



AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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Greetings from the Fellowship Director



I'm pleased to send you this newsletter and share our latest updates from the Congressional Fellowship Program. The 63rd class of Congressional Fellows assembled in Washington, DC, in November to begin the fellowship year, and they have just completed their orientation on Congress and the legislative process. This intensive one-month orientation program—which draws on the expertise of a broad range of speakers, including many Congressional Fellowship Program alumni—is one of the many features that makes the Congressional Fellowship Program special. More details on the orientation are below. This second-to-none introduction to Congress is followed

by ongoing enrichment opportunities throughout the year, from our Wilson Seminar Series to our study trips to Ottawa and Annapolis. I look forward to providing updates on these forthcoming activities in our next newsletter and sharing how these other unique features of the program enhance the fellowship experience. In the meantime, I hope we'll stay in touch in other ways. As always, please do not hesitate to email me at kabramson@apsanet.org or call me at (202) 483-2520.

Welcome to Our 2015-2016 Fellows

We are delighted to welcome our 2015-2016 class of Fellows. Like their predecessors, this year's Fellows represent a diverse array of professional experiences. Please see the roster below to learn more about the Fellows and their backgrounds. This year's class includes a few firsts, including our first Fellow sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, an American non-profit and non-partisan institution devoted to research, analysis, and better understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship. In addition, we are pleased to note that the Health and Aging Policy Fellows class this year includes Fellows from two new categories of the fellowship, one category that focuses on health and aging policy issues at the global level and one that focuses on the same issues at the community level.

This year's orientation guided the Fellows through the workings of Congress via a broad lineup of lectures and training. Fellows continued to benefit from the expertise of the Congressional Research Service through intensive training on the structure of Congress and on the legislative process. Other lectures during the orientation examined the role of Congress in foreign policy, polarization in Congress, avenues for bipartisanship, the oversight process, the changing media landscape in Washington, and the relationship between executive branch agencies and Congress, to name just a few. We also continued to combine classroom study with field trips to think tanks and media outlets, a visit to the Supreme Court to hear oral arguments, and a tour of the Capitol.

Now Recruiting for the 2016-2017 Fellowship Year!

We are now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 fellowship year. At the same time we reach out to highlight the recruiting cycle, we also are grateful for the support of our alumni in encouraging potential candidates to apply. Interested candidates for fellowships for political scientists, journalists, and communications scholars can learn more about the program and access the fellowship application on the CFP webpage at www.apsanet.org/cfp. Applications are due December 20.

We are pleased to announce a new feature starting with this recruiting cycle. Prospective political scientist Fellows now may apply through the Congressional Fellowship Program application form to spend up to two months at the APSA Centennial Center carrying out a research project on legislative studies in advance of the main fellowship year. Supported by the William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies, this option to precede the fellowship year with a period of research offers an additional enrichment opportunity to the fellowship experience. See below for information on opportunities for alumni also available through the Steiger Fund.

William A. Steiger Fund

Just as incoming Fellows may benefit from the William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies, members of the alumni community also may apply for research support from the fund. The William A. Steiger Fund, which is part of the APSA Centennial Center, recognizes the contributions Representative Steiger (R-WI) made to APSA's Congressional Fellowship Program during his tenure in Congress. Alumni may use the fund to conduct research or complete a writing project related to their experiences as Congressional Fellows. The fund also supports scholars engaged in teaching and research in any aspect of domestic or international legislative politics. Funds can be applied to the costs of research, including travel, interviews, access to archives, or costs for a research assistant. Visit the Centennial Center webpage at <http://www.apsanet.org/centennial> to apply for research support or to contribute to the fund. If you would like additional information about the fund or have questions about submitting an application, please contact Connie Sinclair, coordinator for research and development, at csinclair@apsanet.org or (202) 349-9357.

Jeff Biggs Honored with Walter Beach Pi Sigma Alpha Award at September Ceremony

As we reported in our summer newsletter, in June the National Capital Area Political Science Association named Jeff Biggs (CFP 1984-1985) as the 2015 recipient of the Walter Beach Pi Sigma Alpha Award. Jeff was formally honored with the award this September at an event held at the American Political Science Association headquarters. Jeff directed the Congressional Fellowship Program from 1997 to 2014, and the award recognizes his "substantial contribution to strengthen the relationship between political science and public service." The award is named after Walter Beach, a founding member of NCAPSA who also served as a director of the Congressional Fellowship Program.



At the September award ceremony, NCAPSA President Matt Green noted, "Jeff is a rare breed: someone who is a scholar, has worked in government service for many years, and spent nearly two decades bringing together hundreds of young scholars and policy-makers, contributing to the professional development of both." Dr. Green shared tributes from CFP alumni, who spoke of Jeff's guidance on the fellowship and his expertise on Congress. In his own remarks, Jeff noted that the honor of receiving the award "is augmented by the many friends, colleagues, and former fellows who have preceded me in receiving this award and who played their own significant roles in the fellowship."

CFP is on LinkedIn!

Connect to alumni, friends, and Fellows through the Congressional Fellowship Program's LinkedIn group, available at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8209679/profile>. You also can find the group through the American Political Science Association LinkedIn page.

Articles in PS and New Publications

Our latest articles in *PS: Political Science & Politics* come from two political scientist Fellows. Laura Blessing's (CFP 2014-2015) article, published in the October issue of *PS*, addresses "Practice and Theory: How Experiencing the Political Process Can Inform Scholarship." Ian Ostrander's (CFP 2012-2013) work in the July issue describes "The Value of Time in the US Senate: A Fellow's Perspective on Obstruction." The articles are available on the CFP webpage.

The past year also saw the publication of several books by our alumni. Publications from 2015 include:

James M. Curry (CFP 2011-2012), *Legislating in the Dark: Information and Power in the House of Representatives* (University of Chicago Press, 2015).

Kelly Dittmar (CFP 2011-2012), *Navigating Gendered Terrain: Stereotypes and Strategy in Political Campaigns* (Temple University Press, 2015).

Lee Drutman (CFP 2009-2010), *The Business of America is Lobbying: How Corporations Became Politicized and Politics Became More Corporate* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Michael T. Heaney (CFP 2007-2008) and Fabio Rojas, *Party in the Street: The Antiwar Movement and the Democratic Party after 9/11* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

Colleen J. Shogan (CFP 2005-2006), *Stabbing in the Senate* (Camel Press, 2015).

Costas Panagopoulos (CFP 2004-2005) and Aaron Weinschenk, *A Citizen's Guide to U.S. Elections: Empowering Democracy in America* (Routledge, 2015).

Artemus Ward (CFP 2002-2003), Christopher Brough, and Robert Arnold, *Historical Dictionary of the U.S. Supreme Court* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2015).

Pamela C. Corley, Artemus Ward (CFP 2002-2003), and Wendy L. Martinek, *American Judicial Process: Myth and Reality in Law and Courts* (Routledge, 2015).

John S. Klemanski, David A. Dulio (CFP 2001-2002), and Michael Switalski, *Campaigns from the Ground Up: State House Elections in a National Context* (Paradigm Publishers, 2015).

Earnestine Willis (CFP 1989-1990), ed., *Pediatric Prevention* (Elsevier, 2015).

John J. Pitney Jr. (CFP 1983-1984), *The Politics of Autism: Navigating The Contested Spectrum* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2015).

James A. Thurber (CFP 1973-1974) and Antoine Yoshinaka, eds., *American Gridlock: The Sources, Character, and Impact of Political Polarization* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

Charles S. Bullock III (CFP 1971-1972), Scott E. Buchanan, and Ronald Keith Gaddie, *The Three Governors Controversy: Skullduggery, Machinations, and the Decline of Georgia's Progressive Politics* (University of Georgia Press, 2015).

Loch K. Johnson (CFP 1969-1970), *A Season of Inquiry Revisited: The Church Committee Confronts America's Spy Agencies* (University Press of Kansas, 2015).

Clarence N. Stone (CFP 1966-1967) and Robert P. Stoker, *Urban Neighborhoods in a New Era: Revitalization Politics in the Postindustrial City* (University of Chicago Press, 2015).

Fellowship Support

We are grateful for the continuing support that alumni and friends have provided to the Congressional Fellowship Program. As you plan your giving for the coming year, please consider a contribution to the program. Tax-deductible contributions help sustain and grow our number of fellowship enrichment programs and also support tuition for the Johns Hopkins SAIS Foreign Affairs Seminar for political science and journalism Fellows with an international focus. Please visit the APSA website to donate online. Checks to the APSA Congressional Fellowship Fund may be sent to: American Political Science Association, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

2015-2016 APSA Congressional Fellows

POLITICAL SCIENTISTS

Brian Alexander, PhD – George Mason University

Gene Gerzhoy, PhD – Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School

Lisa Hager, PhD Candidate – Kent State University

Nicholas Howard, PhD – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Travis Johnston, PhD Candidate – University of California, Berkeley

Mark Owens, PhD – Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Tyler

Nathan Paxton, PhD – Professorial Lecturer, American University

Thomas Ringenberg, PhD – Visiting Assistant Professor, Rockhurst University

JOURNALIST

Joel Walsh – *Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

APSA-MCI COMMUNICATIONS FELLOWSHIP

Justin Brown, PhD – Assistant Professor, School of Mass Communications, University of South Florida

AMERICAN AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Stephen Dietz – Legal Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

ASIA FOUNDATION

Nattamon Punbhochar – Second Secretary, Department of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand

HEALTH & AGING POLICY FELLOWS

Non-Residential

Julie Bobitt, PhD – Program Coordinator and Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Megan Christensen – Assistant Chief and Clinical Nutrition Manager, Nutrition and Food Service, Veterans Affairs Salt Lake City Health Care System

Jamie Davis, PhD – Staff Psychologist, Mental Health Clinical Center, Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System

Tamara Harris, MD – Chief, Interdisciplinary Studies of Aging Section, Intramural Research Program, National Institute on Aging

Robert Ferguson, MPH – Director of Government Grants and Policy, Jewish Healthcare Foundation

Teri Kennedy, MSW, PhD – Director, Office of Gerontological & Interprofessional Initiatives, School of Social Work, Arizona State University

Jamie Kuhne, MSW – Chief of Geriatrics and Extended Care, Columbus Veterans Affairs Ambulatory Care Center

Jacquelyn Kung, MBA, DrPH – Principal, Atruya Strategies, Co-Founder at ClearCare Online

Hillary Lum, MD, PhD – Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine, University of Colorado

Rebecca Mabe, MSW – Mental Health Supervisory Social Worker, Salt Lake City Veterans Affairs Health Care System

Gina McCaskill, MSW, MPA, PhD – Fellow in Advanced Geriatrics, Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Hiral Shah, MD – Global Mental Health Scholar, Department of Neurology, Neurological Institute, Columbia University Medical Center

Residential

Julie Carter, JD – Irmas Fellow, Justice in Aging

Stephanie Firestone – Director, Livable Communities, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Sarah Khasawinah, PhD – Research Analyst, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Aditi Sen, PhD – The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Latrice Vinson, MPH, PhD – Mental Illness Research and Treatment Advanced Fellow, Veterans Affairs Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care Services, Baltimore Veterans Affairs Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE FELLOWS

Christopher Burdick – Assistant Director, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Randy Cartwright – Inspector, Central Intelligence Agency

Shannon Dorsey – Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State

La Rissa Ferrell – Security Officer, Central Intelligence Agency

Ryan Matheny – Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State

Brian McCuen, PhD – Analyst, Central Intelligence Agency

Clayton Swope – Branch Chief, Central Intelligence Agency

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS

David Keahey, PA-C, MSPH – Associate Professor (Clinical), University of Utah School of Medicine, Physician Assistant Program, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine

Robert Mabry, MD – Director of Trauma Care Delivery, Department of Defense Trauma Center of Excellence, Fort Sam

Dayna Matthew, JD – Professor, University of Colorado Law School and School of Public Health

Thomas Mayes MD, MBA – Chair, Pediatrics Department, the University of Texas Health Science Center

Jeanette Roberts, MPH, PhD – Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy

Y. Claire Wang, MD, ScD – Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION USA

Yushi Alex Saito – Associate, The Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, Japan

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND – MARK HATFIELD FELLOW

Maria M. Givens – Legislative Assistant and Youth Outreach Coordinator, National Indian Health Board