

Regional and State Association News

Louisiana Political Science Association

The Louisiana Political Science Association has elected its officers for 1994–1995. President: Jeffrey D. Sadow, Louisiana State University-Shreveport; Vice President and Program Chair: Rodney Grunes, Centenary College; and Treasurer: Donn M. Kurtz II, University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Midwest Political Science Association—John P. Pelissero, Executive Director

1994 Convention Sets Attendance Record

The 52nd annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), held April 14–16 in Chicago, was the largest in the history of the association. 1,742 individuals participated in the meeting, which featured 208 panels with more than 1,200 paper presenters, discussants, and chairs. The meeting was held for the 11th year at Chicago's historic Palmer House Hilton.

New Officers Elected

John Sprague of Washington University, St. Louis, became the President of the MPSA for 1994–95. He announced the appointments of **Frank Baumgartner** and **Jan E. Leighley**, both of Texas A&M University, to co-chair the program for the 1995 annual meeting to be held at the Palmer House Hilton, April 6–8, 1995 (See call for papers in section on "Upcoming Conferences and Calls for Papers.") At the annual business meeting the following political scientists were elected to serve on the association's executive council:

President-elect:

James Stimson, University of Minnesota

Vice-President ('94–'96):

Carol Kohfeld, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Council Members ('94–'97):

Richard Hall, University of Michigan

Barbara Perry, Sweet Briar College

Wendy Rahn, University of Wisconsin

Joseph Stewart, University of Texas, Dallas

Lettie Wenner, Northern Illinois University

Best Paper Awards

The association presented three awards to individuals who delivered the best papers at the 1993 annual meeting:

Pi Sigma Alpha Award (\$250 award for best paper at the meeting)

Recipients: **David Lowery**, University of North Carolina, and **Virginia Gray**, University of Minnesota. Paper: "The Population Ecology of Gucci Gulch, or the Natural Regulation of Interest Group Numbers in the States." The award committee: Russell Hanson (chair), Lawrence Baum, Barbara Norrander. The award was presented by **Naomi Lynn**, Sangamon State University, President, Pi Sigma Alpha.

Brooks/Cole Award

(\$100 award for best paper by a graduate student)

Recipients: **Jonathan N. Katz**, University of California, San Diego, and **Brian R. Sala**, University of Illinois, Urbana. Paper: "Reform in the House: Congressional Structure and Member Incentives, 1889–1911." The award committee: Mary Herring (chair), William Browne, Corwin Smidt.

Sophonisba Breckinridge Award (\$100 award for best paper written about women and politics)

Recipients: **Kay Lehman Schlozman**, Boston University, **Nancy Burns**, University of Michigan, and **Sidney Verba**, Harvard University. Paper: "Gender and the Pathways to Participation: The Role of Resources." The award committee: Susan Carroll (chair), Janet Boles, Elizabeth Cook.

Breckinridge Award Endowment

The association has begun a fund-raising drive for a permanent endowment for the Sophonisba Breckinridge Award. The MPSA endowment fund's objective is to raise \$5,000 to permanently endow the annual award named for an early scholar of women and politics. The MPSA executive council authorized a donation of \$750 to begin the fund-raising effort. Contributions to date total \$1,142. Individuals who would like to donate to the Breckinridge Award should send a donation to: Midwest Political Science Association Endowment Fund, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626. Please indicate that your donation is for the Sophonisba Breckinridge Award.

Southwestern Political Science Association

SWPSA Elects Officers

The Southwestern Political Science Association chose officers for 1994–1995 at its annual meeting in San Antonio, TX March 30–April 2 at the St. Anthony Hotel. Individuals who will direct the organization for the next year include:

President: Michael W. Mansfield, Department of Political Science, Baylor University, P.O. Box 97276, Waco, TX 76798; (817) 755-3161

President-Elect: Joseph Stewart, Jr., School of Social Science, Gr.3.1, Box 830688, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX 75083-0688; (214) 690-2571

Vice President and Program Chair: James F. Sheffield, Jr., Department of Political Science, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67260-0017; (316) 689-3165

Secretary-Treasurer: Harold F. Bass, Jr., Department of Political Science, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AK 71923; (501) 245-5168.

Executive Council:
(new two-year terms)

Gary Copeland, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019; (405) 325-2061

Patricia Hurley, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843; (409) 845-1928

T. Clifton Morgan, Department of Political Science, Rice University, Houston, TX 77251; (713) 527-4842.

Continuing and ex officio Members of the Executive Council:

James Campbell, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803; (504) 388-2549

Euel Elliott, School of Social Science, Gr.3.1, Box 830688, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX 75083-0688; (214) 690-2066

Mary R. Mattingly, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX 68363; (512) 595-3501

John Kincaid, Immediate Past President of SWPSA, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas, Denton, TX 76203; (817) 565-2276

Edward J. Harpham, Immediate Past Vice President and Program Chair, School of Social Science, Gr.3.1, Box 830688, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX 75083-0688; (214) 690-2044.

SWPSA Presents Awards

A variety of awards were announced by the Southwestern Political Science Association at its 1994 annual meeting in San Antonio, TX March 30–April 2. These included:

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award

Nancy E. Kucinski, R. Kenneth Godwin, and John Green were honored for having written the best paper delivered at SWPSA's 1993 annual meeting; their paper is entitled "The Things Interest Groups Want and How They Get Them." Kucinski and Godwin are members of the faculty at the University of North Texas, and Green serves at the University of Akron.

1994 Ted Robinson Memorial Award

This award recognizes a graduate student in political science who is engaged in the study of minority politics and is given in memory of Ted Robinson, whose research on the representation of African-Americans in urban political systems continues to guide and encourage scholarly work in minority politics. Three students were selected for this award in 1994: **Elaine Rodriquez** of Northern Arizona University, whose project is entitled "Effects of Electoral Reform;" **Lilias Jones** of Colorado State University, whose project is entitled "Responses to Reservation Environment Issues;" and **Diane-Michele Prideville** of the University of New Mexico, whose project is entitled "Minorities and Environmental Justice."

Best Graduate Student Paper Award

The Association also acknowledged **John Altman's** paper, "Pre- and Post-Election Legislative Activity Levels in the U.S. Senate: Differences within Terms and across Careers," delivered at the 1994 meeting, as the best paper written by a graduate student at that meeting. Altman studied at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award

Four undergraduate students were saluted by the Association for their papers. **Richard Schulze** of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was selected for his paper, "Political Manifestations of the New Paradigm." **Bradley Welsh** of the University of Oklahoma achieved the honor with his paper, "On Liberty: John Paul Stevens' Theory of Judicial Review." **Arlo Devlin-Brown** of Columbia University won recognition with the paper "Weak Majorities, Strong Minorities: Power, Process and Outcomes at UNCLOS III." And **Michael P. Greeson** of the University of Central Oklahoma achieved the distinction with a paper entitled "Hobbes, Locke, and the State of Nature Theories."

Southwestern Social Science Association Elects Officers

At the 1994 annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, the following officers were elected. Joseph Stewart, University of Texas-Dallas, became president-elect. Members of the executive council are Patricia Hurley, Texas A&M University, Gary Copeland, University of Oklahoma, and Clifton Morgan, Rice University. Each council member will serve a three-year term. Harold Bass, Ouachita Baptist University, is serving as treasurer.

James Sheffield, Wichita State University, will serve as the program chair of the 1995 annual meeting to be held on March 22–25 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Dallas.

Western Political Science Association Annual Awards

The following annual awards have been approved by the Association:

1. *Dissertation Award:* For the best doctoral dissertation completed at a university within the regional groupings of the WPSA between July 1 and June 30 of the previous academic year. (\$250 award)

2. *Pi Sigma Alpha Award*: For the best paper presented at the last WPSA annual meeting. (\$250 award)
3. *The Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award*: For an outstanding paper on women and politics. (\$100 award)
4. *WPSA Best Paper Award on Chicano Politics*: For an outstanding paper by a Chicano scholar on Chicano politics and its relative aspects. (\$100 award)
5. *Award by Committee on the Status of Blacks*: For an outstanding paper discussing issues and problems which concern most Black America. (\$100 award)
6. *Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West*: a new award offered jointly by the WPSA and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies of Brigham Young University. The award will be given for the best paper

on the politics of the American West presented at the Annual Meeting of the WPSA. Papers may cover a broad range of topics—governance, policy, culture, politics—and may compare the West to other regions. The first set of papers eligible for this award will be those presented at the 1995 WPSA meetings in Portland, Oregon. (\$250 award)

Award Submissions

Both individuals and departments are strongly encouraged to submit nominations for WPSA awards.

Dissertation Award to: Stephen Weatherford, Chair, Department of Political Science, 3834 Ellison Hall, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 95964. Phone: 805/893-3431. Submission deadline: October 15, 1994.

Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award to: Debra Salazar,

Department of Political Science, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. Phone: 206/650-3469. Submission deadline: January 15, 1995.

WPSA Best Paper Award on Chicano Politics to: Luis Fraga, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. Phone: 415/723-5219. Submission deadline: January 15, 1995.

Award by Committee on the Status of Blacks to: David Covin, Department of Political Science, CSU, Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, California. Phone: 916/278-7570. Submission deadline: January 15, 1995.

Note: the first *Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West* will be made for a paper to be presented at the 1995 WPSA meetings. This award will be announced at the 1996 WPSA meetings.

BOOK NEWS

**Economic Earthquakes:
Converting Defense Cuts to Economic Opportunities**
by Patrick Lloyd Hatcher
221 pp., paper, 1994, \$21.95

This study of the impact of defense cuts from the administrations of Richard Nixon through Bill Clinton examines their effects on communities, employees, tax revenues, and public spending. Using three military base closings in California, the book provides cautionary advice on how to convert potential devastation to positive economic growth.

**Watching Politicians:
Essays on Participant Observation**
by Richard F. Fenno, Jr.

133 pp., paper, 1990, \$11.95
Methodological reflections of the profession's leading practitioner of participant observation. "Artfully weaves together methodological concerns, introspective analysis, and portraits and stories of politicians."—Alan Rosenthal, *Journal of Politics*

**The New American Political (Dis)Order:
An Essay by Robert A. Dahl,**
Comments by Richard M. Abrams, David W. Brady,
Patrick Chamorel, and Jack Citrin
110 pp., paper, 1994, \$10.95

In this ground-breaking essay Robert Dahl, America's leading political theorist, argues that Americans have created a new political order over the past 30 years. It is more fragmented and less integrated; there is an increase in the plebiscitary aspects of politics without a corresponding improvement in its representative and deliberative aspects. The book includes an introduction by Austin Ranney.

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