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ITP Membership Update

Well, at this writing, we have good news and bad news. At one point recently, the ITP membership was 252. Congratulations! However, we have since slipped below the magic number to 244 at last count. As you well know by now, APSA rules call for dissolving a section in the membership stays below 250 for 4 straight quarters. The editor of this page nonetheless still believes that we can and must do a better job promoting and growing the section over time.

New Member Drive Continues (A Chance to Win an iPod!!!)

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a 1-page form. This is for tracking the names of the individuals that you encourage to actually sign up for the ITP section between January 15 and August 1, 2005. Dues are only \$5 for members. We will award a new iPod to the individual who recruits the greatest number of new members during this period. APSA members can join or renew section memberships at:
<http://snipurl.com/98r3>.

2nd Call for Nominations for the 2005 Section Awards

The ITP section of the APSA, in association with The Haworth Press, Inc., and *The Journal of E-Government*, is pleased to issue a second, extended call for nominations for awards to be presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Any active member of the ITP section can nominate a paper or web site to

receive an award. To nominate a paper or article (send an electronic or hard copy) or a web site (send a url), to Dr. Stuart Shulman (Shulman@pitt.edu) **no later than July 1, 2005**. The nominations should include a brief letter laying out why the nominee should receive an award. We have very few nominations so far, though there must be good candidates out there. Please send me your nominations.

The Best Graduate Student Paper in ITP

Recognizes the best, sole-authored, conference paper written by a political science graduate student working in the area of information technology and politics. The competition is for the current year's papers (presented at a political science conference in the calendar year 2004). The winner will receive a certificate and a check for the cost of one year's membership in the APSA and the ITP section.

The Best Published Article in ITP

Recognizes the best scholarly article published about information technology and politics. The contest is limited to articles published in the calendar year 2004. The winner will receive a certificate and a check for the cost of one year's membership in the APSA and the ITP section.

The Best Instructional Political Science Website Award

Recognizes the Website with the best instructional value for teaching political science. The winner will receive a certificate and a check for the cost of one year's membership in the APSA and the ITP section.

The Best Research Software Award

Recognizes work in software, other than statistical software, by a member of APSA, which best contributes to the furtherance of research in the field. The winner will receive a certificate and a check for the cost of one year's membership in the APSA and the ITP section.

Member in the Spotlight: Jeff Hart

Jeff Hart, Professor of Political Science at Indiana University, Bloomington, where he has taught international politics and international political economy since 1981, has volunteered to be webmaster for the ISA's International Political Economy Section. The web site is located at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~ipe/ipesection>. ITP members may find interesting links to scholars who are working on ITP issues and other useful sites by exploring this web site. Jeff recently wrote the forthcoming chapter "[The G8 and the Governance of Cyberspace](#)," in Michele Fratianni, John J. Kirton, Alan M. Rugman, and Paolo Savona (eds.), *New Perspectives on the G8* (Burlington, Vt.: Ashgate, 2005). Jeff recently scanned his published book chapters and journal articles on HDTV and DTV

and you can now access them via his curriculum vitae at:

<http://mypage.iu.edu/~hartj/shortcv.html>

Member in the Spotlight: Bob Brookshire

Long-time ITP stalwart Bob Brookshire has joined the University of South Carolina as professor and director of the Technology Support and Training Management program. This program provides students with coursework in computer networking, database management, web development, and the design and delivery of corporate training. Congratulations Bob!

New and Forthcoming Publications by ITP Members

Lori A. Brainard, "Television Policy: Economic v. Content Regulation and Deregulation" in Focus on Law Studies (American Bar Association) Vol XX, no. 1 (Fall 2004). The issue is on media and regulation so the issue as a whole may be of interest to the ITP list readers. It can be found in PDF online at:

<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/focus/fall04.pdf>

Cheryl Schonhardt-Bailey, "Measuring Ideas More Effectively: An Analysis of Bush and Kerry's National Security Speeches," accepted for publication in PS: Political Science and Politics.

Cheryl Schonhardt-Bailey, *Interests, Ideas and Institutions: Repeal of the Corn Laws Re-told* (a book manuscript, forthcoming 2006, MIT Press)

2005. "Analyzing the Representativeness of Internet Political Participation." Samuel Best and Brian Krueger. *Political Behavior*. 27:183-216.

2004. Review of R. Michael Alvarez and Thad E. Hall, *Point Click, and Vote: The Future of Internet Voting* and Robert J. Klotz, *The Politics of Internet Communication*, Brian Krueger. *Perspectives on Politics*. 2:586-588.

2004. *Internet Data Collection*. Samuel Best and Brian Krueger. Sage: Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences.

In June, AtomicDog (<http://www.atomicdogpublishing.com>) is publishing *American Government: Strategies and Outcomes* by Stephen Frantzich, and Stephen Percy, Ph.D. This comprehensive and interactive text can be purchased at significant savings in hard copy and/or online versions. The online version attempts to go beyond the "electronic page turner" approach and use the technology to engage students using polling, simulations and visual animation of concepts.

New Funded Research by a Bentley Team

A proposal titled "Technical, Political, Organizational and Financial Issues in Cross-boundary Information Sharing: Lessons Learned in Five e-Government Cases," was

recently funded by the IBM Center for the Business of Government. This research study will document and assess the data sharing issues and lessons learned in designing and operating multi-jurisdictional public sector e-government collaborations. The focus of the analysis will be an analysis of technical, financial, political, and organizational challenges across public sector collaborations. Drawing upon interviews and secondary analysis of five carefully selected case examples, our report will provide insights and generally applicable principles for the design and governance of effective cross-boundary data sharing across a broad range of inter-governmental collaborations. The study will be conducted by a multidisciplinary research team: Christine B. Williams, Professor of Government , Jane Fedorowicz, Professor and Rae D. Anderson Chair of Accounting and Information Systems and Janis L. Gogan, Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems, all of Bentley College. All are active researchers within The Bentley Invision Project (www.bentleyinvision.org).

ITP Recruitment Contest Entry Form

Rules: ITP members are encouraged to identify and recruit new dues-paying members of the ITP organized section of the American Political Science Association between January 15 and August 1, 2005. Please list the names and email addresses of each successful recruit below. Submit this contest entry form to Stuart Shulman, UCSUR, 121 University Place, Suite 600, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 by August 20, 2005. Whoever recruits the largest number of new members to the section will be given a new iPod as a grand prize at the 2005 APSA ITP business meeting. Everyone else gets the satisfaction of keeping the section alive! Pledges to join will not be counted; only verifiable new members that show up on the APSA database. Please reproduce this form as needed and good luck with your outreach!

Your Name: _____
Your E-mail: _____

I Claim to Have Successfully Recruited the Following New ITP Members:

Name: _____
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APSA members can join or renew section memberships at: <http://snipurl.com/98r3>.