Message from the Chair, Professor Gretchen M. Bauer

Dear Friends,

For most of us a new semester and academic year are just beginning. I wish everyone well!

APSA is just days away and we look forward to meeting as many APCG members as possible at the conference in Chicago. The program for the conference is online at: http://www.apsanet.org/content_2665.cfm.

Our APCG business meeting has been scheduled for Friday, August 31 at noon for one hour in the Hyatt Burnham.

Our panel, Micro Foundations for Conflict and Democracy, is scheduled for Thursday, August 30 at 8 am (same as last year)! Please try to attend if you are there by then.

Also, we have made a reservation for a dinner at 8 pm on Friday evening at a nearby restaurant, the Italian Village.

Finally, we may try something new if there is sufficient interest – and that is an informal meeting of members to discuss a topic of interest. The topic for this meeting has been suggested by Anne Pitcher:

Traveling with students in Africa
The idea for an informal conversation on the topic of students and Africa arose from an interesting discussion some of us had at last year’s ASA regarding our experiences taking undergraduates to Africa over the past few years. Some of us have found it both extremely challenging as well as rewarding to expose American students to countries that have recently adopted new constitutions, democratized, opened up their markets, liberalized the media etc. At the same
time, many countries in Africa have soaring AIDS rates, high crime, extreme levels of poverty, and legacies of racism and exploitation. Participants in this informal conversation might like to discuss which books have been especially useful in preparing students for Africa’s political and economic environment; how to encourage students to be sensitive to cultural differences and to interrogate stereotypes about Africa; how to have productive conversations about race and racism; and how to incorporate the experiences with democratization by African countries into a broader conversation about the health of democracy in the U.S.

If there is sufficient interest we will arrange a time and meeting place at the business meeting!

Also in this newsletter look for a listing of member papers and panels, outside of the APCG panel, to take place at APSA.

Of course the African Studies Association 50th anniversary annual meeting will be October 18-21, 2007 in New York City. Our business meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning at 8 am; who is bringing the coffee?

We have two panels scheduled: A Closer Look at Patronage Politics: Redistributive Politics and Elections in Africa that will be Saturday morning, right after the business meeting at 9 am and a roundtable not to miss:

Fifty Years of African Politics Scholarship: A Retrospective to be held Sunday morning at 9 am.

The program for the ASA meeting is online at http://www.africanstudies.org/asa_annualmeeting2007.html.

Our nominating committee has been busy and put forward names for the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary. During September we will run an email ballot for those two positions.

Candidates for Vice Chair will be John Clark, Florida International University, and Daniel Posner, University of California Los Angeles. Candidates for Secretary will be Sandra Joireman, Wheaton College, and Peter von Doepp, University of Vermont. New officeholders will be welcomed at the ASA meeting in October.

Our APCG best book and best article committees have been busy and we will make those award announcements at ASA in New York as well.

Lahra Smith’s article that grew out of some group APCG efforts will be appearing in the fall. Look for: ‘Africa in the Political Science Curriculum,’ Journal of Political Science Education, 3: 1-14, 2007.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Chicago,

Gretchen Bauer
APCG Chair

From the Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

My apologies for sending this newsletter out so late. I had hoped to have it ready a little earlier but beginning-of-semester duties delayed me. The Newsletter is also a little shorter than usual. Don’t forget to send information regarding your latest publications, talk, conferences and other issues. This is a way to get other Africanists to know about them!

Please, note the new feature: An APCG-program at APSA listing a series of panels with papers on African politics!

Finally, a reminder of submission deadline for the last issue of the newsletter 2007 is: November 30.

Make sure to include your news, calls and publications - we all want to know about them! And it is a great opportunity for you to enlarge the readership of your work.

Kindly,
Staffan I. Lindberg
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APCG Panel at the 2007 APSA Annual Meeting

The African Politics Conference Group ASA Program Committee received a large number of very qualified proposals and has made its decision. We had several excellent papers and panels to choose from. Thanks very much to all of you who sent us proposals. It was a pleasure to have so many excellent panel proposals to choose from.

APCG Sponsored Panel

Title: Micro-Foundations for Conflict and Democracy
Chair: Gina M. S. Lambright


Citizen Education After Democratic Transitions. Lahra Smith, Georgetown University

Shrunken Democracy: Understandings of Democracy in Nigeria and South Africa. Elke Zuern, Sarah College and Ebenezer Obadare, University of Kansas

We look forward to seeing all of you at APSA.
Thanks for your submissions.

Sincerely,
Amy Poteete, Concordia University
Jim Pletcher, Denison University
Dorina Bekoe, U.S. Institute of Peace

“APCG Program” at APSA’s Annual Meeting

Below is a selection of panels at APSA with papers on Africa. There are probably many more whom we have not identified, or have not sent us the information on time. For the upcoming ASA conference, and for ISA and APSA next year, we hope the lists will be more complete, with your help (!).

Our APCG business meeting will be on Friday, August 31 at noon in the Hyatt Burnham.
We have made a reservation for dinner at “the Italian Vilage” 8 that evening for APCG’ers who would like to continue the conversation.

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<td>Linzi Manicom, University of Toronto, Beyond Democratic Disappointments: Toward Conceptual Reframing of Gender Politics in Neoliberal South Africa, Mothers/Workers/Citizens: Creating Embodied Citizenship against Liberal Democracy, Deliberation, Gender and the State in South Africa, Paradoxes of Representation: The Impact of Quotas for Women on Democratization, Discussant: Jennifer Disney</td>
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<td>Devra Coren Moehler, Cornell University, and Peter G. Mwesige Makerere University, Private Radio and Public Information: An Experimental Investigation of Radio Campaigns in Africa, Citizens' Strategic Media Use in Democratizing Countries: Determinants and Implications, Discussant(s): Leonard B. Weinberg, University of Nevada, Reno</td>
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<td>Amy R. Poteete, Concordia University, Resources for the Nation of for Communities?, Catherine Boone, University of Texas, Austin, Discussant(s): Chappell Lawson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Patterns of Executive-Legislative Relations, Democracy in Africa, John R. Heilbrunn, Colorado School of Mines, Incremental or Endogenous Institutional Change?</td>
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Comparative Perspectives on the Implementation of Candidate Gender Quotas

Chair: Aili M. Tripp, Univ of Wisconsin

Once is an Accident, Twice is a Conspiracy, Rainbow Murray, Univ of London

Party Quotas versus Reserved Seats, Gretchen Bauer, Univ of Delaware

Making Quotas Work, Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, Univ of Missippi

Theorizing the Implementation and Impact of Candidate Gender Quotas, Mona Lena Krook, Washington University, St. Louis

Discussants: Drude Dahlerup, Stockholm University, and Melanie M. Hughes, Ohio State University

“Political Science in Post-Conflict Societies: Novel Approaches to Old Issues in Post-Genocide Rwanda”

Chair: Lee Ann Fujii, George Washington University

Elisabeth King. Department of Political Science, University of Toronto (Canada). “We are all Rwandan Now? The controversies of history in post-genocide Rwanda”

David Simon. Department of Political Science, Yale University. “Impossible Politics, Possible Political Science – Modeling Incompatible Political Objectives in Rwanda”


Lyndsay McLean Hilker, Department of Geography, University of Sussex (UK). “Living Beyond Conflict? Identity/alterity and reconciliation among Rwandan Youth.”

Discussant: Catharine Newbury, Smith College

Members’ News

Catherine Boone, professor of government, University of Texas at Austin, and vice-chair of APSA’s Comparative Democratization section, received an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) research fellowship for 2006–2007 for research on land-related conflict and electoral politics in sub-Saharan Africa. She also published “Africa’s New Territorial Politics: Regionalism and the Open Economy in Côte d’Ivoire” in the April 2007 African Studies Review.


Carrie Manning, associate professor of political science and director of graduate studies, Georgia State University, published “Party-Building on the Heels of War: El Salvador, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Mozambique” in the April 2007 Democratization. Using El Salvador, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Mozambique as case studies, Ms. Manning shows how inter-party competition shapes identities, priorities, tactics, and strategies, which in turn affect the prospects for democratization in post-conflict situations.
The Meeting of Africa Specialists from US Military Universities and PME Schools was held in the Potomac View Room in the Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City on August 20, 2007. The workshop was funded through Air University Culture and Language funds. All participants agreed that the workshop was highly successful and much worth sustaining. The Agenda Items included:

1. Collaboration between Individuals at the various institutions
2. Requests for “cultural awareness” and regional education regarding Africa
3. AFRICOM
4. Africa Standby Force
5. Outreach to African Studies Association and International Studies Association

The participants agreed to establish working committees, which included - (1) sustained collaboration among participants and outreach to AFRICOM, PME distance learning and DOD in general (through various electronic methods and CD-based courses); (2) support to AFRICOM; (3) African field visits (coordinating Air War, National and ICAF) (creating opportunities for other colleges to travel).

List of participants:
1. Baranick, Mike, NDU/CTNSP
2. Barrows, Walter, DIA Chair, National War College
3. Beilstein, Janet C Civ USAF AETC ECPD/International Officer School
4. Bore, Henri Col - MCU Center for Advanced Operational Culture
5. Burgess, Stephen F Civ AWC/DFI
6. Cheek, Randy - Africa Analyst, INSS/NSGC, NDU
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13. List, Kathleen, NDU/JFSC (Foreign Service Officer)
14. McCarthy, Anita LTC ACSC/DL
15. Munson, Robert B Maj ACSC/CAR
16. Muyangwa, Monde, Dean, ACSS
17. Overton Wendy, MCU/CACOL
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19. Russo, Tim, NDU/ICAF
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21. Sandusky, Sue Ann COL USAWC/DNSS
22. Sisson, Andrew, Dept of Strategy & Policy, National War College, USAID
23. Udoaka, Ita Maj, A4/7P
24. Dan Pike, OSD Africa
25. COL M R. “Duke” Ellington, OSD Africa
27. Lt. Col. James “Brian” Denson, J-2 dealing with AFRICOM
28. Herb Howe, Director Security Studies, ACSS

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Recent Publications on African Politics


Upcoming Conferences

AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNUAL MEETING, is held October 18-21 in New York.

IMMIGRATION, MINORITIES AND MULTICULTURALISM IN DEMOCRACIES, October 25-27, For further information, see www.edg-gde.ca

ECONOMIC POLICY IN AFRICA (November 8-11, 2007, Dakar, Senegal) The United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and the African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA) are announcing their second conference on economic policy in Africa. The theme of this conference is: "Sector-led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development." Authors should submit an abstract for each paper which explicitly states how the work is related to the conference theme, identifying paper title, authors' names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and fax numbers to Dr. Sylvain H. Boko, conference co-chair (bokosh@wfu.edu), by March 15, 2007. Some partial support for travel and attendance may be available.

SOMALI STUDIES ASSOCIATION (Djibouti, December 13th-15th) This 10th International Congress of Somali Studies is organized in the name of Somali Studies International Association (SSIA). Papers should be sent before July 1st to adamhoussein@yahoo.fr. Please see http://www.somalistudies.org/ for more details.

11th Conference of Africanists, on "Africa's Development: Possibilities and Constraints", will be held at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, 22-24 May 2008. The section on "Political Decisionism and Statecraft in Africa", in particular, is inviting paper proposals.

Announcements, Jobs, Grants and Fellowships

A position as assistant professor in African politics (comparative/IR) is open at Villanova this year. For further information, contact Catherine Warrick, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Villanova University, catherine.warrick@villanova.edu

The Department of Political Science at the University of Kansas invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in Middle East Politics beginning August 18, 2008, January 1, 2009, or negotiable. Initial review of applications begins October 22, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled. Ph.D. is required within 12 months of the appointment start date; for full position description, see: http://www2.ku.edu/~clas/employment/

The Lewis & Clark College Department of International Affairs invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position with a specialization in the international politics of developing area(s). A regional expertise in Africa or Latin America is required. Review of applications will begin on September 28, 2007 and continue until the position is filled.

AFRICAN JOURNALS ONLINE (AJOL) AJOL is being re-launched on its own website. It provides free access to tables of contents and abstracts for over 175 journals published on the continent, and also provides a number of additional facilities. The service remains free to both users and participating journals (with charges only for document delivery requests from outside developing countries). For more information, visit http://www.ajol.info
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