

Association News

and Gary Copeland for the best paper presented at the 1985-86 annual meetings of the national and regional political science associations.

The Policy Studies Organization welcomes nominations for the 1987 PSO Awards in the above six categories for being an outstanding policy studies contributor, practitioner, methodologist, book author, article author, and conference paper author. Nominations should be sent to PSO, 361 Lincoln Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801. □

Transformational Politics Group Forms

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"Let a thousand conference groups bloom" well describes the process of differentiation within the discipline over the past 15 years. Consistent with this trend, a new scholarly subunit—the Conference Group on Transformational Politics—was formed at the 1986 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The goal of the group is to explore those trends in modern society that challenge the viability of older lines of political and social cleavage (Left/Right, Global/Local, Evolution/Revolution, Secular/Spiritual, Empirical/Normative), and to examine alternative directions for political life and political science.

Scholars at the first organizational meeting observed that such groups have been underway for some time in other behavioral science disciplines (psychology, economics, sociology) where subgroups with varying names ("humanistic," "ecological," etc.) have been com-

plementing the work of other subunits for 10 to 20 years. Transformational politics is as old as Lao Tsu (circa 600 BC) and as new as the Greens, providing an opportunity for political scientists to rethink many of their assumptions about the process *and* content of contemporary politics, as well as how we practice our profession.

For additional information, and inclusion on the CGTP's mailing list, contact: Jeff Fishel, Coordinator, CGTP/School of Government & Public Administration, The American University, Washington, DC 20016.

Editor's Note: See Upcoming Conferences in this issue of PS for call for papers for the Conference Group on Transformational Politics, which plans to hold panels at the September 3-6, 1987, annual meeting of APSA. □

Section on Religion and Politics Invites Participation

The Religion and Politics Organized Section of the APSA put on its first program in 1986. The section's purpose is to encourage research, writing, and the sharing of ideas and information related to the study of religion and politics. For those interested, you may join this section by checking the appropriate box on the APSA annual dues notice. Section dues are \$5.

At the first section business meeting in Washington, attended by well over 30 political scientists, the following executive committee was elected for the coming year:

Nominations Sought for 1987 APSA Awards

Nominations are invited for the APSA awards to be presented at the 1987 annual meeting in Chicago. Dissertations must be nominated by departments and submitted by January 15, 1987. Books must be nominated by the publisher and submitted by February 1, 1987. Members of the Association are invited to nominate individuals for the career awards. Further details may be obtained by writing to the national office. □