

Announcements

Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics

This annual competition is designed to encourage and reward scholars embarking on significant research in the area of women and politics. The prize includes a \$1,000 cash award and travel expenses to Ames, Iowa, where awards will be presented October 2–3, 1998, during the sixth annual conference of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics. The 1998 conference theme will be “Civic Discourse in a Global Community: Creating Cross-Cultural Connections.” Prize recipients will present an overview of their research at the conference.

Research projects submitted for prize consideration can address this year’s conference theme or any other topic related to women and politics. Scholars at any level, including graduate students and junior faculty members, can apply.

To be considered for the prize, applicants should submit the following by July 1, 1998: (1) a detailed description of the research project, including its goals, its relationship to previous work in the field, the methodology employed, and a timetable for completion; (2) a cover letter outlining the researcher’s professional interests and experiences related to the project and providing mailing addresses and telephone numbers where s/he can be reached in September 1998; and (3) a current curriculum vitae.

Winners of the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics are to acknowledge their honor when their research results are published and to transmit one copy of each publication for the Center’s archives.

Send materials to: Dianne Bystrom, Director, Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, 309 Carrie Chapman Catt Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1305; Fax: (515) 294-3741. Awards will be announced by September 11, 1998. For more information, contact the Center at (515) 294-3181 or via email at dbystrom@iastate.edu.

Census in the Classroom

Scholars interested in adopting census data analysis exercises in their classes are

encouraged to visit the Social Science Data Analysis Network web site at www.psc.lsa.umich.edu/SSDAN/. Led by William Frey of the University of Michigan, the SSDAN makes teaching materials available to all educators. Funded by NSF and the Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, the Network enables college teachers to introduce “user-friendly” analysis of census data in their classes. Tailor made data sets from the last five U.S. Censuses and the Current Population Survey have been designed for use in classes dealing with topics such as: race-ethnicity, immigration, gender studies, marriage, households and poverty, US income inequality, children, and the elderly. SSDAN staff will help instructors tailor exercises for their own classes, and make them available to other professors in the Network.

Interested faculty should visit the web site, which describes the project, available data sets and exercises, and permits downloading of census data sets, that can be accessed with Chipendale software in both IBM and MAC formats. Request a “startup” package, free of charge, by registering on the homepage, or contacting William Frey, Director SSDAN, Population Studies Center, 1225 South University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; Email: william.frey@umich.edu.

Political Film Society Names 1998 Winners

The Political Film Society, based in Hollywood, CA, recently selected those films which best raise political consciousness in one of several categories. Members of the society select winners via ballot process. For further information on the Society please contact Michael Hass via email at PolFilmS@aol.com.

Democracy

John Avnet’s *Red Corner* won top honors for showing how extralegal considerations endemic in crony rule within China prevent the criminal justice system from producing a just outcome.

Exposé

John Singleton’s *Rosewood* won as the year’s best expose by portraying the massacre of Blacks in a Florida town just

after World War I, an even nearly unknown until release of the film.

Human Rights

Rosewood was also voted the film that best raised consciousness of the problems of human rights.

Peace

Jean-Jacques Annaud’s *Seven Years in Tibet* was voted the best film for raising consciousness of the need to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Hawaii International Film Festival

Poverty Outlaw, which described how the poor organized in North Philadelphia to claim their rights, was voted the best political film in the annual Hawaii International Film Festival.

Civil Society: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Civil Society: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, a new interdisciplinary book series sponsored by Tufts University and to be published by the University Press of New England, will seek to enhance the understanding of and encourage debate and critical thinking on a topic that has already generated considerable discussion among political scientists and sociologists. However, the series aims to broaden the discussion by also engaging historians, philosophers and other scholars from the humanities. The perspective will be international and comparative, and it will be receptive to critical approaches. Further, the series will look at the topic from both theoretical and applied, or case-study, perspectives, and in this context will include studies by, about, and for “practitioners,” including policymakers and staff and volunteers in nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations worldwide.

The series will address the topic broadly and without restriction on time period and place. Included in its purview are the idea and practice of citizenship; free speech, assembly, and association as political rights; the essential balance between the rights of the individual citizen and the citizen’s responsibilities within the larger community; the role, structure, and functioning of nongovernmental associations and organizations; community space and form as a context for public

action and civic behavior; the importance and limitations of civil society in achieving effective communities and nations; and philanthropy as a form of voluntary engagement.

Civil society is a complex topic, multidisciplinary in scholarly interest and international in scope. A publishing effort devoted to exploring the topic broadly and critically is much needed. The Tufts series will respond to this need through the publication of original scholarship, reflective studies by practitioners from the nonprofit and voluntary sector, and, on a very selected basis, reprints of classic studies and documents. Please direct inquiries to Kent E. Portney, Department of Political Science, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155; Email: kportney@infonet.tufts.edu.

Third Biennial Prize in Polish Studies

The Polish Studies Association seeks nominations for its Third Biennial Prize in Polish Studies. The prize is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in the first book of an author in the humanities or social sciences in the early stages of her or his career. The closing date for nominations is August 31, 1998. Nominations are limited to works in English published in the two years prior to the closing date (September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1998). The prize will be awarded at the PSA's Business Meeting during the Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in 1998.

A letter of nomination, the curriculum vitae of the author, and three copies of the work nominated should be sent to the Chair of the Prize Committee, Michael Bernhard, at the Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802; Email: mhb5@psu.edu; Phone: (814)865-3205.