

NEWSLETTER

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Editorial Comment

Just a few items by a neophyte editor: (1) SAVE THIS for the Fall! (It contains some useful information about the association's 1982 meeting, committees, etc.). (2) While attempting to maintain the past levels of excellence, a few new things are being attempted in this issue, such as the column by Jim Thompson. The views expressed therein, of course, are his own, and not necessarily those of the association. (3) Some of you are getting this newsletter free; i.e., you have not paid your 1981 Ark.PSA dues of \$10 (\$2 for students). Since you should not expect another free Newsletter--or Journal-- and since you will doubtless be impressed with the dynamic, progressive organization and membership documented in this Newsletter, association Secretary/Treasurer Walter Nunn will be looking forward to the receipt of your (tax deductible) dues at his office (IOPG, 308 E. 8th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202).

President Resigning

As the last item of business at the April meeting of the Executive Committee, President Jim Megginson submitted the following (despite a lack of plans for impeachment proceedings):

Regretfully I must offer my resignation as president of the Arkansas Political Science Association, effective September 1, 1981.

Because of the endorsement APSA has given me, as well as the personal good wishes from many members, commitments by committee chairmen and others for the next year, and the board's intensive work today, I am resigning with much regret.

The circumstances, however, are exciting. The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded me a residential fellowship for College faculty; I will participate in the International Politics in a Multicultural World seminar under Adda Bozeman at Sarah Lawrence College. This is such an exceptional and a rare opportunity that I could not turn it down. Wednesday the GCCC board of trustees granted me a year's leave of absence.

Certainly APSA will fare very well in James Willis's capable hands. I wish him and you the best for the coming year. Thanks to all of you for your help and cooperation.

The Newsletter is a publication of the Arkansas Political Science Association. Correspondence should be sent to Charles Hartwig, Editor, Political Science Department, Arkansas State University, State University, AR, 72467

Arkansas Governor's School

As most readers are aware, Governor White has taken a personal interest in the summer Arkansas Governor's School (see People and Places section). At its April 25th meeting, the Ark.PSA Executive Committee adopted the following statement, and directed President Megginson to send it to the Governor:

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Political Science Association expresses its strong support of Robert Meriwether as Director of the Arkansas Governor's School. His competence, integrity, intelligence, and commitment to excellence in the field of education cause him to be held in the highest regard by his colleagues. We are certain that his service as Director of the School will reflect the high professional standards of achievement that he has always maintained in his association with us.

1982 Arkansas Political Science Association Meeting

The 1982 ArkPSA meeting will be in the Fayetteville University Hilton on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, 1982. Program suggestions should be made directly to the relevant person(s) listed below:

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PANEL CHAIRS</u>
Political Theory Panel	Dr. Hal Bass, Jr. Department of Political Science Ouachita Baptist University Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923 Phone: 246-4531
Criminal Justice/Judicial Process Panel	Dr. Charles Chastain Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice University of Arkansas at Little Rock University Avenue at 33rd Street Little Rock, Arkansas 72204 Phone: 569-3195
Roundtable on Teaching Political Science	Dr. Charles Dunn, Chairman Department of Political Science University of Central Arkansas Conway, Arkansas 72032 Phone: 329-2931
International Relations/ Comparative Politics	Dr. Tom Howard Department of Political Science Harding University Searcy, Arkansas 72143 Phone: 268-6161

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PANEL CHAIRS</u>
Arkansas Government and Politics Panel	Dr. Jeddy LeVar Department of Political Science Henderson State University Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923 Phone: 246-5511
Political Behavior Panel	Dr. Carolyn Zinn, Chairperson Department of Political Science Arkansas State University State University, Arkansas 72467 Phone: 972-3048
Roundtable on Public Administration. "Academics vs. Real World" (tentative title) Jointly sponsored by the Arkansas Chapter of ASPA and ArkPSA	Mr. Phillip Hoots ACCEPT Suite 501 Continental Building Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Phone: 371-7771

LUNCHEON/DINNER CHAIRS

Friday Luncheon Program, Informal Topical Discussion Tables	Dr. Gene Bigler Department of Social Sciences Hendrix College Conway, Arkansas 72032 Phone: 329-6811
Friday Dinner Program, "The Role of Women in Arkansas Government and Politics" (tentative title)	Ms. Diane Blair Department of Political Science CC 619 University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701 Phone: 575-3356

Luncheon Roundtables

A new wrinkle in the 1982 program activities will be an effort to convene topical roundtable discussions for the opening luncheon (11:30-12:45) of the annual meeting. In the past this meal has been "lunch on your own" and the practice has tended to encourage late afternoon arrivals. This year we will endeavor to form a few congenial groups for focused luncheon conversations and hope to get people to arrive an hour or two earlier.

Ideally, these will be groups of six to a dozen people and the topics will be up to the conclaves with only minimal organization. We are soliciting persons to serve as conveners (discussion leaders) on topics of their interest. The only mandated topic is the teaching of political science. Some other good

prospects to solicit interest are (1) conducting survey research in Ark.; (2) replacing federal funding for state/local programs; (3) political science and practical politics in Arkansas; etc. We would like to hear from you about this idea: Would you like to serve as a convener? What topic would you like to discuss over lunch? Please write to Gene Bigler, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

International Education Committee

The tasks of this committee, newly created by the executive board, are as follow:

- (1) To explore the possibility of requiring secondary social science majors to take three hours of non-western studies as part of the certification requirements.
- (2) To advise Don Kelley about establishing the international studies institute for high school teachers.
- (3) To encourage more attention to the Arkansas dimensions of American and foreign policy.

1981 Arkansas Political Science Association Awards

In case anyone missed or forgot, the following awards were made at the 8th annual Meeting of the ArkPSA on February 28th at DeGray Lodge:

1. Best Undergraduate paper: Sallie L. Laux (UCA), "Preferential Treatment and Reverse Discrimination."
2. Best paper presented at the meeting: Gene Bigler and Chris Collier (both Hendrix), "The World is Closing in on Arkansas: International Relations and Public Opinion in the Heartland."
3. Rose Publishing Company Award (Arkansas Politics): Mike Niggel, Ferris Baker, and Gene Bigler (all Hendrix), "Some Determinants of Split-Ticket Voting in Arkansas Elections."

The Arkansas Political Science Journal

Manuscripts for the third issue of the APSJ should be submitted to Joel Anderson, Editor, c/o UALR Graduate School, Little Rock 72204. Authors should provide four double-spaced copies. Papers on Arkansas topics or using Arkansas data are preferred.

Arkansas Politics are Beginning to Heat Up From the Top
and Bottom--by Jim Thompson (Political Planning Associates)

At the state level, the apparent mistakes of Frank White are encouraging a long list of Gubernatorial hopefuls on the democratic side. Rumors abound that Jim Guy Tucker, Bill Clinton, Joe Purcell, Ray Thornton, Stanley Ruess, John Miller and Steve Clark are interested in the race. Two things for sure--the list will shorten dramatically by filing in March, 1982, and Frank White is not yet as hurt as he seems to be. However, if his errors of the past 30 days continue at this pace, he will be. His underlying problems seem to be no reliance on staff, an obsession with the prerogatives of past Governors, what to do with the Cubans, and the impulse to answer too many questions too fully.

From the bottom comes the local sales tax fights. Aside from the obvious problems of getting the voter to approve the tax, these elections are pitting the city and county officials against each other. This local in-fighting will cause long-term hard feelings between these two groups. This will be an interesting study in tactics. Traditionally, city officials are good-guy civic club types. The County officials, on the other hand, are usually hardened courthouse pols. When these two groups go to battle over tax money, fur will fly.

Shorts

State Representative Carolyn Pollan rumored to be in line for a Federal marshallship. The ensuing special election in Seb county will be a hard-fought Demo/Rep match-up.....Reapportionment to be another Frank White controversySteve Clark having a fund-raiser.....Truck Weights Study Commission to report on Sept. 1---could reopen that debate.

Up, Up, and Stay (Promotions and Tenures)

Promoted to Associate from Assistant Professor: Michael Kelley (UCA), Art English (UALR), Gene Bigler (Hendrix), Ross Marlay (ASU), Charles Hartwig (ASU). To Full from Associate Professor: Neil Snortland (UALR), Joel Anderson (UALR), Don Whistler (UCA). Tenured: Ross Marlay (ASU), Eldon Eisenach (UALR). Elected department Chairman: Charles Chastain (UALR).

People and Places

Charles D. Dunn (UCA) received a sabbatical leave for Summer 1981, and will spend the time in Washington, D.C.

James Willis (SAU) participated in a Scholar-Diplomat Seminar on Europe at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., March 23-27, 1981. He will spend the summer, May 24-August 1, 1981, doing research in London.

Robert Meriwether (Hendrix) has been appointed director of the 1981 Arkansas Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented. The school will be held at Hendrix College again this summer. About 300 rising seniors from throughout the state will attend this program, which is directed by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Gene Bigler (Mendrix) is leaving in a few weeks to conduct a seminar on energy and Third World development in the Dominican Republic. He will then go to the Institute for Advanced Study in Administration in Caracas to teach a graduate course on the political economy of state enterprise systems. He will return to the States in late August to present a paper on "Political Restraint of the Venezuelan Military" in a Hoover Institution Conference at Stanford University.

Mary M. Weiner (EACC) will be attending a N.E.H. summer seminar entitled "Freedom and Responsibility in the American Tradition: Two Centuries of Constitutional Involvement" at the University of Virginia this summer.

Ross Marlay (ASU) will take the Fall Semester off to teach aboard the S.S. Universe as it steams around the world as part of the University of Pittsburgh's Semester-at-Sea program.

Kurt K. Tweraser (UAF) has received an off-campus duty assignment for the Spring of 1982 to do research on the formation of mass political parties in Austria. At present he is working on a book about Senator Fulbright's foreign policy views.

Merrill R. Pritchett (ex-UAM) is Director of Institutional Research at the University of Baltimore 21201 (since 8/1/80).

ASU has been approved by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars for a Fulbright Visiting Professor in social sciences for academic 1981-82. It is anticipated that the scholar will be here for the Fall semester. He/She will teach courses in Latin American history and politics.

The Institute of Politics and Government will conduct a one-day seminar on practical politics at WestArk CC on June 20th. Using a combination of videotape and personal presentations, five consultants will cover campaign research, political advertising, campaign organization, fund raising, and the effective use of radio-TV. Tuition will be \$25; for more information, contact the Continuing Education Division at WestArk, or Walter Nunn at IOPG.

Robert Johnston (UALR) has received a year's sabbatical leave, and among other things will conduct a comparative study of the California and Arkansas legislatures.

Research/Publications

UALR, in conjunction with the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, Arkansas Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Politics and Government, had a lecturing conference in late January on "The 1980 Election: What Happened?" There is a good chance that a UALR Monograph will be produced incorporating many of the comments, plus one or two additional papers.

Robert Johnston, Walter Nunn, Lynn Hogue, Kay Goss, Cal Ledbetter, Grey Wilson, and Bob Walsh plan to do a monograph on the 1980 Constitution using as a foundation the series of articles on the new constitution written for the Arkansas Gazette in the Spring of 1980. Robert Johnston will be the editor-in-chief.

The Arkansas Endowment for the Humanities awarded grants to two ArkPSA members in April: one to Art English (UALR) to enable the publication of a guide to the Arkansas General Assembly entitled, "The Citizen and His Legislature;" and the other to Walter Carr (ATU) to help fund research in Russellville on the "Sharing of Governmental Functions in an Arkansas City."

Diane Blair (UAF) has written an article (based on the Arkansas Legislature) by Ann Henry and herself which appeared in the February, 1981, issue of Legislative Studies Quarterly, entitled "The Family Factor in State Legislative Turnover."

C.S. Tai (UAPB) had an article published entitled, "Trends in Japan's Import Diversification: Some Quantitative Evidence," in Asian Profile, Vol. 8, No. 5 (October 1980), pp. 421-27.

1981/82 Arkansas Political Science Association: Committees

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