

# Announcements

## Judge Rules Security Council's Tape Cannot Be Destroyed

On September 15 the U.S. District Court ruled on the lawsuit filed on January 18 by plaintiffs—National Security Archive, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Library Association, and the American Historical Association—versus defendants—President Reagan, President Bush, and the National Security Council, and the U.S. Archivist. The plaintiffs sought to prevent the destruction of electronic messages contained on the tapes used in the Professional Office System (PROFS) used by the National Security Council staff. Many of the messages retrieved from this system played an important role in the investigations of the Iran-Contra affair. The defendants argued that most of the PROFS messages are similar to telephone messages and should not be preserved and that procedures are in place to insure that messages of enduring value are printed and filed. Although the defendants sought dismissal of the case, Judge Charles R. Richey ruled that the case should not be dismissed and that private citizens can take the President of the United States to court to challenge the White House decision to destroy the PROFS computer tapes. "Under the Presidential Records Act," Judge Richey wrote, "the President simply may not, for political reasons incidental to the performance of his duties, decide not to retain documents that otherwise qualify as Presidential records." Richey expanded on this point by stressing that "the President's unilateral decision to 'flush' the PROFS system would appear to be an exercise of discretion that violates the Presidential Records Act's disposal provisions."

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## Homer D. Babbidge Award Seeks Nominations

The Association for the Study of Connecticut History invites nominations for the 1990 Homer D. Babbidge Award. This award is presented annually to the scholar who, in the opinion of the judges, has published the most outstanding article or book in 1989-90 dealing with some aspect of Connecticut history. The judges also will consider nominations of persons who have made sustained contributions to Connecticut history over a substantial number of years. Nominations must be accompanied by a copy of the publication and should be mailed to: John F. Sutherland, 29 Scott Drive, Vernon, CT 06066. The deadline for nominations is June 30, 1990.

## General Social Survey Is Updated

The 1989 General Social Survey (GSS) data have been added to the cumulative data base maintained at the Roper Center at the University of Connecticut. The GSS data may be purchased from the Roper Center, Box 440, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268, or the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

The GSS is compiling an edition of its *Annotated Bibliography of Papers Using the General Social Surveys*. They would appreciate GSS, including theses and dissertations. Send to: Tom W. Smith, NORC, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637.

For a free copy of *GSS News*, contact Tom Smith at the above address.

## New Edition of Teaching Intelligence Prepared

The National Intelligence Study Center is preparing a third edition of its publication, *Teaching Intelligence*.

The center invites political scientists who teach or are planning to teach in the area of intelligence and national security and wish their course or course component to be included should write: Hayden B. Peake, National Intelligence Study Center, Suite 1102, 1800 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

## Newsletter Published by Federal Judicial Center

In 1988, Congress amended the governing statute of the Federal Judicial Center to authorize it to "conduct, coordinate, and encourage programs relating to the history of the judicial branch of the United States government."

Among its first undertakings, the Federal Judicial Center Historical Program has begun the publication of a newsletter, entitled *The Court Historian*.

Individuals and organizations who would like to be added to the mailing list should notify the Federal Judicial Center Historical Program, Division of Special Educational Services, Dolley Madison House, 1520 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005. Requests will be honored to the extent resources permit.

## Statistical Data Base on CD-ROM Announced

Researchers can now have immediate access to the over 2 million pages of statistics generated annually in the U.S. and throughout the world with *Statistical Masterfile*, a new CD-ROM database from Congressional Information Service (CIS).

*Statistical Masterfile* brings together CIS's three statistical abstract and index services: *American Statistics Index*, unlocking statistics published by federal government agencies; *Statistical Reference Index*, providing access to information published by more than 1,000 American sources other than the U.S. govern-

ment; and *Index to International Statistics*, covering statistics generated by almost 100 international intergovernmental organizations.

The indexes and abstracts give researchers the ability to quickly locate hard data on population, business and financial activities, domestic and international trade, the environment, government programs, health, and many other economic, demographic, and social indicators.

For more information, contact: Raym Crow, Congressional Information Service, 4520 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-3389. Phone: (301) 654-1550 or (800) 638-8380.

### Data Base on Latin America Established

INFO-SOUTH is a new information system on Latin America, which has been established at the University of Miami.

INFO-SOUTH is designed to provide access for government, business and academic users to a broad range of information on contemporary economic, political and social issues concerning Latin America. Its core is a computerized database containing bibliographic citations and abstracts of articles appearing since January 1988 in academic journals and since June 1988 in news and opinion magazines and newspaper articles. The abstracts are in English, but the material is drawn from primary sources in Spanish, Portuguese, French and Creole, as well as from U.S. and other English language sources. The citations and abstracts can be accessed online by any standard computer system; originals of all documents are maintained at the University and copies can be provided by facsimile, express or regular mail service.

The annual subscription for INFO-SOUTH is \$800. This subscription includes unlimited online access and four issues of the *Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs*, published by the Institute of Inter-American Studies. The INFO-SOUTH staff will also be available to assist you in using the database and in facilitating consultation with our faculty on questions or projects concerning Latin America. There is

an additional small charge for delivery of full text documents or special searches by the INFO-SOUTH staff.

For further information, write: INFO-SOUTH, P.O. Box 248123, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Phone: (305) 284-4414.

### Australasian Association Finds New Editor

The editorial control and production of *Politics, Journal of the Australasian Political Studies Association* has recently been awarded to the department of politics, University College, University of New South Wales, at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra, Australia.

The new editor is Ian McAllister; managing editor is David W. Lovell; and review editor is William Maley. Phone: (062) 68 8147. Telex: ADFADM AA62030.

### New Journal Seeks Field Readers

*The Scholar's Digest: The Best of Contemporary Scholarship* is a quarterly publication that will make its debut in the late summer of 1990. The *Digest* is cosponsored by a number of university presses and scholarly publishers. Applications are invited for positions as field readers from teachers, professors, and scholars to scan the current output from university presses and scholarly publishers and recommending to the editor books with sound literary value. No reviews will be required, but only recommendations.

Write to: George Kurian, Editor, *The Scholar's Digest*, Box 519, Baldwin Place, NY 10505-0519.

### Editor Sought for Politics and Life Sciences

The Council of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences has extended its call for proposals and nominations for the editorship of the journal *Politics and the Life Sciences*. The journal is published twice each year, and it has a broad-based list of subscribers both in the U.S. and in over twenty foreign countries.

Most major U.S. university libraries subscribe.

The deadline for proposals from potential host institutions and editors is June 1, 1990. Joint proposals from more than one institution will be considered. Proposals should include descriptions of released time for the faculty editor(s), identification and qualifications of the editor(s), and financial contributions from host institutions. Allowing for a transition year after the acceptance of a proposal, it is anticipated that the journal will change sites on or around July 1, 1991. Those contemplating a proposal are encouraged to telephone the present editor for further information. A fact sheet on costs is available.

Inquiries and proposals should be directed to: Thomas C. Wiegeler, Editor, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, Social Science Research Institute, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115-2854. Phone: (815) 753-9674.

### Study Group Formed

It is planned to establish a PSA study group on Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties in Britain with a view to holding regular conferences and workshops and to publishing a newsletter. An inaugural meeting will be held at the 1990 PSA Conference in Durham. The organizers would like to receive the name and address of anyone wishing to be placed on the mailing list. Further information can be obtained from the organizers: Ivor Crewe, Department of Government, University of Essex, Colchester CO4 3SQ, Essex; phone: 0206 872129. Pippa Norris, Department of Politics, University of Edinburgh, 31 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh; phone: 031 677 1011.

### Leeds Invites M.A. Candidates

The University of Leeds is in its second year of a new program culminating in an M.A. in Modern International Studies. The M.A. runs for 10 months from October to the end of July. Some scholarship aid is available. For further information and application forms, write: David Dilks, School of History, The Uni-

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versity, Leeds LS2 9JT, England.  
Phone: 0532 333585.

### **Eisenhower Legacy Examined**

A symposium on the impact on successive presidencies of the policies initiated during the Eisenhower Administration will be held at Gettysburg College, October 11-13, 1990. For further information, contact: Shirley Anne Warshaw, Director, Eisenhower Symposium, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA 17325-1486.

### **Summer Institute Planned on Science, Religion in Early, Modern Europe**

The History Department at the University of Florida is sponsoring and NEH is supporting a six-week Summer Institute for College and University Faculty in 1990 on "Science, Religion and Society in Early Modern Europe." Visiting lecturers include: Allen Debus, B. J. T. Dobbs, Klaus Vondung, David Walsh, and Charles Whitney. Twenty-five fellowship stipends are available. Contact: Stephen A. McKnight, History Department, 4131 Turlington Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

### **Northwestern Offers Workshops on Contemporary Political Theory**

The Department of Political Science at Northwestern University is sponsoring a series of Workshops in Contemporary Political Theory.

Twice each year the series will bring a young political theorist to Northwestern for a working session focused on her or his own current research. The workshops will consist primarily of faculty from the Departments of Political Science and Philosophy at Northwestern. We are especially interested in projects that, while exploring substantive issues, critically engage diverse, competing theoretical approaches and political positions. Within that broad purview we will entertain proposals reflecting the entire range of theoretical approaches (e.g., feminist theory, deconstruction, rational choice, democratic theory, Marxism, critical theory, etc.).

The workshops are intended for young (untenured) political theorists. We will cover travel expenses and provide a small honorarium. Proposals consisting of a one-page prospectus of the work to be presented at the workshop, a vita, and a short piece of written work should be sent to: James Johnson, Department of Political Science, 207 Scott Hall, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60208-1006. For autumn 1990 and spring 1991, the proposal deadline is May 30, 1990.

### **Faculty Workshop Offered on International Debt, Development, and the Hungry**

A college faculty development workshop on "International Debt, Development and the Hungry," co-sponsored by the University of Notre Dame and Interfaith Hunger Appeal, will be held June 15-18, 1990, at the University of Notre Dame. Some

participant costs will be paid. The deadline for application is March 1990. For further information, contact: Kathleen Maas Weigert, International Debt Institute Coordinator, Center for Continuing Education, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

### **Alice Paul Award Seeks Submissions**

The Women's Caucus for Political Science is currently accepting submissions for the Alice Paul Award. The Award is given annually for the best dissertation proposal by a woman graduate student on any topic in political science. Its purpose is to encourage and assist women graduate students in their dissertation research. The Award amount is \$250. The deadline is June 30, 1990.

Women graduate students interested in applying should submit three copies of their dissertation proposal, which should be no longer than 15 pages, to Helene Silverberg, Politics Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08540.

### **Southern Women's Caucus Elects Officers**

The 1990 officers were elected by the Women's Caucus for Political Science-South at their November 1989 meeting. President—Erika Fairchild, North Carolina State University; President-Elect—Lois Duke, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa; Secretary—Mary Stuckey, University of Mississippi; Treasurer—Martha Swann, Catawba College; and Newsletter Editor—Anne Hallum, Stetson University.