

## Introducing myAPSA

The Internet is an ever-growing resource for scholars and students. As the technology evolves APSA is working to provide more advanced online services for members. The latest program to be released is myAPSA. The myAPSA system is designed to provide members with a tool to manage their membership, direct access to online versions of APSA journals and directories, personalized services for information on grants, conferences, and updates on developments in the profession, and in the future, more access to information of interest.

myAPSA is being designed in phases. The recently launched first phase brings membership information online. A member may log in with their last name and APSA member number, which will display their current membership data (if you don't remember your member number there is a system to retrieve it by email). The user can: renew his/her membership without needing to reenter address and personal information; change any address; join an Organized Section; add a subscription to PSN or JSTOR; or review purchases made over the previous year.

The current system also provides direct links to the online versions of the *American Political Science Review* and *PS: Political Science & Politics*. Beginning with the March 2002 issues, both will be available

in full text PDF format via the Cambridge University Press web site. Additionally, subscribers to the Personnel Service Newsletter will also be provided a direct link to PSNOnline.

For the first time APSA is offering an online membership directory. This new directory provides users a search feature to locate members by name or institution and displays contact information, including email address.

Phase two of the project, scheduled to launch later in the year, will bring more personalized features. Examples of elements already under design include a system where interested users will be able to select a series of subfields in the profession for which they are interested in receiving upcoming conference information by email. A similar feature will be available for research and training support, with users selecting types of funding they are seeking (dissertation, post-doc, etc.).

The future development of myAPSA is based on numerous ideas. Providing members more content as it relates their research, their teaching, and the discipline as a whole is the ultimate goal. We are very open to suggestions from members for future content and direction. Feel free to email comments and suggestions to [apsa@apsanet.org](mailto:apsa@apsanet.org).

## The APSA Congressional Fellowship Program Orientation Post-September 11

The aftermath of the tragedies of September 11 continues to have its impact on the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program as some 50 senators are not interviewing fellows until the staff can return to their quarters in the Hart Senate Office Building. Those senators and their staffs are currently lodged in temporary quarters scattered across Capitol Hill, and National Guard troops have been added to the overworked Capitol Police force to provide additional security. Still in session in mid-December finishing appropriations bills, antiterrorism, economic-stimulus, electoral reform, and other legislative priorities, the rest of the congressional offices were staffed and available for Congressional Fellow interviewers, but additions to existing staff were not those offices' major priority. Despite the obstacles, the 2001–02 class of 43 Fellows (seven political scientists, two journalists, one MCI-Worldcom, two German Marshall Fund, three senior Fulbright Scholars from Sweden, New Zealand, and Mexico, three Asia Foundation from Indonesia and South Korea, one Hatfield, one American Sociological Association, six Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy, ten Federal Executive, and eight Federal Foreign Affairs) have tenaciously sought legislative staff opportunities while simultaneously participating in the three-week orientation program.

For the second year running, the fellowship was fortunate to be hosted by James Thurber, CFP alumnus and director of American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, for a day of panels featuring local university, Library of Congress, think-tank, and lobbying experts assessing the political impact of September 11. The topics included: "Comity, Civility and Bipartisanship: Will it Last?" "Is Gridlock Dead? Governance in Times of Crisis," "The Permanent Campaign and Presidential-Congressional Relations Post 9/11," and "Women in Congress." The speakers included former fellow and APSA Executive Director Catherine Rudder, now serving as Director of George Mason University's Master's Program in Public Policy, and Thomas Mann, former fellow and APSA Executive Director, currently serving as the

### DISABILITY INCOME PLAN AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

A Disability Income Insurance Plan with monthly benefits up to \$3,000 is available to members of the American Political Science Association. All members and/or spouses or domestic partners under age 60, who have been actively working full-time (at least 25 hours a week) for the last 90 days, and have not been hospitalized in the last six months are eligible to apply for the Disability Income Plan.

The plan provides the choice of either a \$1,000, \$2,000, or \$3,000 monthly benefit payable for up to one full year when you are disabled by a covered accident or illness. The benefits you receive are yours to use any way you need.

Take advantage of this special benefit available to APSA members. Acceptance on a simplified basis ends April 1, 2002.

For more information on the Disability Income Plan, contact the Insurance Administrator: Marsh Affinity Group Services, a service of Seabury & Smith, 1440 Renaissance Drive, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-1400. You may also call their Customer Service Department toll-free at 1-800-503-9230. Or, check out their website at [www.seaburychicago.com](http://www.seaburychicago.com).

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A restructured orientation program also reflected the terrorist September attacks and their continuing impact on the political landscape. Virtually every speaker, including CFP Advisory Committee Chair Norm Ornstein, felt it necessary to contrast the pre- and post-September 11 political landscape and congressional agenda. Robert Wood Johnson Congressional Fellow alumnus Dr. Lawrence Kerr gave the fellows the perspective of executive branch efforts at coordinating homeland defense from the vantage point of the White House Office of Science and Technology, and National War College Professor Kori Schake assessed the changes in U.S. defense policy. Even the traditional foreign policy *tour d'horizon* could no longer be handled by a single speaker and the program drew on three senior former fellows: Council on Foreign Relations Vice President Alton Frye, Eurasia Foundation President Charles Maynes, and Stimson Foundation Senior Associate Alan Romberg.

## A Look at the Post-9/11 World

As part of the Association's online look at the events of September 11, *PS* has added three web-only articles that address the Post-9/11 world. They are available at [www.apsanet.org/PS](http://www.apsanet.org/PS)

### What Political Science Owes the World

Larry Diamond,  
The Hoover Institution

### The Changing Leadership of George W. Bush: A Pre- and Post-9/11 Comparison

Fred Greenstein,  
Princeton University

### The New Realism in American Foreign Policy

Quee-Young Kim,  
University of Wyoming

## Washington Insider

### Bush Administration Submits Budget for FY03

On February 4, the Bush Administration submitted its \$2.13 trillion budget for FY03. In light of the budget's proposals for dramatic spending increases for homeland security, terrorism prevention, and the Defense Department (\$48 billion)—as well as a projected \$106 billion deficit—America's cultural programs have fared better than many expected.

Among his proposals for the Department of Education, Bush recommends supplying \$50 million to "Teaching American History," a competitive-grant initiative. Other cultural agencies, such as the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, operate under the umbrella of the Department of the Interior, for which Bush requests virtually no change in its \$10.6 billion budget. Although Bush proposes \$2 million increases each for the funding of NEH and NEA, the increases would cover only accruing employee pensions, benefits, and mandated salary increases. The endowments' program budgets would remain almost identical to FY02.

The Smithsonian Institution is slated to receive a 1.8% increase of \$9 million, bringing its total proposed budget to \$528 million.

### Continuing Dispute on Withheld Presidential Documents

Although the Bush Administration, on January 3, 2002, authorized the release of some 8,000 pages of Reagan Administration records, approximately 60,000 pages remain withheld under President Bush's executive order 13233, which, critics allege, violates the provisions of the 1978 Presidential Records Act.

On November 28, 2001, Public Citizen, a nonprofit public-advocacy group founded by Ralph Nader, filed suit in a federal court on behalf of the American Historical Association, the National Security Archive, and other related groups, to overturn E.O. 13233. Public Citizen has followed up with a motion for summary judgment, which it filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on February 8, 2002. APSA will soon join the list of plaintiffs in this suit. For more information, see <[www.citizen.org](http://www.citizen.org)>.

### CIA Seeks Greater Control Over Historical Documents

According to *Secrecy News*, a publication of the Federation of American Scientists, the Central Intelligence Agency refuses to release four sets of foreign-relations documents to the State Department, demanding that the State Department grant the CIA broader authority over the State Department's *Foreign Relations of the United States* (FRUS) publications. At an October 16 meeting of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee (SDHAC), State Department Historian Marc Susser stated, "[FRUS] is the State Department's publication, and we cannot let CIA take over the series." The CIA, meanwhile, has given State Department officials six months to consider a new Memorandum of Understanding, a proposition for a formal agreement granting the CIA enhanced authority over FRUS production and content. For the minutes of the aforementioned SDHAC meeting, see <<http://www.fas.org/sgp/advisory/state/hac1001.html#cia>>.

### Government and Scientific Community to Study Terrorism

The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine have established a 24-member Committee on Science and Technology for Countering Terrorism. The committee, recognizing that acts of terrorism are behavior, has established a sub-panel on Psychological, Social, and Behavioral Aspects of Terrorism. In addition to these efforts, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) has formed an interagency working group for the social, behavioral, and education sciences. This group, operating under OSTP's Antiterrorism Task Force, will identify research and development activities that may inform the federal antiterrorism agenda.

Sources for this column include the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History's NCC Washington Update, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and the Consortium of Social Science Associations' Washington Update.