

Since the first newsletter was distributed in February, we have gained some forty new members so that now PRG has almost ninety members. Letters I have received indicate that word about the group is being widely disseminated and the exchange it makes possible is warmly welcomed. It is gratifying to report that a larger and more active "college" of presidency scholars exists than we had anticipated. This issue and the previous one show how diversified are research interests. For example, in this issue we have reports on some comparative research on the presidency and chief executives in other countries, as well as research on state governors and their relevance to the presidency.

We announced in the first issue that our group sought to increase the opportunities to report on research on the presidency at the APSA meeting. In addition to two regular panels on the presidency, the following panels were organized by our program committee (Fred Greenstein, Tom Cronin and Stephen Wayne) and will be part of the program at the convention. Your attention is also invited to the current issue of PS:

Lester G. Seligman
University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

PRESIDENCY RESEARCH GROUP PANELS

1979 APSA Meetings

I. Carter's First 1,000 Days: A Leader, For a Change?

Friday

9:00-11:30 am Chairman - Thomas E. Cronin, University of Delaware
Panelists - Tim Schellhardt, White House Correspondent,
Wall Street Journal
James MacGregor Burns, Williams College
Martin Tolchin, New York Times
James David Barber, Duke University

II. The New Presidential Nominating Process

Friday

2:00-4:30 pm Chairman - Austin Ranney, AEI
Participants - "The Entry Problem in a Political Race,"
Steven J. Brams, New York University and
Philip D. Straffin, Jr., Beloit College
"Coalition-building in the Primaries,"
Jeff Fishel, American University
"The Changing Roles of the News Media,"
Donald R. Matthews, University of Washington*

III. The President and the Media

Saturday

2:00-4:30 pm

Chairman - Dom Bonafede, National Journal
 Papers - "Presidential Press Conferences: Who Hides,
 and When?" William W. Lammers, USC
 "Milton's Army: The White House Press Corps,"
 Martha Komar and Michael Grossman, Towson State
 Discussants - Andrew Glass, Washington Bureau Chief,
 Cos Newspapers*
 Jerald F. ter Horst, Detroit News

IV. Studying the Presidency

Sunday

1:00-11:30 am.

Chairman - Stephen J. Wayne, George Washington University
 Papers - "Political Scientists in Presidential Libraries:
 How Not To Be a Stranger in a Strange Land,"
 Larry Berman, University of California (Davis)
 Participants - "The Do's and Don'ts of Interviewing,"
 Dom Bonafede, National Journal
 "Information Sources on the Presidency,"
 Jennifer Brandt, Director, White House
 and EXOP Information Center
 "The Quantitative Study of the Presidency,"
 George Edwards, III, Texas A & M University

V. Advising the President

Sunday

2:00-4:30 pm

Chairman - Fred I. Greenstein, Princeton University
 Papers - "Academicians as Advisers," David Naveh,
 Ben Gurion University of the Negev*
 "Presidential Advisory Circles: Towards a Theory
 of Recruitment," Margaret J. Wyszomirski,
 Douglass College, Rutgers University
 "Nixon and the Economy," Elaine Wolfson,
 New York, N.Y.
 Discussants - Edward D. Feigenbaum, Indiana University
 Francis Rourke, The Johns Hopkins University

VI. Ongoing Presidency Research: A Roundtable

Sunday

4:30-7:00 pm

Chairman - Lester G. Seligman, University of Illinois
 (Champaign-Urbana)

All individuals currently doing research on the Presidency are invited to participate. Following the roundtable, there will be an organizational meeting of the Presidency Research Group and a social gathering.

As our program indicates, we are attempting to bring together journalists and political scientists, and to provide occasions for exchanges about our common research interests. In addition, the roundtable session will enable us to identify our common interests and help us identify the paradigms that underlie

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Gerald Wright, The Director of Political Science, in The NSF has written to us asking why he has not received any research proposals concerning the Presidency. "I do not know why presidential scholars have not considered NSF as a potential source for support, but I hope that is not due to any misperceptions that the Program is not receptive to good theoretical and empirical work on presidential behavior and decisionmaking." Some misconceptions have existed that NSF awards grants only to projects that employ sophisticated quantitative methodologies. Wright assures us that this is not so. In all cases, the methodological criteria for evaluation of projects take into account the problems of access and types of data available.

Interested scholars are invited to get in touch with Dr. Wright, Program Director Political Science, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550. Phone: (202) 632-4348.

Russell Sage Foundation Dr. Byron Shaffer, the Director of the Institutions program of the Russell Sage Foundation, has asked that we publicize among presidency scholars the possibilities for research support under that program. "The Institutions" program is intended to stimulate research on the ways in which formal rules and organizational structures affect the functioning of these institutions, and on the way this relationship, in turn, affects the congruence between public wishes and the content of public policy. Accordingly, research which falls within this program will ordinarily begin with a consideration of the internal structure of one or more of these institutions, i.e. its organizations, its rules, and its operating procedures. Interested members should write for a copy of this pamphlet which elaborates on the "Institutions" program of research and for the Russell Sage Foundation pamphlet entitled "Request for Research Proposals". Address: Dr. Byron Shaffer, Russell Sage Foundation, 230 Park Ave., New York, New York 10017.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Murray Havens, Chairperson at Texas Tech., reports that his research interests include presidential responsibility and accountability, electoral politics of the presidency and presidential relations with Congress and the Bureaucracy.

Raymond L. Chambers, Bainbridge Junior College of the University System of Georgia, is investigating how the concept of presidential power can be operationalized and measured.

Steven A. Shull, University of New Orleans, has published a book entitled The Presidency: An Analytical and Policy Perspective. (King's Court, 1979). His paper with Lance Le Loup entitled "Congress vs. The Executive: The Two Presidencies' Revisited" appeared in the March 1979 issue of Social Science Quarterly.

CURRENT RESEARCH (Continued)

Robert Locander, North Harris County College, Houston, Texas, has been conducting research on the Presidency, the Press and the Public.

Harold F. Bass, Jr. of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas is interested in president-political party relations and presidential staffing.

Robert J. Spitzer, Cornell University, has been engaged in research applying Lewis typology of the arenas of power to presidential legislative proposals to Congress from 1954-74.

Dr. Harold Relyea, Library of Congress, has recently completed two Congressionally sponsored studies on Presidential emergency powers. He is working on a monograph that reviews Executive Branch Administrative structure for dealing with economic emergencies from World War II to date.

Roger Brown, a Ph.D. student at Johns Hopkins, is conducting a study entitled "Partisanship and Party Leadership in the Contemporary Presidency." The study provides an historical overview of the ways in which all Presidents have exercised party leadership and describes in detail the party-related activities of Presidents from John F. Kennedy through Jimmy Carter.

Stephen Wayne, George Washington University, is completing a text on presidential elections, that will stress the recent changes in rules, finances and media coverage, and the strategy and tactics of nomination and elections. The book will be published by St. Martin's Press.

Alexander George, Stanford University, is doing research on domestic constraints on foreign policy: more specifically, on crises prevention in U.S.-Soviet Relations. The latter is supported by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. His book entitled "Presidential Decision Making in Foreign Policy" will soon appear, published by Westview Press.

Henry J. Mery, Professor Emeritus of Purdue University, now residing in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is particularly interested in the relationship of the Presidency and Congress and the bureaucracy. His "Constitutional Function of Presidential-Administrative Separation" was published at the University Press of America in 1978.

Bruce Miroff, SUNY at Albany, is developing a new critical approach to the Presidency with emphasis on the economic, sociological and symbolic dimensions of presidential politics.

Elijah Ben-Zion Kaminsky, Arizona State University, is interested in comparative analysis of the French and American Presidencies. He is working on a monograph on the subject.

Fran Burke, Graduate School, Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts, is exploring the administrative influence of Presidents and Governors as it is exercised through small informal groups, as well as cabinets. In addition, Professor Burke is tracing political and economic issues enunciated by various administrations through this Executive Offices.

