

the impact of headlines during election campaigns. A subsequent issue will concentrate on the role of the media in the Gulf War.

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The journal welcomes submission of article manuscripts, contributions for its brief review notes of journal articles, and suggestions for special single-topic issues. These should be sent to Doris A. Graber, Political Science, M/C 276, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1007 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60607-7137. For further information, phone (312) 413-3778. Free sample copies of the new journal are available from Taylor & Francis, 1900 Frost Road, Suite 101, Bristol, PA 19007-1598, or phone (800) 821-8312.

### Law and Courts Awards

The Organized Section on Law and Courts wishes to announce the creation of The Lifetime Achievement Award for a distinguished career of significant contributions to knowledge in the field.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is to be conferred only every three years, beginning with the annual meeting in 1993. In order to be eligible, a nominee must be a political scientist (i.e., hold a Ph.D. in political science/government or have a primary appointment in a political science/government department) and

must have been professionally active for at least 25 years or be at least 65 years old. Anyone in the Law and Courts Section may nominate someone for this award. Please send the nominee's c.v. with your nomination no later than June 1, 1993, to the chair of this year's selection committee, Leslie Friedman Goldstein, Political Science Department, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716. The other two members of the selection committee are Greg Caldeira and John Brigham, the chairs of our section for 1991-92 and 1990-91, respectively. The winner of this award will be honored by a reception and a commemorative panel at the annual APSA meeting.

The section would also like to announce the award for best graduate student paper, which permits nominations by any professor. The deadline for nominations for this award is July 1, 1993. It carries a cash prize of \$200 (provided by the sponsor, CQ Press) and the winner will be announced at the APSA Annual Meeting. Any paper written between July 1992 and June 1993 is eligible. Please send three copies of nominated papers to Dean Alfange, Political Science Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The other two members of the committee are Gary Jacobsohn, Williams College, and Jim Magee, University of Delaware.

### Organized Section on Political Economy Offers Best Dissertation Award

The Organized Section on Political Economy has established a new award for the best dissertation in political economy. The section this year will consider dissertations completed in 1992, 1991, and in extraordinary cases, 1990. Please send nominations to Professor Randall Calvert, University of Rochester, Department of Political Science, Rochester, NY 14627.

## Report of First Meeting of Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays in the Profession

The Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays held its first meeting at Hunter College in New York City on December 11. Committee members are Mark Blasius, CUNY-La Guardia, chair; Martha Ackelsberg, Smith College; Shane Phalen, University of New Mexico; Ken Sherrill, Hunter College; and Sarah Slavin, Buffalo State College. Michael Brintnall is the APSA staff contact for the Committee.

The APSA Council charged the Committee to articulate and promote a policy of non-discrimination against and collegiality toward lesbians and gays in the profession, to undertake an empirical study of the status of lesbians and gays in the profession, to facilitate distribution of curricular materials on lesbian and gay politics, to assure that research on lesbian and gay politics is judged by standards ordinarily used for evaluating scholarship within the discipline, and to work closely with other Association committees. The complete charge to the Committee is printed in the September 1992 issue of *PS*.

The Committee invites any political scientist seeking advice from informed colleagues about any of these issues to contact one of its members. Confidentiality will be respected.

The Committee also stands ready to assist journal editors, departments, and other groups in identifying scholars familiar with the study of lesbian and gay politics to serve as reviewers, outside readers for promotions or dissertations, or as experts in other ways. Individuals wishing to be considered as such reviewers are invited to send a c.v. to the Committee at APSA.

The major initiative of the Committee at the outset is an empirical study of the status of lesbians and gays in the profession, including both a survey of a random sample of department chairs and a canvassing of political scientists generally. The Committee will report to the mem-

**CHILD CARE SERVICE**  
**89TH APSA Annual Meeting**  
**Washington, DC**  
**September 2-5, 1993**

The American Political Science Association will sponsor a Child Care Service at the 89th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Child care will be available daily in the Washington Hilton and Towers from Thursday, September 2 to Sunday, September 5. The hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. except on Sunday, September 6 when the hours of operation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To participate in the child care service, follow these instructions:

1. Complete the child care registration form below and submit it to APSA by July 17, 1993.
2. A \$25 fee is required for each registered child. Payment must be made with the submission of the child care registration form.
3. All registration forms and payments must be received at APSA by July 17, 1993. There will be limited on site registration. On site registration will require a \$40.00 fee per child.

"Club Kid" child care is available for unlimited use to children of registrants at the 1993 Annual Meeting. Parents will be asked to complete a tentative schedule following confirmation of their child care service registration. Nutritious snacks and beverages will be provided. Lunch and dinner must be provided by the parents. Diapers, special milk or formula, as well as any written special feeding instructions should be supplied by the parents.



**CHILD CARE REGISTRATION FORM**

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bership at large as the study progresses.

Other agenda items being considered are Committee panels at the Annual Meeting, inclusion of domestic partners in APSA member and employee benefits, and curricular materials. Any APSA member with other agenda items is encouraged to contact Committee members or Michael Brintnall at APSA.

Committee members can be reached at the following telephone or EMAIL numbers: Mark Blasius, blalg@cunyv.cunyv.edu or (212) 246-1256; Martha Ackelsberg, mackelsberg@smith.smith.edu or (413) 585-3533; Shane Phalen, (505) 277-5104; Ken Sherrill: kshhc@cunyv or (212) 772-4200; Sarah Slavin, (716) 878-6205. Michael Brintnall can be reached at APSA, (202) 483-2512 or incem024@sivm.

As I've noted previously, where women head sections or panels, there is a greater likelihood of other women being selected for program contributions. In 1992, 16 of the 41 section persons were women (39.0%). The sections they headed had women as 30.6% (56 or 183) of the chairpersons, 25.9% (207 of 798) of the papergivers, and 31.8% (68 of 214) of the discussants.

The convention sections led by women had 52.8% of the convention's female panel chairs, 46.5% of the paper givers, and 57.6% of its discussants. Women-chaired panels had 34.6% female paper givers and 38.0% female discussants. These constituted 33.5% of the women giving papers at the 1992 convention and 41.5% of the women serving as discussants.

The sections with the strongest female representation were those on Law and Courts; Public Administration; Public Policy; Women and Politics; Race, Gender, and Ethnicity; History and Politics; and Politics and Life Sciences.

The sections with the weakest female representation in 1992 were those on Formal Political Theory; Political Methodology; Presidential Research; Comparative Politics; Politics of Developing Areas; International Collaboration; International Security and Conflict; Religion and Politics; Applied Political Science; and Computers and Multimedia.

Among the lopsidedly stag panels were those on Developments in Formal Theories of International Political Economy; American Presidents in Comparative Perspective; Political Economy and Political Behavior; Voting Turnout, Political Culture and Democratization Process; American Parties: Factions and Functions; Metropolitan Issues, Politics and Local Government Finance; A Comparative Analysis of State Legislative Campaign Financing; Roundtable on Agenda Setting Research: Twenty Years Later; Roundtable on Ethnic, Linguistic, and Regional Conflict and the Art of Constitutional Design; Comparative Analysis of Markets and Liberalization; Approaching Democratization through Political Culture/Approaching Political Cul-

ture through Democratization; Reconsidering Regime Change in Asia and Latin America; Pacts and Other Types of Coalitions in the Making of Democracy in Latin America; The Changing Shape of Inter-American Relations in a Post-Cold War World; International Institutions as Inter-subjective Knowledge; Do Liberal Democracies Fight Each Other?; Rational Choice and Collective Security; Security Systems and Defense Issues: A Regional Perspective; Democracies in Conflict; Domestic Agendas and the U.S. Security System; Desert Storm: Insights into the Future; State Societal Relations and Strategies for Industrial Change in the Evolving International Economy; Foreign Policies of the New Europe; Religion and Legitimation; and Capitalism and Political Transformation.

Panels predominantly female included—Problems of Democratic Citizenship; Citizen Preferences and Legislative Behavior; Group Identification and Political Behavior; Interest Groups: Structures and Strategies; Elected Officials and Urban Leadership; Comparative Study of Abortion Politics; Is There a Problem with Care?; Government Control of Reproduction and Family: Justification and Impact; Liberal Law and Family Policy; Backing Women as Candidates: Party Organization Strategies in Comparative Perspective; Roundtable on the Bicentennial of Mary Wollstonecraft's Vindication of the Rights of Women; Roundtable on Gender as a Category of Analysis: A Dialogue between Political Scientists and Historians; Labor and American Political Development; Coping with the Legacy of the Old Regime; and Feminist Contributions in Political Transformation.

## Participation by Women in the 1992 APSA Meeting

Martin Gruberg, *University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh*

For 21 years I have been reporting in *PS* on the gender participation balance at our annual meetings. While 1991 marked the best year yet for women as participants, 1992 saw a slight falling off.

Year	Total	Women	%
<b>Chairpersons</b>			
1971	154	12	7.8
1981	137	16	11.7
1990	487	106	21.8
1991	439	107	24.4
1992	463	106	22.9
<b>Paper Givers</b>			
1971	552	43	7.8
1981	520	98	18.8
1990	2,071	490	23.7
1991	1,940	512	26.4
1992	1,986	445	22.5
<b>Discussants</b>			
1971	184	13	7.1
1981	161	28	17.4
1990	578	137	23.7
1991	455	120	26.4
1992	568	118	20.8