

education networks and programs. The statements are being revised and edited and will be published in the December 1997 issue of *PS*.

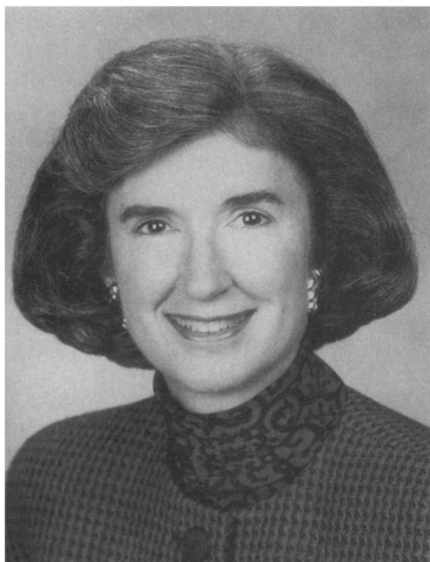
In their discussion, meeting participants discussed strategies by which political scientists could use their research to help develop stronger pre-college civics education programs and centered on the need for teacher training at the pre-college level. Participants recommended that APSA and the regional and state political science associations develop professional education programs for teachers and assist in developing quality instructional materials in civics education.

The Task Force plans to establish working groups on pre-college education, experiential education, and electronic communication and technologies in civic education. Information and appropriate collaboration with cognate professional organizations and the special projects on civil society and education reform are other Task Force activities.

Congresswoman Fowler Defends the NEH

John Hammer, *National Humanities Alliance*

Representative Tillie Fowler (R-FL) has represented Florida's 4th District since 1993. Now in her third term, she has emerged as a key



Tillie Fowler

player in the ongoing fight to retain the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

In recent months, she initiated and co-sponsored with Representative John Spratt (D-SC) a letter signed by 155 members of the House to Appropriations Subcommittee chair Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH) with a concluding paragraph reading: "Mr. Chairman, we realize that you face many difficult funding decisions, but we hope that you will consider the many community benefits of the humanities and provide for an appropriate level of continued funding. Federal funding is particularly appropriate because it leverages private dollars"—an ingeniously vague wording that permitted many more members to sign on than would have been the case with a direct call for increased funding or a dollar amount.

Also, in response to Representative Steve Chabot's (R-OH) proposed amendment that would have eliminated NEH at the end of September 1997, she authored a "Dear Colleague" letter headed "10 Reasons to Vote No on the Chabot Amendment and Support the Humanities." The letter was circulated hours before the decisive defeat of the Chabot Amendment by 96 yeas, 328 nays. In addition to authoring the letter, Representative Fowler spoke strongly and effectively on the floor of the House and in other venues about the value of the NEH.

Rep. Fowler, who earned a B.A. in political science in 1964 and a J.D. in 1967 from Emory University, arrived in Congress with previous experience as a Hill staffer and an aide in the Nixon White House. Of considerable import for her role as defender of the NEH was her 1989–91 experience as chair of the Florida Humanities Council. Her emergence as a champion of the NEH as older champions left Congress came at a most propitious time for the agency as it had been swept up in the ongoing imbroglio surrounding the National Endowment for the Arts.

John Hammer is director of the National Humanities Alliance, an organization of which APSA is an active member.



Melissa Chen

APSA Congressional Fellowship Program Announces Winners

APSA's 1997–98 class of Congressional Fellows will include 41 political scientists, journalists, Federal executives, and health policy professionals who participated in a nationwide and international competition for the Fellowships. It is the 45th class in program history.

The 1997–98 APSA Congressional Fellows are:



Diane Dwyre



Victoria A. Farrar-Myers

Political Science and Journalism Fellows

Heather Cabot, WFSB-TV, Hartford, CT

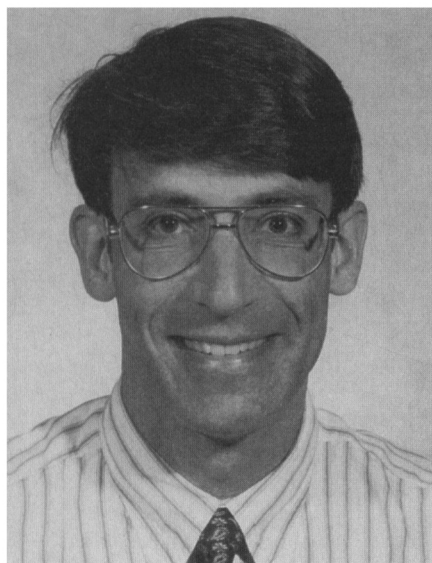
Melissa Chen, M.A. candidate, Kennedy School of Government

Diana Dwyre, Assistant Professor, California State University–Chico

David Li, Reporter, *The New York Post*

Victoria A. Farrar-Myers, Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Arlington

John Haskell, Assistant Professor, Drake University, Des Moines, IA



John Haskell

William Koetzle, Ph.D. candidate, University of California–Irvine

Dan Parks, Reporter, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*

Kim Trent, Reporter, *The Toledo Blade*

Carl Albert Fellows (funded by the Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma)

Lauren Cohen, Ph.D. candidate, University of Oklahoma

John Meiers, Ph.D. candidate, University of Oklahoma

French Fellow (funded by the Franco-American Fund for Educational Exchange)

Abigail Schirman, Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris

German Fellows (funded by The German Marshall Fund of the United States)

Josef Braml, Ph.D. student, University of Passau

Marcus Pindur, Reporter, German Public Television and Radio

Federal Fellows

Micki Aronson, Regional Supervisory Attorney, Office of the Regional Chief Judge, Social Security Administration

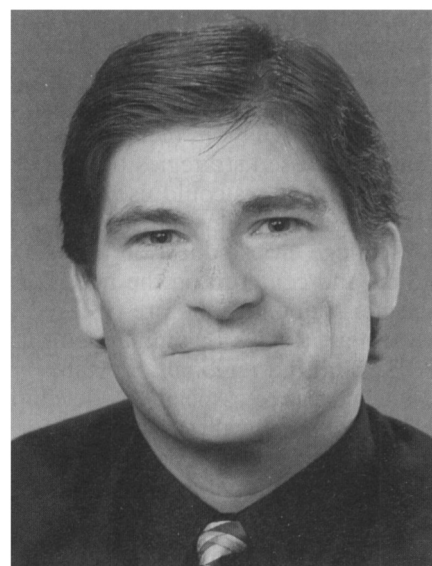
Alison Bolt, Intelligence Community Account Manager, Office of Corporate Relations, National Security Agency

Deanna Caldwell, Community Affairs Officer, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Kansas City, KS

Susan Castro, Senior Management Analyst, Inspection and Support Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Edward Cole, Ranger, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Oregon, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture

Jerome Furlow, Budget Analyst, Directorate of Financial Management, Army National Guard



Dan Parks

Tina Grimes, Logistics Management Specialist, Naval Sea Systems Command, Department of the Navy

Bruce Hopkins, Conservationist, National Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, Syracuse, NY

Robert Hunsinger, Jr., Defense Intelligence Agency

Ann McCormick, Senior Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services

Katherine Schneider, Chief, Public Affairs Staff, National Reconnaissance Office



Kim Trent

Isabelle Thabault, Deputy Chief, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice

Foreign Affairs Fellows

Craig Deare, Country Director (Mexico), Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense

JoAnn Eberle, Major, Brigade Operations Officer, Department of the Army

Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, Department of Commerce

Craig Gralley, Staff Member, National Intelligence Council

David Lessard, Directorate of Intelligence, Defense Intelligence Agency

Linda Luisi, Senior Political Analyst, Office of African and Latin American Analysis, Central Intelligence Agency

Charles Moseley, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC, Congressional Liaison Office, Department of the Navy

Steven Peterson, Major, Executive Officer, Military Intelligence Battalion (Germany), United States Army

Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellows (funded by the Institute of Medicine)

E. Andrew Bala, Assistant Professor of Health Services Management, Columbia School of Medicine, University of Missouri

K. Lynn Cates, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine

James Fasules, Associate Professor of Pediatric Cardiology, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Peter Hasselbacher, Professor of Medicine, University of Louisville

Celia Maxwell, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Howard University

Marion Priest, Professor and Interim Chair of Emergency Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Several of these Fellows have additionally been awarded Fellowships of Distinction. These Fellows include:

Heather Cabot, Joan Shorenstein Barone Congressional Fellow, named in memory of journalist Joan Shorenstein Barone, awarded to a television journalist of special merit;

Melissa Chen, awarded the APSA-MCI Communications Congressional Fellow, funded by MCI Communication Corporation, awarded to a political scientist or journalist with an analytical interest in communications;

Diana Dwyre, awarded the William A. Steiger Congressional Fellow, named in memory of Representative William A. Steiger, awarded to a political scientist of special merit;

Kim Trent, Congressional Quarterly Congressional Fellow, funded by Congressional Quarterly, Inc., awarded to a print journalist of special merit.

During the program orientation in November, Fellows will attend seminars with members of Congress, political scientists, journalists, lobbyists, and political analysts. In December, Fellows will assume positions as legislative aides in congressional offices. Thereafter, they will work on congressional staffs until the conclusion of the Fellowship year in mid-August. The Fellowship year includes a series of seminars which allow Fellows to meet with members of Congress, government officials, political scientists, and journalists to discuss contemporary political issues.

Congressional Fellowship Program Names New Director

Jeffrey R. Biggs, a former Foreign Service officer and press secretary for former Speaker of the House Thomas S. Foley, has been named as new Director of the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program. Biggs, a member of the 1984–85 Congressional Fellowship Class, succeeds Lisa Pullen Foust, a 1989–90 Congressional Fellow.

Dr. Biggs has served as a senior advisor to the President's Office of

National Drug Control Policy, visiting fellow with the Freedom Forum, a nonprofit organization which focuses on First Amendment rights, and visiting scholar with the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress where he conducted research and participated in training parliamentary staff from the newly independent states of Eastern Europe. From 1985–1987, Biggs served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy, La Paz, Bolivia. He also served with the United States Information Service as Press Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, and Information Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

After graduating with honors from Harvard University, he earned an M.A. in political science at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Dr. Biggs holds a Ph.D. in American studies from The George Washington University where he concentrated in diplomatic history, political science, and American culture.

Dr. Biggs received a Fulbright Fellowship to New Zealand, a Dirksen Congressional Center Research Grant Award (1966), State Department Superior Honor Awards in 1982, 1984, 1987, and a State Department Meritorious Honor Award in 1984. He has published articles on Congress, foreign policy, and journalism, and has lectured to a broad variety of groups in the United States and abroad.

Now in its 45th year, the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program is designed to give mid-career political scientists, journalists, Federal employees, health fellows, and a limited number of foreign participants the opportunity to suspend their careers and work for a year as legislative aides in congressional offices.

In Profile: Kirsten Gerstner

In her training as a political scientist, Kirsten Gerstner studied congressional politics, but, according to her, that was nothing like the experience of learning inside the offices and meeting rooms of the House. "I was surprised by a lot of things, but I was especially surprised by how