

APSA Council in April this year that the program has not been expanded since it was created in 1984 and that maximum award amounts now appear inadequate to research. The Council consequently has authorized increasing the grant program budget to \$18,000 and increasing maximum award sizes to \$1800. The Executive Director was given the authority to cap the competition at \$15,000 if mid-fiscal year budget information indicates the Association is facing a deficit.

The Research Support Committee is chaired by John Sprague, Washington University, and includes Charles W. Harris, Howard University; Margaret P. Karns, University of Dayton; Karen O'Connor, Emory University; Herbert Asher, Ohio University; and Marion Just, Wellesley College.

The grant recipients for 1995 and their projects are the following.

**Douglas Blum**, Providence College, "Russian Environmental Security Policy in the Caspian Sea: International Relations, Domestic Politics, and State Interests"

**Maureen H. Casamayou**, Mount Vernon College, "Nice Girls No More: Grassroots Empowerment and the Politics of Breast Cancer"

**Ting Gong**, Ramapo College of New Jersey, "From Revolutionary Cadres to Business Elites in China's Reform Era"

**John C. Hickman**, Berry College, "The Effects of District Magnitude on the Representation of Women in Japanese Prefectural and Municipal Assemblies"

**Febrice E. Lehoucq**, Christopher Newport University, "The Electoral Bases of Public Expenditures in Guatemala"

**Tracy Lightcap**, Lagrange College, "Issues in the Measurement of Judicial Attitudes"

**Stephen V. Monsma**, Pepperdine University, "Church and State in Five Democracies" (Joint Proposal with J. Christopher Soper)

**Carol Nechemias**, Pennsylvania State University of Harrisburg,

"The Women of Russia Movement: Year One in the Russian Duma"

**Suzanne U. Samuels**, Seton Hall University, "A Study of the Impact of U.A.W. v. Johnson Controls on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration"

**Denise L. Scheberle**, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, "Working Together or Pulling Apart: State and Federal Relationships in Environmental Programs"

**J. Christopher Soper**, Pepperdine University, "Church and State in Five Democracies" (Joint Proposal with Stephen V. Monsma)

**Nayda Terkildsen**, Drew University, "Mass Media Coverage of the Women's Movement."

If you would like more information on APSA's research grants or have suggestions for the committee, please contact Michael Brintnall at APSA. The 1996 competition will be announced in the December issue of *PS*.

### APSA Minority Identification Project

The American Political Science Association, led by some of our leading graduate schools, has made a major commitment to increase the numbers of minority students attending doctoral programs in political science and entering our profession.

Personal contact between faculty and student is at the heart of the program through group meetings, personal advising, involving students in faculty research, and other mentoring.

Also, APSA operates a clearinghouse of names of minority students referred by faculty for graduate study, by circulating the names referred by undergraduate faculty to graduate schools. Graduate schools recruit students identified in this process by personal contacts, waivers of application fees, and expedited financial aid consideration. APSA also writes to each student with information about political science careers.

If you would like to participate, please plan to talk with students about a career in political science, and let APSA know the names of promising minority candidates for Ph.D. study. Even the name of just one student will be an important contribution to the project. Please call, fax, email or send the following information about each student as early in the fall as possible.

- 1) name and address;
- 2) GPA (or your best estimate);
- 3) year of graduation;
- 4) race/ethnicity; and
- 5) a brief comment relevant to consideration for graduate school.

Send the information to: Michael Brintnall, Director of Professional Affairs, APSA 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 483-2512; fax: (202) 483-2657; brintnall@apsa.dgsys.com.

## Section News

### Political Methodology Section List-Serve and World-Wide Web Site

The Political Methodology Section of APSA now has a list-server (also available as a digest) and a World-Wide Web site based at the University of California-Riverside. They are funded in part by a grant from NSF to the political science department at UC-Riverside.

The list-server for Political Methodology serves as a forum for discussion of political methodology. Topics discussed recently have included questions of software use, statistical issues, questions of replication, etc. It is also to announce conferences, to circulate abstracts, and will no doubt be put to as yet undiscovered purposes. It is an unmoderated list. To contribute anything, simply send your message to: polmeth@wizard.ucr.edu.

To subscribe, send a message with the following text to polmethrequest@wizard.ucr.edu: subscribe <your e-mail address>.

The World-Wide Web site of the Political Methodology Section is

used to make available conference papers, working papers, previous issues of *The Political Methodologist*, programs for upcoming meetings, and other news. It includes links to sites with software and data available has instructions for uploading and downloading papers,

and allows you to read abstracts on-line. It is the hub in cyberspace where political methodologists hang out; a virtual Mos Eisley Cantina for political methodologists.

You can get there by pointing your web-browser at: <http://wizard.ucr.edu/polmeth/polmeth.html>.

Both the list-server and the website are administered by Jonathan Nagler. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please send e-mail to [nagler@wizard.ucr.edu](mailto:nagler@wizard.ucr.edu).

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