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The American Political Science Review Book Review, 1991–95

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This report discusses the operation of the *American Political Science Review* Book Review during my editorship, 1991–94. In this period the Book Review received more than 6,000 books for consideration. Of these, 940 were selected and reviewed in the September 1992–March 1995 issues of the *APSR*. The Book Review also commissioned review essays on major topics in political science that were written by distinguished scholars including Herbert Kitchelt, regime

transformation; David Brady, divided government; Leslie Greene, natural law; James Stimson, public opinion and representation; Jean Elshtain, feminist theory; Elinor Ostrom, the significance of political institutions; David Laitin, political culture; and Allen Buchanan, communitarianism and liberalism.

Two tasks are the most important to the operation of the Book Review: selection of books and of reviewers. This report describes operation of the Book Review in

terms of these tasks. A final section considers the interdependence between book and reviewer selection and the way this interdependence affects the quality of individual reviews and that of the Book Review as a whole.

Selecting Books

To elaborate on the numbers cited and illustrate the current scope of the Book Review, Table 1