

### Call for Papers for the 1990 APLS Convention

The life sciences encompass a broad spectrum of theoretical, empirical, and policy approaches contributing to the study of politics. Theoretical issues include the elucidation of traditional philosophic positions concerning, for example, human nature; epistemological matters concerning the structure of explanation across natural and social science disciplines; reassessment of the social and biological construction of gender; and consideration of the concepts of genetic and cultural evolution. Empirical studies include the study of somatic and physiological variables affecting the behavior of elites and masses; the naturalistic study of elite behavior, verbal and nonverbal; and the ecological impact of particular types of human behavior. Policy interests range from the effect of aging populations on the political agenda, to traditional health care issues, to the social and political impacts of genetic and biomedical technology on human reproduction and the environment.

In the interest of stimulating broader interest of these issues within political science, panel and paper topics are encouraged which address fundamental concepts and themes in traditional or behavioral political science in light of contemporary research and theory from the life sciences. Panels which show promise in being cosponsored with other organized sections are particularly welcomed. Examples include, but are not limited to, the exploration of the relationship between reproductive technologies and the social control of women; environmental politics, for example, the debate over ozone depletion; and the use of evolutionary theory in assessing traditional concepts in political philosophy. Suggestions for roundtables and workshops are encouraged; however, those with ideas for complete panels are encouraged to submit ideas early to allow time for panel development. Those who wish to serve as panel chairs or discussants should indicate their preferred areas and topics of interest.

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### PLS Appoints New Managing Editor

Frederick Frankena, the new managing editor of *Politics and the Life Sciences*, comes to the position from Michigan State University where he was the microcomputer coordinator for the Youth Sports Institute. Beyond the desktop publishing skills he brings to this position, he has a scholarly interest in biopolitics from the perspectives of both social science and ecology. He possesses a Ph.D. from Michigan State, for which he wrote a dissertation on the politics of technical expertise in a renewable energy facility siting controversy. He has presented his research on large-scale renewable energy development at national and international conferences and published it in such journals as *Biomass*, *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*, *Journal of Forestry*, *Natural Resources and Society*, and *Renewable Resources Journal*. The culmination of this work will appear early next year in a book published by Lehigh University Press entitled *Strategies of Expertise in Technical Controversies: A Study of Wood Energy Development*.

### UN Environment Program Acts on Ozone Problem

The UNEP treaty to protect the Earth's ozone layer from chemical destruction took effect January 1, 1989 after being ratified by the minimum of 11 countries whose estimated use of ozone-destroying chemicals amounts to two-thirds of global production. In fact, by the end of December the accord had been ratified by 28 governments and the European Community. Together, these countries account for more than 80 per cent of the global consumption of these chemicals. New evidence on the accelerating destruction of the ozone layer presented at a UNEP meeting in the Hague last October led to swift action by concerned governments. The new treaty regulates production of chlorofluorocarbons and halons. Parties to the original 1985 Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer met again this Spring in Helsinki to begin the review process. Readers interested in further information can contact the United Nations Environment Program, DC2-0803 United Nations, New York, NY 10017.

### European Sociobiological Society Annual Meeting

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the European Sociobiological Society (ESS) will be held September 8-10, 1989 at the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. The theme of this year's meeting is "Economics and Sociobiology." For information on registration and accommodations, contact Prof. R. Corluy, Center for Biomathematics, Free University of Brussels, Building M, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

### Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) will be held in Irvine, California, November 15-18. Rather than a single conference theme, papers on a variety of current topics are being presented, including: social studies of computer and information sciences and artificial intelligence (together with changes in science due to computing); gender and science; hidden and/or unacknowledged workers in science; science and/or technology policy; research methods; and theory, regulation, and science in the Third World. Information on local arrangements can be obtained from S. Leigh Star, Department of Information and Computer Science, 408D, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717.

### APLS at APSA, 1989

The following is the preliminary program for the ninth annual meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, to be held in conjunction with the 1989 convention of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 31 through September 3, 1989.

#### Panel 1. The Politics of Aging

Chair:

Bruce Jacobs  
University of Rochester

Papers:

"American Families and the Development of Aging Public Policy"

John M. Strate  
Wayne State University

"Voices in the Wilderness: Alabama Health Care Professionals' Responses to Elder Abuse"

Carolyn Clark-Daniels  
University of Alabama

R. Steven Daniels  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Lorin A. Baumhover  
University of Alabama

Robert E. Pieroni  
University of Alabama

"Health and Nutrition: The Political Nexus"

Steven R. Peterson  
Alfred University

Discussants:

Robert S. Robins  
Tulane University

Bruce Jacobs  
University of Rochester

#### Panel 2. Public Policy and AIDS

Chair:

Raymond L. Chambers  
Bainbridge College

Papers:

"AIDS, Public Opinion and Public Policy: Myths and Realities"

Thomas J. Hoffman  
St. Mary's University

Anthony Kaufman  
St. Mary's University

"The Politics of Medical Justice: Ethics and AIDS Research in the Third World"

A. J. Fortin  
University of Hawaii

"Medical Crises in a Changing Political Culture: Policy Initiatives on AIDS and Alcoholism in the USSR"

Carol Barner-Barry  
University of Maryland—Baltimore County

Discussants:

Craig A. Rimmerman  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges

James Zaise  
Office of the Mayor, Washington, DC

#### Panel 3. Issues in the Medicalization of Gestation and Birth

Chair:

Lois B. Moreland  
Spelman College

Papers:

"The Medicalization of Gestation and Women's Rights"

Laura Woliver  
University of South Carolina

"Informed Consent to the Use of Contraceptive Drugs: The Ethical Dimensions and Legal Consequences of Depo-Provera's Experimental and Unapproved Use"

William Green  
Morehead State University

“Alternative Medicine: Survival Tactics in Canada”

Patricia O’Reilly  
University of Toronto

“Policy Implications of Sex Preselection”

Patricia Bayer Richard  
Ohio University

Discussants:

Susan Behuniak-Long  
LeMoyne College

Eugene R. DeClerq  
Merrimack College

**Panel 4. The Politics of Surrogate Mothering (Co-sponsored with Section 16: Women and Politics Research)**

Chair:

Robert H. Blank  
Northern Illinois University

Papers:

“The Concept of ‘Surrogate Mother’ in Light of the Deconstruction of Contracts”

Thomas Shevory  
Ithaca College

“‘Surrogate Mothering’: Reflections on Reproduction and Contract”

Mary Lyndon Shanley  
Vassar College

“Public Policy and Commercial Surrogacy: Legal and Ethical Dimensions”

Janna Merrick  
St. Cloud State University

Discussants:

Andrea Bonnicksen  
Eastern Illinois University

Susan M. Okin  
Brandeis University

**Panel 5. Roundtable on Observational Methods (Co-sponsored with Section 17: Political Methodology)**

Chair:

James N. Schubert  
Alfred University

Participants:

Richard Fenno  
University of Rochester

John Wahlke  
University of Arizona

David Bositis  
State University of New York at Potsdam

Frank Salter  
Griffith University, Australia

**Panel 6. The Politics of Biotechnology (Co-sponsored with Section 14: Science and Technology)**

Chair:

David J. Webber  
University of Missouri at Columbia

Papers:

“The Politics of Policy Choice: Biotechnology and the States”

John Portz  
Northeastern University

Peter Eisinger  
University of Wisconsin at Madison

“The Politics of Biotechnology Patenting”

Martha Traylor  
Seton Hall University

“Biotechnology and Terrorism: Characteristics of Organizations Likely to Employ Biological Weapons”

Kent Layne Oots  
University of Central Arkansas

Thomas C. Wiegale  
Northern Illinois University

Discussant:

Robert H. Blank  
Northern Illinois University

**Panel 7. Roundtable on Primate Politics**

Chairs:

Glendon Schubert  
University of Hawaii

Roger Masters  
Dartmouth College

Participants:

Thelma Rowell  
University of California—Berkeley

Mel Konner  
Emory University

**Panel 8. Contributions of Biopolitics to Mainstream Political Science**

Chair:

Albert Somit  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

## Papers:

## "Implications for Comparative Politics"

Meredith Watts  
University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

## "Implications for Public Policy"

Lynton K. Caldwell  
Indiana University

## "Implications for Political Theory"

Richard S. Hartigan  
Loyola University of Chicago

## "Implications for the Study and Practice of Law"

Fred Kort  
University of Connecticut

## Discussant:

Albert Somit  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

**Panel 9. Biology in the Study of Political Ideas and Behavior**

## Chair:

Richard S. Hartigan  
Loyola University of Chicago

## Papers:

## "Slavery, Biology, and Natural Right"

Larry Arnhart  
Northern Illinois University

## "Behavioral Regulation and Gene Expression: Regulatory Genes as Macromutation in the Evolutionary Process"

Benson Ginsberg  
University of Connecticut

## "The Deep Structure of 'Deep' Ecology and Its Political Implications"

Laurent Dobuzinskis  
Simon Fraser University

## "The Elusive Butterfly of Power"

Mary Maxwell  
Faculty of Medicine  
United Arab Emirates

## Discussants:

Claude Phillips  
Western Michigan University

Gary R. Johnson  
Lake Superior State College

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### **Results of Election to the Council of the Association**

This past spring, the following individuals were elected to serve four-year terms on the Council:

Carol Barner-Barry  
Roger Masters  
Glendon Schubert  
Albert Somit  
Lionel Tiger  
Meredith Watts

These newly elected members will join the following individuals on the Council:

Vincent Falger  
Odelia Funke  
Samuel Hines  
Joseph Losco  
Steven Peterson  
James Schubert

Special thanks are due the Nominating Committee, consisting of chair Odelia Funke (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and members Jean LaPonce (University of British Columbia) and Fred Kort (University of Connecticut).

