

Briefs

IPSA Council Elects President and Executive Committee

At its recent meeting in Madrid, Spain, the council of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) elected 16 new executive committee members for 2012–14 and a new president. APSA member Helen V. Milner of Princeton University was elected IPSA's president. Milner is the B.C. Forbes Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and the director of the Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. She is currently also the chair of the department of politics. She taught at Columbia University from 1986 to 2004. Her Statement of Objectives are posted at www.ipsa.org/news.

Dianne Pinderhughes of the University of Notre Dame was also elected to the IPSA Executive Committee. Pinderhughes is full professor in the departments of African studies and political science at the University of Notre Dame and a Faculty Fellow at the Kellogg Institute. She was previously a faculty member at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (1984–2006) and at Dartmouth College (1975–1984).

Pinderhughes has been active in APSA. She served as APSA president 2007–2008, and the APSA Task Force she appointed recently completed its report: *Political Science in the 21st Century*. The committee meets yearly and governs the IPSA in the two years between IPSA Council meetings. ■

New Editors of Journal Named

The *Journal of Political Science Education* has named three new editors from University of Central Florida (UCF).

Kerstin Hamann, Philip H. Pollock and Bruce M. Wilson have replaced the publication's founding editors, John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning, both from the University of North Texas, who, with Steven Forde and Valerie Martinez-Ebers, became editors of the *American Political Science Review*.

Hamann, chair of the political science department, has been at UCF since 1995. Pollock came to the university in 1982, and Wilson in 1995.

The *Journal of Political Science Education* is the official publication of the APSA organized section Political Science Education. The publication's goal is to discuss the teaching and learning about politics. The audience for the journal is concerned with political teaching and learning, broadly conceived. The core

audience includes political scientists at both undergraduate teaching institutions and research institutions involved in graduate student training. In addition, the audience includes those teaching at the community college level and, potentially, at the high school level as well. For more information about the journal, published by Taylor & Francis, visit <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/upse20/current>. ■

Minority Fellows' Institutions Announced

As part of the APSA Minority Fellows Program, we are pleased to announce the graduate schools that the 2012–2013 APSA Minority Fellows will attend: Nidia Bautista, Rutgers University; Carolina Ferreros, Columbia University; Dirk Horn, University of California, Irvine; Marlette Jackson, Stanford University; Brianna Mack, Ohio State University; Vladimir Enrique Medencia, Princeton University; Antonio Cesar Mendez, Harvard University; Brennan Robinson, Duke University; Sheri Sullivan, Florida State University; David Torres, University of Houston; Vanessa Quince, University of Washington; and Diane Wong, Cornell University.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Since 1969, the APSA Minority Fellowship has designated more than 500 fellows, both funded and unfunded, and contributed to the completion of doctoral political science programs for more than 100 individuals. The association has refocused and increased efforts to assist minority students in completing their doctorates by concentrating not only on minority recruitment, but also assisting with the retention of these groups within the profession.

The APSA Minority Fellows Program designates up to twelve stipend minority fellows each year. Additional applicants who do not receive funds from the Association may also be recognized and recommended for admission and



At a recent panel discussion sponsored by NCAPSA (from left to right) Frances Lee, NCAPSA president; Thomas Mann, Brookings Institution; David Karol, University of Maryland; and Matt Green, Catholic University respond to questions concerning Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein's recent book, *It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided with the New Politics of Extremism*. More than 100 people attended the event held in Washington, DC, at the University of California, Washington Center, June 6, 2012. Photo by Richard Houston.

financial support to graduate political science programs. Fellows with stipends receive a \$4,000 fellowship that is disbursed in two \$2,000 payments—one at the end of their first graduate year and one at the end of their second—provided that they remain in good academic standing. APSA can disburse some of the funds at the start of the academic year by request of the student. Awards are based on students' undergraduate or graduate course work, GPA, personal statement and resume, extracurricular activities, GRE scores, and personal and recommendations from faculty. ■

Pi Sigma Alpha Announces Awards

Pi Sigma, the National Political Science Honor Society, proudly announces its 2011–12 award winners.

Pi Sigma Alpha Scholarships for Washington Internships

Dana Berardi, Cabrini College
 Patricia Donahoe, University of New Hampshire
 Emma Land, Texas Christian University
 Ani-Rae Lovell, College of William & Mary
 Jacquelyn Rogers, Millikin University

Pi Sigma Alpha/Howard Penniman Scholarships for Graduate Study in Political Science

Jacob Brown, Emory University
 John DiIulio, University of Pennsylvania
 Valeriya Kamenova, Ramapo College of New Jersey
 Nicole Yadon, University of Michigan

Chapter Advisor Recognition Awards

Jean-Robert Leguey-Feilleux, Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Saint Louis University (43 years)
 Larry Stern, Mu Epsilon Chapter, Mars Hill College (31 years)

Best Chapters: Total Institutional Enrollment under 6,000

Chi Epsilon Chapter, Mercyhurst College, Prof. Michael Federici, Advisor
 Alpha Zeta Eta Chapter, Univ. of Minnesota-Morris, Prof. Roger Rose, Advisor

Pi Iota Chapter, Ohio Northern University, Prof. Robert Alexander, Advisor
 Sigma Delta Chapter, Shepherd University, Prof. Joseph Robbins, Advisor
 Sigma Pi Chapter, Wilkes University, Prof. Thomas Baldino, Advisor

Best Chapters: Total Institutional Enrollment 6,000–15,000

Alpha Delta Gamma Chapter, Lewis University, Prof. Laurette Liesen, Advisor
 Gamma Delta Chapter, University of Notre Dame, Prof. Carolina Arroyo, Advisor
 Theta Gamma Chapter, Shippensburg University, Prof. Alison Dagnes, Advisor

Best Chapters: Total Institutional Enrollment over 15,000

Beta Mu Chapter, Brigham Young University, Prof. Chris Karpowitz, Advisor
 Epsilon Mu Chapter, University of Montana, Prof. Christopher Muste, Advisor
 Nu Omega Chapter, Oakland University, Prof. Terri Towner, Advisor
 Alpha Iota Chapter, Utah State University, Prof. William Furlong, Advisor

Best Undergraduate Class Paper

First Place: "Choosing Justly: Evaluating Voting Systems with Social Choice Theory," by James Weismuller, Macalester College

Runner-Up: "The Ghosts of Violence Past: The Impact of Sexual and Gender-based Violence on Social Capital in Post-conflict Uganda," by Taylor Jacoby, Brigham Young University

Runner-Up: "Telling the Truth: How Truth Commission Findings are Presented to the Public," by Lindsay Harroff, Furman University

Best Undergraduate Honors Thesis

First Place: "The Road to Hell is Paved with Good Intentions? The Effect of U.S. Military Aid Windfalls on Human Development Results in Aid-Receiving Countries," by Trevor Kosmo, Georgetown University

Runner-Up: "Political Representation, Legislative Responsiveness, and Po-

larized Labor Markets: The Politics of Rising Wage Inequality in the U. S.," by Jonathan Robinson, George Washington University

Runner-Up: "The Alien Tort Claims Act: Pushing Accountability of International Human Rights Violations through US Courts," by Trisha Jhunhnuwala, Rutgers University ■

Pi Sigma Alpha Retirement Announced



Nancy McManus, administrator of the National Office of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, retired at the end of August, 2012. Nancy assumed her position as administrator in 1991. During her 20-year tenure, Nancy oversaw the greatest growth in the number of chapters, programs, and services in the honor society's 92-year history. From 1991 to 2012 the number of Pi Sigma Alpha chapters increased from 411 to 749. The honor society also instituted an online scholarly journal for undergraduates and an online newsletter, scholarships for graduate study and for Washington-based internship programs, awards for best undergraduate class papers and for honor theses, awards for best chapters and chapter advisors, and greatly expanded its chapter activity grant program. Nancy was also responsible for enhancing Pi Sigma Alpha's visibility and leadership role in the Association of College Honor Societies.

Prior to joining Pi Sigma Alpha, Nancy worked for APSA as a special projects coordinator and as assistant director of the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program. ■