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Urgent Need Exists for Social Science Departments to Encourage NSF Graduate and Minority Fellowship Applications

A recent review of the National Science Foundation Graduate and Minority Fellowship Programs revealed a major decline in the proportion of fellowships going to social science graduate students as compared with students in engineering and natural sciences. According to David Wiley, member of the NSF Fellowship Review Committee, this decline by approximately 15% has increased importance to all social scientists because NSF plans to double the total number of fellowships available in this five-year period. NSF Director Erich Block has made doubling the NSF Graduate and Minority Fellowships a major priority for new funds for NSF.

Wiley (professor of sociology at Michigan State University) assisted in the review of the fellowships as the sole social scientist in his capacity as chairperson of the NSF Advisory Committee on International Programs. He noted that the declining number and proportion of social science fellowships was an artifact of two factors. First, recently NSF has decided to designate a portion of the fellowships exclusively for women candidates in mathematics, computer science, and engineering because of the small numbers of female applicants and of university faculty members in those fields. These fellowships are

deducted from the total fellowship pool before allocating fellowships by disciplinary field. Second, and more importantly, he noted that the NSF procedure for allotting fellowships is based on the number of "high quality" student applications from each discipline in the previous year, and the number of high quality social science applications has declined over the past decade.

"Social science departments can remedy this decline in the years ahead only by a more aggressive policy of nominating high quality students for the fellowships. Each increment in the proportion of social science candidates with high levels of GPA, GRE scores for the verbal, quantitative, analytical, and disciplinary subject exams as well as strong letters of recommendation will increase the proportion of Graduate Fellowships for the social sciences," he said. Even high quality students who do not receive awards in a given year serve to increase the fellowship pool for the discipline in succeeding years, and unsuccessful nominees from their undergraduate institution can be renominated the following year by their graduate institution. Only graduating seniors and first-year graduate students (less than 20 hours graduate work completed, 30 hours for minority applicants) are eligible for the awards, which, however, can be renewed for a three-year period.

For information or application forms for the NSF Graduate or Minority Fellowships, write: The Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20418; phone: (202) 334-2872. The deadline for completed applications normally is mid-November. Only U.S. citizens and "native residents of U.S. possessions" are eligible for the three-year awards.

Lionel Gelber Prize Is Established

The Lionel Gelber Prize has been established by the Lionel Gelber Foundation, a private foundation of the late Lionel M. Gelber, an historian, writer, and advisor on international affairs in Canada and abroad. The prize consists of an annual cash award of no less than Cdn. \$50,000 to the author(s) of a nonfiction English language literary work on the general subject of international relations deemed best of the year by a prize jury to be appointed annually to judge the competing entries for the prize. Only one book will be selected for the prize in each year and there will be no joint award.

The competition is open to authors of any nationality for first edition books published in English, as an original work or translation, constituting a trade title in Canada, first published or made available in Canada in the year of the award. Any publisher of books dealing with international relations may submit up to three titles for consideration by the prize jury. Six copies of each entry should be submitted to: The Manager, The Lionel Gelber Prize, 410 Queen's Quay West, Suite 100, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5V 2Z3.

National Societies Are Formed to Study European Ideas

The International Society for the Study of European Ideas encourages the formation of National Societies for the Study of European Ideas. Ten societies have so far been created. In addition to those listed below, two already established History of Ideas Units in Australia and Portugal will become National Societies of the ISSEI. The bi-yearly conference of the ISSEI will be hosted by these societies.

Those interested in joining a National Society should contact the director of the respective society.

Eugene Kamenka, The Australian National Society, History Ideas Unit, GPO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2601 Australia.

H. Birkhan, Institut für Germanistik, Universität von Wien, Universitätsstrasse 7, A-1010 Wien, Austria.

Luc de Vos Université Libre de Bruxelles, Dept. of Political Science, Bruxelles, Belgium.

Aaage Trommer, Institute of History, Odense University, Campusvej 55, DK 5230 Odense M. Denmark.

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Claude-Gilbert Dubois, Le Directeur, U.E.R. de LETTRES et ARTS, Université de Bordeaux III, Domaine Universitaire, 33405 Talence Cedex, France.

Rudolph Dekker, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Postbus 1738, 3000 DR Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

David O'Hana, 3, Bet-Haarava, Talpiot, Jerusalem, Israel.

J. Esteves Pereira, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Instituto Pluridisciplinar e de História das Ideias, Av. de Berna, 24, 1000 Lisboa, Portugal.

Mark Francis, Dept. of Political Science, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Software Clearinghouse Releases Two New Programs

The National Collegiate Software Clearinghouse (NCSC) of Duke University Press has announced several releases, including two programs for undergraduate courses in sociology and economics.

FAMSIM, by Stephanie Bower, Indiana University Southeast, helps history and sociology students explore the impact of demographics on family structure. The

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user of this MS-DOS simulation specifies mortality and fertility rates, average age at marriage, etc., in order to construct a probable sequence and timing of events (births, marriages, deaths) across three generations of a single family in a real or imagined society. The program measures the durations of relationships within the simulated family and displays graphically the resulting changes in family structure. Using the included batch utilities for repeated runs with identical starting assumptions, students can generate a statistically "typical" family to help them explore the underlying implications for historical and future societies.

Probability lookup tables are taken from European sources for the 14th to 20th centuries. FAMSIM requires a PC-compatible with 256K RAM; 2 drives or hard disk; and printer. Single copies are \$30, site licenses \$240.

EcoTutor, by Lester Blum, Colgate University, is a set of HyperCard stacks for the Macintosh offering over 300 graphs and diagrams—some with animation—on basic micro- and macroeconomic concepts. Easy to navigate using "review topics" cards that return to a quick outline of each stack, EcoTutor complements any standard introductory textbook.

Topics covered include supply and demand, elasticity, revenue and cost curves, market structures, competitive equilibrium, imperfect competition, oligopoly and monopoly, the circular flow of income, employment, consumption and saving, investment and the multiplier, and monetary and fiscal policy effects. EcoTutor requires a Macintosh running HyperCard with 1M RAM; the author recommends a hard disk. Single copies are \$30, site licenses \$240.

The NCSC, a division of the Duke University Press, is dedicated to finding and publishing faculty-authored microcomputer software for research and teaching in higher education. Its mission is to help develop and distribute good, low-cost tools for the humanities and social sciences. Founded in 1983, the NCSC has some 260 MS-DOS and Macintosh software products, primarily written by academics. Good relations with faculty authors and users at some 1,000 North

American colleges and universities help make it the largest nonprofit software publisher for this market.

For further information or a free catalog, write Duke University Press, 6697 College Station, Durham, NC 27708, (919) 684-6837.

Group Forming on Leadership, Agenda-Making, and Power

Bryan Jones and Clarence Stone are seeking to form a group concerned with the interrelated topics of Leadership, Agenda-Making, and Power—LAMP, for short. A purpose of the group will be to bridge conventional divisions in the discipline and engage in a broad-based consideration of the enterprise of politics.

The group will operate informally, as an unaffiliated organization. In addition to being a network for those with kindred interests, the group plans to organize panels and workshops at APSA and regional association meetings.

Those interested should contact: Bryan Jones, Dept. of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843, (409) 845-8833; or Clarence Stone, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, (301) 454-6720.

Paper Sought for Chicano/Latino Politics Award

The Western Political Science Association Chicano Politics Award is offered annually for an outstanding paper on Latinos and politics. This award, coordinated by the WPSA's Committee on the Status of Chicanos, is presented for that paper which will best broaden knowledge in the area of Latino politics. The competition is open to any researcher whose paper focuses on the general area of Latino poli-

tics. Topical areas that would be acceptable (but not restricted to) include: electoral politics, political behavior, politics of community organizations, religion and politics, political socialization, and public policy areas such as immigration, health, welfare, and poverty.

Please submit four copies of the paper and a 100-word abstract formatted for blind review by March 1, 1990, to Manuel Avalos, Chair, WPSA Committee on the Status of Chicanos, Department of Political Science, California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA 91330.

Economics and National Security Program Newly Established

The Center for International Affairs at Harvard University announces the establishment of a new program in Economics and National Security. The program is one of the activities of the John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, which operates within the framework of the Center.

The focal point of the program is "national security and the global economy." Topics of study include international arms collaboration, the arms trade, and issues relating to defense spending and the defense industrial base. The program provides pre- and post-doctoral fellowships to graduate students, holds conferences and seminars, and sponsors publication of books and working papers.

The program's dissertation fellows in 1989-90 will include Andrew Moravcsik of Harvard University and Aaron Karp of Columbia University and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Moravcsik is completing a study of European strategic industries, based on extensive field research. Karp is examining the aerospace industries of Argentina, Canada, India, and Sweden.

For further information about the program, contact Ethan B. Kapstein at (617) 495-2491 or write to him at: Center for International Affairs, Harvard University,

1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Study Shows House Challengers Lose by 10-1 Spending Margin

A new publication, *The Price of Admission: An Illustrated Atlas of Campaign Spending in the 1988 Congressional Elections*, is comprised of extensive statistics, 140 charts and 200 national, regional, and state maps showing a vast and widening spending gulf between incumbents and challengers. National and statewide district-by-district spending patterns are revealed along with regional breakdowns for the Northeast, the South and border states, the Midwest and the West.

Also included in the study is a "Campaign Spending Index" that shows at a glance how each 1988 congressional winner compared with all others using a variety of campaign spending yardsticks.

Prepared by Larry Makinson, the book is available for \$16.95 from Center for Responsive Politics, 1320 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; phone: (202) 857-0044.

Canadian Foreign Service Officers Publish Journal

The magazine of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers, *bout de papier*, is the official publication of diplomacy and foreign service published by the foreign service officers of Canada. The coverage goes beyond Canada to focus on everything from disarmament to international peace-keeping to international law. The contributors are from the diplomatic corps and universities of Canada and other countries.

The journal is published quarterly, in English and in French, and is available for \$12 per year from: *bout de papier*, Pro-

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Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers, Suite 600, 45 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5W8, Canada.

Revised International Bibliography on Electoral Systems Published

The Comparative Representation and Electoral Systems Research Committee (ESRC) of the International Political Science Association has published a Revised and Expanded Edition of the *International Bibliography on Electoral Systems* by Richard S. Katz of The Johns Hopkins University, USA. This 80-page compilation identifies in 35 distinct categories over 1500 major works dealing with the forms and effects of representation and electoral systems, including national, cross-national, and sub-national studies. This bibliographical reference, expanded by over 600 new entries, is available now at a postage-paid cost of \$7 U.S. (or £5 sterling) for ESRC members, or \$10 (or £7) for non-ESRC members, from Lawrence D. Longley, Department of Government, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 54912.

The IPSA Electoral Systems Research Committee is an organization of over 150 individuals from 23 different countries who seek to facilitate research into the comparative forms and effects of representation and electoral systems. Membership in the Electoral Systems Research Committee is open to all scholars interested in the study of representation and electoral systems, including national, cross-national, and sub-national aspects. The current ESRC membership period runs through the 1991 IPSA World Congress in Buenos Aires, and entitles scholars to information concerning the professional activities of the group (including program plans for ESRC panel sessions at the 1991 IPSA World Congress), receipt of the *International Newsletter*, and listing in the *ESRC International Membership Directory and Research Register*.

Membership dues through 1991 are \$15 U.S. or £10 sterling, and may be paid in either currency. In order to join the Research Committee, send a check for either currency amount made out to "ESRC" along with a note of your name, mailing address, and current representation and electoral systems research interests to Lawrence D. Longley at the address above, or to Enid Lakeman, Electoral Systems Research Committee, c/o Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street, London SE1 0UU, England. Make your checks payable to the "Electoral Systems Research Committee" or "ESRC." Research Committee membership through 1991 and the Revised and Expanded *International Bibliography* are available together at a combined cost of \$22 U.S. (or £15).

Midwest Women's Caucus Elects New Officers

The following officers for the Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science were elected for 1989-90: President—Patricia Bayer Richard, Ohio State University; President-Elect—Trudy Steuernagel, Kent State University; Secretary—Georgis Duerst-Lahti, Beloit College; Treasurer—Barbara Haylor, Sangamon State University; and Newsletter Editor—Pam Edwards, Wittenberg University.

Northern California Association Elects Officers

The following have been selected as officers of the Northern California Political Science Association for 1989-90:

President: Earl R. Kruschke, Professor of Political Science, California State University, Chico.

Vice President and Program Chair: William K. Muir, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley.

Secretary-Treasurer: Gerald R. McDaniel, Professor of Government, California State University, Sacramento.

Booklet Describes Endowment Programs

The National Endowment for the Humanities has published its mid-year *Overview of Endowment Programs*. The booklet includes a schedule of application deadlines for the programs and a list of state humanities councils with their addresses and phone numbers. If you mention that you saw this announcement in *PS*, you will also receive a complimentary copy of the NEH magazine *Humanities*.

Write or call: NEH Overview, Room 406, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506; phone: (202) 786-0438.

Social Science Association Welcomes Members

The National Social Science Association is devoted to the advancement of research and teaching the social sciences on a college level through conferences and publications. The major publication of the association is the *National Social Science Journal*, published six times a year. Subscription rates are \$30 individual and \$40 institutional.

Spring conferences will be held February 15-17, 1990, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; March 22-24, 1990, in Louisville, Kentucky; and April 5-7, 1990, in San Diego, California.

Membership in the Association is \$10 annually. For further information, contact: NSSA, 2020 Hills Lake Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020; phone: (619) 448-4709.

Association for the Study of Common Property Invites Members

The International Association for the Study of Common Property is devoted to understanding and improving the management of environmental resources that are held or used collectively by communities, whether in developing or developed countries. The Association represents interdisciplinary approaches (e.g., anthropology, sociology, history, political science, public policy, geography, agricultural and resource economics, forestry and fisheries management, environmental studies and human ecology), area specializations all over the world, and all resource sectors. Members are scholars, government officials, development consultants, and resource managers with a shared interest in understanding common property resources in order to avert tragedies of the commons.

Dues are US\$20 for members whose annual incomes exceed US\$15,000 per year and US\$5 for those with annual incomes under US\$15,000. Members receive the *Common Property Resource Digest* without additional charge and news of Association activities and meetings. Members of the Association are also eligible to apply for travel funds to subsidize the cost of attending the annual meeting; these funds are intended to encourage international participation and will be awarded on the basis of need. Prospective members should write to Edward Lotterman, Secretary-Treasurer, *Common Property Resource Digest*, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, 1994 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Gender and Science Proceedings Available

GASAT 5, an international conference on gender and science and technology, was

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held September 17-22, 1989, at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. The conference explored diverse aspects of gender at all levels of education and employment in science, engineering, and technology and attempted to improve women's prospects in education and employment.

The proceedings of the conference will be available for \$60 per copy, plus \$15 postage to Europe or \$20 to the U.S., Australia, and South America.

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