

San Francisco Meeting Breaks Attendance Record

The 1996 Annual Meeting attendance exceeded all previous meetings with 6,055 registered political scientists, exhibitors, and members of the press. This year's attendance exceeded last year's by over 400 participants. In addition, a record 650 panels were held in three luxury hotels: the San Francisco Hilton and Towers, the Hotel Nikko, and the Crowne Plaza Parc Fifty-Five Hotel. Even the APSA Child Care Service experienced a growth spurt with a record 54 children in KiddieCorp's care.

Busy hallways, bustling hotel lobbies, and packed meeting rooms were signs of the attractive program organized by Program Co-Chairs Jennifer Hochschild, Princeton University, Ronald Rogowski, University of California, San Diego, and the 46 division chairs of the Program Committee. In addition, over 100 panels were organized by Related Groups.

The 1996 meeting was characterized by several successful innovations in programming, including three poster sessions, "Breakfasts with Champions", experimental panel formats, and a live broadcast of the Democratic National Convention.

Although poster sessions have been a part of APSA meetings for the last three years, the 1996 sessions were expanded to include more than 290 presenters in American Politics, Comparative Politics and International Relations, and Political Theory. The sessions offered a forum for enhanced dialogue among colleagues through visual presentation of research.

Several program divisions experimented with alternative formats of presentation during their panel sessions to enhance audience interaction. In some sessions, discussants were asked to present papers, followed by a question and answer period between audience and authors.

The breakfast roundtables, coined "Breakfasts with Champions," featured thirteen political scientists who shared their reflections with sixty-five graduate students at two breakfast gatherings.

Hyde Park Sessions drew audiences again this year to discuss and



Rapt attention and standing room only in one of the 650 panels of the 1996 Annual Meeting Program.

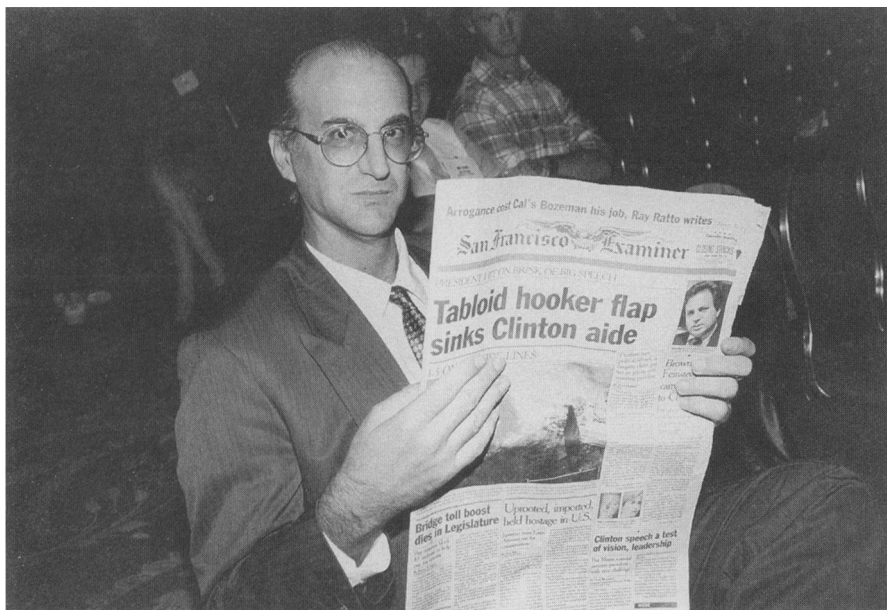


New books and familiar lists are offered to political scientists by the largest collection of exhibitors in the field.

debate controversies; *Inequality and Resentment in Europe and the United States; Why, or Why not, Same Sex Marriages?; Electoral Reform; Unemployment in Comparative Perspective; Vote By Mail; and The Bosnian Conflict.*

Other highlights included the live broadcast of President Bill Clinton's acceptance speech during a reception sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha. The Harold D. Lasswell Symposium following the speech featured

Charles O. Jones, Jeffrey Tulis, Linda Faye Williams, Kathleen Hall Jamieson, and Josef Joffe who commented on President Clinton's speech. Notable addresses included the James Madison Lecture delivered by Philip Converse, University of Michigan, and entitled "Polls and the Issue of Political Representation;" the John Gaus Lecture, delivered by Lynton K. Caldwell, Indiana University, entitled "The State as a Work of Art;" and the Presidential



"Deja vu all over again." A member of audience takes in the days events awaiting the Pi Sigma Alpha sponsored presentation of President Clinton's acceptance speech before the Democratic National Convention.



[L-R] Roger Davidson and Donald Tannebaum follow up with David Mayhew and Michael Malbin following the roundtable "The 104th Congress: Business as Usual." Joining Mayhew and Malbin on the roundtable were Richard F. Fenno, Jr., John Kornacki, Robert Peabody, and Barbara Sinclair.

Address by Arend Lijphart, University of California, San Diego, entitled "Unequal Participation: Democracy's Unresolved Dilemma."

Poster Sessions a Highlight at Annual Meeting

Poster presentations are a now proven method of sharing knowledge

among political scientists. Such was the reaction after approximately 290 posters were presented at three poster sessions organized at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Graduate students joined both junior and senior faculty in presenting graphs and pictures in a creative, succinct fashion unavailable in panel paper sessions. Poster sessions were

divided into three categories: Comparative Politics and International Relations, Political Theory and Methodology, and American Politics.

This year marked the first time extensive poster sessions were included in the Annual Meeting program. Taking hints from colleagues in the other sciences, many presenters demonstrated expertise at condensing research into a 4 foot by 8 foot poster.

The poster sessions also offered opportunities for informal, in-depth discussion of research. Presenters capitalized on the crowds, taking the chance to share greater details about their research interests with the large audience.

Recognizing the potential of poster sessions at future Annual Meetings, APSA awarded prizes for the best presentations. Four scholars walked away with certificates and cash awards. The winners and the awards committees were:

Poster Session I: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Recipient: Sandra Joireman, University of California, Los Angeles
Presentation: Changing Property Rights in the Horn of Africa.

Recipient: Valentina Padula, University of Maryland, College Park
Presentation: The Nature of Party Campaigning in Italy: a Study of Televised Political Ads in Four National Elections, 1983-1994.

Award Committee: Beth Simmons, Duke University, Chair; Geoffrey Garrett, University of Pennsylvania; and Steve Weber, University of California, Berkeley.

Poster Session II: Political Theory and Methodology

Recipient: Paul A. Kowart, Florida International University
Presentation: The Political Personality: Q-Sort Profiles of Six Postwar American Presidents.

Award Committee: John Freeman, University of Minnesota, Chair; Anne Norton, University of Pennsylvania; and Arlene Saxonhouse, University of Michigan.

Poster Session III: American Politics

Recipient: Michael Bailey, Stanford University
Presentation: Particular and Diffuse Interests and American Trade Poli-