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APSA Annual Meeting Returns to Washington, D.C., to Address “The Politics of Hard Times”

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In 2010, the 106th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association will take place in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. There could not be a more appropriate location for the APSA annual meeting to convene, particularly in these economically challenging and uncertain times. On September 2, 2010, scholars from around the world will assemble to discuss research, present papers, and network with colleagues.

While panel topics will span a wide variety of subfields, program co-chairs Lisa Martin, University of Wisconsin–Madison, and Andrea Campbell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have created a unifying theme for the meeting, “The Politics of Hard Times: Citizens, Nations, and the International System under Economic Stress.” An examination of the profession in these “hard times,” the theme speaks to the broad importance of political science in times of financial crises. The chairs have posed questions that touch

many areas of specialization, such as “Do populism, fascism, or communism flourish during hard times?” and “What guidance does political philosophy and theory offer in times of crisis?”

An anticipated 7,000 attendees will seek to answer these and myriad other questions during the annual meeting, where more than 800 panel sessions will be offered. Chairs from 50 divisions and more than 60 related groups will create panels from a pool of more than 10,000 individual proposals. In addition to the panel sessions, meeting highlights will include the presidential address, opening reception, more than 100 exhibit booths, the placement interview service, the awards ceremony, and an estimated 200 university and affiliate meetings and receptions.

Outside of the meeting, attendees will have an opportunity to explore Washington, D.C., a city both rich in history and contemporary in attitude. In addition to famous and family-friendly landmarks such as the White House, Capitol Hill, the Smithso-

nian museums, and the monuments on the National Mall, Washington, D.C., has many exciting neighborhoods to explore. You can walk along the quaint, colonial streets of Georgetown, get a taste of D.C. nightlife in vibrant Adams Morgan, stroll through the U Street corridor to find the city's best live music venues, or attend a Nationals game at the new Capitol Riverfront stadium.

Just down the street from the national office, the 2010 APSA Annual Meeting will take place in the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington. Registration and housing will open in March. For more information on the 2010 APSA Annual Meeting, visit www.apsanet.org/2010. ■