

Michael Brintnall to Move to NASPAA

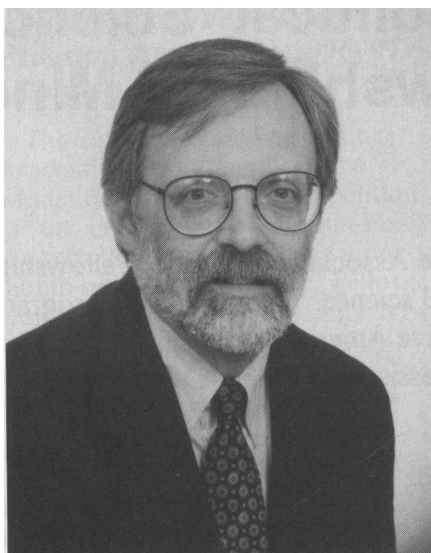
Michael Brintnall, who has been Director of Professional Affairs at APSA since 1990, has been named Executive Director of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). At APSA, Brintnall has provided staff support for APSA committees on professional ethics, research support, organized sections, and lesbians and gays in the profession, worked with APSA's Minority Identification Project, led in developing the Association's management information systems and Internet connections, and reported periodically in *PS* on developments in the political science professoriate and job market.

NASPAA is a national association of 230 American universities and colleges offering degrees in public affairs and administration, located in Washington D.C. Brintnall's work there will keep him in regular contact with the political science and public administration community and the American Political Science Association.

APSA Changes Dues Categories and Increases Some Dues

The APSA Council modified dues categories at its April meeting, increasing dues for the first time since 1990, restructuring some dues categories, and adding a new reduced dues option for unemployed political scientists. The Council also began a process of annual reviews of dues levels with the intent of making small periodic adjustments rather than delaying increases until larger jumps are necessary.

The dues restructuring is intended to make dues categories more fair and to reflect current salary levels better in addition to increasing dues revenue modestly. Added revenues would counter a decline since 1990 in the real share of total APSA revenues which comes from individual members. Anticipated revenue increases to



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the Association will be about 2 percent of APSA's budget.

Specific dues changes are as follows:

- allow unemployed political scientists to become APSA members at the student rate. (The five year limitation on use of this rate would also apply.) This affords a significant subsidy to political scientists in need.
- increase student rates from \$25 to \$30 per year.
- increase dues for the lowest professional category (called R1) from \$55 to \$65. The income limit would remain at under \$30,000. The median academic year salary for assistant professors is \$36,000.
- increase the dues for the R2 category—\$30,000 to \$40,000—from \$75 to \$80. This reduces the differential between R1 and R2 from \$20 to \$15, perhaps helping members more fairly judge in which category they fall.
- increase the R3 and R4 categories each by \$10 to \$95 and \$105 respectively, and increase the upper income range for R4 from \$60,000 to \$70,000.
- set the R5 salary cut-off at greater than \$70,000, and increase it to \$125.
- set increases in Associate member dues from \$25 to \$35 and in family member dues from \$10 to \$15 to help cover increased costs of processing such memberships.

- increase the life membership rate to \$3000 from \$2000.

APSA professional membership has grown steadily since the mid-1980s. However, except for the effects of the last dues increase in 1990, the total revenue from professional dues in constant dollars has not shown growth, and revenues since 1990 have begun to decline. Member dues are also a decreasing percentage of total APSA revenues. Total revenue has grown more from increases in other sources, such as publication sales and annual meeting exhibitors, than from dues.

The Association has also increased dues for domestic institutional memberships (primarily libraries) to \$200. This increase was necessary to match rapidly increasing costs of paper and postage.

Association Awards 1996 Research Grants

The APSA Research Support Committee recently made awards totalling \$18,000 to 12 scholars as part of the Association's Research Grant program. APSA Research Grants are funded directly by the Association to support research by independent scholars and faculty in colleges and universities that do not award a Ph.D. in political science. This year funded projects include studies of international adjudication, identity politics and two-level games, voting by mail, racial barriers, the etiology of individual intolerance, guidelines in family courts, the presidency and social issues, changes in Venezuelan democracy, nation building in Southern Africa, and the women's movement in El Salvador.

The Committee evaluated 54 proposals this year totalling \$88,711 in requested funds. Last year, 52 proposals were received totalling \$71,000. Total funds available to award was \$18,000, following Council action last year to increase the award fund to \$18,000 from 15,000. The maximum allowable award is \$1800.

Applicants must be APSA members and may not have received an APSA research grant in the previ-

American Political Science Association Ph.D. Fellowships for Minority Students

PURPOSE

The American Political Science Association Minority Fellowships were established to increase the number of minority Ph.D.'s in political science. The fellowship program identifies and aids prospective African American, Latino(a), and Native American political science graduate students, and encourages other institutions to provide financial assistance to them.

ELIGIBILITY

Competition is open to African American, Latino(a), and Native American graduates of a baccalaureate institution in the United States **planning to enroll in a doctoral program in the following academic year.** In addition,

- candidates must submit a completed application form with all necessary supporting materials
- applicants must have a record of outstanding academic achievement in political science and other related courses
- applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of applying

SELECTION

Awards will be announced the first week of January. Outstanding African American, Latino(a), and Native American students are selected for one of two types of fellowships: **Fellows with stipend** and **Fellows without stipend.**

Fellows with stipend-- Three African American, one Latino(a), and one Native American Fellow are selected for special recognition with a conditional, one-year grant of \$6,000. *These funded fellows are expected to forego their APSA stipend if they receive financial assistance from non-APSA sources equal to or greater than \$6,000.*

Fellows without stipend-- Fellows without stipend are recommended for admission and financial support to every doctoral political science program in the country. The nation's graduate political science departments have come to expect that APSA Minority Fellows are students of high caliber and potential. Since the inception of the program in 1969, institutions have offered financial assistance to over 300 of APSA's fellows, helping an estimated 50 African American and Latino(a) political scientists to earn their doctorates.

Applications must be received **prior to November 1.** For application forms, please write:

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ous three years. Funds may be used for research activities such as travel to archives, purchase of data sets, and coding of data. Travel to meetings, salary support for the principal investigator, and institutional overhead are not supported by the grants. All awards are merit based.

The Research Support Committee is chaired by Herbert Asher, Ohio State University and includes Charles W. Harris, Howard University; Marion Just, Wellesley College; Richard Gunther, Ohio State University; and Beverly Crawford, University of California-Berkeley.

The 1996 grant recipients are Gregory Raymond, Boise State University, *International Adjudication and the Democratic Peace*; Claus Hofhansel, Rhode Island College, *Reconciliation Between Germany and the Czech Republic: Identity Politics and Two-Level Games*; Jeffrey Karp/Susan Bاندucci, Oregon State University, *An Analysis of Vote by Mail in Oregon*; Harvey Fireside, Ithaca College, *Erecting Racial Barriers: Plessey v. Ferguson*; Ewa A. Golebiewska, Tufts University, *The Etiology of Individual-Targeted Intolerance*; Alan Ray Gibson, Independent Scholar, *The Jeffersonians and the Development of the Modern Conception of Public Opinion*; Wolfgang Peter Hirczy, Oklahoma State University, *Judicial Discretion and Statutory Guidelines in Family Court*; Glen Sussman, Old Dominion University, *The Presidency and Social Issues*; Deborah L. Norden, Colby College, *The Deconsolidation of Venezuela's Democracy: Party Politics and the Military Crisis*; Stephen N. Ndegwa, College of William and Mary, *Land and Nation-Building: The Politics of Land Reform and Legitimacy in Southern Africa*; Patricia L. Hipsher, Quinnipac College, *The Women's Movement in El Salvador: Consciousness, Political Opportunities, and Outcomes*.

If you would like more information on APSA's research grants or have suggestions for the committee, please contact Sheilah Mann at APSA. The 1997 competition will be announced in the December issue of *PS*.

Congressional Fellowship Program Announces 1996-97 Competition Winners

The American Political Science Association has announced the winners in the national competition for the 1996-97 Congressional Fellowship Program. Following a one-month orientation seminar, Fellows work full time for nine months as professional staff assistants to members of Congress or congressional committees.

The new Political Science and Journalism Fellows are:

Rebecca Constantino, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Southern California and University of California, Los Angeles

Richard Forgette, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Miami University, Ohio

Anjetta McQueen, Reporter, *The Plain Dealer*, Cleveland, Ohio

Daniel Palazzolo, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Richmond

Patrick Sellers, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University

Samantha Sherman, Associate Producer, KOVR-TV, West Sacramento, CA

Katherine Spring, Producer/Reporter, Oregon Public Broadcasting, Portland

Ali Velshi, Reporter, CFTO-TV News, Toronto, Canada

Federal Executives Win Congressional Fellowships

In May, the Association also selected 16 federal executives as Congressional Fellows for the 1996-97 program and may name two more by September.

The recipients, advanced career civil servants, are scheduled to participate in the program from early November 1996 through mid-August 1997.

Of the 16 federal executives, to date, 9 have been named Foreign Affairs Fellows and will take part in a special two-month seminar in Congress and foreign policy. The

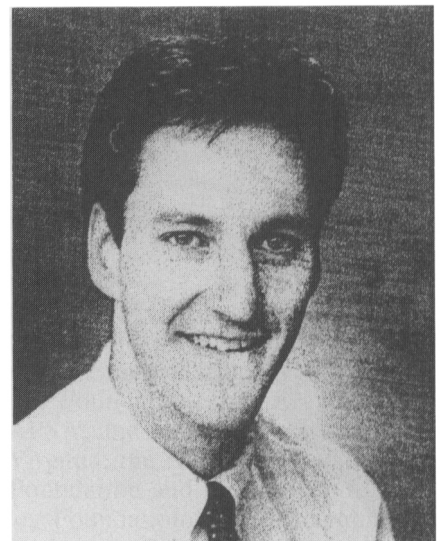


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course is taught by Professor Frederick Holborn, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, prior to the beginning of the general orientation for all Congressional Fellows. Foreign Affairs Fellows are federal executives who serve in foreign policy positions in their agencies.

The 16 Executive Branch winners, listed below, were selected in a government-wide competition on the basis of professional experience, career goals and interest in national politics and the legislative process.

Frank W. Corley III, Major, National Guard Bureau Directorate of



Richard Forgette