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Goldman Wins Educom Medal

Jerry Goldman, associate professor of political science at Northwestern University, will receive the 1997 Educom Medal Award for his technological contributions to undergraduate political science teaching, Educom announced in August. Educom cited Goldman's development of the "Oyez" web site as his most important technological contribution to the discipline. The "Oyez" web page (<http://oyez.at.nwu.edu/oyez.html>) offers online access to audio recordings of hundreds of oral arguments presented before the U.S. Supreme Court together with supporting case summaries. The web site offers ready

access to materials previously unavailable to the entire research and teaching community.

For the third consecutive year, Educom, a nonprofit consortium of higher education institutions, invited a group of professional disciplinary societies to honor individuals who contribute to undergraduate education through information technology. This year, APSA joined the American Philosophical Association, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Geological Society of America as partner societies in the 1997 Educom Medal Awards Program. Partner societies were asked to select their nominees based on the following criteria: a significant pedagogical problem fundamental to the discipline; an innovative solution offering clear advantages over other techniques; and a substantial impact on improved student learning.

APSA's selection committee was comprised of Kent Portney of Tufts University, Cecilia Manrique of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and George Watson of Arizona State University.

Award winners will be honored at the Educom annual conference to be held in Minneapolis, October 28–31.

11th Annual Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

"Opening New Doors into the World of Political Science"

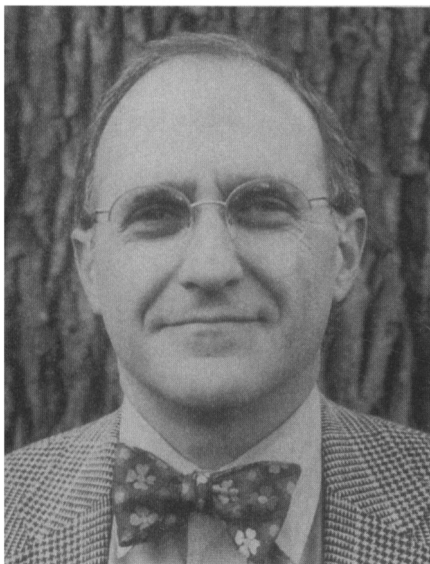
The 1997 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, hosted by the University of Virginia for the second consecutive year, attracted 15 energetic and talented African American undergraduate students. The Institute, organized and orchestrated through a collective effort by the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute staff on the host campus and the American Political Science Association, is designed to introduce African American students to the world of graduate study and encourage application to Ph.D. programs in political science. Louisiana State University, Southern University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Georgia State University, Emory University

and Clark Atlanta University have also hosted Institutes over the last eleven years.

The 1997 Institute was held on the campus of the University of Virginia under the leadership of Professor Steven E. Finkel, who directed the Institute last year as well. In addition to directing and organizing the program, Dr. Finkel, Professor in the Government and Foreign Affairs Department at the University, taught the quantitative course of the program, "Political Analysis." Professor Paula McClain, former Chair of UVA's Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, taught the second course, "Race and American Politics." Dr. McClain has been instrumental in fundraising for the Institute. In addition to the two classes, the students attended lectures by distinguished scholars in the field of political science, and participated in a series of discussions on ethics in political science and the profession.

Through this rigorous program, the Institute's objective—to encourage the fellows to pursue graduate studies in political science—has had great success. 1997 Ralph Bunche Fellow Reggie McGahee from South Carolina State University, commented that "the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute has opened new doors for me into the world of political science." Reggie remarked that his experience as a fellow was "demanding, enriching, and thought-provoking" and that he hopes to draw upon this experience throughout continued graduate work. In a similar manner, Bunche Fellow Khalilah Brown from the University of Virginia stated: "having the opportunity to interact with other students from across the country, establish a working rapport with the professors, and meet prominent scholars in the discipline, has helped me to better define my academic interests and abilities."

Students who have participated in the program over the past decade have reported improvement in their analytical, writing, and quantitative skills. Many students go on to graduate school, often with full graduate fellowships and teaching assistantships. A number of Institute participants have received their Master and Ph.D. degrees, and three have al-



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Summer Program for African American Undergraduate Students

1998

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

**Hosted by
the University of Virginia
June 7 - July 9, 1998**

The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute invites applications from African American students between their junior and senior years of college to attend the 1998 Summer Institute. Designed to introduce 15 students to the world of graduate study and encourage application to Ph.D. programs in political science, the Institute includes two transferable credit courses, one in quantitative analysis and the other on race and American politics. In addition, guest lecturers and recruiters from Ph.D. programs visit with students, and the Kaplan Educational Center assists in preparation for taking the Graduate Record Examination. The deadline for receipt of applications is February 1, 1998.

Classes are held on the historic grounds of the University of Virginia where students have access to a fully equipped computer laboratory, library collections and other university facilities. Additionally, transportation to and from the Institute, meals, housing and course credit are provided by the University of Virginia.

Students who have participated in this program over the past nine years have reported improvement in their analytical, writing, and quantitative skills. The academic environment is challenging, yet supportive. Students learn what is necessary to be successful in a graduate program and as a scholar.

Most students who attend the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute excel in their senior year and go on to graduate school, many with full graduate fellowships and teaching assistantships. A number of Institute participants have gone on to receive their masters or Ph.D. degrees, and three have already been named assistant professors at the university level.

For more information or additional application materials, please contact:

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American Political Science Association

First Year Ph.D. Fellowships for Minority Students

PURPOSE

The American Political Science Association Minority Fellowships were established to increase the number of minority Ph.D.'s in political science. The fellowship program identifies and aids prospective African American, Latino(a), and Native American political science graduate students, and encourages other institutions to provide financial assistance to them.

ELIGIBILITY

Competition is open to African American, Latino(a), and Native American graduates of a baccalaureate institution in the United States ***planning to enroll in a doctoral program in the following academic year.*** In addition,

- *candidates must submit a completed application form with all necessary supporting materials
- *applicants must have a record of outstanding academic achievement in political science and other related courses
- *applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of applying

SELECTION

Awards will be announced the first week of January. Outstanding African American, Latino(a), and Native American students are selected for one of two types of fellowships: **Fellows with stipend** and **Fellows without stipend**.

Fellows with stipend-- Three African American, one Latino(a), and one Native American Fellow are selected for special recognition with a conditional, one year grant of \$6,000. *These funded fellows are expected to forego their APSA stipend if they receive financial assistance from non-APSA sources equal to or greater than \$6,000.*

Fellows without stipend-- Fellows without stipend are recommended for admission and financial support to every doctoral political science program in the country. The nation's graduate political science departments have come to expect that APSA Minority Fellows are students of high caliber and potential. Since the inception of the program in 1969, institutions have offered financial assistance to over 300 of APSA's fellows, helping an estimated 50 African American and Latino(a) political scientists to earn their doctorates.

APPLICATION

Applications must be received **prior to November 1**. For Application forms, please write:



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