

# Announcements

## Women and Politics Section Awards

The Women and Politics Section of the APSA announces the prize for the Best Dissertation on the topic of women and politics. The award will be made at the Section's business meeting at the 1997 APSA convention in Washington, DC. To be considered for the award, Ph.D. dissertations must have been completed and the degree awarded in 1996. All submissions must reach the chair of the Dissertation Prize Committee by March 30, 1997. The chair of the 1997 Committee is Laura Wolliver, Department of Government, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29028.

The Section will also be awarding a cash prize for the best paper on women and politics presented at the 1996 Meeting of the American Political Science Association. For consideration, please send four copies of the paper to the chair of the committee: Janet Clark, Political Science Department, State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA 30118. Deadline: March 30, 1997.

## Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award

The Religion and Politics Organized Section of APSA is accepting nominations for the Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award. The award carries a cash prize of \$250. Doctoral dissertations with a central focus on any aspect of the relationship between religion and politics, in any subfield of the discipline, which have been completed during calendar years 1995 or 1996, are eligible.

The award committee consists of Timothy A. Byrnes, Colgate University (Chair); Ted G. Jelen, Illinois Benedictine College; and Geoffrey C. Layman, Vanderbilt University. A copy of the nominated dissertation, along with a brief letter of nomination, should be sent to Timothy A. Byrnes, Department of Political Science, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York 13346. Deadline for submission is June 1, 1997. The winner of the award will be announced at the Religion and Politics business meeting at the 1997 APSA convention in Washington, D.C.

## Journals Announce New Policy

The editors of the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *American Political Science Review*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *Polity* announce that on an experimental basis they will not process new manuscripts for review from approximately July 15 to August 15 each year (actual dates may vary from journal to journal and from year to year). This policy will allow the journals to schedule vacation time for staff, provide a time for long range planning, and permit the journals to make up any lags in their production schedule. Experience also suggests that it is very difficult to move manuscripts received during this period into the review process owing to the frequent unavailability of editorial board members and reviewers. The Journal's objective is to process a full year's manuscripts in eleven months by marginally restructuring the submission process. The return of reviews and the progress of manuscripts already in process are not affected by this policy.

## SSRC Rockefeller Archive Center Opens

The records of the Social Science Research Council have been made available for research at the Rockefeller Archive Center in North Tarrytown, NY. Long inaccessible to scholars, the archives of the SSRC trace the evolution of the social sciences in the United States.

Materials in the SSRC archive includes records of its governing bodies—minutes, agenda books, and correspondence—which provide an internal history of the Council; staff-written memoranda, minutes and correspondence; committee and working group documents, including conference and workshop programs and working papers; fellowships and grants materials, project proposals, financial records, and other files.

Many of the major cultural, social, and intellectual currents of the 20th century are reflected in the SSRC records. Opening them for research will benefit scholars in numerous fields: historians studying the intellectual development of the social sciences in the United States, particularly in the history of concepts and methods; chroniclers of government

agencies, historians of philanthropy, biographers of social scientists, and historians of specific disciplines or area studies fields.

The Rockefeller Archive Center, a division of The Rockefeller University, was created in 1974 to assemble, process, and make available for scholarly research the archival collections of members of the Rockefeller family and of various philanthropic and education institutions they have founded. The Center's 60 million pages of documents, 500,000 photographs, and 2,000 films provide unique insights into worldwide developments and issues of the 19th and 20th centuries. More than 2,000 scholars have conducted research at the Center and many of them have produced books, articles, dissertations, and films based on the Center's collections.

Scholars interested in conducting research at the Center may write to the Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, North Tarrytown, NY 10591-1598, describing their projects in specific terms.

## Parliamentary Committee Change Scholarship Published

The Research Committee of Legislative Specialists of the International Political Science Association has published the newest volume in its book series *Working Papers on Comparative Legislative Studies*. The new collection of original studies focuses on *The Changing Roles of Parliamentary Committees* and is an outgrowth of the RCLS-sponsored International Conference on the topic held in Budapest in mid-1996. The "Budapest" book consists of 32 original studies of parliamentary committee change written by 36 scholars from 19 different countries, and includes evaluations of change in parliamentary committees ranging from Russia to South Africa, and from Korea to the United States.

*Working Papers on Comparative Legislative Studies II: The Changing Roles of Parliamentary Committees*, edited by Lawrence D. Longley and Attila Agh, is available now from the Research Committee of Legislative Specialists, Department of Government, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 54912, U.S.A., at a cost of \$40 U.S. plus \$5 postage (or \$15

postage for world-wide air delivery) for the 400 page book. Please make checks payable to the RCLS. Purchase orders from institutions and libraries are fully acceptable.

The Research Committee of Legislative Specialists of the International Political Science Association is an organization of more than 150 individual scholars from 39 different countries of the world who seek to facilitate research into the comparative forms and effects of legislative institutions, processes, and politics. The resulting network of international scholars includes individuals interested in national, cross-national, and sub-national aspects of legislatures.

Interested individuals are encouraged to join this international network of

scholars, and thus to facilitate communication among researchers with common interests in the comparative forms and effects of legislative institutions, processes, and politics. Membership in the Research Committee of Legislative Specialists currently runs through the year 2000 IPSA World Congress in Québec City, Canada, and entitles international scholars to information concerning the professional activities of the Research Committee (including program plans for RCLS sessions at the 1997 and 2000 IPSA World Congresses), receipt of the *International Newsletter*, and listing in the *RCLS International Membership Directory and Research Register*.

In order to join the Research Committee of Legislative Specialists, please send

your name, professional address, telephone and fax numbers, E-mail address, and current legislative research interests, together with a check for \$30 U.S. or £20 sterling (\$40 or £30 after September 1, 1997), to *either*: Lawrence D. Longley, Department of Government, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 54912; Phone: (414) 832-6673; Fax: (414) 832-6944; or E-mail: powerldl@aol.com or Philip Norton, Department of Politics, The University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX, United Kingdom; Phone: +44-1482-465-863; Fax: +44-1482-466-208; E-mail: p.norton@poldept.hull.ac.uk.

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