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1. Message from the Chair, Professor Gretchen M. Bauer

Dear Friends,

We have welcomed several new members since the last newsletter and are now up to 253 members. Please continue to encourage your colleagues, graduate students and others to join the African Politics Conference Group. Please feel free to email me at gbauer@udel.edu with new members or questions. Also, please take this opportunity to pay your 2007 dues of $10! A form is attached to this newsletter. Please fill out the form and send it with your check to our treasurer Carrie Manning.

If you are/will be at the International Studies Association annual meeting this week, please attend our panels: Wednesday at 10:30: African International Politics and Foreign Policy and Thursday at 1:45: Meeting African Political and Development Challenges. Also please join us for dinner on Friday evening at 7 pm at Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant. Please contact Sandra Joireman for details: Sandra.F.Joireman@wheaton.edu.
Our panels for the African Studies Association annual meeting in New York in October 2007 have been submitted. This meeting commemorates the 50th anniversary of the founding of the ASA and so appropriately we will have a round table on 'Fifty Years of African Politics Scholarship: A Retrospective.' Don’t miss it! Our second panel, ‘A Closer Look at Patronage Politics: Redistributive Politics and Elections in Africa,’ should be a big draw as well. See more on those panels below. Thanks to Susanna Wing, Adrienne LeBas and Dennis Galvan for those great panels!

Let me also make a plug for the ASA and their $50 for the 50th anniversary campaign. If you haven’t already made such a contribution, I know they/we all would appreciate it.

We lost a treasured colleague, Don Rothchild, late last month. Please see John Harbeson’s tribute to Don in this newsletter; John is also organizing a memorial meeting to remember Don at the October ASA meeting. We received dozens of heartfelt comments about Don which we passed on to his family and colleagues. If you would like to contribute to an APCG contribution to a scholarship fund in Don’s honor at UC Davis, please contact Carrie Manning: polclm@langate.gsu.edu.

I imagine most of our members in the US are now looking forward to spring; for everyone, I hope that your years have gotten off to a good start.

All the best,
Gretchen

2. Notes from the Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is a hectic time of the year with the semester in full swing, for many the important ISA conference, job searches being concluded many places, summer plans for research and holidays being prepared, papers and articles finally getting to mature while late winter storms have caused troubles for many, some of us complaining about the early hot weather in Florida!

A new feature in this issue of the newsletter is a Membership Renewal Form. Our new treasurer has worked out the details of a better membership management and in order to strengthen our organization, we need also to be better at collecting (yet, very modest!) dues. Please, help us and our organization by filling out the form, and send it with a check to Carrie Manning at the designated address.

Reminder of submission deadlines for the coming issues of the newsletter 2007:

**May 30, August 27, and, 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.
With Warm Greetings for the Holidays!
Kindly,

Staffan I. Lindberg 
Newsletter Editor

3. APCG Awards and Calls

The 2007 Best Book Award: The committee welcomes nominations of 2006 titles that deal with some aspect of African politics. Ideally, the committee would like to receive copies of the books at their respective addresses. Please note that the award is given to a book published in English and that edited volumes are not eligible for nomination. Deadline: March 31, 2007 and the award will be presented at the 2007 ASA meeting.

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The 2006 APCG Best Article Award: The Committee is pleased to request nominations for the best journal article in African Politics published in the calendar year 2006.

You may send nominations to any committee member: 
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Peter Von Doepp, University of Vermont, Peter.VonDoepp@uvm.edu 
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until March 31, 2007.

Nominated articles will be considered, as well as articles selected by committee members, and the award announced at the 2007 ASA meeting.
1. Round Table

Title: Fifty Years of African Politics Scholarship: A Retrospective

Chair: Aili Tripp, Professor of Political Science and Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Panelists:
Ali Mazrui, Director, Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University, SUNY
Crawford Young, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Kathleen Staudt, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Civic Engagement, University of Texas, El Paso
Goran Hyden, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Florida
Edmond Keller, Professor of political science, Director of the Globalization Research Center-Africa, University of California, Los Angeles

2. Panel

Panel Title: A Closer Look at Patronage Politics: Redistributive Politics and Elections in Africa

Chair: Kate Baldwin, Columbia University and Jeffrey Krutz, Columbia University

Papers:
"Incumbent Patronage and Opposition Coordination in Africa", Leonardo Arriola, University of California-Berkeley
"A Comparison of Elite and Mass-level Patronage Politics: Evidence from Zambia", Kate Baldwin, Columbia University
"Inequality and the Provision of Public Services: Evidence from South Africa", Clark Gibson, University of California-San Diego and Barak Hoffman, Stanford University
"The Informational Face of Patronage: Reputation Building in African Electoral Contexts" Jeffrey Krutz, Columbia University

Discussant: Nicolas van de Walle, Cornell University
The African Politics Conference Group ASA Program Committee received a large number of very qualified proposals and has made its decision concerning panels to be delivered at the October 2007 meeting of ASA in New York, NY. We had several excellent papers and panels to choose from. Thanks very much to all of you who sent us proposals. We look forward to seeing all of you at ASA. Thanks for your submissions.

Sincerely,
Susanna Wing, Adrienne LeBas, Dennis Galvan

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**5. Recent Publications on African Politics**

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Green, Elliott. 2006. 'Ethnicity and the politics of land tenure reform in Central Uganda.' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 44, 3, pp.370-388.


Museveni" Palgrave-Macmillan.


Rubongoya Joshua 2007. "Regime Hegemony in Museveni's Uganda: Pax


Shaw, Tim 2007: 'Global and/or Regional Development at Start 21st century: China, India & (South) Africa' with Andrew F Cooper & Agata Antkiewicz


6. Members' News

David Backer, assistant professor of government, College of William and Mary, was awarded a three-year grant by the Human and Social Dynamics Program of the National Science Foundation to conduct a comparative study of the relationship between victims’ responses to transitional justice processes and the dynamics of political development in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. The field research will be conducted in collaboration with the Center for Democratic Development in Accra, the Center for Democratic Empowerment in Monrovia, the Centre for Democracy and Development in Abuja, and the Sierra Leone Court Monitoring Program.

Kevin Fridy, a PhD student graduating at Department of Political Science, University of Florida this spring, has accepted a job offer as assistant professor, Department of Political Science, University of Tampa.

Christof Hartmann has taken a new job as Professor of International and Development Politics, Institute of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen christof.hartmann@uni-duisburg-essen.de

Staffan I. Lindberg, Department of Political Science and Center for Africa Studies at University of Florida, presented research findings on “The Power of Elections” at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, February 7, 2007.

Timothy Shaw will be visiting professor at Makerere University Business School & Mbarara University of Science & Technology Spring 2007.

Scott Strauss’ book The Order of Genocide, won the 2006 Award for Excellence in Government and Political Science from the Professional and Scholarly Publishing division of the Association of American Publishers

Theodore M. Vestal, Professor of Political Science at Oklahoma State University was invited by the Government of Libya to present a paper on “The Importance of Political Definitions” at the Sixth World Forum on Democracy in the 21st Century at Sabha on 27-28 February.

Mi Yung Yoon is seeking advice from APCG members who have been to Tanzania recently for her first trip to Dar es Salaam and Dodoma Tanzania in June. Please send your advice to yoon@hanover.edu. She will be very grateful for your help.

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. AJOL offers a document delivery service, and full (improved) searching and browsing facilities, as well as a new Email alert function. 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
7. Membership Renewal Form

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Staffan Lindberg, Newsletter Editor
University of Florida
Donald Rothchild, one of the country's leading students of Africa and international politics, passed away on January 30.

Over a career spanning half a century, he was the author or editor of over twenty books and countless articles on a very wide range of topics including ethnic conflict, conflict management, U.S. foreign policy, civil society, international political economy, and democracy, bargaining and negotiation almost all of which concerned Africa and Africa's place in world politics. He was a professor of political science at the University of California Davis since 1965, and honored with a Distinguished Professorship in the University of California system in 2003. Over the course of his career, he taught at Universities in Ghana, Zambia, Uganda, and Kenya. Devoted to the study of African domestic and international politics throughout his career, he was a leader in connecting scholarship on Africa to mainstream literatures in the several subfields in which he wrote both extensively and insightfully. Don Rothchild was recognized in a great many ways by his peers for his perceptive, wide-ranging, and influential scholarship, include fellowships and grants from the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Rockefeller Foundation, and Ford Foundation, two terms as president of an International Political Science Association research committee, and numerous editorial board positions.

For all his prolific and distinguished scholarship, Don meant much more to legions of students, collaborators, and colleagues in many countries. In all that he did, friendship and scholarship were seamlessly joined. Collaborating with Don, as he did with so many colleagues in our field, was always to make lasting friendships. In his many collaborations with colleagues, Don produced more than books, for to these enterprises he invariably brought qualities that generated academic community in its best sense: freewheeling and searching scholarly inquiry animated by tireless pursuit of intellectual common ground, an innate belief in the possibilities of human kind, and unfailing generosity of spirit. He touched deeply the lives of all with whom he worked, and we are all much the richer for his having moved among us.

Don leaves behind his wife of more than fifty years, Edith, two sons, Derek of Hermosa Beach, California and Maynard of San Marino, California; three grandsons, Ian of Hermosa Beach, and Logan and Liam of San Marino; two granddaughters, Devon and Brooke of Hermosa Beach; a brother, Eric, of Seattle, a sister, Linda Preston, of New York City; and several nieces and nephews. His Department is planning to organize a scholarship in his honor.

John Harbeson
9. Conferences

May 2007

SUDAN STUDIES CONFERENCE Philadelphia, PA, May 25th-27th. The Sudan Studies Association is currently accepting proposals for its next conference, which is entitled "Sudan/ese in the Diaspora: Past and Present". With the current political events in the Sudan, the role of the Sudanese diasporic communities should be examined critically not merely in terms of their political discourses and activism, but equally within the context of the global discourse about the Sudan, but papers on other issues relating to Sudan are also welcome. Abstracts of proposed papers (150-200 words) should be received by April 2nd, 2007. Please send paper abstract to Dr. Benaiah Yongo-Bure, 2007 SSA Panel Organizer, Economics Department, Kettering University, 1700 Third Avenue, Flint, MI 48504 Tel (810)762-9622, e-mail: byongo@kettering.edu. More info is available on SSA website: <http://www.sudanstudies.org>. Abstracts are due by April 2nd, 2007.

"The Micro-Foundations of Mass Politics in Africa" Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 12-13 May 2007 On behalf of the Afrobarometer Network, the Department of Political Science and the African Studies Center at Michigan State University are pleased to host a conference on the Micro-Foundations of Mass Politics in Africa. The conference will feature 20 original research papers by leading and emergent scholars from Africa, Europe and the United States. The themes of the papers include electoral participation, ethnic identity, economic wellbeing, social capital, and democratic citizenship. All papers draw evidence from Afrobarometer public opinion data. An edited volume is planned. By April 15, 2007, conference papers will available on this website.

June 2007

CONFERENCE ON FRENCH COLONIALISM IN AFRICA
The theme of the 33rd annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society will be "Rivers and Colonies," but papers on all aspects of the French experience overseas will be considered. The Society encourages scholars from all disciplines to send proposals. Consult the web site for the individual responsible for proposals relating to Africa. The conference will be held in La Rochelle, France, June 6-10, 2007. See (http://www.frenchcolonial.org) for more details.

October 2007

IMMIGRATION, MINORITIES AND MULTICULTURALISM IN DEMOCRACIES, October 25-27, Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Montreal. Abstracts (300 words) are due by March 31, 2007. For further information, see www.edg-gde.ca

EUROPE AND AFRICA Centre for African Studies Basel (CASM) at the University of Basel is now accepting papers for a conference entitled "Contemporary Encounters: Europe and Africa." European states have a long but also particularly controversial
relationship with Africa. The conference seeks to encourage constructive interdisciplinary student dialogue on the politics of studying Africa in present-day Europe as well as allow students to gain a wider knowledge of the opportunities available within Europe for academic exchange and cooperation. All senior students and recent graduates of European universities working within the humanities or social sciences on a topic related to Africa are invited to submit a rough abstract (no more than half a page) for a fifteen minute presentation pertaining to their research. The presentations may be on any topic and students from all disciplines, working on any region of Africa and any time period are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is the 15 March 2007. The application should include: One application form, a rough abstract (half a page) if planning to present. Any questions regarding the conference can be directed to Claudia Gastrow, at <basel.conference@gmail.com>.

November 2007

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.

10. Jobs, Grants and Fellowships


SUNY DELHI: PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (US AND AFRICA) The Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences invites applications for a faculty member in political science with a specialty in regional studies. This is a full-time, tenure track beginning in August 2007. Preference will be given to applicants whose specialization is Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, or the Asian subcontinent.
Open Rank Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies. The University of Michigan’s Center for Afroamerican and African Studies is seeking to fill three positions in African studies. Rank is open. Specialists in the fields of history, literature (Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone), religion, philosophy, creative writing, sociology, music, ethnomusicology, linguistics, political science, economics, and psychology, and working on all regions of sub-Saharan Africa are welcome to apply, although there is particular interest in western and southern Africa. To apply, please send a letter of application, c.v., research statement, teaching statement, writing samples, evidence of teaching excellence, and the names of three or more suggested references (or a placement dossier) to Kevin Gaines, Director and Chair, Search Committee, The Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, 4700 Haven Hall, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045. The review of applications will begin on January 7, 2007, and applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION RESEARCH PROGRAM. The Quality of Government Institute at the Department of Political Science at Göteborg University aims at conducting and promoting research on the causes, consequences and nature of the high quality political institutions. The appointments are for the research programme Anti-corruption strategies in Africa: What works and why? financed by Sida/SAREK and directed by Professor Bo Rothstein. See www.qog.pol.gu.se for a detailed project description. Applications should include a CV of at maximum two pages plus if available letters of recommendations and should be sent by email (subject: “Job Application”) no later than March 15, 2007 to: Patrik.Stalgren@pol.gu.se

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Master’s Degree Program in Democratic Governance at the University of Cape Town
The Democracy in Africa Research Unit of the University of Cape Town announces the launch of a new postgraduate Honors/M.A. program in democratic governance within the university’s department of political studies. The program will combine strong training in basic research methods and social statistics with focused courses on the empirical study of democratic politics. Visit http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/politics/pg/pg.htm for detailed course descriptions and admission requirements. Application information is available at http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/hum/new or by e-mail (aweger@humanities.act.ac.za).

Master’s Degree Program in Democracy Studies at Georgetown University
The Center for Democracy and the Civil Society and Georgetown University’s Department of Government is accepting applications for a master’s degree program in democracy studies. Created in fall 2006, the program addresses the diverse needs of a growing population working in the field of democracy promotion, with a specific focus on issues of democracy and development, and on improving the quality of democratic life around the world. Applications for fall 2007 admissions are due February 15, 2007. For additional information visit www.georgetown.edu/centers/cdats/maprogramaims.htm.
Master’s Degree Program in Democracy and Democratization at University College London
The Department of Political Science and the School of Public Policy at University College London offers a master's degree program in democracy and democratization. The program focuses on the design and operation of democratic institutions in old and new democracies. Visit [www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/msc-democracy-democratisation/](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/msc-democracy-democratisation/) or write to Sherrill Stroschein ([s.stroschein@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s.stroschein@ucl.ac.uk)) for more information.

Call for papers! Journal of African Policy Studies, Middle Tennessee State University. The journal is an interdisciplinary journal concerned with global, regional, and domestic policy issues relating to Africa. Its website address is: [journalofafrica.org](http://journalofafrica.org) Quality articles should be sent either via e-mail or regular mail. The e-mail address for submission is: joaps@journalofafrica.org

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- Makau Mutua, SUNY Buffalo
- Sheldon Gellar, Indiana University

**Best Article Award**
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- Ngeta Kabiri, University of North Carolina Charlotte
- Peter Von Doepp, University of Vermont

**Nominations**
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- Robert Fatton, University of Virginia
- Goran Hyden, University of Florida

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