

News and Notes

Women in Louisiana Politics Call for Papers

Submissions are invited for a reader on women in Louisiana politics. Essays should cover the political activity of women, broadly defined, in Louisiana. Essays emphasizing formal political participation may focus on the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of government or the role of women as voters and candidates in local, state, or national elections. Essays emphasizing non-traditional political participation may cover a range of topics and/or issues that Louisiana women have organized around. Articles may be theoretical, historical, or empirical in approach. However, all essays should foreground gender as a category of analysis and seek to explain its intersection with race and/or class.

The deadline for 10- to 15- page, double-spaced articles including a 200-word abstract is **July 31, 2003**. For more information, please contact Rose M. Harris, Louisiana Center for Women and Government, Nicholls State University, P.O. Box 2062, Thibodaux, LA 70310; phone (985) 448-4770; fax (985) 448-4771; email: lcwg-rmh@nicholls.edu.

American Association for Chinese Studies: Call for Papers

Scholars of all disciplines in China studies are invited to submit proposals for papers, roundtables, and panels for the 45th Annual Conference of the AACCS, co-hosted by Franklin College and the University of Indianapolis, October 24–26. Membership in the association is required for participation but non-members may join after their proposals have been accepted. Please send your proposal (including an abstract of 250–500 words) by email to program co-chairs Richard Chu (Ryegsh@rit.edu) or Jerry McBeath (ffjam@uaf.edu) by May 1, 2003.

Behavioral and Social Research Guide to Grants at NIH

The NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) provides an email service for announcing NIH-funding opportunities in the behavioral and social sciences. Once to twice a month, OBSSR emails listings of recent funding announcements published in the *NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts*. A sample issue is posted at <http://obssr.od.nih.gov/publications/bssr-guide/sample.htm>. To receive these monthly announcements, join the special listserv by sending an email to: listserv@list.nih.gov. The message should read **SUBscribe BSSR-Guide-L [your full name]**. The message is case sensitive so capitalize as indicated! Do not include brackets. Leave the subject line blank.

2004–2005 Fulbright Scholars Sought

The Fulbright Scholars Program is offering lecturing/research awards in some 140 countries for the 2004–2005 academic year. Traditional Fulbright awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A new short-term grants program—the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program—offers two-to-six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English. Some 80% of the awards are for lecturing. Application deadlines are as follows: **May 1, 2003** for the Fulbright Distinguished Chair awards in Europe, Canada, and Russia; **August 1, 2003** for the Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants worldwide; and a **rolling deadline** for the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. For information, please contact the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at 3007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 5L, Washington, DC 20008-3009; phone: (202) 686-7877; email: apprequest@cies.iie.org. Information and an online application are also available on the Internet at www.cies.org.

NEH Fellowships Now Available

The National Endowment for the Humanities announces the competition for Fellowships for 2004–2005. These Fellowships provide opportunities for individuals to pursue advanced research in the humanities. Applicants may be faculty or staff members of colleges or universities or of primary or secondary schools. Scholars and writers working independently, in institutions such as museums, libraries, and historical associations, or in institutions with no connection to the humanities, also are eligible to apply.

The Fellowships Program begins accepting applications on March 1, 2003. All applications must be received on or before May 1, 2003. Please note that the Program does not accept applications submitted by fax or email. Applicants will be notified of decisions on their applications by mid-December, 2003. For more information please contact: Fellowships, Division of Research Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 318, Washington, DC 20506; Phone: 202-606-8200; Fax: 202-606-8204; Email: fellowships@neh.gov; Fellowship website: www.neh.gov.

Political Science Resources for Braille Readers

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) currently houses a database called the *Louis Database of Accessible Materials for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired*. Louis contains information about more than 152,000 titles of accessible materials, including braille, large print, sound recordings, and computer files from over 200 agencies throughout the United States. The database is accessible at www.aph.org.