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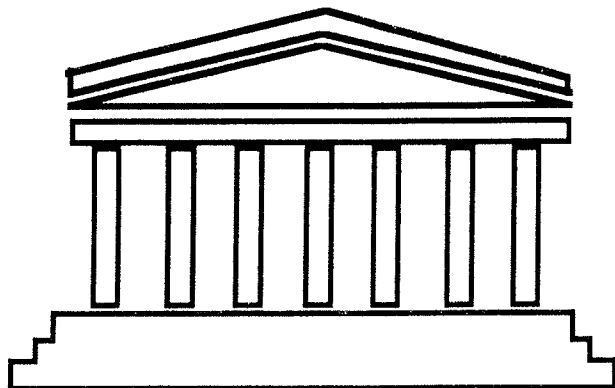
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THE LAW REVIEW OPTION

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In recent years, those of us who study and teach about courts and law have questioned our status within the discipline of political science. In 1990, the Committee on the Status of the Law, Courts, and Judicial Process Organized Section found evidence of our marginalization within the discipline, including underrepresentation among panels at conferences and perceived hostility from journal editors (Sarat, et al. 1990). As a consequence of this marginalization, judicial scholars have concerns about the lack of slots available for articles on courts and law within political science journals. Each of the major political science journals has a few judicial articles every year, but there are simply not enough slots available for everyone in the Law and Courts Section to feel that they have a reasonable opportunity to see their work in print in such journals. As an alternative, we also rely on interdisciplinary journals (e.g., *Law and Society Review*, *Judicature*, *The Justice System Journal*, etc.) as outlets for our work. These legal studies journals are limited in number and each may have specific topical preferences when selecting articles for publication. In addition to the dozen or so political science and legal studies journals that serve as outlets for our work, there is also a broader universe of potential outlets, namely law reviews.

The purpose of this article is to provide tips for my colleagues in political science on publishing articles in law reviews. Based on my learning experiences in dealing with law reviews for several years, I have identified several useful suggestions for those interested in the law review option. Opportunities abound for political scientists to publish articles on judicial topics in law reviews, but most judicial scholars appear to have little knowledge about the necessary strategies and procedures for producing manuscripts that will be accepted for publication by law reviews.

Considering Law Reviews as an Option

It should be noted at the outset that this essay does not advocate that political scientists begin publishing their work in law reviews. Some political scientists, including several prominent names among judicial scholars, already occasionally publish articles in law reviews. As a practical matter, however, many scholars who teach in political science departments have no incentive to publish law review articles because they will receive no credit for such publications within their departments and universities. It is well known that many of our colleagues around the country fulfill departmental expectations for scholarly productivity only through publications in political science journals, university press books, and, perhaps, highly reputable interdisciplinary journals (i.e., *Law and Society Review*).

To these colleagues I can only say good luck and best wishes. Many of the rest of us, however, face less exacting standards. In my own department, for example, there is a hierarchy of publications for purposes of assessing credit and reward. Political science journal articles and university press books head the list, but other kinds of scholarly publications, including law reviews, are eligible for "partial credit" provided that they are accompanied by a sufficient number of scholarly books and social science journal articles on an individual's vita. Thus for me, and I presume for many others as well, law reviews are a viable publication outlet for some kinds of work.

In my discussions with colleagues at other universities, I sense that political scientists' interest in learning more about law reviews stems, in part, from a sense that only certain kinds of articles, especially quantitative studies of the federal courts, are likely to gain acceptance by political science journals. Such research unquestionably represents a primary and natural focal point for judicial scholars

trained and socialized as political scientists. Such research does not, however, represent all that we study as professors of political science who focus on courts and law. In the classes that we teach on the Supreme Court and Constitutional Law, for example, most of us inevitably devote attention to issues of constitutional interpretation, including normative theories.

Despite the energy that we spend on such issues, it is difficult to find publication outlets other than book publishers for our writing on these topics. Similar challenges face judicial scholars who produce empirical work that is qualitative rather than quantitative or who otherwise analyze and discuss judicial politics through approaches other than systematic quantitative studies. For political scientists who wish to take such alternative approaches in their writing about courts and law, law reviews provide a promising publication outlet. Personally, I must admit that, although I think my most important work consists of empirical studies, I enjoy writing normative articles about constitutional law. Law reviews have provided me with an opportunity to enter scholarly debates that are frequently monopolized by law professors who lack comprehensive knowledge about the influence of politics on law and judicial outcomes.

For the uninitiated, two facts about law reviews should be stated clearly at the outset: 1) *Law reviews are not refereed journals*; 2) *The selection of articles at most law reviews is done by upper-level honors students rather than by knowledgeable scholars*. In the course of having my manuscripts considered for publication by dozens of law reviews, I have dealt with two law reviews that used their law schools' faculty members to review manuscripts before selecting articles for acceptance. Selection decisions at most law reviews are entirely in the hands of the student editors. Obviously, the foregoing facts are also the reasons why many political science departments decline to accept law review articles as publications worthy of credit in evaluations of scholarship.

There are, however, counter-arguments that can be made in favor of considering "partial credit" for law review articles in departments that have less rigid requirements for evidence of scholarly productivity. First, although law reviews are not refereed journals, they are selective about the articles that they accept. Many of these journals receive hundreds of manuscripts each year and accept only two dozen for publication. For example, an editor at N.Y.U. *Law Review*, an elite but arguably not "top ten" law journal,

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informed me that they receive "over six hundred manuscripts each year." [By contrast, the *American Political Science Review* receives fewer than five hundred manuscripts each year (Powell, 1992).] The fact that law reviews are not refereed does not mean that they are not selective and competitive; it merely means that the selection criteria are uncertain and, from a scholarly perspective, erratic. Second, law reviews are the publication outlets for "famous" law professors (e.g., Laurence Tribe, Robert Bork, etc.) as well as others who teach on law faculties. Articles selected for

publication in law reviews must emerge from a selection process in which they compete with scholarly authorities in the field of law. In other words, if one simply labeled law reviews as "non-refereed publications" without recognizing their selectivity (albeit with uncertain criteria), one would not adequately distinguish law reviews, which sometimes have important scholarly articles, from, for example, police officers' magazines, which virtually never contain worthwhile scholarship.

Getting Published

Law reviews are generally open to empirical, descriptive, and normative work. When considering empirical studies, however, many of them may be intimidated by sophisticated quantitative work. If the work needs to be presented with anything more than percentages and simple tables, it probably should not be sent to a law review.

The timing of submission of manuscripts to law reviews can affect the probability of acceptance. There are "two key windows of opportunity" that authors should remember in order to maximize their chances of success:

April and September. New student editors come aboard most law reviews each April as the third-year editors prepare to graduate and the second-year students become the new Editors-in-Chief and Articles Editors in preparation for taking charge of the law reviews during their upcoming third years.

Frequently, these new editors face the immediate task of finding four or five publishable articles to fill the next issue that will be prepared in late summer or early fall. Generally, they need to select articles during April because they have to prepare for final exams during May and then they will leave immediately for their summer jobs. Thus I have found it quite fruitful to send manuscripts during early April when there is less competition and the editors feel pressured to evaluate and accept articles quickly.

September provides a similar opportunity because the editors have just returned from their summer jobs and they must immediately begin to accept articles to fill their fall and/or winter issues. Because it appears that many law professors write one article during the summer (if they write at all) and then polish that article early in the fall semester before submitting it to law reviews in October or November, manuscripts submitted at the beginning of September have a competitive advantage. Again, the competition is less intense and the editors feel pressure to accept some articles immediately.

In the law review context, multiple submission of manuscripts is not only permissible, it is the norm. Unlike in political science, where there is an ethical prohibition on multiple submissions, law reviews expect authors to submit their manuscripts simultaneously to several, if not many, law reviews. Obviously, this is a great boon to authors seeking acceptance. You do not have to wait for an answer from one journal before seeking consideration by others. You can submit to one, ten, fifty, or one hundred law reviews simultaneously -- although the greater the number of submissions, the greater the burden in writing letters to withdraw the manuscript from consideration by various law reviews when an offer to publish with one law review is made and accepted. Because there are many more law reviews than political science and legal studies journals (200+ vs. 12 or so), the probability of success in seeking a publisher is high and, obviously, it is enhanced by the multiple submission policy.

Law professors engage in significant "game playing" with the multiple submission process. When they receive an offer to publish by one law review, they use it as leverage by calling up other law reviews to pressure them to accept the article. They typically say, "I just received an offer to publish from Law Review X, so I need a decision from you right away." Their goal is to keep law reviews awaiting their acceptance of the offer to publish until they are certain that they have received an offer from the most prestigious law review that is interested in the article.

Personally, I am troubled by the awkward position that the student editors find themselves in when they make an offer and the author forces them to wait for weeks for an answer when they need to move ahead with the publication process in order to stay on schedule. I always send my manuscripts to a group of law reviews of comparable prestige so that I am comfortable operating on a "first

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come, first served" basis where I receive an offer to publish. The student editors are so accustomed to being, in the words of one editor, "jerked around by law professors," that they are quite grateful for my cooperation.

Of course, political scientists who are more prestige conscious than I am are free to participate in law professors' tactics of using one offer to publish as a negotiation tool to pressure other and, hopefully, more prestigious law reviews to match the offer. Law review editors learn to expect such dealings with authors.

Political scientists should probably not be too optimistic about having articles accepted by the most prestigious law reviews. *Harvard Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal*, etc. are flooded with manuscripts from law professors all over the country. Because manuscripts are not reviewed by outside referees, the law review editors who select articles for publication are well aware of who the authors are and the prestige of the authors' titles and institutional affiliations when the editors read the manuscripts.

For example, I once received a call from the editor of *Stanford Law Review* who said "I really liked your article. I think it's important. I think it should be published -- but we're not going to publish it." Normally law reviews only telephone authors with offers to publish. Rejections come in the form of written correspondence. From my conversation with this editor, it seemed clear that either my institutional affiliation or my status as a political scientist impeded the prospect of acceptance. Apparently he made the unusual telephone call to me because, based on his positive assessment of the article's substance and timeliness, he wanted to make sure that I would pursue publication elsewhere. It appears that prestigious law reviews have a strong preference for publishing works by authors who have prestigious law school affiliations. It makes one wonder, for example, whether works by Harvard Law School professors appear in prestigious law reviews so frequently because the professors produce such high quality work or merely because they are professors at a prestigious law school.

The multiple submission process can reduce the delays that are customary in the single submission process for refereed journals. Thus, with law reviews, excessively high aspirations for a manuscript may not ultimately delay publication provided that manuscripts sent to the most well-known law reviews are also sent to less prestigious journals. With the exception of the most prestigious law reviews, other law reviews, including very respectable "major" law reviews, seem receptive to the work of political science professors. For example, al-

though my up-and-coming institution (the University of Akron) has not yet gained prominent national recognition, my work has been welcomed (and published) by a number of respectable law reviews (e.g., *Syracuse*, *Oregon*, *Wake Forest*, *Kentucky*, *Oklahoma*, *Temple*). Based on my experience, I have concluded that the lack of a prestigious institutional affiliation primarily limits the receptivity of a few "top" schools.

The likelihood of acceptance is much greater if the manuscript is submitted in law review format. Many law reviews prefer a triple-spaced text with double-spaced *endnotes*. The editors will turn the endnotes into footnotes as they process the article. The text should be divided into sections with outline-type headings (i.e., Roman numerals, capital letters, etc.) marking each section's title or subtitle. The endnotes should be numerous, contain long quotes, and be in the law review ("blue book") citation form. Because the law review editors want articles that "look like law review articles," they actually seem to like numerous gratuitous footnotes that political scientists would normally consider superfluous, excessive, and redundant.

Conclusion

It would not be unfair to say that many law review articles are little more than extended editorials with footnotes. For those of us who spend a great deal of time thinking about and teaching constitutional law, however, law reviews provide the most accessible outlets for our explorations and arguments about constitutional interpretation and the policy consequences of Supreme Court decisions. Law reviews can also provide an outlet for empirical studies that do not gain acceptance by political science or legal studies journals. Law reviews present other advantages as well. Although law reviews are not necessarily receptive outlets for the work of political science graduate students (the non-refereed review process seems to produce a preference for authors who have academic positions and titles), it is relatively easy for political science graduate students to co-author articles with professors and thereby

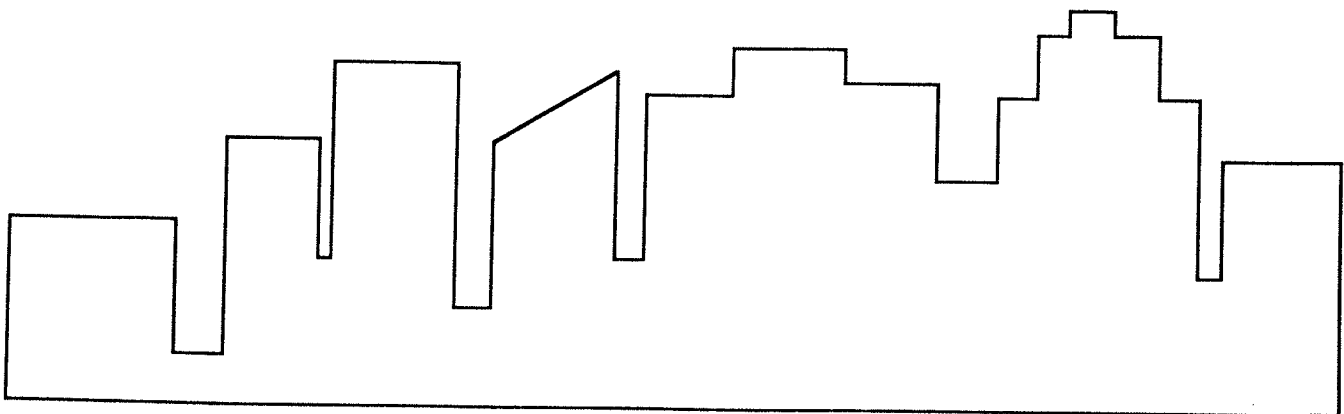
enhance their credentials by providing some evidence of their interest in research and writing. In addition, law reviews are much more generous than other kinds of academic journals in providing authors with impressively printed and bound reprints of articles.

Is it worthwhile for political scientists to consider law reviews as an option for publishing articles? It depends on one's circumstances and interests. The point of this essay is merely to note that law reviews provide an available outlet that operates with a set of ground rules that are unfamiliar to many judicial scholars in political science. Given the hierarchy of publications recognized in the field of political science, it would make little sense for any judicial scholar to consider sending his or her best work to a law review. For work that is normative, descriptive, or otherwise "homeless" in political science, law reviews provide an option worth considering if authors know the strategies that will enhance the likelihood of success.

This essay was motivated by a series of conversations that I have had with various political scientists who were very interested in the law review option but who knew almost nothing about how these familiar-yet-"foreign" journals operate. The explorations that I have undertaken in my own law review articles have sometimes laid the groundwork for additional work that later appeared in social science journals and books, so I am interested in helping other political scientists find ways to benefit from the law review option.

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NOMINATIONS FOR SECTION POSITIONS

The Nomination Committee, chaired by Christine Harrington, announces the following nominees:

Chair-Elect:	Martin Shapiro
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Alternative candidates can be nominated by five members of the Section at the Annual Section meeting or by petition to the Chairperson prior to the meeting.

The Nomination Committee also nominated Lee Epstein as Editor of the *Newsletter* for three years effective with the installation of the new Section officers.

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NEW DIRECTOR FOR NSF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

Susan O. White has joined the National science Foundation as a visiting scientist and Director of the Law and Social Sciences Program. She succeeds **Michael C. Musheno**, who returns to the School of Justice Studies at Arizona State University.

White is a Professor of Political Science at the University of New Hampshire where she is Coordinator of its Justice Studies Program. She was the first Study Director of the Committee on Research on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at the National Academy of Sciences, which evaluated the research program of the National Institute of Justice. She was also Study Director of the NAS panels on Deterrence and on Rehabilitation of Criminal Offenders. Her publications range from studies of police socialization to the recent co-authored *Legal Socialization: A Study of Norms and Rules*. She is currently planning cross-national research on legal socialization in conjunction with the international working group on Orientations Toward Law and Normative Ordering.

Susan White is a former Trustee of the Law and Society of Criminology. She is currently on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Law and Society Review*. White looks forward to talking with law and social science colleagues about their research interests. E-Mail: SOWHITE@NSF.BITNET; FAX: (202) 357-0357.

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For grant details and information about Library collections, including an automated database search report for materials on your topic, contact: **David Horrocks, Grants Coordinator**; Gerald R. Ford Library; 1000 Beal Avenue; Ann Arbor, MI 48109; Tel: 313.741.2218; FAX: 313.741.2341

AMHERST COLLEGE APPROVES DEPARTMENT OF LAW, JURISPRU- DENCE & SOCIAL THOUGHT

Amherst College announces the creation of a Department of Law, Jurisprudence & Social Thought which will house an autonomous undergraduate major and the Amherst Series in Law, Jurisprudence & Social Thought. The major treats law as a set of historically and culturally specific institutions and process that combine moral argument, distinctive hermeneutic and rhetorical practices, and the social organization of regulation and violence. The Department also organizes an annual series of lectures which are published by the University of Michigan Press in the series—The Amherst Series in Law, Jurisprudence & Social Thought—edited by Austin Sarat and Thomas Kearns.

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THE REVIEW OF POLITICS SPECIAL ISSUE ON JUDICIAL PROCESS AND LEGAL THEORY

The Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association and *The Review of Politics* are inaugurating an experimental three-year effort by devoting one issue a year of the *Review* to judicial process, legal theory, and judicial behavior.

The *Review* has achieved a particularly strong reputation through the years in the areas of constitutional theory and jurisprudence. These topics will continue to be of great interest but broader topics and concerns are also encouraged, especially in accordance with the focus of the Law and Courts Section.

Editor for the special issue will be Samuel Krislov, University of Minnesota, and Associate Editor will be Doris Marie Provine, Syracuse University. Donald Kommers, the regular editor-in-chief of the *Review*, will function as representative of the journal in the selection process of the articles and overall coordination of the issue with the *Review*.

Submissions should meet *The Review of Politics* standards and stylesheet. Four copies should be sent to: *The Review of Politics*; Box B; Notre Dame, IN 46556



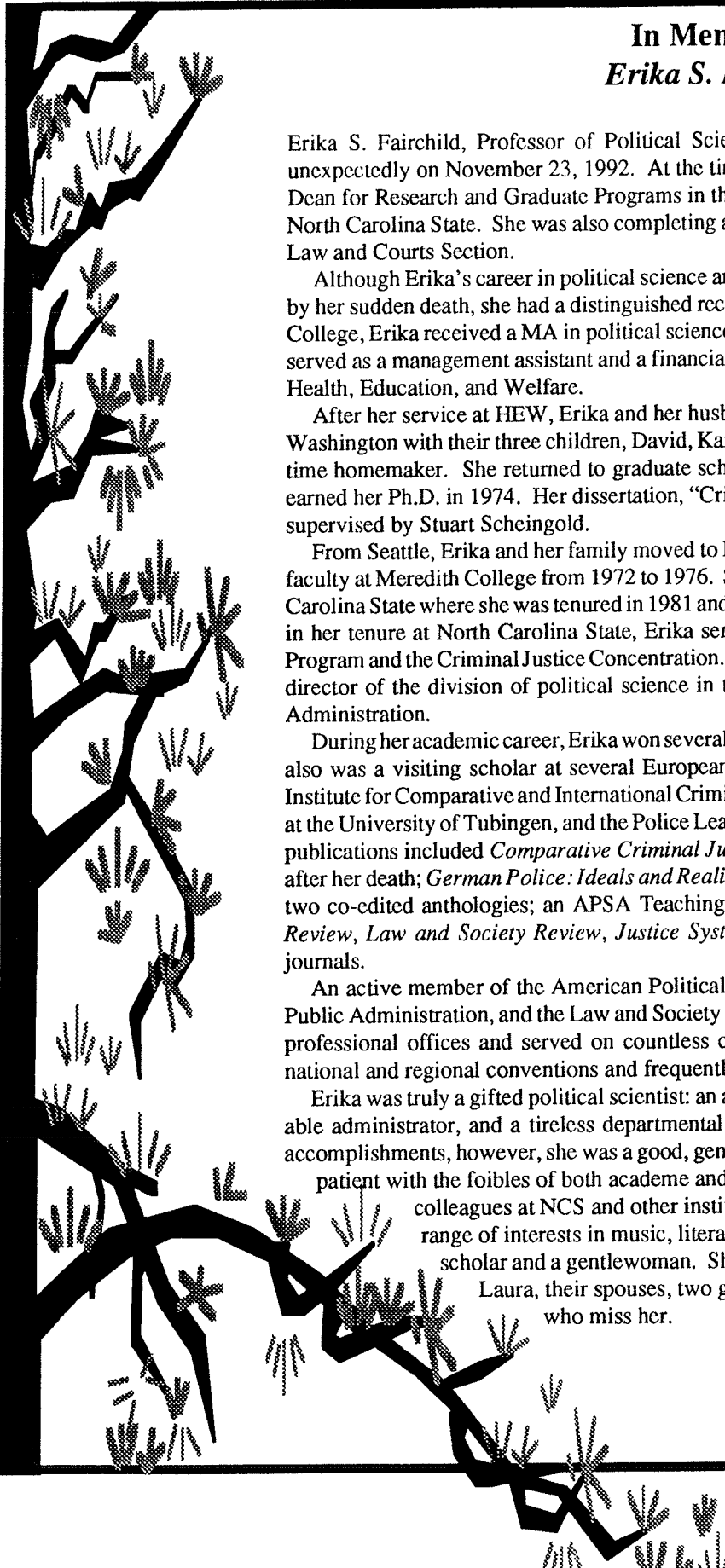
NEW FEATURES FOR LAW AND POLITICS BOOK REVIEW

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Please send your comments and suggestions to the editor: **Herbert Jacob**, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60201 (or by e-mail to mzltov@nwu.edu).



In Memoriam Erika S. Fairchild

Erika S. Fairchild, Professor of Political Science at North Carolina State University, died unexpectedly on November 23, 1992. At the time of her death, Erika was serving as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at North Carolina State. She was also completing a term on the Executive Committee of the APSA Law and Courts Section.

Although Erika's career in political science and higher education administration was cut short by her sudden death, she had a distinguished record. A 1953 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Hunter College, Erika received a MA in political science from Yale University in 1955. Afterwards, she served as a management assistant and a financial management analyst in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

After her service at HEW, Erika and her husband, the late Glenn Fairchild, moved to Seattle, Washington with their three children, David, Karen, and Laura. For eight years, Erika was a full-time homemaker. She returned to graduate school at the University of Washington where she earned her Ph.D. in 1974. Her dissertation, "Crime and Politics: A Study in Three Prisons" was supervised by Stuart Scheingold.

From Seattle, Erika and her family moved to Raleigh, North Carolina where she served on the faculty at Meredith College from 1972 to 1976. She then received a faculty appointment at North Carolina State where she was tenured in 1981 and promoted to professor in 1988. At various times in her tenure at North Carolina State, Erika served as director of the Master of Public Affairs Program and the Criminal Justice Concentration. She also served as assistant department head and director of the division of political science in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

During her academic career, Erika won several Fulbright Awards for research and teaching. She also was a visiting scholar at several European universities. These included the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Criminal Law in Freiburg, the Institute of Criminology at the University of Tübingen, and the Police Leadership Academy in Münster-Hiltrup. Her many publications included *Comparative Criminal Justice Systems* published by Brooks/Cole shortly after her death; *German Police: Ideals and Reality in the Postwar Years* (Charles Thomas, 1988); two co-edited anthologies; an APSA Teaching Module, and articles in *Public Administration Review*, *Law and Society Review*, *Justice System Journal*, *Policy Studies Journal*, and other journals.

An active member of the American Political Science Association, the American Society for Public Administration, and the Law and Society Association, among others, Erika held numerous professional offices and served on countless committees. She regularly presented papers at national and regional conventions and frequently reviewed books for journals and reviews.

Erika was truly a gifted political scientist: an accomplished scholar, an outstanding teacher, an able administrator, and a tireless departmental and university citizen. More than all of these accomplishments, however, she was a good, gentle, and decent person. Generous of her time and patient with the foibles of both academe and academics, she helped many junior and senior colleagues at NCS and other institutions. With a quick and keen wit and a wide range of interests in music, literature, and languages, she was in every sense a scholar and a gentlewoman. She is survived by her children, David, Karen, and Laura, their spouses, two grandsons, and countless friends and colleagues who miss her.

Susette M. Talarico
University of Georgia

STANFORD HUMANITIES CENTER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Stanford Humanities Center** is hosting a three-year fellowship program in cooperation with the Stanford Law School to bring together scholars in legal humanities. The Center seeks proposals from scholars wishing to pursue research on theories of interpretation, intention, narrative, and human agency in law and humanities, especially as these affect subordinated populations. Two residential fellowships of up to \$30,000 will be awarded annually. Stipends are intended to complement sabbatical credits and other fellowship support. In addition to the stipend, fellows will be provided with a moving allowance and housing subsidy. Fellowships are open to candidates with degrees in law, and advanced degrees in the humanities and interpretive social sciences, whose objective during their residency is to pursue original book-length projects that hold promise of significant contribution to legal humanities scholarship. For application form and more information contact: **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA 94305. ph 415-723-3052; fax 415-723-1895.

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OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Each year, the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association sponsors a competition for the best paper written by a graduate student in the areas of public law or the judicial process, broadly defined. Nominations of papers that may be eligible for consideration for this award are now in order. Papers may be sponsored by individual faculty members, or by departments or other appropriate entities, or may be submitted directly by the students themselves, and should be accompanied by a cover letter explaining how the paper came to be written.

In order to be eligible for the award, the paper must be on a topic relating to public law or the judicial process, and must have been completed between January 1, 1992, and July 1, 1993, by a person who was at that time a full-time graduate student in political science. Co-authored papers are eligible, but each author must have been a full-time graduate student when the paper was written. Papers

submitted should be of a length normally considered appropriate for meeting the requirements of a graduate seminar (this is *not* a dissertation competition), but need not have been written as a seminar paper.

This year's Award Committee is made up of Dean Alfange, Jr., University of Massachusetts, Chair; Gary Jacobsohn, Williams College; and James Magee, University of Delaware.

Papers to be submitted **promptly** for consideration should be sent in three copies to **Dean Alfange, Jr., Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003**.

The winner of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Courts Section at the American Political Science Association convention in Washington, DC, September 2-5, 1993.

CALL FOR PAPERS

NEW YORK POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

The **48th Annual New York State Political Science Association** meeting is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **April 22-23, 1994** in Albany, NY. Those interested in participating — presenting papers, chairing panels, or serving as discussants — should contact **Leon Halpert**, Vice President and Program Chair or the Judicial Process and Law Chair listed below. The deadline for submitting proposals is **November 19, 1993**. Prizes will be awarded for the best professional (academic or practitioner) and graduate student papers. **VP/Program Chair:** Leon Halpert; Department of Political Science; Loudonville, NY 12211-1462; (518) 783-2325/2326. **Judicial Process and Law:** Peter Galie; Department of Political Science; Canisius College; Buffalo, NY; (716) 888-2699.

**SUPREME COURT DATABASE
TOPIC OF SHORT COURSE AT
AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association will hold a short course on Wednesday, September 1, 1993 at 1 pm on using and abusing data in the study of law and courts. The short course will be in two parts. The first half will provide a hands-on demonstration of existing U.S. Supreme Court databases, including the United States Supreme Court Judicial Database (ICPSR 9422) and a newly-compiled one which integrates the Judicial Database with information on *amicus curiae* participants, parties and values and opinions. Participants can expect to learn about the contents of the databases and how to use them for research and classroom purposes. Harold Spaeth, James Gibson, Lee Epstein, and Charles Johnson will be demonstrating and describing the datasets.

The second part will consist of two roundtable discussions on 1) the assets and deficits of the existing databases and 2) the application of data-based approaches to the study of courts and law. Lawrence Baum, John Brigham, Thomas Church, Michael Giles Leslie Goldstein, Joel Grossman, Ronald Kahn, Susan Lawrence, Lynn Mather and Kim Lane Scheppele among others will facilitate discussion. We hope that graduate students and faculty alike will participate.

If you wish to sign up, please complete the form below.

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**PAPERS PRESENTED AT
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ANNUAL MEETING**

**GETTING ON AND OFF THE BENCH:
JUDICIAL SELECTION PROCESSES
AND THEIR IMPACTS**

"Elections and Judicial Politics in the States" Melinda Gann Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Variation in the Social and Career Characteristics of Court of Appeals Judges: 1891-1992" Deborah J. Barrow and Gerard S. Gryski, Auburn University, Susan Haire, University of South Carolina, and Gary Zuk, Auburn University

"Calling It Quits: Strategic Retirements on the U.S. Court of Appeals" Paul J. Wahlbeck and James F. Spriggs II, Washington University, St. Louis

"Logistic Modeling of Federal District Court Decision-Making: Revisiting the Nexus Between Presidential Appointment and Judicial Policy Making" David A. Crynes, University of Kansas

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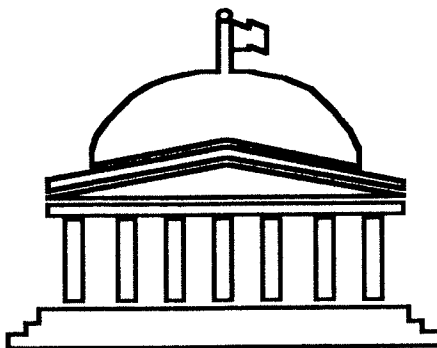
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