), Eva Clayton (D-NC), Rush Holt (D-NJ) and Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Richard Lugar (R-IN). Other welcome guests included two CFP alumni currently serving in Congress, Representatives Steve Horn (R-CA) and Bob Filner (D-CA); former journalist Fellows Craig Hines, Washington, DC bureau chief for the *Houston Chronicle*, and Larry Hojo, who came into the program from the *Indiana Gazette*; and a host of political science alumni still in the DC area including Josef Braml, Charles Clapp, Chris Deering, Paul Herrnson, current chair of the Fellowship Alumni Committee Norm Ornstein, APSA Executive Director Cathy Rudder, Paul Runquist, Mark Siegel, Jim Thurber, and Tom Wolanin.

The departure of the 1998–99 class of Congressional Fellows was followed shortly by the arrival of the



1998–99 Congressional Fellowship Year-End Reception. (R-L) Congressional Fellow David Leal, University at Buffalo-SUNY; Congressional Fellow Susan Rzemien U.S. Treasury Department; CFP Advisory Committee member Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) in whose office Ms. Rzemien served as a Legislative Assistant; and William Koetzle, 1997–98 Congressional Fellow, legislative director to House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IN).