

## BRIEFS

### Council Election Underway

During the annual APSA All Member Business Meeting on September 3, 2011, APSA Council Committee on Election chair, Julie Novkov, certified additional nominees for seats on the APSA council. An all-member electronic election is being held to determine the eight council members who will serve on the 2011–13 council, in addition to the officers who were declared elected without contest. The election began on October 3 and ends on November 2, 2011.

Notification to participate in the election was sent by postcard and e-mail on October 3 to all current APSA members as of September 26, 2011. E-mail reminders will be sent throughout the election period.

Candidates for the 2011 council election are as follows:

**Clyde W. Barrow**, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

**James W. Ceaser**, University of Virginia

**John Ehrenberg**, Long Island University

**Charles W. Gossett**, California State University, Sacramento

**Paul Gronke**, Reed College

**Ange-Marie Hancock**, University of Southern California

**Mary E. Hawkesworth**, Rutgers University

**David A. Lake**, University of California, San Diego

**Taeku Lee**, University of California, Berkeley

**Uday Mehta**, City University of New York

**Kenneth J. Meier**, Texas A&M University

**Manfred B. Steger**, University of Hawai'i-Manoa

**Kathleen Thelen**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Stephen M. Walt**, Harvard University

**Angelia R. Wilson**, University of Manchester

For more on the APSA council election, visit <http://www.apsanet.org/elections>. ■

### New Council Members Named for NCAPSA

At its August 10, 2011, annual business meeting, the National Capital Area Political Science Association (NCAPSA) elected new council members: Don Wolfensberger, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, as president-elect; Michael Brintnall, APSA, as secretary-treasurer; and James Desveaux, UCLA-Washington Program, UCDC; John Sides, The George Washington University; and Julie Taylor, RAND Corporation; as council members.

They will join continuing members: Frances E. Lee, NCAPSA president and University of Maryland; David Karol, American University and Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies; Michael P. McDonald, George Mason University and the Brookings Institution; and J. Brinton Rowdybush, US Department of State (retired).

For more on NCAPSA, visit <http://www.apsanet.org/ncapsa>. ■

### Seeking Nominations for APSA Officers and Council Members

The APSA Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions for 2012 nominees for president-elect, vice president, secretary, and council member. Council members serve staggered two-year terms. The president-elect, vice presidents, and secretary serve one-year terms.

The nominating committee encourages all members of APSA to suggest fellow members for consideration. Those wishing to do so should explain why they believe the person's accomplishments, background, and views would make them a good choice for a leadership position. The nominating committee hopes to nominate a slate of accomplished scholars and practitioners who reflect the diverse membership of APSA. To achieve this goal, they rely on the membership to forward

suggestions and recommendations. Please send suggestions to [nominations@apsanet.org](mailto:nominations@apsanet.org) by January 13, 2012. Visit [www.apsanet.org/nominations](http://www.apsanet.org/nominations) for more information.

The committee will meet in February to begin compiling a slate of candidates. A report will be published in the July issue of *PS*.

Members of the nominating committee are Fredrick C. Harris, Columbia University; Jeffrey B. Lewis, University of California, Los Angeles; Melanie Frances Manion, University of Wisconsin, Madison, chair; Molly Shanley, Vassar College; Rogers M. Smith, University of Pennsylvania; and Susan L. Woodward, CUNY, Graduate Center. ■

### Name Change for Section 9

Following their business meeting in Seattle, ASPA Organized Section 9, formerly the Presidency Research Group, has changed its name to Presidents and Executive Politics. Members indicated that their focus on executive leadership beyond the presidency is better reflected in the Section's new name, effective September 1, 2011. ■

### Pi Sigma Alpha Announces Award Winners, 2011

Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society, proudly announces its 2011 award winners.

#### Pi Sigma Alpha/Howard Penniman Scholarships for Graduate Study in Political Science

David Anderson, Eastern Kentucky University

Cassandra Byrne-Finley, University of Idaho

Caroline Sutcliffe, Smith College  
Seth Sykora-Bodie, Slippery Rock University

### **Pi Sigma Alpha Scholarships for Washington Internships**

James Gibbons, University at Buffalo  
Ashley Holst, Drury University  
Kristen Morrow, Adelphi University  
Terez Varkonyi, Temple University  
Talley Wood, Wake Forest University

### **Chapter Advisor Recognition Awards**

Thomas Baldino, Wilkes University  
J.D. Phaup, Texas A&M University,  
Kingsville

### **Best Chapters, Institutional Enrollment under 6,000**

Zeta Upsilon Chapter, Union College  
Alpha Epsilon Kappa Chapter, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg  
Epsilon Chi Chapter, Providence College  
Alpha Zeta Eta Chapter, University of Minnesota, Morris

### **Best Chapters, Institutional Enrollment 6,000 – 15,000**

Iota Mu Chapter, University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Pi Chi Chapter, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
Tau Psi Chapter, Purdue University, Calumet

### **Best Chapters, Institutional Enrollment over 15,000**

Alpha Iota Chapter, Utah State University  
Zeta Pi Chapter, University of South Florida  
Nu Omega Chapter, Oakland University  
Sigma Mu Chapter, University of Central Oklahoma

### **Best Undergraduate Honors Thesis**

First Place: "Toward Democratic 'No-Rule': A Conceptual Response to Contemporary Challenges to Political Freedom," Alexander Brockwehl, Union College  
Runner-up: "Buying Democracy: An Analysis of the Legislative, Judicial, and Empirical History of Campaign Finance Reform," Miles Gilmour, Univ. of Texas, Austin  
Runner-up: "Diversity on the Bench: The Appointment of Women to the Federal Courts," Allison Lehrer, University of Vermont

### **Best Undergraduate Class Paper**

First Place: "Causes of Ethnic Conflict: Examining the Role of Religious Diversity and Contagion Effects," Mai Mai

Nguyen, Creighton University  
Runner-up: "Persuasion and the Bully Pulpit: Expanded Evidence on Strategies of Presidential Leadership," Anne Morris, University of Mary Washington  
Runner-up: "Wretched Isolation: American High School Civics Education and Youth Voter Turnout," Aaron Spangler, Temple University

For details about the award program and nominations, visit <http://www.apsanet.org/~psa> ■

## Seeking Nominations for APSA Committees

**A**PSA president-elect Jane Mansbridge welcomes your suggestions for members of various APSA standing committees for 2012. Typically, members of the standing committees serve a staggered three-year term, and members of the awards committees serve a one-year term.

Please send suggestions to [nominations@apsanet.org](mailto:nominations@apsanet.org) by January 13, 2012. Visit [www.apsanet.org/nominations](http://www.apsanet.org/nominations) for more information. ■

## Minority Fellows' Institutions Announced

**A**s part of the APSA Minority Fellows Program, we are pleased to announce the graduate schools that the 2011-2012 Minority Fellows will attend:

Tamara Andrade, Stanford University; Soledad Shay Artiz, Harvard University; Matthew Lee Brinkmoeller, University of Southern California; David Cortez, Cornell University; Safia Abukar Farole, University of California, Los Angeles; Muhammed Idris, The Pennsylvania State University; Danielle Lemi, University of California, Riverside; Jessica Ross, Texas A&M University; Amber Spry, Columbia University; Joe Tafoya, University of Texas at Austin; Jacqueline Lindsey Tello, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Christopher Wall, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

### **About the Program**

Since 1969, the APSA Minority Fellowship has designated more than 500 Fellows, both funded and unfunded, and contributed to the completion of doctoral political science programs for more than 100 individuals. The Association has refocused and increased efforts to assist minority students in completing their doctorates by concentrating not only on minority recruitment, but also assisting with the retention of these groups within the profession.

The APSA Minority Fellows Program designates up to twelve stipend minority fellows each year. Additional applicants who do not receive funds from the Association may also be recognized and recommended for admission and financial support to graduate political science programs. Fellows with stipends receive a \$4,000 fellowship that is disbursed in two \$2,000 payments--one at the end of their first graduate year and one at the end of their second--provided that they remain in good academic standing. APSA can disburse some of the funds at the start of the academic year by request of the student. Awards are based on students' undergraduate or graduate course work, GPA, personal statement and resume, extracurricular activities, GRE scores, personal and recommendations from faculty. ■

## IIE Graduate Fellowships for International Study Announced

**T**he Institute of International Education (IIE) will administer IIE Graduate Fellowships for international study with funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation beginning July 1, to provide support for PhD dissertation research to approximately 80 students in the humanities whose funding has been lost due to recent significant reductions in federal spending. A special one-time only grant of \$3.16 million from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has enabled IIE to create these fellowships so that talented emerging scholars can conduct research overseas for six to 12 months, with the goal of advancing knowledge, research and teaching in non-western languages and area studies.

The IIE Graduate Fellowships will be awarded to students in the humanities, who

make up about 80 of the 130 students who had been nominated to receive funding in 2011/12 through the US Department of Education-funded Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program. After the spring 2011 budget cuts, funding for these fellowships was no longer available through the Department of Education.

The Institute of International Education worked quickly with The Andrew W. Mel-

lon Foundation to create these fellowships, which will be awarded to students in the Mellon Foundation's areas of focus, including humanities fields such as the arts, history, languages, and area studies, and zones of fields such as anthropology and geography that bridge the humanities and social sciences.

IIE began work on the fellowship program in July 2011, with final selection of the stu-

dents to receive fellowships and notification of the students regarding funding for their research in academic year 2011/12.

For more information, visit <http://www.iie.org/Who-We-Are/News-and-Events/Press-Center/Press-Release/2011/2011-06-28-Launch-Of-IIE-Graduate-Fellowships-For-International-Study.aspx>. ■

## Nominations Accepted for 2012 APSA Awards

Submit your nominations for the APSA Goodnow, Dissertation, Book, Paper and Article, and Career Awards, which will be presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information, visit [www.apsanet.org/content\\_2951.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/content_2951.cfm). The 2012 awards include:

### FRANK J. GOODNOW AWARD

Awarded to scholars who have made outstanding contributions to both the development of the political science profession and the building of the American Political Science Association. Nominations are due December 31, 2011.

### DISSERTATION AWARDS

Departments are invited to submit nominations for dissertations that have been completed in the past two academic years. Nominations are due January 15, 2012.

### Gabriel A. Almond Award

In the field of comparative politics.

### William Anderson Award

In the field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state or local politics.

### Edward S. Corwin Award

In the field of public law.

### Harold D. Lasswell Award

In the field of policy studies.

### Helen Dwight Reid Award

In the field of international relations, law, and politics.

### E. E. Schattschneider Award

In the field of American government.

### Leo Strauss Award

In the field of political philosophy.

### Leonard D. White Award

In the field of public administration.

### BOOK AWARDS

Books published in 2011 may be nominated by individuals or publishers. **The deadline for nominations from individuals is January 15, 2012. The deadline for nominations from publishers is February 15, 2012.**

### Ralph J. Bunche Award

For the best scholarly work in political science that explores the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism.

### Gladys M. Kammerer Award

For the best political science publication in the field of U.S. national policy.

### Victoria Schuck Award

For the best book published on women and politics.

### Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award

For the best book published in the United States in the field of government, politics, or international affairs.

### PAPER AND ARTICLE AWARDS

Nominations are due by December 1, 2011.

### Franklin L. Burdette / Pi Sigma Alpha Award

For the best paper presented at the previous Annual Meeting.

### Heinz Eulau Award

For the best articles published in the *Ameri-*

*can Political Science Review and Perspectives on Politics* during the previous year.

### CAREER AWARDS

Bestowed for significant achievements related to political science. Nominations are due February 1, 2012.

### John Gaus Distinguished Award and Lectureship

Honors the recipient's lifetime of exemplary scholarship in the joint tradition of political science and public administration.

### Hubert H. Humphrey Award

Awarded annually in recognition of notable public service by a political scientist.

### Benjamin E. Lippincott Award

Awarded biennially to recognize a work of exceptional quality by a living political theorist that is still considered significant after a time span of at least 15 years since the original date of publication.

### Carey McWilliams Award

Awarded annually to honor a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics.

### James Madison Award and Lectureship

Awarded triennially to recognize an American political scientist who has made a distinguished scholarly contribution to political science.

### Charles E. Merriam Award

Awarded biennially to recognize a person whose published work and career represent a significant contribution to the art of government through the application of social science research. ■