



Atlanta, Georgia site of the APSA Annual Meeting.

Plan Now for Atlanta Annual Meeting

The Atlanta annual meeting promises to be a stimulating meeting at unusually good hotel and travel rates. For the first time Organized Sections of the Association will assume responsibility for organizing panels within their subject matter. In addition six sections of the program will focus on special themes: Thomas Hobbes, The French Revolution, Political Science in Washington, The Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Bill of Rights, and Party Realignment.

The program featuring 34 sections will be enhanced by the Gaus lecture, the presidential address of Lucian Pye, the triennial Lasswell symposium, as well as two special plenary sessions. One plenary session promises to be a real mind teaser, an evening of political trivia. Come and stump the panel of experts!

The Association is developing short courses that promise to draw on the unique history of Atlanta; short courses on the Civil War, southern politics, the civil

rights movement. Look to future issues of *PS* for additional information.

Excellent hotel and travel rates will make attending the Atlanta annual meeting easy. Delta Airlines will offer a special convention rate of 5 percent below their best fares to Atlanta. Likewise, the Atlanta Hilton, located in the heart of Peach Tree Plaza, will offer APSA members rates of \$61 for single rooms and \$83 for double rooms.

News About APSA Organized Sections

The Section on Political Organizations and Parties has a new newsletter editor. He is John Green, The Ray Bliss Institute, University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-1904.

The Section on International Security and Arms Control, which expects to receive official sanction from the Council soon, is actively seeking members. Those



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic District on Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

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wishing to join may send \$5 dues to APSA's membership office, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Please be sure to include the name of the Section in your correspondence.

The Section's organizing president is Paul Viotti, Box 138, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO 80840. The vice president is John A. Williams, Loyola University of Chicago.

The Section is sponsoring three panels for the Atlanta meeting August 31-September 3, 1989.

The **Urban Politics and Urban Policy Section** has established an award for the best dissertation in the field of urban politics. The award will carry an honorarium of \$250, and is being supported by the *Journal of Urban Affairs* and by *Urban Affairs Quarterly*. Seen as a way to recognize and encourage excellence in urban scholarship among those who are beginning their academic careers, the award is to be given annually. The inaugural selection committee is being chaired by Susan MacManus of the University of South Florida. She is joined on the committee by

Michael Rich of Brown University and John Clayton Thomas of the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Nominations may be sent to members of the committee before March 1.

Anyone interested in joining an organized section of the APSA devoted to **Politics and Literature** should contact Lyman Tower Sargent, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO 63121.

Daniel Mazmanian is now section chair for **Policy Studies**, replacing Rita Mae Kelly.

1988 Policy Studies Section Awards

Members of the APSA Policy Studies Section and the Policy Studies Organization presented their 1988 awards at a luncheon held during the APSA annual meeting.

The recipients included: Thomas D. Cook, Northwestern University, the

Donald Campbell Award for being an outstanding methodological innovator in public policy studies; Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), the Hubert Humphrey Award for being an outstanding public policy practitioner; Charles E. Lindblom, Yale University, the Harold D. Lasswell Award for outstanding scholarship in contributing to the understanding of the substance or process of public policy; Kathryn Moss, SUNY, Stonybrook, the Theodore Lowi Award for the best article in the *Policy Studies Journal* in 1987; L. A. Wilson II, Arizona State University, the Jeffrey Pressman Award for the best article in the *Policy Studies Review* in 1987; Christopher J. Bosso, Northeastern University and Abigail M. Thernstrom, Harvard University, the PSO Book Award for the best policy books in 1987; and Milton Heumann, Rutgers University, and Thomas Church, SUNY, Albany, the PSO Conference Paper Award for the best policy studies paper presented at a political science annual meeting in 1987.

The Political Science Major

The Association begins a study of the undergraduate major in political science in 1989. The study is to be a two-year effort under the direction of the Association of American Colleges. At least 11 other scholarly disciplines are participating in this project—entitled "Liberal Education, Study in Depth and the Arts and Science Major." Funding is being provided by the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education and The Ford Foundation.

A Task Force, appointed by Association President Lucian W. Pye, will examine the political science major. Task Force members are: John C. Wahlke, University of Arizona, chair; Twiley W. Barker, Jr., University of Illinois, Chicago; Lawrence W. Beer, Lafayette College; Mary Ellen Fischer, Skidmore College; Ronald Kahn, Oberlin College; Kathleen McGinnis, Trinity College; Marian L. Palley, University of Delaware; and Randall B. Ripley, Ohio State University. Serving on the Task Force, as ex-officio members in order to assure coordination with the Association's continuing programs, are: Richard Brody, Stanford University, chair, Education Committee; and Lois B. Moreland, Spelman College, chair, Departmental Services Committee.

The Task Force will examine existing practices for designing a major in political science in terms of credit hours, required courses, course sequences, proscribed areas of concentration, and the distribution across subfields. In doing so, the Task Force will address the objectives sought by a "study in depth" of political science and how these are pursued by departments of differing sizes and in different types of universities and colleges.

The Task Force will have some data from a survey of deans and department chairs organized by the AAC for the project. At the same time, the Task Force invites submissions from political science departments on the philosophy and structure of the major, and from individuals who have studied the major in political science. All of this information will be the basis of a report from the Task Force that will not only review current practices but recommend developments to strengthen the undergraduate major.

If anyone notices an omission in the newly published *Directory of Black Americans in Political Science*, the Association would appreciate being informed. Please contact Maurice Woodard at APSA.
