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This project, the fourth Preparing Future Faculty Project of the CGS and AAC&U, brings APSA together with the American Historical Association (AHA), the American Psychological Association (APA), the American Sociological Association (ASA), the National Communications Association (NCA), and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Each professional association has awarded grants to four Ph.D. departments to work with other universities, colleges, and community colleges. Doctoral students will have opportunities to learn about and assume responsibilities as faculty in these partnering institutions. To learn more about this project, the major principles of a PFF program, and other PFF resources, visit APSA's PFF resource page at [www.apsanet.org/about/chairs/pff/](http://www.apsanet.org/about/chairs/pff/).

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The summer months may be quiet around campus, but we have been busy adding new material for teachers and students. Jump to any of these new sites:

### **Service Learning**

What is service learning? How can you implement SL programs in your department. Find out more about the benefits of service learning and why more universities and colleges are turn to it as a pedagogical tool.

### **Election 2000**

The first election of the new millenium is nearly upon us and APSA will be following it closely for you. Whether you are preparing a class syllabus or just looking for some new insight, visit our Election 2000 site.

### **The Graduate Student Connection**

Reaching out to the next generation of political scientists, APSANet has collected a score of resources for graduate students. Tackling issues such as funding, finding a job, writing a dissertation, and more the site also breaks down how graduate students can participate in APSA.

[www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)

## **Encouraging the Brightest: The 2000 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute**

Karen Cox, *University of Virginia*

Twenty gifted undergraduate students of color from colleges across the country attended the 14th annual Ralph Bunche Summer Institute at the University of Virginia this summer in order to learn more about graduate study in political science. Sponsored jointly by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia, and the American Political Science Association, the Bunche Institute is designed to introduce students of color to graduate school and to encourage their application to Ph.D. programs in political science. This year's class represented schools as diverse as UCLA, St. Mary's University (TX), the University of Virginia, and Howard University.

While living on the grounds of UVA the students spent five weeks in two graduate-level courses taught by distinguished members of UVA's faculty and attended weekly lunches and dinners with visiting scholars including Rodney Hero (University of Colorado, Boulder), Gary Segura (Claremont Graduate University), Melissa Harris-Lacewell (University of Chicago), and Katherine Tate (University of California, Irvine). Other activities included a tour of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, two trips to Washington, DC, and Graduate Record Examination preparation provided by Kaplan Testing Services. One of the highlights of the program was the day-long recruitment fair at which representatives of top political science departments met with students to discuss graduate school prospects.

Study at the Institute was intense. Monday through Thursday, the students met for four hours in either Institute Director Paula McClain's Race and American Politics course or Paul Freedman's quantitative methods course, Political Analysis. According to the students, the courses were very challenging and very rewarding. At the end of the term, each student produced original research using data sets such as the 1996 National Black Election Study and the 1993 National Black Politics Study.

This year's program also proved one of the most successful in convincing students to apply to graduate programs in political science. More than half of the students have indicated that they are serious about pursuing graduate studies.

Because of its rigorous program, the Institute's scholars have seen great success. A number of alumni have received master's and Ph.D. degrees and three have been named assistant professors. This year, alumnae Yvette Alex-Assensoh, assistant professor at Indiana University; Khalilah Brown, a graduate student at Ohio State University; Andra Gillespie, a graduate student at Yale University; Monique Lyle, a graduate student at Duke University; and Carmen Huerta, an incoming graduate student at Rice University, returned to share stories of how participation in the Institute has benefitted them.

The Institute's namesake, Ralph Bunche, a 1934 Harvard University graduate, was the first African American to receive a doctorate in political science and the first to serve as the president of the American Political Science Association. In

1950, he also became the first African American to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Institute has been held at the University of Virginia for the past five years and will be moving to Duke University for the summer of 2001. The program is supported financially by grants from the National Science Foundation and the American Political Science Association and receives substantial support from the host institution.

### 1999-2000 APSA Minority Fellows Choose Graduate Schools

Since 1969, APSA's minority Fellows Program has pursued the goal of encouraging minority participation in Ph.D. programs. African American, Latina/o, and Native American students who demonstrate an interest in teaching and display research potential in political science are encouraged to apply for conditional one-year grants to be used for graduate school tuition and fees. Funded or unfunded, the benefits fellows receive are innumerable. Being named an APSA minority fellow marks a student as an excellent

candidate for graduate study and the nation's top graduate programs often recruit minority fellows with offers of school-sponsored fellowships that include remission of tuition and fees, assistantships, and elevated stipends. More than 70 former minority fellows now hold Ph.D.s in political science.

#### African-American Fellows

Eleanor Bright Fleming will attend Vanderbilt University, where she has been designated a University Graduate Fellow, a Dean's Graduate Fellow, and the recipient of the Richard B. Bennett/Dorothy Compton Prize.

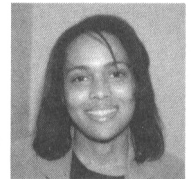


Eleanor Bright

Ian Yusef Needham will attend the University of Chicago, where he will receive a fellowship.

DeAunderia Bryant will attend the University of Michigan with a fellowship

Aleshia M. Dyson will attend Georgia State University, where she will receive an assistantship and a stipend



Aleshia Dyson

#### Latino Fellows

Jason Paul Casellas will attend Princeton University

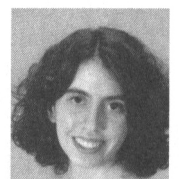
Carmen Huerta will attend Rice University, where she has been granted a fellowship with remission of tuition and fees and a stipend.



Carmen Huerta

Natasha Borges Sugiyama will attend the University of Texas, Austin, where she received a teaching assistantship with remission of tuition and fees.

Adele Elizabeth Vigil will attend the University of California, San Diego, where she has been granted a fellowship with remission of tuition and fees.



Adele Vigil



2000 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute participants. Back row (l to r): Byron Demery, Professor Paula McClain, Professor Paul Freedman, Jawad Towns, Adan Balboa, Renee Jeffries, Karon Coc (TA), Patrick McGuinn (TA), Beonica Rupert, and Vesla Weaver. Middle row (l to r): John Amaya, Stacy Nyikos (TA), Gabriel Sanchez, Nicholas (Sammy) Fernandez, Yashica Danridge, Deva Woody, Tehama Lopez, J. Alan Kendrick (TA), and Alexis Clark (TA). Front row (l to r): Michael Tuncap, Elgin Rogers, Jr., Itika Oldwine, Shabazz Wilson, Angelique Douyon, Raasheja (Nicci) Page, Michelle Oby, and Gladys De La Cruz. Not pictured: Darby Morrisroe (TA). Photo by James Carpenter.