

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of APLS, April 11, 1986, Chicago, Illinois

Members present: Blank, Caldwell, Funké, Hines, G. Schubert, J. Schubert, Somit (chair), Watts, Wiegele. W. Kitchin attended in his role as 1986 Program chair.

Agenda

1. Replacement of M. Watts as Recording Secretary for the period of his sabbatical year was discussed and the chair was asked to contact individuals proposed. A. Somit subsequently reported (April 16) that E. White of Temple University had agreed to serve as interim secretary.

2. Wiegele reported on the solicitation for status as an organized section on Politics and the Life Sciences in the American Political Science Association. In early March Wiegele submitted the requisite petition with 124 signatures to the APSA Council for its consideration. If approved, "organized section" status will be available in time for the 1986 APSA meetings in Washington, D. C.

3. The following reports were received from Council members concerning their assignments from the November 17-18 meeting of the Council:

Somit: Distributed a draft proposal prepared with S. Peterson for a possible biopolit-

ics workshop to be conducted in conjunction with a future APSA meeting.

Reported that L. Caldwell has agreed to serve as APLS program chair for 1987 and that C. Phillips has agreed to serve as vice-chair.

G. Schubert: Reported that he has continued to maintain active liaison with the APSA and commended Wiegele for follow-up concerning "organized section" status.

Has not pursued the task of providing news/notes to *PS* and suggests that T. Wiegele take on that role. Wiegele accepted.

Wiegele: Has offered a free subscription to the journal *Politics and the Life Sciences* to Ph.D. departments. Will make an additional mailing with subscription information.

Distributed a draft proposal for a series of special *PLS* issues to appear as the third yearly publication. After discussion of various alternatives and financial matters, the issue was deferred for future discussion.

The suggested proposal for a technical writer for the journal has not yet been done.

Funke: Will serve as alternate to Caldwell as representative to the American Society of Public Administration.

Expects to pursue further the possibility of the EPA and other Washington, D. C.

based agencies as funding sources.

J. Schubert: Distributed a proposal on possible biopolitics workshops to be held as summer seminars (see "New Business").

Continues to serve as liaison in the area of primatology research.

W. Kitchin (Program Chair): provided a progress report on the 1986 program to be held in conjunction with the 1986 APSA meetings in Washington, D. C.

4. Possible affiliation with the International Social Science Council.

The Council voted unanimously to apply for Associate membership, for which there is currently no fee. Wiegele will contact E. Blamont, Deputy Secretary General of the ISSC, and proceed with affiliation.

5. A suggested graduate student paper award was discussed and referred to a subcommittee of Blank, Caldwell, and Watts for preparation of a draft proposal.

6. New Business

The Council discussed the J. Schubert/S. Peterson draft of a proposal for summer seminars/workshops on "Teaching Biopolitics." A subcommittee was appointed to develop the proposal, particularly including budget and funding alternatives (e.g., agency sup-

port). The subcommittee consists of J. Schubert (chair) and O. Funke. Schubert will contact E. White and F. Kort to solicit their service on the subcommittee.

It was requested and agreed that the Executive Director of APLS provide a membership and financial report twice a year.

APLS at APSA, 1987

The following is a tentative list of panels for the seventh annual meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, to be held in conjunction with the 1987 convention of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 3-6, 1987.

Panel 1. Biotechnology and Public Policy: A Report

Chair: Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (Calif.)

Reports by:

Robert H. Blank
Northern Illinois University

Lynton K. Caldwell
Indiana University

Thomas C. Wiegale
Northern Illinois University

Raymond A. Zilinskas
Consultant on Science
Policy

Discussant:

Claude S. Phillips
Western Michigan
University

Panel 2. Biological Warfare

Chair: Marianne Jakus

Papers:

Title to be announced

Susan Wright
University of Michigan

A Comparative Analysis of the Two Review Conferences of the 1972 Biological and Toxics Weapons Convention

Raymond A. Zilinskas
Consultant on Science
Policy

Discussant:

Robert Mikulak
U. S. Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency

Panel 3. Bioethics

Chair: Michael S. Pritchard,
Western Michigan University

Papers:

Kass-Engelhardt Debate in Bioethics

Larry Arnhart
Northern Illinois University

An Evolutionary Perspective on Individual Ethical Choice

Barbara M. Rowland
Colorado State University

Parental and Physician's Duty to the Fetus

Joseph Losco
Ball State University

Discussant:

Odelia Funke
Environmental Protection
Agency

Panel 4. Biopolitical Consequences of Stress and Illness

Chair: William Kitchin, Loyola College

Papers:

Life Stress and Political Behavior among Older Americans

Steven A. Peterson
Alfred University

Illness among Principal Political Leaders

Robert S. Robins
Tulane University

Type A Behavior and Local Government Elites

Kent L. Oots
Emory University

Thomas C. Wiegale
Northern Illinois University

Discussant:

Richard S. Hartigan
Loyola University of
Chicago

Panel 5. Theoretical Perspectives on Biology and Political Behavior

Chair: Thomas C. Wiegale,
Northern Illinois University

Papers:

Ethology, Sociobiology, and Political Behavior

Roger D. Masters
Dartmouth College

Biophysical Structure of Political Ideologies

J. A. Laponce
University of British
Columbia

Politics and Inclusive Fitness: A Theoretical Perspective

Gary R. Johnson
Drake University

Discussant:

Heiner Flohr
University of Düsseldorf

Panel 6. The Roots of Organized Human Aggression

Chair: Fred Kort, University of Connecticut

Papers:

The Roots of Organized Human Aggression: A Critical Review

Michael Toth
Indiana University

Timothy White
University of California,
Berkeley

Special Aspects of Human Aggression

John Paul Scott
Bowling Green State
University (Emeritus)

The Relevance of Comparative Studies of Organized Aggression

Benson E. Ginsberg
Cornell University

Discussants:

John M. Strate
Wayne State University

Roger D. Masters
Dartmouth College

Panel 7. Ethology and Law

Chair: Margaret Gruter,
Gruter Institute for Law and
Behavioral Research

Papers:

Biology and the Administration of Criminal Justice

C. R. Jeffery
Florida State University

Surrogate Motherhood and the Administration of Justice

Carol Sanger
University of California,
Santa Clara

Discussants:

Michael T. McGuire
University of California,
Los Angeles

Benson E. Ginsberg
Cornell University

Wolfgang Fikentscher
University of Munich

Midwest Political Science Association Adds Section on Politics and the Life Sciences

Beginning with the 1988 annual meeting, the Midwest Political Science Association will include a section of panels on politics and the life sciences. Interested scholars are needed to serve as chairs, paper givers, and discussants for the panels.

Papers are welcome on any aspect of politics and the life sciences. Proposals for panels are also welcome. Possible topics may include biotechnology, biology and political violence, biological terrorism, biology and bureaucratic behavior (this list should not be considered inclusive). The tentative deadline for all proposals is October 15, 1987.

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APLS in ISSC

In late summer 1986, the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences applied for associate membership in the International Social Science Council. The ISSC is an agency of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. Its aim is to foster contacts and collaboration on an international basis among social science organizations.

At the December 10, 1986 meeting of the General Assembly of ISSC, the application of APLS was approved. Thomas C. Wiegale of Northern Illinois University, executive director of APLS, represented the Association at the Paris meeting of ISSC.

The Jemez Springs Symposium

The Jemez Springs Symposium on "Adult Human Sexual Behavior with Children and Adolescents" will be held June 29-July 3, 1987 in Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

A tentative outline of program topics includes:

—Background of the behavior in humans

—Evolution (ultimate causation) of the behavior (human/nonhuman)

—Development (ontogeny) of the behavior (human/nonhuman)

—Function (effect) of the behavior (human/nonhuman)

—Causes (proximate) of the behavior (human/nonhuman)

For more information, contact the coordinator of the symposium, Jay R. Feierman, M.D., Department of Research and Education, Vista Sandia Hospital, 501 Alameda Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque, N. M. 87113. Phone (505) 823-2000.

PLS Welcomes New Associate Editor

Robert H. Blank has joined the staff of *Politics and the Life Sciences* as associate editor. Blank's current research includes human genetic and reproductive policy, allocation and rationing of medical technologies, and organ transplantation policy. Formerly professor and chair in the Department of Political Science at the University of Idaho, Blank now teaches biomedical and biotechnology policy in the Department of Political Science at Northern Illinois University. His publications include seven books and more than 100 articles and book chapters.

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OSTRACISM: A SOCIAL AND BIOLOGICAL PHENOMENON

Edited by Margaret Gruter and Roger D. Masters

New findings in neurology, clinical psychology, and ethology have motivated many scholars to explore the interaction between law, the social sciences, and biology. This volume shows the potential of linking cultural, legal, and biological perspectives by focusing on ostracism, a topic that has failed to receive extensive study in the social sciences.

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ROGER D. MASTERS is Chairman of the Department of Government at Dartmouth College. He comes to the study of Ethology from the field of Political Philosophy and has published in such journals as *Politics and the Life Sciences*, *Quarterly Review of Biology*, and *Journal of Social and Biological Structures*.

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