

# Association News

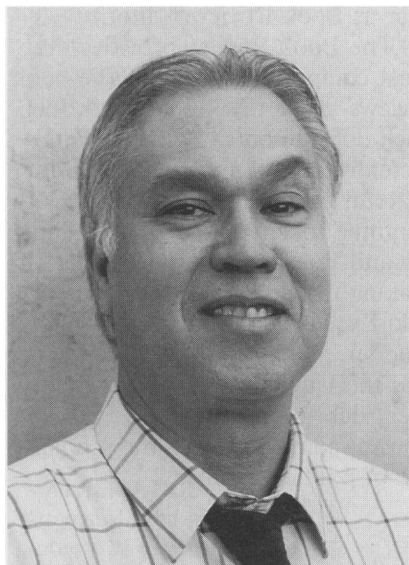
## Sbragia and Garcia Named 1999 Program Cochairs

APSA President-elect Matthew Holden, Jr. recently named Alberta Sbragia, and John A. Garcia as Program Cochairs for the 1999 Annual Meeting. The Council unanimously approved their selection.

Sbragia is Director of the Center for Western European Studies and UCIS Research Professor of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh. Her scholarship has focused on European integration, comparative American-West European public policy and public finance, and American urban politics and urban economic development. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1974 and joined the faculty at Pittsburgh after completion of her dissertation on Italian politics as a Fulbright Scholar.

Among her published works are an edited collection, *The Municipal Money Chase: The Politics of Local Government Finance* and the recently published *Debt Wish: Entrepreneurial Cities, U.S. Federalism, and Economic Development*.

John A. Garcia is professor of po-



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litical science at the University of Arizona where his primary areas of research have been in minority group politics, especially Latinos, and urban governments, survey research, and public policy. He was co-author of *Latino Voices: Perspectives of Cubans, Mexican Americans, and Puerto Ricans* (Westview Press, 1992), and a chapter, "Expanding Disciplinary Boundaries: Black, Latino, and Racial Minority Group Politics in Political Science" in *The State of the Discipline II* (1993). He served as one of four co-principal investigators of the *Latino National Political Survey (LNPS)* and earlier served on the research staff of the *National Chicano Survey (1979)* at ISR/University of Michigan. He has served (1993-95) on the Council of American Political Science Association and as Division Chair in Public Opinion and Participation (1998 meeting). He has also been Cochair of the Race and Ethnicity Organized Section. He has served on the Executive Council of the Inter-University Consortium for Political Research

and currently on the NSF Advisory committee to the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate. In addition, he has been active in local and county government on a number of boards and commissions. He received his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1977.

Sbragia and Garcia will present their proposed Program Committee for Council approval at its April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The 1999 meeting is scheduled for September 2-5 in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Association Moves Proposals Process Online, Receives Record Number

In 1997, for the first time ever, scholars could submit proposals for APSA's Annual Meeting via the web. Over 50% of all proposals were received through APSA's web site, and an additional 25% were received via electronic mail. These electronic methods allowed for immediate acknowledgment of proposals receipt. All individuals who submitted a proposal also received an acknowledgment postcard in the mail by December 18. Just under 7000 proposals, nearly 2000 more than last year, were processed by the Annual Meeting Staff between November 15, 1997 and December 13, 1997.

In its second year of central processing, a system in which all Annual Meeting proposals are sent to the national office, the Annual Meeting staff reported that processing moved much more smoothly than last year. Convention Manager Jennifer Richards noted that while the Web-based operation was not without its bugs, the ability to search for individual paper and panel proposals via the web database was a tremendous benefit.



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