

vehicle and not a social vehicle,” and that such changes should adhere to “three principles to govern tabulation”: historical compatibility, compliance with statutory requirements, and accuracy in naming racial and ethnic groups.

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Anthropology Group Advocates Elimination of Race Category

With a U.S. House Committee hearing pending on the OMB's proposed revisions to the race and ethnicity categories on the Census form, which were last changed in 1977, the American Anthropological Association (AAA) has issued a resolution advocating the elimination of the race category altogether by the 2010 Census. Prior to eliminating the race category, the AAA wants to see “race” and “ethnicity” combined into a single category.

The group proposed replacing the terms “race and “ethnicity” with “ethnic origin,” which they believe will be more representative of people's differences and better understood by respondents. While the members of the AAA recognized that eliminating the term “race” could complicate the formulation and enforcement of policies designed to end discrimination, they argued that “the effective elimination of discrimination will require an end to [racial] categorization.”

The AAA's proposal is informed by their scientific and historical understanding of “race” as having “no justification . . . in human biology” and rather being based in an early European folk taxonomy that linked perceived biological and behavioral differences with a ranking of abilities.

—Adapted from COSSA Washington Update (September 29, 1997)

Forty-Fifth Class of Congressional Fellows Begins 1997–98 Program

Recipients of this year's Congressional Fellowship are preparing to

make their mark on Washington, D.C. The Program officially began November 6 with a month-long orientation for the 1997 Fellows, a collection of select political scientists, journalists, federal and foreign affairs executives, and health policy executives. In addition to the Fellows named in previous issues of *PS*, Laurie A. Zastrow, District Manager of the Social Security Administration, who replaces Craig Gralley of the National Intelligence Council, will be joining this year's class.

Foreign Affairs and Health Policy Fellows began their pre-orientation program in September and were joined by the other Fellows in November for a series of tours, seminars, and workshops. Highlights from the CFP Orientation month included Al Hunt of the *Wall Street Journal* and Cokie Roberts of ABC News and National Public Radio speaking about “Changes in the Media's Coverage of Congress”; Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute addressing “Changes in the Institutions of Congress: Questions of Reform”; David Broder of the *Washington Post* discussing “How Congress is Viewed Inside and Outside of the Beltway”; Alan Ahrenhalt, editor of *Governing* speaking on the “View of Congress from the Heartland”; Professor Roger Davidson, University of Maryland, reviewing the “Changing Patterns in the Congressional Workload”; Tom Mann of the Brookings Institution examining “Congress After the 1994 Elections”; Professor James Thurber, American University, speaking on “Rivals for Power: Congress and the President”; Ronald Elving, the political editor of *Congressional Quarterly* discussing “Conflict and Compromise: How Congress Makes the Law”; Professor Christopher Deering, George Washington University, speaking on “Congress and its Committees”; Professor Candice Nelson of American University addressing “Campaign Finance Reform”; and Senior Vice President of the Council on Foreign Relations Alton Frye reviewing the “Congressional Role in Making Foreign Policy.”

The goal of the orientation is to prepare Fellows for their responsibilities as staff assistants to members of

Congress. Fellows are scheduled to begin working on Capitol Hill in early December.

Section News

APSA Organized Sections Distribute Awards at Annual Meeting

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

The Distinguished Scholar Award, which recognizes distinguished scholarly contributions to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations, was presented to **Ronald Watts**, Queens University. **Greg Shaw** and **Robert C. Lieberman**, both of Columbia University, won the Section's 1996 Best Paper Award for “State Welfare Policies and the Shifting Ground of American Federalism.” The Best Book Award, conferred for the best book on federalism and intergovernmental relations published at least ten years ago that has made a lasting contribution to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations, was given to **Deil Wright** of the University of North Carolina for *Understanding Intergovernmental Relations*.

Law and Courts

Gregory A. Caldeira, Ohio State University, **Christopher J.W. Zorn**, Emory University, and **John R. Wright**, George Washington University, received the American Judicature Society Award conferred for the best paper on law and courts written by a faculty member and presented at the previous year's APSA Annual Meeting for “Strategic Voting and Gate Keeping in the Supreme Court.” The Congressional Quarterly Press Award of the Law and Courts Section for the best graduate student paper during 1996–97 was presented to **Nancy Scherer**, University of Chicago, for “Reexamining the Politics of Crime in the Federal Courts: Are Bill Clinton's Judicial Appointees ‘New’ Democrats or ‘Old’ Democrats?” **Wayne D. Moore** of Virginia Tech won the C. Herman Pritchett Award for the best book on law and