

# Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Participants Present Work at Annual Meeting

Nine outstanding students from the 2008 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) presented their research at the American Politics II and Teaching and Learning Poster Session at this year's Annual Meeting in Boston. This year's class of RBSI students and the research they presented at this year's meeting:

**Jeanette C. Bustamante**, University of Colorado, Boulder

"Naturalized Latino Citizen Voter Turnout: The Effects of the Country of Origin's Political System on the Citizen's Previous Political Participation"

**Carolina Ferreros**, University of Virginia

"Welcome to the State of . . ." Contact Theory and Immigration Legislation in U.S. State General Assemblies"

**Aisha Fukushima**, Whitman College

"Multiracial Americans and Multiracial America"

**Chris Jarmon**, Lamar University

"Differences in Religiosity and Political Participation between African American Generations"

**Jimari Lee Jones**, University of Georgia

"Does Race Affect Attitudes on Foreign Policy?"

**Samme Kidd**, Truman State University

"What Explains Variation of Women's Representation in Sub-Saharan Africa's Parliaments?"

**Yalidy M. Matos**, Connecticut College

"Pan-Latino Identity: Does it Exist?"

**Taneisha Nicole Means**, John Carroll University

"The Effects of Demographics on Public Opinions about the Proper Roles of State Courts"

**Breanca Thomas**, University of Oklahoma

"The Ignored Minority: Teachers' Effects on the Low-Income White Student Achievement Gap in U.S. Public Schools"

APSA's Ralph Bunche Summer Institute is a five-week program for minority undergraduate students interested in pursuing a doctoral degree in political science. The Institute is hosted by Duke University and is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The program is directed by Paula McClain, professor of political science and director of the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Social Studies, at Duke University. For more information or to download an application for next summer's Institute, visit the APSA web site at [www.apsanet.org/section\\_397.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/section_397.cfm).

## Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Student Mentoring

APSA has expanded the Mentor Database to include political scientists willing to mentor minority undergraduate students participating in or recently graduated from APSA's Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. Mentors have the opportunity to advise these exceptional future political scientists on issues related to graduate school admissions, financial aid, career tracks, and issues facing minority individuals in the profession. New mentors interested in advising RBSI students should select the appropriate field on the Mentor Database Information document ([www.apsanet.org/content\\_6484.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/content_6484.cfm)). Current mentors may update their database record by contacting [mentoring@apsanet.org](mailto:mentoring@apsanet.org).