

1998 Bunche Participants and their Graduate Schools

A number of former Bunche Institute participants have gone on to pursue graduate studies in political science, including seven from the 1998 class.

Gloria Anglon, Providence College; Ph.D. program, University of Maryland
Elmer Ray Block, Howard University; Ph.D. program, Ohio State University
Katrina Gamble, Smith College; Ph.D. program, Emory University
Andra Gillespie, University of Virginia; Ph.D. program, Yale University
Monique Lyle, Michigan State University; Ph.D. program, Duke University
Aisha Raj, Pepperdine University; Ph.D. program, Rice University
Melvin Rogers, Amherst College; Ph.D. program, Yale University

Bunche Students Present Posters in Atlanta, Institute Expands Eligibility

Eight of this year's Ralph Bunche Summer Institute students were selected to present posters at APSA's 1999 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. They were

DeAunderia Bryant, University of California, Berkeley: "Gender, Race, and Support: Black Women and the Perception of Leadership"

Sacajawea Hall, Goucher College: "Black Media as a Factor in Strengthening Group Cohesion among Blacks"

Carmen Huerta, Santa Clara University: "Group Cohesiveness and Assimilation in the Mexican Community"

Conra Gist, Southwestern University: "The Dominance of Race in the Face of Class Equality: Will Race Ever Go Away?"

Christina Grant, Hofstra University: "Perceptions of Justice and Political Activism in the African American Community."

Ronnie Booker, University of Virginia: "Who Supports Black Nationalism?"

Tyson Marsh, University of Washington: "Black Women and Grassroots Political Involvement"

Rickey Williams Jr., Millikin University: "Black Women, Marital Status, and Voting."

In addition to presenting their research, the students attended several panels and many receptions sponsored by political science departments. At the Minority Identification Project's breakfast meeting, newly elected APSA President Robert Keohane commended the students for the quality of their research.

Beginning with the 2000 class, the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute will be open to Latino and Native American students, as well as African American students, between their junior and senior years of college. Applications are being taken at Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-1206; (202) 483-2512; minority@apsanet.org. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2000.

While at UVA, Bunche students are introduced to the world of graduate study and encouraged to apply to Ph.D. programs in political science. Students take two graduate level courses for credit, one in quantitative analysis and another on race and American politics, and attend guest lectures. They also meet recruiters from Ph.D. programs and are prepped for GREs by volunteers from the Kaplan Educational Center.

Students who have participated in this program over the past 10 years have reported improvements in their analytical, writing, and quantitative skills. Most students who attend the Institute excel in their senior year and go on to graduate school, many

with full 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 about the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, visit the web site at www.apsanet.org/about/minority.

The State of the State Associations

Representatives of eleven state associations gathered during APSA's Annual Meeting in Atlanta to discuss the opportunities state associations have and the problems they face in trying to take advantage of those opportunities. The picture is mixed. Some state associations are quite vibrant while others seem to be barely breathing.

State associations vary widely in how they are structured and in what they offer. The most active associations have web pages easily accessed via APSA's site (www.apsanet.org/PS/organizations/state/), hold annual conferences, and sponsor email discussion lists. Some even publish journals. The North Carolina Political Science Association, for example, provides subscriptions to its *Southeastern Political Review* as a benefit of membership. And, while the Michigan Political Science Association each year holds a two-day conference paid for by the sponsoring institution and its political science department, the Missouri Political Science Association had to suspend planning for its most recently planned meeting due to lack of interest.

Representatives reported varying degrees of success maintaining their associations' memberships, regardless of whether they relied upon an institutional base (e.g., Michigan) or an individual base (e.g., New York) and they debated how to encourage participation in association activities, especially participation by graduate and upper-level honors undergraduate students. Among the suggestions offered for making memberships more attractive and meaningful were