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British Politics Group Seeks Nominations for Beer and Stokes Prizes

Samuel H. Beer Prize

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1998 Samuel H. Beer Dissertation Prize, awarded for the best doctoral dissertation in British politics completed during the calendar years 1995, 1996, or 1997. Established to encourage the study of British politics by North American graduate students, the 1998 Beer Award will carry a \$300 (or £200) prize. The principle criterion for awarding the Prize is the dissertation's contribution to the understanding of British politics, regardless of whether the study is exclusively British or comparative research. All nominees must be citizens of a North American country.

Either a supervising professor or a department's director of graduate studies may nominate a dissertation. No one person may nominate more than one dissertation. A copy of the nominated dissertation, along with a brief letter of nomination should be postmarked by March 1, 1998.

The winner of the award will be announced at the BPG's annual business meeting at the 1998 APSA convention in September in Boston.

Donald E. Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship

Designed to enable a North American graduate student doing research on British politics for his/her dissertation at a North American University to conduct research in the United Kingdom, the Donald E. Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship Committee is now accepting nominations. The award, in the amount of \$500 U.S. or £300 (choice of recipient), is to be used for Ph.D. dissertation research on British politics, broadly defined, including comparative and historical work as well as approaches more specifically focused on contemporary British politics.

The application deadline for the 1998 competition is March 15. Applications should include a prospectus of 3-5 double-spaced typewritten pages which outlines the project and makes clear how the fellowship will aid the research, plus

Teaching Politics Techniques & Technologies Web Site

Teaching Politics Techniques & Technologies is devoted to increasing the quality of teaching and learning about politics in higher education settings. It supports the work of the H-Net discussion list *H-Teachpol* and the American Political Science Association's Organized Section on Undergraduate Education. The site can be found at <http://teachpol.tcnj.edu>.

Major content sections of the Teaching Politics site include:

The Web Crawler: A searchable index of online journals, papers, and syllabi in political science.

Conference Papers: Papers on teaching and learning politics presented at academic conferences.

Book Reviews: Reviews of books on politics from a teaching perspective. Reviews are initially published on H-Teachpol.

The Guide to Teaching: Advice from members of H-Teachpol on selected teaching topics.

Multimedia Classrooms: Illustrated descriptions and video tours of a variety of multimedia classrooms used to teach politics.

Politics and Film: Papers, video, newsletters from the Conference Group on Politics and Film.

H-Teachpol Discussion List: Information about the H-Teachpol discussion list and links to joining the list, to list logs, and to the list's sponsor, H-Net.

Teaching Politics is published by William J. Ball at The College of New Jersey. Comments or suggestions should be directed to: ball@tcnj.edu.

a brief C.V. of no more than three pages. A letter from the chair of the Dissertation Committee concerning the research is also required. Research should be conducted in the United Kingdom sometime during the period June, 1998 through August, 1999. The successful applicant is required to submit a brief report (3-5 double-spaced pages) on the research financed by the Fellowship by September 30, 1999, including for what purposes expenses were incurred. Applications will be judged by an international committee of British politics scholars. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision on their application by May 15, 1998.

The fellowship honors Donald E. Stokes, a founding member of the British Politics Group, a member of its first Executive Committee, and co-author of the seminal book, *Political Change in Britain*.

All materials and/or inquiries regarding either award should be directed to: Donley T. Studlar, Department of Political Science, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 6317, Morgantown, WV 26506-

6317; Phone: (304) 293-3811, Ext. 5269; Fax: (304) 293-8644; E-mail: studlar@wvu.edu.

Association for Politics & the Life Sciences Graduate Student Paper Award

The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences is seeking nominations for annual award competition for the best paper by a graduate student on topics that relate the life sciences to the study of politics. Graduate student papers using empirical or other theoretical approaches that address relevant problems are eligible for consideration. Papers co-written with faculty members are not eligible.

The award for the best graduate student paper is a cash prize of \$500. The paper will also be reviewed for possible publication in the Association's journal, *Politics and the Life Sciences*.

Graduate students should submit three copies of their manuscript. Submissions

should be accompanied by a written endorsement by a faculty sponsor who need not be from the institution at which the student is formally enrolled and who may be a scholar in any discipline.

To be considered, manuscripts must be submitted by May 1, 1998 to: Andrea L. Bonnicksen, Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL 60115.

1998 Summer Institute in Political Psychology

The eighth annual Summer Institute in Political Psychology will take place at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, from July 20th through August 14th 1998. The Institute is sponsored by the International Society of Political Psychology in collaboration with the Ohio State University Departments of Political Science and Psychology and the Mershon Center. The Institute is designed to introduce participants to the major theories and research findings from psychology and political science used in political psychology as well as to help participants integrate information from the two fields and to provide them with opportunities to interact in an environment that fosters sharing perspectives and experiential learning. The 1997 Institute featured participants from 26 universities and 10 foreign countries and welcomed a number of special guests, including 1997 APSA President M. Kent Jennings, University of California, Santa Barbara; Kathleen McGraw, State University of New York, Stony Brook; Tom Tyler, University of California, Berkeley; and Stephen Walker, Arizona State University. The Institute offers its participants the opportunity to interact with a diverse gathering of political psychologists, while learning about the latest research and theoretical issues in the field.

The Institute is intended for advanced graduate students in political science, psychology and related disciplines. Junior faculty and other professionals may also apply, especially those interested in an in-depth introduction to political psychology. Up to 45 participants will be admitted. For more information and a copy of the Institute brochure, visit the Ohio State University Political Science home page at www.sbs.ohio-state.edu/polisci/sipp.html. For application forms, contact Margaret Hermann, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 1501 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201, or send an email message to wituski.1@osu.edu.

Maryland Establishes James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership

The University of Maryland at College Park recently opened the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership. The academy was named in honor of former APSA president James MacGregor Burns, who also serves as its senior scholar, to recognize the contributions he has made to the field of leadership through his research and personal example. Founded on the belief that every person has the potential to become an effective leader, the academy will work to foster responsible and ethical leadership through education, service, and scholarship in the public interest. The Academy will also work actively for the inclusion of groups historically underrepresented in leadership.

Marquette University Honors Bob and Elizabeth Dole

Bob and Elizabeth Dole received the 1997 Marquette University Les Aspin Center for Government's Democracy Award in late September 1997. The annual award is given to a person or people who have made extraordinary efforts to foster democratic values and demonstrated a high level of public service. The Doles were commended during the award presentation for their years of unselfish service to the American people.

CongressLink Developed to Aid Teaching About Congress

The Dirksen Congressional Center has developed CongressLink (<http://www.fountcom.com/dirksen/>) to help faculty teach and students learn about the U.S. Congress. Designed as a gateway to information about Congress, the site provides links to the homepages of congressional members, allows users to take a virtual tour of the U.S. Capitol, and contains libraries of textual, video, and audio information.

CongressLink will not make its official debut until this summer, but a beta-version of the page is currently up and running. Groups of designated researchers and teachers are currently refining the web site to make its use as easy and efficacious as possible, and are developing online tutorials and lesson plans that integrate use of CongressLink with more traditional forms of instruction.

Library of Congress Launches National Digital Library

In an effort to sustain a universal collection, the Library of Congress has undertaken a four-year pilot program to make a sizeable portion of its most-accessed materials available via the Internet. Having begun in 1996, by 2000, the Library will place its Americana collections—tens of millions of original books, photographs, movies, and photographs organized into dozens of categories like “African American Perspective,” “American Leaders Speak,” and “The American Variety Stage”—online at <http://memory.loc.gov/>. Related Library of Congress web pages can be accessed from the American Memories page.

The current pilot project will provide the information needed to put a majority of the Library's collections online. Such comprehensive electronic access to the Library's holdings should enhance education and scholarship, preserve and make accessible unique primary materials, and foster an informed citizenry.

The current pilot project will result in a model for the development and maintenance of a National Digital Library which will be freely shared with other private and public libraries throughout the world.

Political Communication Produces First CD Issue

The journal *Political Communication* has produced its first issue in a CD format. Articles are enhanced with video and audio additions, and are fully searchable. Copies of the CD are available as part of the subscription to the journal or from the journal's publisher, Taylor & Francis. Authors wishing to submit material for future CD issues of *Political Communications* should contact Doris Graber at Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1007 West Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60607.

Thomas R. Dye Scholarship Established at Florida A&M University

Florida A&M University has announced the establishment of the Thomas R. Dye Scholarship. The annual scholarship will honor the outstanding undergraduate political science major with a \$500 cash award. The scholarship will be funded by a \$10,000 gift from Thomas R. Dye, Professor of Government at Florida State University. The award also honors James Ammons, Flor-

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ida A&M Provost, who wrote his Ph.D. dissertation in political science under Dye at Florida State.

PRG Launches New Web Site

The Politics Research Group at the Kennedy School of Government announces a new web site for faculty working papers. You can view and download the full-text of the working papers by visiting the site at <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/prg/>. This working paper series encompasses a range of subdisciplines,

including American politics, institutional analysis, public law, political theory, and international affairs. Additional papers are added to the site each month.


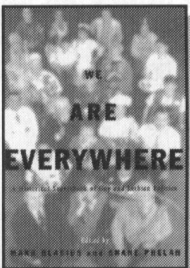
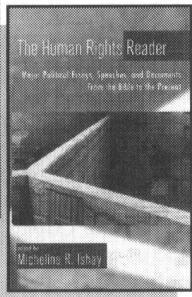
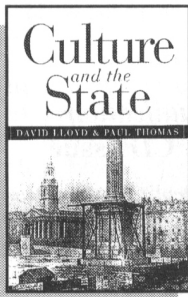
MANCEPT Working Papers

The Manchester Centre for Political Thought has recently published a number of scholarly articles in a new series of working papers. Papers currently available include, Ian Carter, "Can Enlightenment Morality be Justified Teleologically?"; Norman Geras, "Marxists

Before the Holocaust"; Peter Lamb, "Laski on Egalitarian Democracy and Freedom"; Geraint Perry, "Learning to be Liberals and Democrats"; Hillel Steiner, "Human Rights"; and Garrath Williams, "Feminism and Liberalism: On the Fate of Modern Liberation Movements."

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