

mately reflect on a wide range of questions: What is the nature of social order? How do different conceptions of human nature affect one's views about society? What is the role of science and technology in fostering the transformation of the cultural life-world? Moreover, because several of the thinkers in the classic tradition were not in full agreement about the appropriate methods for the study of society, they invite reflection about the meaning of a science of society, and the contemporary commitment to scientific truth as the only valid means to understanding the social order.

The funds from the NEH grant will be used primarily for faculty released time. Each member of the sociology department will be released from one course during the academic year 1983-84 in order to participate in a year-long colloquium on the classic tradition in social theory. They will read, reflect upon, and discuss the key texts, preparatory to teaching the new introductory course in the fall of 1984. In addition, the colloquium will deal with questions concerning the impact of the new course on the remainder of the sociology curriculum and develop recommendations for future implementation. Finally, monies will be available to bring to Vassar three nationally recognized social theorists as scholar/consultants to join the colloquium discussions on occasion.

Participating members of the Vassar sociology faculty include: Professors James Farganis (project director) and E. Jean Pin; Assistant Professors Eileen Leonard, Marque Miringoff, and Sondra Silverman; Visiting Lecturer Jodi Brodsky. □

## **Reports and Announcements**

### **National Humanities Center Expands Activities**

In its five years of existence, the National Humanities Center at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, has developed a

successful fellowship program and sponsored conferences and seminars on topics in the humanities. It also distributes a radio program on the humanities to over 250 commercial and public stations nationwide.

In an effort to continue to be responsive to the needs of humanistic scholarship and to establish closer relations with members of learned societies, the Center invites scholars in the humanities to suggest activities that might complement the programs of the Center.

Please write to: John O'Connor, Assistant Director for Programs, National Humanities Center, 7 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. □

### **Project on Local Fiscal Austerity Undertaken**

The Project on Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation is the most extensive study to date of local decision-making and fiscal policy. It includes surveys of all U.S. cities over 25,000 in 1980, about 1,000 cities; closely coordinated studies are underway of U.S. counties and small towns, and cities in some 25 other countries. Data are being collected in the U.S. by some 60 policy analysts, each of whom surveys cities in his or her state or adjacent region. By dividing the task and costs, we have solved the data collection problem. We are maintaining continuity and communication among participants via newsletters, frequent meetings at professional conferences, and personal communications and contacts.

Participants were initially attracted by the opportunity to compare cities nearby them with others. As it grew clear that we would cover most of the U.S., others volunteered to survey any remaining states. The result was a network of some 60 teams using a standard methodology to survey local public officials; teams pool their data, then make them available to all.

While the project emerged quite spontaneously, it built on experiences joining many participants. Research funds have progressively declined yet urban research

has increased in sophistication and scale. In the past 15 years a few large empirical studies have had major impacts on urban policy analysis. Social scientists and policy analysts increasingly use such studies, but data collection costs are so high that each individual cannot find a grant to collect data he might desire. A collective effort thus offers clear payoffs.

The mayor, chair of the city council finance committee, and chief administrative officer or city manager, have been surveyed using identical questions in the U.S. in winter and spring of 1983. Questionnaires were mailed; telephone follow-ups and interviews were used to increase the response rate. Questions include fiscal management strategies the city has used from a list of 33, such as contracting out, volunteers, privatization, across the board cuts, reducing workforce through attrition, and deferred maintenance of capital stock. Items also include policy preferences, activities, and impact on city government by 20 participants including employees, business groups, local media, the elderly, city finance staff and federal and state agencies. Several items come from past studies of local officials and citizens, thus permitting comparisons of results. Data will be shared among project participants for approximately the first year and then made available to others.

Terry Clark of the Department of Sociology of the University of Chicago is coordinating the U.S. team and aspects of the Project. Interested persons are welcome at many Project meetings. For further details, contact participants or Terry Clark, 1126 E. 59th St., University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637. □

### **Federal Grant Presented to Carl Albert Center**

One of the nation's principal centers for the study of Congress, the Carl Albert Center recently received \$463,000 of the \$2 million federal endowment matching grant appropriated last December by Congress. Some \$120,000 of the first federal grant installment will be con-

tributed to the Julian J. Rothbaum Distinguished Lectureship Fund.

Founded in 1979 by the Oklahoma Legislature and State Regents for Higher Education, the Carl Albert Center combines academic programs for graduate and undergraduate students in congressional studies with one of the nation's largest archives of congressional papers. □

### **Committee Formed on States and Social Structures**

The Social Science Research Council has established a new Committee on States and Social Structures. The initial members of the committee are: Peter B. Evans, Brown University, and Theda Skocpol, University of Chicago, Co-Chair; Albert O. Hirschman, Institute for Advanced Study; Peter J. Katzenstein, Cornell University; Ira Katznelson, New School for Social Research; Stephen D. Krasner, Stanford University; Dietrich Rueschemeyer, Brown University; and Charles Tilly, University of Michigan.

The Committee on States and Social Structures will bring together social scientists from several disciplines for collaborative scholarly discussions about problems in three major areas: (1) studies of the relationship between social knowledge and the historical and contemporary development of state interventions for social welfare purposes; (2) studies of the relationship between transnational processes and the economic policies of contemporary nation-states; and (3) comparative investigations of the building of modern national states from early modern Europe to twentieth century Latin America, Asia, and Africa. The committee is completing work on an edited volume of essays called *Bringing the State Back In*, to be published by Cambridge University Press in 1984.

Anyone who wishes to be kept informed of the activities of the Committee on States and Social Structures should contact Martha A. Gephart at the Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158, and ask to be placed on the committee's mailing list. □

## **1984-85 Faculty Exchange Invited**

Steven A. Shull, University of New Orleans, is interested in a faculty exchange for the 1984-85 academic or calendar year. Scholars in the fields of public policy, presidency, and/or legislative behavior who believe their institution would pay their own salary to teach at another university in such an exchange should feel free to write to him at the Department of Political Science, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148. □

## **Conference Proceedings Published**

The first international conference in the United States on the politics, economics, and society of the German Democratic Republic was held at Wingspread Conference Center, Racine, Wisconsin, April 14-17, 1983.

The conference considered three major questions: the extent to which the GDR can be considered a post-industrial state; economic organization and reform in the GDR and the Soviet bloc and trade relations with the West; and the dependence of GDR foreign policy on the Soviet Union.

Papers from the conference are now being prepared for publication in 1984. Inquiries should be directed to Michael Sodaro, Institute of Sino-Soviet Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC 20037. □

## **Seminar on Intelligence Sponsored for Teaching Faculty**

The Consortium for the Study of Intelligence (CSI) will sponsor the third summer faculty seminar on teaching about intelligence, as it relates to national security, foreign policy, law and ethics, from July 13-21, 1984 at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. The objectives of the seminar are to deepen substantive knowledge of the intelligence process and product, to expand and improve the

teaching of intelligence-related concerns, and to promote professional contacts among scholars in the field.

The seminar format will include: lectures by specialists with diverse experience and perspectives; intensive discussions following each lecture; workshops on teaching methods; review of various teaching and research resources; and display of diverse materials collected or developed by the CSI staff.

Applications are invited from faculty of all ranks who are currently teaching in the following fields: political science including world politics, international relations, and national security; military and diplomatic historians; sociologists and economists working in national security-related areas; and teachers of constitutional and international law.

It is anticipated that approximately 25 applicants will be selected and final notifications will be mailed by mid-March 1984. CSI will pay round-trip travel, and room and board at the seminar.

CSI, a project of the National Strategy Information Center, was founded in 1979 to provide an institutional focus for the growing need to articulate a balanced, coherent understanding of the role of intelligence in a free society.

The deadline for applications is February 17, 1984.

*For further information and application forms, contact:* Professor Roy Godson, Consortium for the Study of Intelligence, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036; (202) 429-0129. □

## **Citizenship Course Revised**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has recently revised its course, *See How They Run/Action Course in Practical Politics*, first produced 20 years ago. *See How They Run* presents information on practical politics—political parties, precinct politics, the role of individuals and volunteers in politics, and basic campaign techniques. The emphasis is on discussion and student participation. A campaign management simulation game

allows students to apply their knowledge to a campaign situation. Components of the course include a leader's unit and student manual. For further information, write to Public Affairs Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 1615 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20062. □

### Results of General Social Survey Available

The tenth General Social Survey (GSS) has just been completed by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago. Since 1972 the GSS has tracked changes and consistencies in American society. The survey contains extensive batteries of background variables including parental data on occupation, employment, and education; behavioral items on group membership, socializing, and voting; attitudinal items on such topics as abortions, crime and punishment, national spending priorities, race relations, and women's rights; and personal evaluations of happiness, satisfaction, and anomia. The 1983 release contains three special sections: (1) an oversample of blacks conducted in 1982; (2) a special section on military recruitment, women in the military, and minorities in the military; and (3) a supplement on images of God and heaven supported by Andrew Greeley.

The GSSs are conducted by the National Opinion Research Center under the direction of James A. Davis and Tom W. Smith. Funding comes from the National Science Foundation. The data set is available from the Roper Center, U-164-R, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268. Questions about the survey may be directed to GSS Project, NORC 6030 So. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637. □

### 1984 Samuel H. Beer Dissertation Prize Announced

The Executive Committee of the British Politics Group is pleased to announce the competition for the 1984 Samuel H. Beer dissertation prize. Nominations are in-

ited for an award of £125 for the best doctoral dissertation in British politics completed during the calendar years 1981, 1982, or 1983. Only a supervising professor may nominate a dissertation, and each professor is limited to a single nomination.

A copy of the nominated dissertation, along with a brief letter of nomination, should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the British Politics Group, 503 Ross Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011 no later than March 15, 1984. The principal criterion for awarding the prize shall be the dissertation's contribution to the understanding of British politics, whether that understanding derives from exclusively British research or from a comparative study. The winner of the award will be announced at the APSA's annual business meeting at the APSA convention in Washington. □

### Dissertations Sought on Contemporary French Politics

The Conference Group on French Politics and Society would like to award a prize for the best doctoral dissertation on contemporary French politics and society. Dissertations submitted for this prize must be nominated by a member of the Conference Group, and only one nomination can come from any individual member.

The CGFPS established this prize in 1978. It has yet to be awarded, however, due to the absence of nominees. Colleagues working with graduate students on France are in a position to remedy this situation. Inquiries and nominations should be addressed to: D. Bruce Marshall, Department of Government, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. □

### Information Service Promotes Gender Research

The Center for Interdisciplinary Information on Women's Studies in Copenhagen (KVINFO) is an information service

whose aim is to support and promote women's studies and gender research on a broad, interdisciplinary basis. KVINFO plays the role of service organ and coordinator for Danish research on women and related topics. Visitors may use its reading room and collection of catalogs, handbooks, bibliographies and files on Danish researchers. These files encompass the registration of both academic research and sources of women's expertise outside the universities (for example, women in labor unions and in government, women writers, women artists and others).

In 1981, KVINFO published a subject bibliography, "Kvindeforskning/Women's Studies," by Nynne Koch and Annie Winther (1981) which will be updated and revised in the near future. In addition to listings of Nordic and foreign language bibliographies and periodicals, this publication contains information about other women's research centers in Scandinavia. The Danish texts are summarized in English.

The bibliography and further information on the organization may be obtained by writing: KVINFO, Fagbibliografier 10, Copenhagen. □

### **Douglass Offers Women's Studies**

Beginning in the fall of 1984, a junior year at Douglass College will be offered in the area of women's studies.

The program, funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, will allow students from other colleges and universities to spend a junior year at Douglass taking courses in women's studies or in their chosen majors but with a women's studies perspective. Students will also participate either in a research project or internship. Career planning booklets and workshops will be available, both to the students and to their institutions.

For further information, contact Mary S. Hartman, Dean of Douglass College, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; (201) 932-9721. □

### **Social Power Researchers Invited to Join New Society**

A society to study the psychological aspects of power and influence is being formed. Membership is to be drawn from active researchers who study social power in interpersonal and organizational contexts. The purpose of the society is to facilitate the exchange of research through a newsletter, conferences, and eventually a computer based clearing house. Inquiries should be addressed to David Kipnis, Psychology Department, or Stuart Schmidt, Industrial Relations and Organizational Behavior (IROB), Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122. □

### **International Journal on War Announced**

The Department of History at the University of New South Wales announces a new journal, *War and Society*. This international journal is designed to provide a forum for the discussion of the history of war and its impact on society. The journal seeks to publish scholarly articles on the causes, experience and impact of war in all periods of history.

For further information, write: The Editors, *War and Society*, Department of History, University of New South Wales, Duntroon ACT 2600, Australia. □

### **Journal on Law and Third World Inaugurated**

The *Third World Law Journal* was conceived as a forum for scholarly legal works on topics ranging from minorities in Western countries to the Third World cultures from which these people came. The *Journal* also publishes articles comparing and analyzing the legal systems in developing countries, and the position of those countries in international law and the global community.

*The Journal* publishes twice a year at a domestic subscription rate of \$10 a year or \$5 per issue. The foreign subscription rate is US \$11 a year or US \$5.50 per

issue. For further information, write Editor, *Third World Law Journal*, Boston College, 885 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02159. □

### **Manuscripts Invited for *Global Perspectives***

*Global Perspectives: An Interdisciplinary Journal of International Relations* is accepting manuscripts for future issues. The journal's purpose is to provide a forum for responsible, objective expression at the college and university level and the opportunity for qualified graduate and senior undergraduate students to publish and progress in all areas of international relations. Of particular interest are papers presented at local, regional, national, and international conferences, seminar papers and independent studies, although other quality research will be accepted for review. All submissions are refereed anonymously by at least four professional scholars. Please see the Summer 1982 *PS*, p. 468, for submission guidelines.

*Global Perspectives* also features a guest section; professional scholars are invited to submit material for consideration. In addition, professional scholars who wish to act as readers are requested to submit current resumes. The manuscript load is quite evenly distributed so that individual assignments are not heavy.

Subscription to *Global Perspectives* is through membership in the Transnational Studies Association. Fees are \$9 for students, \$15 for professionals, \$20 for institutions, \$25 for sustaining members, \$40 for supporting members, \$250 for life members and \$500 for patron members. Checks should be made payable to the Transnational Studies Association. Send inquiries about Association membership to John C. DiPierro, Managing Director, Transnational Studies Association, University of Central Florida, P.O. Box 25000, Orlando, FL 32816. (Note: For orders outside North America, add \$2.)

Send manuscripts to John C. Bersia, Editor-in-Chief, *Global Perspectives*, P.O. Box 361, Orlando, FL 32802. □

### **Urban Affairs Journals Merged**

Within the past year, the *Journal of Urban Affairs*, a multidisciplinary journal published quarterly at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the *Urban Interest* reached an agreement on a merger. The *Urban Interest* ceased publication with their Fall 1982 issue.

Under the terms of the agreement, the *Journal of Urban Affairs* has agreed to publish a number of manuscripts which had been scheduled for publication in the *Urban Interest*, and has added three former members of the *Urban Interest* editorial board to its own board of editors. In exchange, former subscribers to the *Urban Interest* are strongly encouraged to subscribe to the *Journal of Urban Affairs*. Subscription rates are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for libraries and institutions.

The *Journal of Urban Affairs* also invites scholars to submit manuscripts dealing with urban public policies, programs and administration. Those interested in submitting manuscripts should mail four copies to: Editor, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, Architecture and Urban Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061. □

### **Politics and Policy Invites Manuscripts**

The *Journal of the North Carolina Political Science Association* is now *Politics and Policy*. The *Journal* is interested in reviewing manuscripts in any subfield. Interested authors should submit three copies of their manuscripts in Turabian format to: Joel A. Thompson, Editor, *Politics and Policy*, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608. □

## **Social Philosophy and Policy Center Publishes Journal**

*Social Philosophy & Policy*, an interdisciplinary, scholarly journal, is published on a semi-annual basis starting in September 1983. Employing a thematic format, each issue of the journal addresses a single topic, examined from an ethical perspective. Eminent thinkers in philosophy, economics, law, political science, and other relevant disciplines apply their special skills in considering the designated topic. Some of the themes explored in early issues of the journal are: distributive justice, human rights, and liberty and equality.

U.S. subscription rates are \$14.50 for individuals, \$40 for institutions. For further information, write to Sue Dommett, Journals Department, Basil Blackwell Publisher, 108 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX 4 1JF, England. □

## **Government and Policy Features Contemporary Policy Process**

A new journal, *Government and Policy*, has appeared in Britain. Its primary focus is upon legal, political, and institutional difficulties of the contemporary policy process. The editor welcomes articles dealing with local government, inter-governmental relations, urban and regional policy, tax and expenditure decisions, and fiscal control. The journal will publish critical and review articles, short notes, as well as larger empirical studies with international relevance and a multi-disciplinary outlook.

The editor of the journal is R. J. Bennett, Department of Geography, Cambridge University. The journal is published by: Pion Ltd., 207 Brondesbury Park, London NW2 5JN. □

## **ISI Press Publishes Presenting Science to the Public**

A new book on how scientists can—and should—communicate with the lay public

is due in October from ISI Press, according to Robert A. Day, director of the Philadelphia publishing house. Barbara Gastel's book, *Presenting Science to the Public*, will be the seventh title in the ISI Press Professional Writing Series. It will be published simultaneously in paperback (ISBN: 0-89495-029-0) and cloth (ISBN: 0-89495-028-2). The paperback will list for \$11.95, the clothbound for \$17.95. The book will be 135 pages long and will be illustrated.

Dr. Gastel's premise is that approximately two-thirds of scientists are, at one time or another, interviewed about their work by the popular press, by civic and educational groups, or by interested lay people. Her book discusses how scientists and other technical experts (engineers, physicians, and computer scientists, for instance) can work with the press, and explains to them how the press works.

The book is divided into three parts: (1) communicating with the public: advantages, principles, and problems; (2) the press: how it works and how to work with it; and (3) communicating technical information directly to the public.

Dr. Gastel teaches at M.I.T. and is a frequent contributor both to the professional literature and to general interest magazines. She will be Visiting Professor of Technical Communication at Beijing Medical College, People's Republic of China, until July 1984.

For more information, write or phone: Karen Kietzman, ISI Press®, 3501 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (215) 386-0100, ext. 1382. □

## **European Studies Newsletter Available**

The *European Studies Newsletter* is published six times a year by the Council for European Studies (CES). The newsletter features CES news, fellowships and awards, conferences, organizations, announcements, research directions, and publications. An institutional subscription is \$20 for one year. Individuals receive

the newsletter as part of their membership in CES. For further information, write to Council for European Studies, 1404 International Affairs Building, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. □

### **Russian Studies Newsletter Initiated**

The *Russian Studies Newsletter* aims to provide a single source of practical information for students and faculty in the fields of Russian language and literature and Russian/Soviet government, history, geography, economics, and sociology. Information on books, conferences, professional societies, and academic and job opportunities will be featured.

The newsletter will be published monthly from September to May. The annual subscription price is \$20. All subscriptions begin in September, and orders entered after that month will receive back issues up to the current issue. For further information, write to: Russian Studies Newsletter, P.O. Box 262, Holden, MA 01520. □

### **COSSA Newsletter Offers Subscriptions**

The *COSSA Washington Update*, the bi-weekly newsletter of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), is now available on a subscription basis to individual social and behavioral scientists.

The *COSSA Washington Update* keeps readers informed of the latest developments in the Congress that affect fund-

ing for social and behavioral science research. COSSA closely follows and reports on appropriation and authorization legislation for research programs in many federal agencies including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute of Education (NIE), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), among others.

In addition, the *Update* reports on current issues of federal science policy such as the issuance of regulations affecting research in the social and behavioral sciences, the composition of research agency advisory boards, and the policies and practices of federal research agencies. The *Update* also reports on the social and behavioral sciences in other nations. Recent issues of the *COSSA Washington Update* have featured articles on a new bill that would protect scientific advisory committees from political influence, the status of the appropriation for the National Science Foundation, the omission of the social and behavioral sciences from a recent NSF program announcement for science education, and the status of research budgets in France and Israel.

In order to cover the cost of reproducing and mailing the biweekly newsletter, COSSA is asking for a contribution of \$25 for each *Update* subscription. For those who cannot afford this amount, a subscription will be sent for whatever amount can be afforded. Those who wish to subscribe to the *COSSA Washington Update* should send a check for \$25, or the amount they can afford, for printing and mailing costs to: Consortium of Social Science Associations, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036. □