New Feature: Journal Scan

This issue introduces a new feature in Vox Pop, "Journal Scan," a list of articles on political parties, interest groups, and social movements from major journals in political science and related fields from the preceding calendar year. This inaugural installment covers 2001 and 2002, and the next one, scheduled for the winter of 2004, will cover 2003.


The journal Party Politics presents a special case. Party Politics was excluded from the scan because its entire contents were relevant. However, the most recent articles are listed along side the Journal Scan in this issue, and Vox Pop will regularly print the table of contents in the future.


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**FROM HEADQUARTERS**

**APSA Political Organizations and Parties (POP) Prize Nominations**

*All nominations are due to committee chairs by March 30, 2003*

If you would like to make a nomination for a prize, here are the committee contacts. Please note that self-nominations are fine. Book authors may wish to encourage their publisher to make a nomination and to provide copies of the books.

Our committee chair for the **Jack Walker Award**, given for an article published in the last two calendar years (2001 and 2002) that makes an outstanding contribution to research and scholarship in political organizations and parties, is Byron Shafer (bshafer@polisci.wisc.edu).

The **Leon Epstein Award** committee is chaired by Marie Hojnacki (marieh@psu.edu). This prize honors a book published in the last two calendar years (2001 and 2002) that makes an outstanding contribution to research and scholarship on political organizations and parties. Because of some technical problems last year with our e-mail list, for this year the committee will also consider books published in 2000. However, if a book published in 2000 was considered last year for the award, it will not be considered again.

For the **Emerging Scholar Award**, given to a scholar who has received his or her Ph.D. within the last seven years and whose career to date demonstrates unusual promise, Scott James will chair (scjames@ucla.edu). Based on a vote at the business meeting, we extended the time frame for this award from five years to seven years.

Finally, our committee chair for the **Samuel Eldersveld Award**, given to a scholar whose lifetime professional work has made an outstanding contribution to the field, is Sarah Morehouse (maesarahj@worldnet.att.net).

Regards,

John Coleman, POP Chair

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**Recent Articles in Party Politics**

**Party Politics**
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**ARTICLES:**
Political Parties, Party Communication and New Information and Communication Technologies. Andrea Rommele (University of Mannheim)

Preaching to the Converted?: Pluralism, Participation and Party Website, Pippa Norris, John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University)

Election Campaigning on the WWW in the USA and UK: A Comparative Analysis, Rachel K. Gibson (University of Salford, UK), Michael Margolis and David Resnick (University of Cincinnati), and Steph J. Ward (University of Salford, UK)

The Political Role of the Internet in Societies in Transition: Russia and Ukraine Compared, Holli A. Semetko and Natalya Krasnoboka (University of Amsterdam)

Politics@Japan: Party Competition on the Internet in Japan, Leslie M. Tkach-Kawasaki (University of Tsukuba, Japan)

The ‘Net’ Effect in Politics: The ‘Stop the Overlay’ Campaign in Los Angeles, Wan-Ying Lin (University of Southern California, University Park, Los Angeles, CA) and William H. Dutton (University of Oxford, UK)
FROM THE FIELD

CONGRESS TO CAMPUS PROGRAM
The United States Association of Former Members of Congress
In partnership with
Center for Democracy & Citizenship
and
Stennis Center for Public Service

The Congress to Campus Program was founded by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Association in 1976 and reaches a wide audience of students, faculty and college communities with its unique story about representative democracy and its special call to public service. Over the years, the Association has entered into strategic alliances with the Stennis Center for Public Service (1996) and the Center for Democracy & Citizenship (2002) to strengthen and expand the Program.

Democratic government in the United States depends on an educated citizenry and on a stock of well-informed leaders who are willing and able to fill the many elected and appointed positions at all levels of government. Much has been said and written lately concerning the unhappy state of civic literacy among America's young people. With the drop in participation in politics and voting even among the college-educated portion of the young adults, not only is the breadth and depth of the electorate in decline, but the source of informed leaders for the future is in some jeopardy.

The Congress to Campus Program is designed to address several aspects of the civic learning and engagement deficit among the country's college-age young people, combining traditional educational content with a strong message about public service. The Program sends bipartisan pairs of former Members of Congress - one Democrat and one Republican - to visit college, university, and community college campuses around the country. Over the course of two-and-half days, the Members conduct classes, hold community forums, meet informally with students and faculty, visit high schools and civic organizations, and do their interviews and talk show appearances with local press and media.

The Program provides a distinctive and powerful means to educate the next generation about American government, politics and public affairs. The sponsoring school is expected to develop a schedule of events for each visit “with guidance from Program staff,” cover on-site costs, and contribute to general program costs (adjusted to reflect the school’s financial resources). The Members provide solid content, discussing how Congress and the government really work and relating their experiences as candidates and politicians, all combined with an appeal to public service and an important message about bipartisan cooperation.

Typically, the visiting Members will share their real life experiences of both achievement and occasional frustration - bringing to life for their audiences the theory and the practice of democracy and explaining the sometimes arcane ways of Congress and Washington. They present a living, bipartisan demonstration of what ought to typify our representative system: decent people with different points of view, who are able to discuss constructive ways to work through their differences to solve public problems. They give students and faculty an authentic and candid “insiders” look at the workings of American government and politics. This is a story of government and politics - positive but not unblemished - told in the compelling voice of those who have lived out the democracy's promise and met its challenges in the tough world of national politics.

In addition to these educational objectives, the former Members use the campus visits to inspire and encourage students to consider public service and government careers. With the imminent retirement of a large portion of the civil service at the federal level and in many of the states, the recruitment of talented young people is critical. For each campus visit, the former Members receive packets with briefing materials on current issues of particular interest to students, suggestions about how most effectively to promote public service careers, and public service career information for distribution to interested students.

We are seeking to expand the number of schools hosting Program visits, with quality control to insure that Members and the host schools enjoy a substantive, worthwhile experience. In each instance, the Center will work with the host school to provide advice about the kinds of activities to schedule, to coordinate arrangements, and to review the schedule and program content. We systematically review the experience from each visit to distill lessons learned that can improve the planning and execution of subsequent visits.

Past campus visits have always received good reviews. We would also like to develop quantitative data to determine the impact of the Program. In order to do so, the Program expects the sponsoring faculty at each host school to administer a simple questionnaire. By surveying a sample of students who participate in the Program's campus activities and a sample of comparable students who do not, we hope to get a better idea of the Program's effectiveness.

The U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress is a nonprofit organization chartered by the Congress of the United States. It “seeks to promote the improved public understanding of the Congress as an institution and representative democracy as a system of government.” The Stennis Center for Public Service is an organization established by law as an entity of the Congress and has been the Association's partner in managing the Program since 1996. The Association recently engaged the Center for Democracy & Citizenship to manage the Program in partnership with Stennis; it is part of the Council for Excellence in Government, a qualified 501(c)(3) organization.

For additional information contact former Congressman David Skaggs, Executive Director, Center for Democracy & Citizenship, 1301 K Street NW, Suite 450 West, Washington, DC, 20005; 202-728-0418, dska@excels.com, or Rex Buffington, Executive Director, Stennis Center for Public Service, Box 9629, Mississippi, MS 39762; 662-325-8409; rex@stennis.gov.
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“Representation, Parties and Elections: Building Party Coalitions in the House.” Matthew Potoski, Iowa State University, Jeff Talbert, University of Kentucky, and Robert C. Lowry, Iowa State University.

“Party and Preferences in the American Political System.” Matthew L. Gunning, Emory University.


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