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Dear Colleagues:

The 1996 Annual Meeting of the APSA will be held in San Francisco, always one of its most well-attended venues, from 28 August through 1 September at the San Francisco Hilton and Towers Hotel. The overall theme of the meeting, and of one division of panels, will be *Inequality and Politics*.

The Call for Papers identifies the 45 divisions of the 1996 program. The Program Committee invites proposals for panels, papers, and roundtables, as well as offers to serve as panel chairs or discussants, no later than 1 December 1995. Proposals for complete panels or roundtables should be submitted well before the deadline. Please submit to the appropriate division chair complete information on your panel or individual paper proposal(s), using the forms provided here. Offers to serve as a discussant or panel chair should be addressed to the division chairs as well. Please include a one-page curriculum vitae with your bid to serve in either capacity.

We have asked each division chair to devote at least one panel to the theme of "Inequality and Politics;" in general, proposals that address the theme are especially welcome. The chair(s) of each division will make every effort to be receptive and resourceful in helping panel organizers and paper presenters develop attractive ideas and locate other scholars with similar interests to complete panels and roundtables.

The APSA Council affirms that the best scholarship can be guaranteed only if all members have an opportunity to present their research at Annual Meetings. The division chairs will do what they can to balance gender, ethnicity, and institutional affiliation in the composition of panels and roundtables.

Many more scholars ask to participate in the annual meeting than can be accommodated. In the interest of fairness, please abide strictly by the participation guidelines established by the Council. In brief, acceptance of a proposal obligates you to preregister by June 15, 1996. Papergivers are expected to complete their work in time for discussants to evaluate it, and 50 copies of papers must be submitted to the panel paper room. Participants may appear on no more than two [2] panels and are limited to two [2] standard forms of participation -- presenting a paper, acting as a discussant, or chairing a panel.

You may submit more than one paper or panel proposal to a division chair, or submit the same proposal to not more than two division chairs. The APSA Council requires, however,

that you inform each chair of your duplicate submissions. Failure to inform all concerned of duplicate submissions is grounds for summary rejection of a proposal.

Please direct questions to members of the Program Committee or Jennifer Hacha Richards, Convention Manager, APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036-1290; [202] 483-2512; [202] 483-2657 (fax); or jrichards@apsa.dgsys.com.

With best regards,

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