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Midterm 1998 Election, Speaker Resignation, and Impeachment Proceedings—A Heady Atmosphere for 1998–99 Congressional Fellows' Job Search

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APSA welcomed 42 Congressional Fellows to DC this past fall for an orientation to the inner workings of Congress and the federal government. After completing a month (and more, in some cases) of training conducted by academics, journalists, current Hill staffers, and former Fellows, the members of CFP's 46th class began looking for jobs in December.

The 105th Congress's full fall of impeachment proceedings, interrupted briefly by the mid-term elections, made securing staff positions more difficult for these Fellows than for last year's class. Most Fellows found work by mid-January, however.

All eight political science Fellows found positions early. David P. Auerswald of George Washington

University realized his goal of gaining hands-on international relations experience by landing a minority staff position with Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Similarly, Lisa Garcia Bedolla will be able to supplement her doctoral research at Yale University on Latino/a politics with the practical knowledge she gains working for Javier Becerra (D-CA), chair of the Hispanic Caucus.

Thomas Brunell, a visiting professor at the University of California, Irvine, turned his summer job with the House Subcommittee on the Census into a year-long Fellowship assignment dealing with the highly controversial issue of using sampling to supplement the headcount. Colton Campbell, an assistant professor at Florida International University, secured a staff position with Senator Bob Graham (D-FL), and Eric Heberlig of Ohio State University found a position with Ohio Republican Representative Tom Sawyer.

Steiger Fellow David Leal, assistant professor at the State University of New York, Buffalo, parlayed his experience on Senator and perennial-potential presidential candidate's John Kerry's (D-MA) campaign staff into a position on the office staff. Benjamin Highton of the University of California, Berkeley will spend his year in the office of Paul Wellstone (D-MN). APSA-MCI Congressional Fellow Daniel Lipinski decided to make maximal use of his Duke University doctoral research on congressional communication with the public by securing a position with the Democratic "message group" chaired by Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO).

Other Fellows easily making the transition from trainee to employee included first-time Hatfield Fellow Pete Wakefield of the Oregon Grand Rond tribes, whose training as a forester and expertise in land-use management will serve him well as he works in the office of Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) and serves as a resource person for the entire northwest congressional delegations; Blane Dessy, executive director of the National Library of Education in the U.S. Department of Education, whose interest in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary

Northeast Political Science Association

The Northeast Political Science Association held its annual meeting in Boston between November 12 and 14, 1998. Program Chair Jo Renee Formicola of Seton Hall University oversaw the meeting, which featured over 400 paper presentations. Guest speakers included former governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Honorable Michael Dukakis, now with the Northeastern University department of political science, and Matthew Holden Jr. of the University of Virginia and president of the American Political Science Association. In 1999 the NEPSA will again meet in Boston, November 12–13.



From left to right: Garrison Nelson, Brandeis University (NEPSA Executive Director); Matthew Holden Jr., University of Virginia; the Honorable Michael Dukakis, Northeastern University; and Jo Renee Formicola, Seton Hall University.

Education Act prompted him to take a position with Representative Major R. Owens (D-NY), Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce's Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow Dr. David A. Pollack, medical director for Mental Health Services West, Inc. of Portland, Oregon, who obtained a position with Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) on the Senate Committee on Labor, which will be working on health policy legislation; Foreign Affairs Fellow Susan Rzemien, an international

economist with the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Exchange Operations, who accepted a staff assignment with Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN); the CIA's Donna Counterman, who will work for Representative Christopher Shays (R-CT); APSA-MCI Congressional Fellow Andrew Souvall, a producer with KUTV Channel 2 in Salt Lake City, who joined the staff of Florida Republican Senator Bob Graham; and the State Department's John McNamara, who took a position with Massachusetts Democrat Senator Robert Kennedy.

To supplement what promises to be a very unique year as congressional staff, Fellows will be attending the Wilson Continuing Seminar Series at the Library of Congress. Upcoming speakers include *Washington Post* correspondent and columnist Dave Broder; William and Mary political scientist and former Fellow Larry Evans; the Honorable Charlie Johnson, House Parliamentarian; and representatives of the Congressional Budget Office, General Accounting Office, and Office of the House Legislative Counsel.

Southern Illinois University Hosts Fifth Summer Institute

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The 1998 USIA Summer Institute in the American Political System, held from June 26 to August 8, was the fifth on the campus of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC). Each participant in the 1998 SIUC institute has responsibility for university-level course on American government, politics, and history in his or her home country, but had little or no previous direct exposure to the United States. Two of the 1998 participants came from Latin America, six from Africa, seven from Asia, and three from the former Soviet Union or Soviet bloc. The program is funded by the United States Information Agency.

The broad goal of this institute is to provide the participants with as thorough an immersion in American government, politics, and political culture as possible. The broad organizing theme of the 1998 institute was the American federal system, with its rather unique division of governmental responsibilities across national, state, and local units. Outside visitors seldom appreciate either the historical role state and local units of government play in the United States or the increased importance of these units in recent years. A secondary theme was to compare and contrast the American approach to the universal problems of governing with the approaches of other nations. Most of the 1998 participants came from countries that

have moved either from single-party communist or military rule to fledgling democracies within the past decade. The American experience of over 200 years under the same constitutional form of government provides a sharp contrast with the participants' personal experiences of government.

The institute tried to mix contemporary political science scholarship (including the latest teaching materials for American government) with direct contact with practitioners at all three levels of government. Most of the faculty in SIUC's department of political science as well as a number of faculty from other departments in the College of Liberal Arts

and School of Law participated. Also included in the program were two members of the staff of the SIUC Public Policy Institute—former U.S. Senator Paul Simon and Mike Lawrence, former press secretary for Governor Jim Edgar.

Classroom time was supplemented with a one-week trip to the Illinois state capital in Springfield and a variety of sites in Chicago and a second week-long trip to Washington, DC. The week in DC included a visit to the headquarters of the American Political Science Association, where all participants received complimentary one-year APSA memberships. The program included a number of single- and partial-day



Members of the 1998 USIA Summer Institute gather for a group photo outside the White House.