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FROM THE CHAIR

I am pleased to announce that the *Membership Directory* will be ready for mailing late this summer. The *Directory* is in response to a survey of the field and we believe it will not only increase communication within the field but that by mailing it to journals we will make it easier for editors to choose appropriate reviewers for scholarship they receive.

There are a few matters deserving note regarding the Section meeting. We will meet in Washington on Friday, August 30 at 5:30 pm. During this meeting C. Herman Pritchett will present the first Pritchett Award for the best book in our field in the last two years. Plan to come and honor Professor Pritchett and the recipient of this Section Award. We will also hear from our members on the Program Committee for 1992, Lynn Mather and Ron Kahn, about their plans for the meetings that year in Chicago. And, we will award a prize for the best graduate student paper. Finally, we will elect officers to serve the Section.

As Chair, I think it has been a good year. We picked up a lot of the steam generated by Stuart Scheingold's very active leadership and we believe there is still plenty to pass on Greg Caldeira who will serve next year.

John Brigham
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

An Invitation to
Law, Courts, and Judicial Process
Faculty to Participate in the
APSA Political Science Course Syllabi Project

Supported by a Grant from The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

The *Course Syllabi Project* is developing selected collections of exemplary syllabi for reference and adaptation by departments, faculty, and graduate students in designing courses.

In 1990-1991, syllabi have been collected for five course introductory courses. The editors of these collections will conduct an Annual Meeting round table on:

Improving Teaching of the Introductory Courses: Preparing Good Syllabi

The roundtable is scheduled for **1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Saturday, August 31**. Faculty and

graduate students who attend will be able to receive copies of syllabi collections in the fall.

In 1991-1992, the project will develop collections of course syllabi for four subfield courses and a senior seminar course. Faculty are invited to submit syllabi now and until **February 1, 1992** for review for inclusion in these collections. The course title and editor for the Section is:

**"Public Law"
Lief H. Carter
University of Georgia**



CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRESENTERS

**The New York State
Political Science Association**

The 46th Annual New York State Political Science Association meeting is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **April 24-25, 1992** in Buffalo, NY. Those interested in participating — presenting papers, chairing panels, or serving as discussants — should contact Nancy E. McGlen, President or Robert Heineman, Vice President and Program Chairperson. The deadline for submitting proposals is **November 20, 1991**. Prizes will be awarded for the best professional (academic or practitioner) and graduate student papers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee of the *Law, Courts and Judicial Process* Section puts forward the following slate:

As chair-elect, *Leslie Goldstein*, University of Delaware.

For the executive committee, for two year terms: *Ericka Fairchild*, North Carolina State University, and *Michael McCann*, University of Washington.

For the executive committee, for a one-year term: *Susan Lawrence*, Rutgers University.

All of the nominees have been notified of their nomination, and all are willing to serve.

H.N. Hirsch
University of California, San Diego

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

APSA SECTION ON LAW, COURTS, AND JUDICIAL PROCESS

This announcement is to remind you of the Section's award for an outstanding graduate student research paper, to be made at the Section meeting during the APSA convention. Please think about papers done by students with whom you have worked or whose work you know and submit any that should be considered for the award. (You can nominate more than one paper.)

Papers are eligible for the award if they were completed by a graduate student in political science between **January 1, 1990**, and **July 1, 1991**; they can be papers written for courses or for conferences. Any paper that falls into the field of law, courts, and judicial process, defined broadly in both subject matter and methods of inquiry, is eligible for the award.

The selection committee includes Ron Kahn of Oberlin, Susan Lawrence of Rutgers, and Larry Baum of Ohio State (chair).

To nominate a paper, send **three** copies of the paper to the committee by **July 15, 1991**. They should be sent to the following address:

Lawrence Baum
Department of Political Science
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Columbus, OH 43210

If you have any questions, call Larry at (614) 292-6088; message can be left at (614) 292-2880.

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