

## National Science Foundation Renews Grant for Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

APSA is pleased to announce that the National Science Foundation has renewed its financial support of the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) for an additional three years with a grant to Duke University! The program is supported by both the Cross-Directorate (Research Experience for Undergraduates) and Political Science Programs at NSF. Under the direction of Paula D. McClain at Duke University, RBSI is a program designed to stimulate the graduate school experience, provide mentoring, and expand academic opportunities for African American, Latino/a, and Native American undergraduate students majoring in political science. For 15 years, the institute has helped talented minority students between their junior and senior year excel in their undergraduate work and continue on to graduate school, many with full fellowships and teaching assistantships. Several participants have gone on to win prestigious fellowships including the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, the APSA Minority Graduate Fellowship, and awards/fellowships within individual institutions. Five former Bunche students have earned Ph.D.s and now hold university-level teaching positions in political science; another seven are writing their dissertations and will be shortly or are currently on the market; another 20 to 25 are in doctoral programs; and over 40 are working on or have completed a master's degree.



### Skocpol Speaks at NPSA Meeting

APSA President Theda Skocpol spoke at the 2002 Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), held at the Biltmore in Providence, Rhode Island. More than 400 participated in a number of panels at the joint meeting of NPSA and the International Studies Association, Northeast. The Pi Sigma Alpha speaker was former member of Congress Mickey Edwards, who is now at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Pictured here, from left to right, are NPSA President Craig Wheeland, President Skocpol, and NPSA Program Chair Sunil Ahuja.

### ACLS Names Paulin R. Yu New President

Dean Paulin R. Yu of the University of California, Los Angeles, will become the sixth president of the American Council of Learned Societies in the summer of 2003. Yu has been a member of the ACLS Board of Directors since 1998 and is currently Dean of the Humanities in the College of Letters and Science and Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures at UCLA. Professor Patricia Meyer Spacks, Chair of the ACLS Board, said of the new president: "Pauline Yu's already considerable achievements as a scholar and an academic leader fit her perfectly for the presidency of ACLS. Her colleagues at UCLA, in learned societies, on the ACLS Board, and across the humanities community know they can rely on her discerning judgement and high-minded dedication. I am confident that as president, she will provide the vigorous leadership and distinctive vision we seek."

## Opening the Door for the Next Generation

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