

of scholarly articles would be assessed by reading them. However, in reality we often do not have sufficient time to read an individual's work and/or do not have the substantive expertise to assess its quality. Under these conditions we tend to attribute to an article the quality of the journal in which it appears. While the present study does not provide a test of the validity of this attribution, it does indicate that the perceived hierarchy of journals has been relatively stable over time and that, while specialists favor their own journals, the general pattern of evaluations does not differ dramatically among different elements of the profession

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Notes

1. Only those journals with which at least 5% of the sample were familiar are included in Table 1. This did not exclude any of the 78 listed journals but did eliminate three journals that were "written in" by respondents. Those journals were *Policy Studies Review* (n=5), *Foreign Policy* (n=9) and *International Security* (n=9).

2. This analysis employs the 56 journals which were assessed in both surveys.

3. Several factors were examined as possibly influencing respondents' attitudes toward the APSR including age, sex, race, highest degree offered at the institution, prestige of the institution, professorial rank of the respondent, and area of specialization. Only area of specialization was found to have a significant effect on evaluations. Respondents who specialized in American politics on average were found to rate the APSR higher than did respondents with specialties in other areas.

4. Subfield was determined by items eliciting respondents' subfield of interest. The means for specialists are only shown for those journals with which at least 5 respondents in the appropriate subfield indicated familiarity.

5. Respondents' universities were divided into elite and non-elite. The elite schools were

those given a top rating by the American Council of Education (see Bair, Thompson, Hickey and Kelley, 1988) and those in the Big Ten.

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Social Science Journals: A Review of Research Sources and Publishing Opportunities for Political Scientists

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Twenty years ago, it was a common practice for professors to give their students mimeographed lists of the major journals in political science and related disciplines, but with the explosion in social science publication, it has become impossible for us to keep pace with more than a small part of the literature. So much is published each year that it is difficult to remain current in even a single subfield. As a result of the information explosion, most political scientists are not familiar with new developments in other social sciences, or even recognize the major journals of those disciplines.

One of the first proposed solutions in political science to the problems related to

literature overload came in 1968 with the publication of *ABC Pol Sci*. It prints the table of contents of major journals bi-monthly, and today indexes over three hundred periodicals, but so many new publications have come into print over the past twenty years that only a fraction of the articles relevant to politics can be discovered by using *ABC Pol Sci*. My purpose here is to provide political scientists with an overview of the numerous journals that occasionally publish important articles relevant to the study of politics.

One way to categorize scholarly inquiry is to ask whether one is interested in the generalizable or the unique. If you approach the literature of social science by looking for what is idiosyncratic or particular to your subfield, most of your research will be concentrated in only a few specialized journals, which are well known to your peers. By using this approach, you risk missing major discoveries in other areas relevant to your work. If your peers proceed in similar fashion, the entire subfield may suffer from myopia or group-think.

Suppose you ask a different question when doing research: "What are the generalizable qualities of my subfield?" Then the writings of scholars in a variety of fields will be seen to have importance. Many empirical, analytical, and normative approaches to the study of behavior see wide use in the social sciences, and we can learn much by looking at how others apply the viewpoints that are common in political science to their own fields.

In producing a list of useful social science journals, my objective has been to ask the questions: "What is generalizable about political behavior, and how might we benefit by looking at the generalizable in other's research?" The social science journals listed here are categorized according to how they most often are associated with the potential answers to these two questions.

The listing of journals also provides a useful check list of publishing opportunities for political scientists. Most of us undertake scholarly research because we are interested in exploring a topic. Only when we have finished our empirical, analytical, or normative work do we ask the ques-

tion, "Where can I get this published?" For more details on the particular requirements of political science journals, see Fenton Martin and Robert Goehert's *Political Science Journal Information*, which is published by the APSA.

Why Should We Care about Other Discipline's Journals?

The social science literature tends to be highly balkanized, and it is difficult to trace information in a field that you do not know well. Routinely, various disciplines "discover" the same theoretical problems, such as spatial contagion, without realizing that the issue already has been discussed in a separate literature. A problem crops up in one field, a statistic is developed, but when the problems arise again in another field, the old solution often times is not re-discovered. The result is that a great deal of time is wasted.

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At the very least, the inability of social scientists to easily recover ideas developed in closely related disciplines causes great research inefficiencies. While a number of computer-assisted journal search programs are available, none of these is all inclusive, and you have to know what field to search in order to use the techniques ef-

ficiently. If you do not know that a particular type of journals exists, most likely you will not discover a means to search for it.

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In conducting research over the past ten years, the author has had the chance to survey the journal collections of a number of major research libraries. I quickly found it useful to skim the table of contents of recently published journals, and always took the time to photocopy articles that might be of interest in my future work. Somewhere along the way, it occurred to me that *many* of the journals that I was reading were rarely cited by other political scientists. In fact, most of them were unknown to my colleagues and graduate students, despite the interesting papers that often appear on methods of analysis or models of politics in some of these publications. Many of these journals also present political data or bibliographies that cannot be found elsewhere. A few of them, such as *Cycles*, specialize in the publication of data.

A good example of an article of major importance for the study of politics that recently was published in a most unlikely place is seen in *Simulation and Games*. In its pages will be found a paper that shows why the "best" person rarely wins first prize in most contests, including elections.

Perhaps the greatest utility of these journals is that scholars in other disciplines often propose models of human behavior that are very useful when applied to the types of problems that concern political scientists. By adopting other's models, we can overcome the problem of having to "reinvent the wheel" every time we come across a similar theoretical issue. One example comes from mathematics, where

there is a large literature on what the mathematicians call the "voter's model." It concerns the transmission of information, and in one of its forms is similar to V. O. Key's "friends and neighbors" theory, which he presented in *Southern Politics*. Despite this close similarity, the "voter's model" and its potential implications for our understanding of politics largely have been ignored by political scientists

Types of Journals

The list of journals at the end of this article consists of over five hundred periodicals. They are categorized according to the types of articles that they most commonly publish which might be of interest to political scientists. This classification scheme is based on my review of the papers that have appeared in each of the journals within the past five years. In some cases the results are quite surprising; the *American Economic Review* recently printed a large number of articles that could just as easily have appeared in the pages of the *American Political Science Review* or one of our regional journals. As a result, the *American Economic Review* appears in the category of "Journals Publishing Articles of General Interest" (1).

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The journals can be broken down into twenty-nine basic types and fourteen subtypes. The broadest category consists of journals publishing articles of general interest to political scientists (1). The comparative politics subfield is represented by a series of general journals (4) and various area specialty publications, including Africa

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(4A), Asia (4B), the Caribbean (4C), Eastern Europe (4D), India and Pakistan (4E), Latin America (4F), the Middle East (4G), the South Pacific (4H), and Western Europe (4I). Also of interest to comparative scholars should be journals publishing articles on development studies (7) and comparative and international economics (8A)

International relations specialists will be interested not only in their own journals (10), but also in conflict and peace studies (5), and strategic studies (26). Public policy is represented by a series of general journals (19) and various policy specializations, including economic issues (19A), environmental issues (19B), human resource issues (19C), and science and technology issues (19D). Closely related to public policy interests are journals concerning economics (8), geography (9), legal studies (11), regional and state studies (20), science studies (23), and urban studies (28). Such journals commonly deal with public policy issues.

Those interested in socialization, societal change, norms, or other topics frequently treated by sociologists should consult journals in sociology (25), communications (3), religious studies (21), and rural studies (3). Social choice theorists will find interesting materials not only in the standard social choice journals (24), but also in various economics (8) and public finance journals (17), along with most regional political science journals, which publish social choice research from time to time.

Cliometrics is the quantitative study of history and takes its name from *Clio*, the Greek muse of history. It is represented by a series of its own journals (12). The major intellectual streams of research that combined to form this discipline were economic history, social history, and political history. Numerous articles in the journals of most other social science disciplines often use historical data. In similar fashion, methodological articles have appeared at one time or another in most social science journals, but are concentrated in the journals listed in the methodology category (13). The *American Journal of Political Science*, for example, has a "Workshop" section that specializes in methodological papers.

Public administration scholars will want to consult not only their standard journals (16), but also public finance (17), urban studies (28), and regional and state studies (20). Public administration, along with the more traditional areas of political science, are represented by entire series of journals. Eight publications specialize in legislative or executive studies (12), over a dozen with normative political philosophy (4), four with various aspects of public opinion (18), and five concentrate on teaching social science (27).

There is a series of journals that either are very highly specialized or primarily are useful because they provide interesting and generalizable models of human behavior that may be adopted by political scientists for use in similar situations. In this latter category are the publications of demography (6), geography (9), and psychology (15). One can almost be certain that you will come across most of the specialty journals only by accident. Examples include *Aztlan*, a journal of Chicano Studies; *Climate Change*; *Comparative Frontier Studies*; *Corruption and Reform*; *Disasters*, a journal of disaster studies; *Empirical Studies of the Arts*; and *Human Ecology*.

Finally, it should be noted that a few of the journals in the following list recently have ceased publication. Even though they no longer are published, their pages are a wealth of research information, and scholars should be aware that they once existed.

1. Journals Publishing Articles of General Interest

Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
American Economic Review
American Journal of Political Science
American Politics Quarterly
American Political Science Review
British Journal of Political Science
Canadian Journal of Political Science
Economic and Social Review
Environment and Planning C
International Political Science Review
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
Journal of Social, Political and Economic Studies
Journal of Theoretical Politics
Micropolitics

New Political Science
 Political Behavior
 Political Methodology
 Political Psychology
 Political Quarterly
 Political Science Quarterly
 Political Science Reviewer
 Political Studies
 Politics
 Politics and Power
 Politics and Society
 Polity
 Proceedings of the American Academy of
 Political Science
 PS: Political Science & Politics
 Public Interest
 Review of Political Economy
 Social Science Quarterly
 Southeastern Political Review
 Texas Journal of Political Science
 Theory and Decision
 Western Political Quarterly
 Washington Quarterly

2. Cliometrics (Quantitative History)

American Historical Review
 Cycles
 Economic History Review
 Explorations in Economic History
 Historical Methods
 Historical Social Research
 International Review of Social History
 Journal of Economic History
 Journal of European Economic History
 Journal of Historical Geography
 Journal of Interdisciplinary History
 Journal of Psychohistory
 Journal of Social History
 Social Science History
 Scandinavian Economic History Review
 Trends in History

3 Communication Studies

Communication Research
 Communication Quarterly
 Journalism Quarterly
 Political Communication and Persuasion

4. Comparative Politics - General Articles

Comparative Political Studies
 Comparative Politics
 European Journal of Political Research
 Government and Opposition
 International Journal of Comparative Sociology
 International Political Science Review
 Journal of Common Market Studies
 Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative
 Politics
 Journal of Comparative Economics

New York University Journal of International
 Law and Politics
 Plural Societies
 Revue internationale de droit compare
 Studies in Comparative Communism

4A. Comparative Politics - Africa

Africa
 Africa Quarterly
 Africa Report
 African Studies
 African Studies Review
 Journal of Southeast Asian Studies
 Cahiers d'etudes africaines
 Canadian Journal of African Studies
 Geneve-Afrique
 Journal of Asian and African Studies
 Journal of Modern African Studies
 Journal of Southern African Studies
 Politikon (South Africa)
 Rural Africa

4B. Comparative Politics - Asia

Asia Survey
 Journal of Asian Studies
 Journal of Asian and African Studies
 Journal of Japanese Studies
 Journal of Southeast Asian Studies
 Modern Asian Studies
 Modern China
 Philippine Journal of Public Administration
 Southeast Asian Journal of Social Science
 South East Asian Review

4C. Comparative Politics Caribbean

Caribbean Quarterly
 Caribbean Studies
 Cuban Studies

4D. Comparative Politics Eastern Europe

Canadian-American Slavic Studies
 East European Quarterly
 Est-Ovest
 Osteuropa
 Osteuropa-Wirtschaft
 Slavic Review
 Southeastern Europe
 Soviet Studies
 Soviet Union
 Studies in Comparative Communism
 Studies in Soviet Thought

4E. Comparative Politics - India and Pakistan

Indian Journal of Political Science
 Indian Journal of Politics
 Indian Political Science Review
 India Quarterly
 Pakistan Horizon

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4F. Comparative Politics - Latin America

Foro Internacional (Mexico)
Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs
Latin American Perspectives
Latin American Research Review
Revista Brasileira de Estudos Politicos (Brazil)
Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Politicas y Sociales

4G. Comparative Politics - Middle East

International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies
Journal of Arab Affairs
Journal of Palestine Studies
Journal of Research in Islamic Economics
Middle East Journal
Middle Eastern Studies

4H. Comparative Politics - South Pacific

Australian Journal of Politics and History
Australian Outlook
Australian Quarterly
Pacific Affairs
Political Science (New Zealand)

4I. Comparative Politics - Western Europe

Acta Politica (Netherlands)
Annuaire suisse de science politique (Switzerland)
British Journal of Political Science
Est-Ovest
Europa-Archiv
Internasjonal Politikk (Norway)
Osterreichisches Jahrbuch fur Internationale Politik (Austria)
Il Politico (Italy)
Politiikka (Finland)
Politique etrangere (France)
Politische Vierteljahresschrift
Res Publica (Belgium)
Revue d'etudes comparative est-ouest
Revue francaise de science politique (France)
Revista de Estudios Politicos (Spain)
Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica (Italy)
Revue internationale de droit compare
Scandinavian Economic History Review
Scandinavian Political Studies
Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift (Sweden)
Die Verwaltung (Germany)
West European Politics
Zietschrift fur Politik (Germany)

5. Conflict and Peace Studies

Conflict
Conflict Quarterly
Conflict Management and Peace Science
Cooperation and Conflict
International Journal of Game Theory
International Journal on World Peace
Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Interpersonal Violence
Journal of Peace Research
Peace and Change
SAIS Review
Simulation and Games
Peace Research
Peace Research Reviews
Terrorism

6. Demography

Demography
International Migration
Population and Development Review
Population and Environment
Population Research and Policy Review
Population Studies

7. Development Studies

Canadian Journal of Development
Development and Change
Developing Economics
Economic Development and Cultural Change
International Development
Journal of Developing Areas
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Development Studies
Journal of Economic Development
Studies in Comparative International Development
World Development

8. Economics - General Articles

American Economic Review
American Journal of Economics
American Journal of Economics and Sociology
Atlantic Economic Journal
Bulletin of Economic Research
Cambridge Journal of Economics
Canadian Journal of Economics
Eastern Economic Journal
Econometrica
Economic Inquiry
Economic Journal
Economica
Economics Letters
Empirical Economics
History of Political Economy
International Economic Review
Journal of Behavioral Economics
Journal of Econometrics
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
Journal of Economic Issues
Journal of Economic Theory
Journal of Economics
Journal of Industrial Economics
Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics
Journal of Law and Economics
Journal of Macroeconomics
Journal of Mathematical Economics

Journal of Monetary Economics
 Journal of Political Economy
 Journal of Post Keynesian Economics
 Journal of Public Economics
 Journal of the American Statistical Association
 Kykos
 Mathematical Social Sciences
 Metroeconomica
 Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
 Oxford Economic Papers
 Quarterly Journal of Economics
 Quarterly Review of Economics and Business
 Rand Journal of Economics (formerly Bell
 Journal)
 Review Economic Studies
 Review of Black Political Economy
 Review of Economics and Statistics
 Review of Social Economy
 Southern Economic Journal
 Statistical Journal
 Studies in Economic Analysis

8A. Economics - Comparative and International

Developing Economics
 Economic Development and Cultural Change
 European Economic Review
 Journal of Comparative Economics
 Journal of Development Economics
 Journal of International Economics
 Journal of Japanese and International Economics
 OECD Economic Studies
 Revue d'economie politique
 Revue economique
 Scandinavian Journal of Economics
 Scottish Journal of Political Economy

9. Geography

Annals of the American Association of
 Geographers
 Annals of Regional Science
 Area
 Canadian Geographer
 Canadian Journal of Regional Science
 Economic Geography
 Environment and Planning A
 Environment and Planning B
 Environment and Planning D
 Geographical Analysis
 International Regional Science Review
 Journal of Regional Science
 Journal of Land Economics
 Political Geography
 Professional Geographer
 Progress in Human Geography
 Regional Science and Urban Economics

10. International Relations

Chronique de politique étrangere
 Etudes internationales

Fletcher Forum
 Foreign Affairs
 Foreign Policy
 Foreign Service Journal
 International Affairs
 International Organization
 International Relations
 International Security
 International Studies Journal
 International Studies Notes
 International Studies Quarterly
 Jerusalem Journal of International Relations
 Journal of International Affairs
 Millennium: Journal of International Studies
 Orbis
 Review of International Studies
 Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali
 SAIS Review
 World Affairs
 World Economy
 World Policy Journal
 World Politics

11. Legal Studies

Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems
 Contemporary Crises
 Corrections Compendium
 Corrections Law Digest
 Corrections Today
 Corrective and Social Psychiatry Journal
 Court Management Journal
 Crime and Delinquency
 Crime and Social Justice
 Criminal Justice and Behavior
 Criminal Justice Policy Review
 Criminology
 FBI Law Enforcement Journal
 International Criminal Police Review
 Journal of Correctional Education
 Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
 Journal of Interpersonal Violence
 Journal of Law and Economics
 Journal of Legal Studies
 Journal of Police Science and Administration
 Judicial Conduct Reporter
 Justice Quarterly
 Justice System Review
 Law and Human Behavior
 Law and Policy Quarterly
 Law and Society
 Law and Society Review
 Police Chief
 Police Journal
 Prison Decisions
 Response to Family Violence
 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly

12. Legislative and Executive Studies

Campaigns and Elections
 Congress and the Presidency

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Harvard Journal on Legislation
Legislative Studies Quarterly
Parliamentarian
Parliamentary Affairs
Parliaments, Estates and Representation
Presidential Studies Quarterly

13. Methodology

American Journal of Political Science
American Statistician
Biometrics
Econometrica
International Statistical Review
Journal of Econometrics
Journal of the American Statistical Association
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
Political Methodology
Psychometrika
Review of Economics and Statistics
Sociological Methodology
Sociological Methods and Research
Technometrics

14. Political Theory

Canadian Journal of Political and Social Theory
Daedalus
Ethics
Ethics: Easier Said than Done
History of Political Economy
History of Political Thought
Interpretation
Journal of the History of Ideas
Philosophy and Public Affairs
Political Theory
Politics and Society
Quarterly Journal of Ideology
Review of Politics
Review of Radical Political Economy
Science and Society
Social Research
Social Science History
Social Theory and Practice
Studies in Soviet Thought

15. Psychology

American Behavioral Scientist
Journal of Applied Behavioral Research
Journal of Applied Psychology
Journal of Applied Social Psychology
Journal of Economic Psychology
Journal of Experimental Psychology
Group and Organization Studies
Psychological Bulletin
Small Group Behavior

16. Public Administration

Academy of Management Journal
Administration
Administration and Society

Administration and Social Work
Administrative Science Quarterly
Advanced Management Journal
American Review of Public Administration
Bureaucrat
California Management Review
Canadian Public Administration
Government Finance Review
Group and Organization Studies
Harvard Business Review
Industrial and Labor Relations Review
International Journal of Public Administration
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Management Review
Management Science
Midwest Public Administration Review
Philippine Journal of Public Administration
Public Administration
Public Administration and Development
Public Administration Review
Public Budgeting and Finance
Public Finance
Public Personnel Management
Public Sector
Review of Personnel Administration
Southern Review of Public Administration

17. Public Finance

Journal of Finance
Journal of Labor Economics
Journal of Public Economics
National Tax Journal
Public Budgeting and Finance
Public Finance
Public Finance Quarterly
Social Choice and Welfare

18. Public Opinion

Campaigns and Elections
Electoral Studies
Public Opinion
Public Opinion Quarterly

19. Public Policy - General Articles

Comparative Policy Issues
Contemporary Policy Issues
Decision Sciences
Evaluation
Evaluation and Program Planning
Evaluation Quarterly
Evaluation Review
Growth and Change
International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy
Journal of Applied Behavioral Sciences
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Journal of Policy Modeling
Journal of Public Policy
Journal of Risk and Uncertainty

Journal of Social Policy
 Journal of the American Planning Association
 Knowledge: Creation, Diffusion, Utilization
 Knowledge in Society
 Law and Contemporary Problems
 Law and Policy Quarterly
 Philosophy and Public Affairs
 Planning and Administration
 Policy and Politics
 Policy Analysis
 Policy Review
 Policy Sciences
 Policy Studies Journal
 Policy Studies Review
 Quality and Quantity
 Regulation
 Review of Black Political Economy
 Review of Social Economy
 Risk Analysis
 Socio-Economic Planning Sciences
 Social Policy
 Yale Journal on Regulation

19A. Public Policy - Economic Issues

Atlantic Economic Journal
 Cato Journal
 Economics and Policy
 Energy Economics
 Energy Journal
 Journal of Energy and Development
 Journal of Land Economics
 Journal of Law and Economics
 Journal of Transportation
 Natural Resources Journal

19B. Public Policy - Environmental Issues

Environmental Forum
 Environmental Impact Assessment Review
 Journal of Environmental Education
 Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
 Journal of Environmental Systems
 Land Use Policy
 National Resources Journal
 Resource Management and Optimization
 Resources and Energy
 Resources Policy

19C. Public Policy - Human Resource Issues

Criminal Justice Policy Review
 Economics of Education Review
 Inquiry (Health Care)
 Journal of Cultural Economics
 Journal of Health Economics
 Journal of Human Resources
 Journal of Safety Research
 Journal of Studies on Alcohol
 Population Research and Policy Review

19D. Public Policy - Science and Technology Issues

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
 Energy Journal
 Issues in Science and Technology
 Politics and the Life Sciences
 Science, Technology, Human Values
 Technology and Culture
 Technology Forecasting and Social Change
 Technology in Society

20. Regional and State Studies

Annals of Regional Science
 Canadian Journal of Regional Science
 International Journal of Urban and Regional Research
 International Regional Science Review
 Journal of Regional Science
 Journal of State Government
 Regional Science and Urban Economics
 Regional Science Perspectives
 Regional Studies
 State Government
 State and Local Government Review

21. Religious Studies

Journal of Psychology and Theology
 Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
 Review of Religious Research
 Science of Religion
 Social Compass
 Sociological Analysis

22. Rural Studies

Journal of Peasant Studies
 Peasant Studies Newsletter
 Rural Africa
 Rural Sociology

23. Science Studies

British Journal for the History of Science
 British Journal for the Philosophy of Science
 Bulletin of Science, Technology and Society
 Historia Mathematica
 Historia Scientiarum
 Inquiry
 Isis
 Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences
 Methodology and Science
 Osiris
 Philosophy of Science
 Philosophy of the Social Sciences
 Revue d'histoire des sciences
 Science and Society
 Science in Context
 Science of Science
 Scientific American
 Scientometrics

The Profession

Social Studies of Science
Sociologica Ruralis
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science
Technology and Culture
Technology in Society

24. Social Choice

American Economic Review
American Political Science Review
Behavioral Science
Games and Economic Behavior
Journal of Mathematical Sociology
Journal of Theoretical Politics
Public Choice
Social Choice and Welfare
Theory and Decision

25. Sociology

Acta Sociologica
American Behavioral Scientist
American Journal of Economics and Sociology
American Sociological Review
Behavioral Science
Behavioral Science Research
Black Sociologist
British Journal of Sociology
California Sociologist
Development and Change
Environment and Behavior
Ethnic Groups
Group and Organization Studies
International Journal of Comparative Sociology
International Journal of Political Education
International Journal of Sociology
International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy
International Social Science Journal
JPMS: Journal of Political and Military Sociology
Journal of Applied Behavioral Science
Journal of Behavioral Economics
Journal of Economic Psychology
Journal of Mathematical Sociology
Journal of Social Issues
Mid-American Review of Sociology
Pacific Sociological Review
Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society
Quality and Quantity
Review of Black Political Economy
Revue française de sociologie
Rural Sociology
Social Forces
Social Indicators Research
Social Networks
Social Problems
Social Research
Social Science
Social Science Information
Social Science Journal
Social Science Research

Sociological Focus
Sociological Inquiry
Sociological Methods and Research
Sociological Perspectives
Sociological Quarterly
Sociological Spectrum
Sociology
Sociology and Social Research
Sociology of Education
Soviet Sociology
Theory and Research
Youth and Society

26. Strategic Studies

Armed Forces and Society
Arms Control
Coexistence
International Security
Journal of Strategic Studies
Military Affairs
NATO Review
Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly
Royal United Services Institute for Defense Studies Journal
Strategic Review

27 Teaching Social Science

Journal of Economic Education
Teaching Political Science
Teaching Politics
Teaching Sociology
Teaching Statistics

28. Urban Studies

African Urban Studies
Comparative Urban Research
Current Municipal Problems
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research
Journal of Urban Affairs
Journal of Urban Economics
Journal of Urban History
Policy and Politics
Public Affairs
Public Management
Regional Science and Urban Economics
State and Local Government Review
Urban Affairs Quarterly
Urban Ecology
Urban Geography
Urban Studies

29. Miscellaneous and Specialty Journals

American Quarterly
Aztlán (Chicano Studies)
Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism
Civilizations
Climate Change (Climatology)
Comparative Frontier Studies

Corruption and Reform
Cycles (A journal of cyclical data)
Daedalus
Disasters (Disaster Studies)
Empirical Studies of the Arts
Ethnic and Racial Studies
Experimental Studies of Politics
Futures (Forecasting)
General Systems Yearbook
Human Ecology
Human Rights Quarterly
Journal of American Studies
Journal of Black Studies
Journal of Contemporary History
Journal of Environmental Education
Journal of Ethnic Studies
Journal of Libertarian Studies
Journal of the American Philosophical Society
Micropolitics
Plural Societies
Political Geography
Problems of Communism
Publius (Federalism)
Review of Public Data Use
Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society
Simulation and Games
Studies in Comparative Communism
Women and Politics

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Reviewing The Book Reviews

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Introduction

Book review sections of academic journals serve a number of diverse purposes. It



Back row: l-r, Penny Mills, Carole Mitzer, Kristina Mao. Front row: l-r, Rachel Quenck, Helen Ingram.

is virtually impossible for a political scientist to read all the books relevant to the discipline and hard enough to keep up in areas of specialty. Through reviews readers are able to determine what is being published, how new books fit into existing literature and contribute to on-going debates, and whether books merit closer scrutiny. Authors are interested in book reviews as a means of recognition and criticism of their work by peers.

Even though book reviews are an important professional tool, there is little information available on how well the section serves its audience. Further, many political scientists have no information on how the book review process at the *APSR* actually works. The purpose of this paper is, first, to describe how the process works, and then to compare book review practices across different disciplines and different journals.

Evaluation Criteria

Readers and writers may view book reviews as serving different purposes, but their criteria for evaluating how well a journal's book review section serves their needs may not differ all that much. Both are interested in authoritative reviews—readers because they want some assurance that they have a sound basis for selecting books and writers because they want their work evaluated by reviewers