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### APSA and Ukrainian Academy of Political Sciences: A New Partnership

Following contacts initiated in the Spring of 1996, the APSA has established a partnership with the Ukrainian political science community in order to facilitate the transformation of political science education in Ukraine. Mykola Mykhalchenko, President of the Ukrainian Academy of Political Sciences and Eugene K. Marchuk, former Ukrainian Prime Minister and current member of the Ukrainian Rada, visited the APSA in October to discuss principal areas of concentration.

Working through Victor Basiuk, a political scientist specializing in science and technology policy, the Association has set forward on building a series of programs designed to familiarize both parties with political institutions and academic frameworks within each country. Additional activities will include the promotion of scholarly exchanges and development of joint research projects.

Further, the Association is seeking to explore the development of a journal donation project, enabling universities in Ukraine to receive collections of books and journals, and Ukrainian participation in the Civic Education Program, an initiative led by APSA President Elinor Ostrom.

The Ukrainian Academy of Political Sciences is a voluntary public organization which unites scholars, professors of institutions of higher learning, and government officials.

### NSF Funds Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

The National Science Foundation has awarded the University of Virginia \$246,000 for the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute over the next three

### Minority ID Project Contributors

The Minority Identification Project is a collaboration of undergraduate programs and graduate schools encouraging the interest of minority undergraduate students in graduate study in political science. Undergraduate programs recommend promising minority graduate students to APSA which, in turn, gives those names to graduate programs for recruiting purposes.

The Minority Identification Project is ably led by Elliot Slotnick of Ohio State University. The Association thanks all those who made contributions.

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years. Coupled with funds from APSA and the University of Virginia, 15 students will be hosted at the Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia each year for the next three years. In addition, under the terms of the grant, the students' stipend will be doubled.

Designed to introduce African-American students, selected in a national competition, to the world of graduate study and encourage application to Ph.D. programs in political science, the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute is a five-week program consisting of two graduate-level courses, guest lectures from leading political scientists, a recruitment day attended by recruiters from Ph.D. programs, and a special program in preparation for taking the Graduate Record Ex-

amination. Steven Finkel of the University of Virginia and Avon Drake of Virginia Commonwealth University taught at the Institute hosted by the University of Virginia in 1996.

The Institute is being funded through the Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program, the Political Science Program, and an ethics program at NSF. Paula D. McClain, Chair of the Department of Government at UVA, has led the effort to obtain funding from NSF and wrote the grant proposal. Frank Scioli and Bonney Sheahan are the NSF program officers for this grant.

Hosted in past years by Southern University, Louisiana State University, Spelman College, Emory University, Morehouse College, Georgia State University, and Clark Atlanta

University, the Institute celebrated its 10th Anniversary this summer. Funding in previous years has come from the participating institutions, especially Emory University and the University of Virginia, the Ford Foundation, the Coca-Cola Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the William S. Paley Foundation, and the members of APSA.

### Former Ralph Bunche Student, Now an Inspiration to Students

"I recently took a moment to assess my accomplishments as well as the key individuals and organizations which have contributed to them," writes Thomas Stewart. A Harvard Ph.D. in political science, member of Harvard's Society of Fellows, and former president of the National Black Graduate Student Association, Thomas Stewart sees the roots of his later successes largely in the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute in which he participated in 1986. "My career would have taken a dramatically different course were it not for the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute."

Indeed, Stewart's successes represent a sharp contrast with his youth when he barely graduated from his Washington, D.C. high school and later failed out of the University of the District of Columbia in 1980. What's most surprising is that Stewart is a newly-hired professor in the Department of Criminology at the very university from which he dropped out.

Stewart says that the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute along with his 1980–83 Army stint taught him he could make serious contributions to society. "I came to understand that everyone has enough intellect to meet high standards," Stewart recently said in an interview with *The Washington Post*. "I realized that I had internalized a myth that people on my side of the color line just didn't have what it takes. My greatest challenge was rooting out that sense of inferiority from my mind and heart."

Now Stewart seeks to impart that same knowledge to his students, most of whom come from Washington, D.C. "The blessing of growing

up in D.C. is that this is where the people are who like me and love me most," Stewart said. "But the curse is that we are also our own worst critics. A lot of derogatory things I learned about black people came from black people, the most destructive being the suggestion that we can run, jump, dance, and sing, but when it comes to intellectual pursuits, that's a different ball game."

Combating the defeatist attitude toward intellectual engagement, Stewart says, is among the most important tasks to be accomplished in African-American communities. And Stewart testifies to the fact that programs like the Ralph Bunche Institute accomplish this important work. "The Institute raised my awareness of the opportunities which exist within political science. It prepared me for the rigors of graduate school, and it exposed me to representatives from some of the salient political science programs across the country."

"Without the Institute," he adds, "I can safely say I would not be where I am today."

### APSA Announces 1997–98 Minority Student Graduate Fellows

APSA announced in December the names of the fourteen 1997–98 Minority Graduate Fellows. This year's Fellows hail from some of the best undergraduate institutions in the United States and took part in a highly competitive fellowship selection process. Five funded Fellows include Louis Toman of the University of California, Berkeley; Christina Calderon, Pepperdine University; Eleanor Mack, Xavier University of New Orleans; Kellye Campbell, University of Southern California; and Llezlie Green of Dartmouth College.

Non-funded Fellows are recommended for admission to every doctoral political science program in the country and often receive funding from universities as a result of their status as Fellows. This year's non-funded Fellows include Rodolfo Espino, III of Luther College; Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, University of Puerto Rico; Liban Jama of the University of Michigan; Jay Bonds of Duke University; Dawn Simms, St.

Mary's University; Shelby Smith, Duke University; Jowanna Oates, Florida A&M University; Eyvon Curry, University of South Florida; and Erin Rachelle Brown of Loyola University in New Orleans.

APSA Minority Fellowships were established to increase the number of minorities with doctoral degrees in political science. Fellowships are open to outstanding Native Americans, Latino(a)s, and African Americans planning to enroll in a doctoral program in the coming academic year. Each year the application deadline falls on November 1. For more information, call or write APSA headquarters or visit the APSA website at <http://www.apsanet.org>

### CFP Orientation Shows Fellows Washington from the Inside

APSA's Congressional Fellowship Program initiated 1996–97 Fellows "inside the beltway" with a three-week orientation in November. Beginning with Al Hunt of the *Wall Street Journal* and TV's *The Capitol Gang*, and ending with Secretary Donna Shalala of the Department of Health and Human Services, the orientation roster included some of Washington's leading commentators and scholars.

Thirty-five Congressional Fellows met with retired Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) and Representative David Price (D-NC), a CFP Advisory Committee member returned to Congress after being narrowly defeated in the 1994 election. C-SPAN founder and CEO Brian Lamb, David Broder and Barbara Vobejda both of *The Washington Post*, and *Congressional Quarterly* political editor and author Ronald Elving also met with the Fellowship class, as did lobbyist Gary Hymel, Democratic pollster Celinda Lake, Martha Phillips, executive director of The Concord Coalition, and Stephan Richter, president of Transatlantic Futures.

Additionally, Norman Ornstein, chair of the CFP Advisory Committee, spoke to the group as did scholars Thomas E. Mann, Roger Davidson, Christopher Deering, Allen Schick, Richard Baker, Susan Hammond, Clyde Wilcox, Suzanne Garment, Catherine Rudder and James