

ATLANTA '99

Atlanta Draws Record Attendance for Annual Meeting in the South

Atlanta hosted the largest meeting APSA has ever held in the south. More than 5,300 political scientists participated in a program featuring 720 panel sessions. Including members of the press, attendees from other disciplines, and exhibitors, almost 6,000 individuals took part in panels, roundtables, business meetings, and receptions held at the Hilton Atlanta and Towers and the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

The 1999 program, organized by 53 division chairs and led by Program Co-Chairs Alberta Sbragia, University of Pittsburgh, and John Garcia, University of Arizona, was organized around the theme "Political Science and the World of Politics and Policy: Contribution and Impact." Sixty-five sessions were designated as "theme panels," and the three highest attendance figures were recorded for "What Have We Learned about Democratic Consolidation" chaired by Larry Diamond, Stanford University (130 attendees); "What's Troubling the Trilateral Democracies?" chaired by Robert D. Putnam, Harvard University (122); and "Is Anybody Still a Realist?" co-chaired by Jeffrey W. Legro, University of Virginia, and Andrew Moravcsik, Harvard University (110).

Well-attended Related Group panels included two hosted by the Claremont Institute, "Leo Strauss and the Question of Reason and Revelation" and "Roundtable on Harry V. Jaffa's 'Crisis of the House Divided' at 40," and the Women's Caucus for Political Science-sponsored panel, "Women as Political Experts: Special Roundtable

to Connect Women in Political Science with Broadcast News Producers."

Four poster sessions provide forums for 338 presenters to make visual presentations of their research. Each session included papers from all subfields of political science, and the Thursday afternoon session featured posters prepared by the 1999 class of Ralph Bunche Summer Institute scholars. Research support institutions were also invited to participate in the Thursday session and the United States Institute of Peace, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, and the Aspen Institute accepted, as did many others.

Thursday programming highlights included the APSA Awards Ceremony hosted by Program Co-Chairs Alberta Sbragia and John Garcia. APSA President Matthew Holden Jr. concluded the evening with his Presidential Address, "Progress in Political Research", Revisited."

Three special guest lectures highlighted the Atlanta meeting, beginning on Thursday with the annual Pi Sigma Alpha lecture given by Representative John Lewis (D-GA). The triennial James Madison Lecture, presented on Friday by Kenneth N. Waltz, Columbia University, was titled "Is International Politics Obsolete?" Later Friday afternoon, H. George Frederickson, University of Kansas, presented the annual John Gaus Lecture on "The Repositioning of American Public Administration." Both the Madison and Gaus lectures appear in this issue of *PS*.

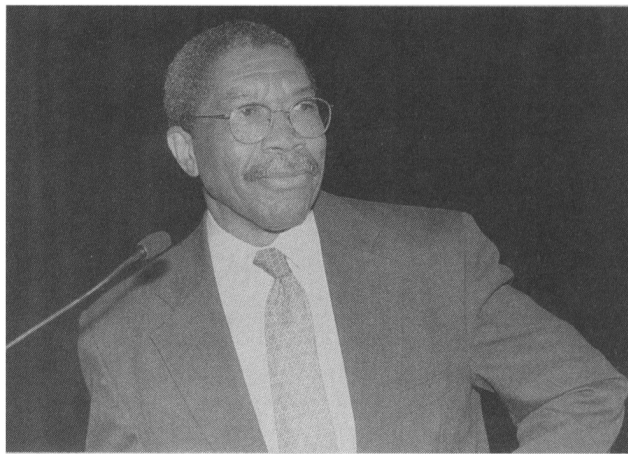
Also on Friday, Thomas E. Mann, The Brookings In-

stitution, chaired two panels organized as a tribute to Warren Miller and cosponsored by APSA and the National Election Studies. The Harold D. Lasswell Symposium, organized by the program co-chairs and chaired by Charles O. Jones, University of Wisconsin, was held later Friday evening and focused on "Who Cares about Impeachment? Implications for American Politics and Civic Culture."

Also on Friday evening, the Women's Caucus celebrated their thirtieth anniversary with a lively dinner attracting 187 political scientists and hosted by Toni-Michelle Travis, George Mason University. Several women (and a few men) were honored as founding officers, including Dorothy Stetson, Carol Barner-Barry, Berenice Carroll, Kay Klotzburger, Judith Stiehm, and Audrey Wells.

This year's Hyde Park sessions, designed for informal and controversial discussion, were well-attended at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel. The topics were "New Labor in the New South" and "The Clinton Impeachment: Pro & Con."

The 1999 Conference for Department Chairs and Professional Day on Wednesday featured 17 short



1999 APSA President Matthew Holden Jr. delivers his Presidential Address in Atlanta.

courses and two chairs' sessions. Two of the short courses, sponsored by APSA Organized Sections, were held at area universities. Short courses and other preconvention workshops continue to be a popular addition to the Annual Meeting for in-depth study or hands-on training. For the second year, Political Methodology videotaped two short courses for distribution and classroom use.

Several new innovations and programs were introduced during the Atlanta meeting, notably the Electronic Message Center. The Message Center was well-utilized by the attendees, as indicated by the high volume of messages transmitted (6,714), and will become a standard service at future meetings. The newly-expanded Cyber Stop was frequented during all hours of operation. Exhibitor-sponsored coffee breaks and receptions were welcome additions this year and are expected to continue for future years.

Plans for the 2000 Annual Meet-

ing, to be held August 31–September 3 in Washington, DC, are well underway, and panel sessions will be split between two newly-renovated properties: the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel (formerly the Sheraton Washington) and the Omni Shoreham Hotel. The Hilton Washington will host the Professional Placement Service and additional panel sessions. Shuttles will run continuously from each of the three co-headquarters hotels. For details on the 2000 meeting, be sure to visit the Annual Meeting

web site (www.apsanet.org/mtgs) and to look for more information in the March and June issues of *PS*.

Achievements of Researchers and Teachers Recognized during APSA Honors Reception

Honoring those scholars who have helped shape the profession, APSA hosted its 1999 Honors Reception at the Academy of Medicine in Atlanta as part of the Annual Meeting. At the awards ceremony following the reception, the Association recognized special achievements in the profession. Presentation of the third annual Frank J. Goodnow Award for Distinguished Service highlighted the evening, with Gabriel A. Almond, Doris A. Graber, Malcolm E. Jewell, and Thomas E. Mann being honored. Named for the Association's first president, the award recognizes individuals who have made

Matthew Holden Jr. and Catherine E. Rudder present 1999 Frank J. Goodnow Awards to Gabriel A. Almond (left-center) and Doris A. Graber (right-center). The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the political science profession and the building of APSA.

