

Regional and State Association News

Southern Political Science Association

Journal of Politics Names New Editor

On January 1, 1997 David Lowery assumed the position of editor for *Journal of Politics*, the quarterly publication of the Southern Political Science Association. Lowery, Burton Craig Professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill takes over for Jon Bond and Edward Portis of Texas A&M University, co-editors since 1992. New submissions for *JP* should be addressed to: *Journal of Politics*, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3265.

1996 Annual Meeting Awards

The 1996 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association featured the presentation of two major prizes, the Manning Dauer and V.O. Key Awards. Citations recognizing the winners and their accomplishments appear below.

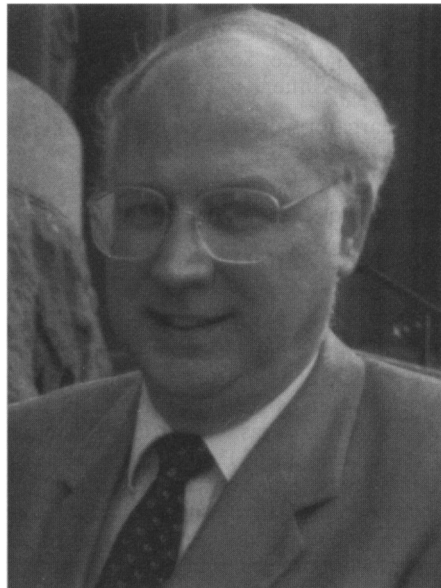
Manning Dauer Award

The Manning J. Dauer Award is named after the long-time secretary-treasurer of the Southern Political Science Association. The award is designed to recognize those who have made unusually valuable contributions to our profession, particularly through service to organizations and journals, service that too often goes unrewarded or forgotten.

Walter E. Beach is ideally suited for this award because his career includes a long record of organizational work and a wide variety of informal and unpublished acts of service to his colleagues. For fifteen years (1965–1980) he was assistant director of the American Political Science Association, helping to develop and run most of the major programs of the Association, and editing *Political Science* for twelve years. For ten years he ran educational and conference programs for the Brookings Institute, and from 1990 to 1995 he was director of Heldref Publications, substantially expanding its range of social science jour-

nals. For more than 25 years Walter has helped to run the National Capital Area Political Science Association. The list of other organizations and causes he has devoted his time to fills a page.

Walter knows how to bring people together, get things done, and make organizations work. He has been willing to take responsibility for difficult, time-consuming jobs, such as raising money for association programs. Many of us have relied on his advice and benefited from his experience.



Walter E. Beach

Walter has taken a particular interest in the Southern Political Science Association and made a wide variety of formal and informal contributions to it. As a member of the Council in the mid-80s, he helped to develop the Manning J. Dauer Award from an idea to a reality. He raised money for it and chaired the first selection committee. Now it is most appropriate that he becomes the fifth recipient of the Manning J. Dauer Award.

Malcolm Jewell, **Committee Chair**

V. O. Key Award

The winner of the 1996 V. O. Key Award for the best book on southern politics is **Edward Shannon LaMonte** of Birmingham-Southern College. LaMonte's book, published by the University of Alabama Press, is entitled *Politics and Welfare in Birmingham 1900–1975* (The University of Alabama Press, 1995). The Association established this prize in V. O. Key's honor to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of American politics with an emphasis or focus on the South. The committee determined that this book deserved the 1996 V. O. Key Award for its insightful analysis of the interaction between politics and social policymaking in this important southern city.

Tracing the evolution of welfare policy in Birmingham, Alabama, LaMonte traverses such important topics as the effects of the Great Depression and the New Deal on the South, the Civil Rights Movement and demands for racial justice, the legacy of racial oppression—personified by the infamous “Bull” Connor, the federal government's desegregation efforts, and the War on Poverty. Specifically, he examines welfare policy in twentieth century Birmingham by focusing on four periods: 1900–1917, when public services became increasingly segregated and public responsibility for welfare was largely nonexistent; 1928–1941, when the economic and social catastrophe that was the Great Depression led the federal government to take on the responsibility for sustaining basic human needs; the mid-1950s, when welfare policymaking became subordinated to the battle over civil rights; and 1962–1975, when the federal government expanded its role in welfare policymaking and local government simultaneously assumed a new importance in policymaking.

While paying close attention to the impact of racial relations on the politics of this pivotal southern city, LaMonte goes beyond race to address structural changes in local government that led to a more open and responsive city administration. He makes a persuasive case that enlightenment began to come to the city of Birmingham—in the 1960s—when its citizens realized that the goal of reforming local government was inextricably linked to, and mutually dependent on, the end of racially-motivated welfare policy. He shows how Birmingham was transformed into a modern, more economically viable, city as local government began to play a leading role in furthering racial equality and encouraging

economic development, which had the twin benefits of not only improving city services, but also making them more available to all.

Susan Mezey, **Committee Chair**

Women's Caucus for Political Science: South Fairchild Award

The Women's Caucus for Political Science: South is proud to announce that Marianne Githens is the recipient of the 1996 Fairchild Award. A Professor of Political Science at Goucher College, Marianne Githens has a distinguished record of scholarship, teaching, and service. A specialist in women and politics, as well as American and comparative politics more generally, Githens' recent research has focused on the appointment of women to state court benches and women in European politics. Her earlier work on the political behavior of American women (Longman, 1977) is a landmark in the field, while she has been the recipient of numerous awards and grants. These include Fulbright, Ford Foundation, and NEH grants. In 1995, Githens joined distinguished historian John Hope Franklin and conducted the program, "Race, Ethnicity, and the Problem of Human Rights," which was sponsored under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Texas Committee for the Humanities.

Githens' instructional record is as distinguished as her scholarship. The winner of several awards for teaching, she was recently named the Outstanding Teacher at Goucher College. As Jewel Prestage has noted, "many of (Marianne's) former students have become practicing attorneys, sitting judges, and political science professors." These include a judge on the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, a regional director for HUD, and two assistant attorney generals in Maryland. These and other former students all agree that Githens made a critical difference in their lives, thus illustrating Prestage's claim that her dedication "takes the label mentor to new levels."

For her entire career, Githens has been dedicated to the profession and association of political science. Among her numerous professional offices are national president of the Women's Cau-

cus for Political Science, chair of the APSA Mary Lepper Award Committee, recording secretary and executive council member for the Southern Political Science Association, and chair of the SPSA Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession. Githens' service is not confined to political science, however. She has served on the Maryland Judicial Nominating Committee, as a consultant to the Maryland Commission on Women, and as a member of the Maryland State Commission on Reorganization of the Executive Branch.

The Fairchild Award was established in 1994 to honor the memory to the late Erika S. Fairchild. The award honors a political scientist who has outstanding records of scholarship, teaching, and service and who exemplifies the collegiality and civility that distinguished Fairchild's life and career. Past Recipients include Dorothy McBride Stetson and M. Margaret Conway. The Women's Caucus for Political Science: South is proud to add Marianne Githens to this illustrious list.

M. Margaret Conway, **Committee Chair**

Illinois Political Science Association

The Illinois Political Science Association held its annual conference November 9, 1996 at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. The Program Chair for the conference was Robert C. Bradley in the Department of Political Science at Illinois State University. The conference included nine panels where 26 papers on various state, national, and international topics were presented by faculty from 15 different colleges and universities. Select papers presented at the conference will be published in the forthcoming issue of the *Illinois Political Science Review*. In addition, there was a roundtable on the decline of political science enrollments, and a reception hosted by the Northern Illinois Graduate Program. Bradley was elected to be the Association's president for 1997.

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

The 28th annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Sci-

entists took place in Chicago on March 14. Among items attended to was the selection of the following slate of officers for 1997-98:

President: Sheila D. Ards, University of Minnesota
President-Elect: K.C. Morrison, University of Missouri
Council: Maggie Lewis, University of Colorado
Charles Jones, Georgia State University
Membership Secretary: Kathie Stomlie Golden, Morris Brown College

The meeting also featured the annual presentation of awards. This year book awards were presented in five categories. Winners appear below:

African American Politics

Wilbur Rich, Wellesley College, for *Black Mayors and School Politics: The Failure of Reform in Detroit, Gary and Newark* (Garland Press)

W. Avon Drake and Robert D. Holsworth, Virginia Commonwealth University, for *Affirmative Action and the Stalled Quest for Black Progress* (University of Illinois Press)

Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher for *A Matter of Black and White: The Political Autobiography of Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher* (University of Oklahoma Press)

African Foreign Policy:

Mae C. King, Howard University, for *Basic Currents of Nigerian Foreign Policy* (Howard University Press)

African American History:

Wilma King, Michigan State University, for *Stolen Childhood: Slave youth in Nineteenth-Century America* (Indiana University Press)

Public Administration:

Matthew Holden, Jr., University of Virginia, for *Continuity & Disruption: Essays in Public Administration* (University of Pittsburgh Press)

Political Science Methodology:

Christopher H. Achen, University of Michigan and W. Phillips Shively, University of Minnesota, for *Cross-Level Inference* (University of Chicago Press)