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One of the important functions of the Section is to recognize the superb scholarship produced in the field of legislative studies. I know that there a record number of high-quality nominations. I am not at liberty to announce the next set of winners here, but I want to thank our fifteen colleagues who comprise the awards committees:□

- Fenno Prize for the best book in legislative studies: Diana Evans, Andrew Taylor, and William Bianco.
- CQ Press award for the best paper presented at the annual meeting: Tracy Sulkin, Nolan McCarty, and Bruce Oppenheimer.
- Carl Albert doctoral dissertation award: Gail McElroy, Robert Van Houweling, and Scott Adler.
- The Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best LSQ paper: Forrest Maltzman, Scott Mainwaring, and Kathryn Pearson.
- The Alan Rosenthal Prize for the best work by a junior scholar with value to legislative practitioners: Stephen Frantzich, Gary Moncrief, and David Canon.

Our Section has a partnership with *Legislative Studies Quarterly* that gives dues-paying members an inexpensive subscription to the journal. At the time we entered into the arrangement, we were concerned that the required increase in membership dues to accommodate the subscription would lead to a drop in membership. After more than a full year of registrations at the new price, we have experienced a drop from about 620 to 540, but the membership loss appears to have leveled off. The new equilibrium puts a little strain on our budget for the Newsletter and scholarship awards.

With the help of the APSA staff, I wrote former section members who did not renew their membership during the past year. I received only a handful of responses, but they reported that the cost of the new dues led them to drop their membership. We will continue to monitor this closely as we continue through our two-year trial period for the arrangement.

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Book Notes

Committee Assignment Politics in the U.S. House of Representatives, Scott A. Frisch and Sean Q. Kelly, University of Oklahoma Press, 2006, ISBN 0806137207, \$55.00, cloth, 416 pages.

Committee Assignment Politics in the U.S. House of Representatives is an empirical powerhouse of a book about the factors that determine how Members of Congress are placed on standing committees. Frisch and Kelly tackle a critical question of power in legislative organization and decision-making. After all, the heart of a legislature is its committee system. Committees are where policy is crafted and where members can impact the content of bills. Moreover, since some committees are more desirable than others, there is a scarcity of prestige slots for the membership of 435 members. How does the process of assigning members to committees work and what factors explain outcomes? To answer these questions, the authors traveled far and wide to access the archived papers of former members and gather what is by far the most systematic body of evidence on committee assignments. Prior to this landmark work, scholars often inferred members' desires by correlating typologies of committees with assumptions about member motivations. Moreover, everyone studied the Democrats, who were typically in the majority, and not the Republicans. Frisch and Kelly fix virtually all of the empirical shortcomings in the literature. They furnish evidence that includes member requests *and* committee assignment outcomes, and they have full analyses for *both* political parties. Perhaps more important than this gargantuan set of committee assignment data, by having their conceptual house very much in order, the authors furnish a thorough theoretical framework with which to analyze all the evidence.

Chapter 1 begins with an interesting case example about Congressman Henry Waxman of California and the initial committee requests he made to Speaker Carl Albert. As Waxman's motivations did not track with traditionally salient issues of his constituency, but rather with his own interest in making good policy, the authors use the case to bring into question the scholarly conventional wisdom that members seek assignments with reelection foremost in their minds. They adeptly follow up the case with a discussion of member motivations and then logically proceed to present their theoretical framework. The balanced framework incorporates explanations from distributive, informational and partisan theory. Chapter 1 finishes with a description of the research design, which is wide-ranging and suitable for testing the framework. In chapter 2, the authors provide an historical analysis of committee assignment politics over the last 50 years, with special attention paid to the Republican process ignored by previous researchers.

Chapters 3 through 5 examine committee assignments from the standpoint of members and their requests. In chapter 3, the authors conduct a content analysis of request letters submitted by members. They find that the preponderant motivations for members are making good public policy and ambition within the chamber. Chapter 4 utilizes quantitative analysis to assess the relationship between constituency and committee assignments. In chapter 5, the authors rely on interviews with members to analyze their beliefs about the process and the strategies they use to get what they want.

In chapters 6 through 9, Frisch and Kelly examine committee assignments from the standpoint of the leaders who make the decisions on the assignments. In chapter 6, they analyze the role that the party leadership plays in the process. They find differences in approach between the two major parties and between individual leaders as well. Chapter 7 creatively examines the factions that exist in the Republican Committee on Committees by utilizing individual votes of the committee about member committee assignments. In chapter 8, the authors analyze variation in member success in requests and chapter 9 looks for differences by gender and race.

This book is strong for two main reasons. First, the body of evidence is spectacular. The authors are to be commended for tracking all of this evidence down at countless numbers of congressional archives around the United States (see acknowledgments). The major addition here is the systematic analysis of Republican committee placements as well as Democratic ones. Toward that end, the second main strength of the book is the finding that parties approach committee assignments quite differently. The shortcomings are practically non-existent. As mentioned above, the theoretical framework is nicely thorough. The

downside is that it comes across at first as a “kitchen sink” approach. I was a bit overwhelmed by the figure describing their framework (16), which contains long lists of factors within topical groupings of the committee assignment process. Upon closer reading, however, I learned that some of the lists are beyond the scope of the study and the authors do endeavor to provide some parsimony at least in the coaching of their key findings on party differences. *Committee Assignment Politics* is a book that even the most senior of legislative scholars will learn from and which I highly recommend to all students and scholars of congressional politics.

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Legislative Drafter's Deskbook: A Practical Guide, Tobias A. Dorsey; contributing author: Clint Brass, 2006, TheCapitol.Net, ISBN 1587330156, \$150.00, cloth, 648 pages.

Legislative Drafter's Deskbook: A Practical Guide presents legislative scholars, legislation drafters, and quite frankly anyone interested in the construction of statute with a meticulous exploration of the planning and thought processes that must occur in order for clear, understandable laws to be written. Dorsey accomplishes his desired missions of providing practical advice to drafters and interesting insight to scholars (and normal people) on the drafting process. The author carries the reader on a journey that begins with understanding the essence of “Being a Drafter” and ends with advice on “Working in, and Working with, the Executive Branch.” This work serves as a thoughtful reference guide for drafters, and an intriguing behind the scenes look at the drafting process for the rest of us.

Although this book is written from the perspective of legislative drafting for the United States Congress, it seems mostly generalizable to all forms of legislative drafting. In fact, only the final chapter (“Working in, and Working with, the Executive Branch”) strictly applies to drafting for the Congress. Additionally, only two chapters (chapter 6, Writing Effectively, and chapter 8, Using the Right Style) focus directly on the task of writing legislation. The clear focus of the author’s advice is the various issues a drafter must think about and anticipate in the preparation to draft legislation.

Understanding why and how policies were made (chapter 2), anticipating potential problems and unintended effects (chapters 3, 4, 9), and precise wording and sequencing (chapters 5 and 7) are clearly the topics of emphasis, and seemingly the most important steps in the drafting process. This focus on the mental aspect of drafting, opposed to the physical writing, allows the author to successfully achieve his goal of providing a text that is supplemental to the drafting skills acquired via experience. The discussion provided is not theoretical, but simply advice derived through the exploration of typical drafting projects.

Dorsey’s goal of practicality is illuminated not only via the advisory nature of this work, but through the applicable nature of the appendices. In these sections, Dorsey provides the reader with specific real-life examples of drafting and drafting styles (appendices 4-8, 10, 11), as well as a list of resources that could be useful to drafter’s or curious readers (appendices 1-3, 9). These useful inclusions provide readers with a more detailed peek into the topics presented in the main text, and clearly enhance the value of the previous discussions.

Overall the author produces an informative and effective work that provides readers with a detailed introduction to the thoughtfulness and importance of drafting legislative statutes. This work is so highly informative to someone foreign to the drafting process, that it must also stand a useful daily guide and reminder to actual drafters. *The Legislative Drafter's Deskbook* clearly has a place on the bookshelves of practitioners and scholars alike.

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Party Wars: Polarization and the Politics of National Policy Making, Barbara Sinclair, University of Oklahoma Press, 2006, ISBN 0806137797, \$19.95, paper, 448 pages.

Party Wars: Polarization and the Politics of National Policy Making is the tenth volume in the Julian J. Rothbaum Distinguished Lecture Series, a biennial function of The Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma. Written by Barbara Sinclair, a renowned congressional scholar, *Party Wars* draws upon Sinclair’s hundreds of interviews gathered over numerous experiences on Capitol Hill as well as her other well known research and literature.

Party Wars opens with the strange and bewildering account of Chairman Bill Thomas' "call to the police" and Rep. Pete Stark's "fruitcake" taunt during a Ways and Means Committee meeting in July 2003. This immature, if not humorous, episode seemed to be the perfect juxtaposition with "textbook" Congress of previous decades. After all, this is the *Congress of the United States* here, not a law enforcement-needed emergency!

From this opening vignette, Sinclair provides an historical account of Congress of old, during the days of Rayburn and Martin, when many were lamenting the insipid nature of parties and the need for stronger, more coherent ideologies and cohesion. From there, Sinclair discusses this historically developing partisanship, the sources of the ideological shift to the right by the Republican Party (the growth of right-wing intellectuals and the "religious right"), the growing partisanship within the Democratic caucuses during their forty-year reign, and the growing bombast of the Republican minority. These forces help Sinclair to explain contemporary events: unorthodox lawmaking in both chambers, strained legislative and executive relations, and greater symbols of the nefarious effects of extreme partisanship (greater public relations wars, greater polarization of "the National Political Community").

Much of the ground covered here will be familiar to many within the political science community, and some may be disappointed she does not have more normative recommendations to suggest (especially considering Sinclair *does* disagree with Fiorina and believes the public *is* more divided than he would allow). However, what gives Sinclair's account its distinctiveness is its breadth and depth combined with its readability. Sinclair is not afraid to accessibly use both qualitative and quantitative methods, as well as narrative accounts from other sources to explain this forty-year phenomenon.

Many factors, including DW-nominate scores, the South, redistricting, Republican Party transformations, and the Watergate "freshmen" are all analyzed to measure their impact on the growth of party polarization (surprisingly, Sinclair finds redistricting not to have as much explanatory power as many have thought). Their effects on deliberation are discussed in five out of the last six chapters. Most would agree that the increasing use of filibuster threats and "holds," the bending if not breaking of traditional legislative norms and rules (three hour "fifteen minute" votes), and the increasing use of restrictive rules are not beneficial for legislative processes simply because they reduce information dissemination, comity, trust, and the potential for compromise. But, as Sinclair points out in her conclusion, this status quo does not have to continue to be the norm. Partisanship does *not* have to equal a breakdown in deliberation. After all, as APSA longed for years ago in its well-known report, clearly positioning and articulating parties give voters clear choices and at least make representation a more accurate and accountable process.

Sinclair provides a few deliberative recommendations, but leaves the reader to surmise, because, as she writes, "Democracy, no matter how structured, cannot guarantee good policy outcomes, for any individual or for the polity as a whole, much less ones that we all find pleasing. It does allow us, if we are willing to take the time and make the effort, to exert some influence over those outcomes." Sinclair's work is an excellent account for understanding how current politics evolved to the place it is today. Despite the fact that it simply wastes so much precious time (that could be spent learning, debating, deliberating, compromising, sharing, listening, observing), blind and shallow partisan polarization is a trend that does not appear to be dissipating anytime soon. Nevertheless, we do have "influence over those outcomes." Sinclair's work is a productive place to start in understanding and affecting such outcomes.

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Paul Wellstone: The Life of a Passionate Progressive, Bill Lofy, University of Michigan Press, 2005, ISBN 0472031198, \$19.95, paper, 167 pages.

Paul Wellstone: The Life of a Passionate Progressive is an engaging and fast-paced account of the life and service of former Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN). Wellstone, a political science professor-turned-Senator, was a famous idealist known for his oratory, commitment to principle, and courage in the face of long odds before tragically losing his life in a pre-debate plane crash during his third Senate campaign.

Fortunately, Lofy, who had met one of Wellstone's sons in college and ended up working for the Senator a total of five years over the course of a decade, provides a full portrait of the sometimes-too-impulsive former collegiate wrestler-turned-advocate of "conflict" and "organizing the disenfranchised" (taken from the work of Saul Alinsky, author of the 1971 work, *Rules for Radicals*). Lofy recounts the details of how Wellstone learned much from his ill-conceived 1982 run for State Auditor and from his initial willingness to buck senatorial courtesies and plain politeness during his early days and months in the Senate (the picture is included of Wellstone giving icy-stared Vice-President Quayle an audio tape of Minnesotan opposition to impending military conflict in Kuwait *at his swearing-in ceremony!*).

The origins and consequences of these actions are important in understanding the motivations and characteristics of the greater achievements of the man. A widely popular college professor and most unlikely challenger-turned-incumbent (he was the only challenger to defeat a Senate incumbent in 1990), Wellstone's efforts on behalf of cafeteria workers (the occupation his mother held), small-farmers (who impeded utility workers with baseball bats and manure!), mental health patients (working with an ideological foe, Senator Pete Domenici, who would nonetheless publicly break down upon Wellstone's death), and veterans, to name a few, are all recounted in this excellent biographical narrative.

Wellstone was a man of conviction, courage, and color. An unconventional teacher and scholar, he only earned tenure after enduring a bruising administrative battle that involved student protests and revelations of improper administrative conduct. As one of four delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 1984, Wellstone refused to support native-son Mondale and instead insisted on supporting symbolic candidate Jesse Jackson. Days after giving the audio tape to Vice-President Quayle, Mondale gave an infamous press conference in front of the Vietnam Memorial speaking against the soon-to-be Gulf War. Yet, Wellstone learned to appreciate Mondale, and, after apologizing, was able to earn the respect and trust of the veterans' community in Minnesota. When former Senator Boschwitz tried to defeat Wellstone again in 2000 and win his seat back by blindly accusing Wellstone of burning an American flag as a college student, his attack went nowhere.

Lofy's work is well-written and well-researched, including not just admirers of Wellstone but also many of Wellstone's ideological opposites who nonetheless came to enjoy their professional and personal relationships with the man. Useful for studying campaigns, interest-group behavior, or institutional norms, *Paul Wellstone* would be an enlightening, informative, and inspiring read for all students of American politics.

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The Concept of Constituency: Political Representation, Democratic Legitimacy, and Institutional Design, Andrew Rehfeld, Cambridge University Press, 2005, ISBN 0521849845, \$75.00, cloth, 259 pages.

Andrew Rehfeld's work attempts to address contemporary problems associated with representative government and democracy. He seeks to understand three basic questions: "why do democratic governments define political representation by where people live," if these districts based on where people live are appropriate or adequate for representative democracy, and how we might then be led to endorse a different system of representation that "randomly assigns citizens to single-member, national electoral constituencies in which they remain for life" (4). These questions lead to focus specifically on the concept and representation functions of electoral constituencies. Rehfeld argues that while questions of representation and electoral systems are important aspects of study – he is more concerned with how constituencies affect "the legitimacy of a political regime" (7). In a sense, Rehfeld is taking the study of representation a step back, to a broader and harder question to answer.

Rehfeld approaches his study of electoral constituencies in three separate ways. First, he attempts to refocus the common conceptualization of constituencies away from constituencies as electoral mechanisms or "at the level of the voting booth" (30) and instead relies on political theory to reach a definition that encompasses dimensions of homogeneity, stability, and voluntariness (39). Next, the author moves to defining the historical context that drove the emergence of territorial constituencies in the United States. Rehfeld argues that the Founders believed (more implicitly than explicitly) that territory was the "only way to enable other philosophical principles of democratic political representation" (116), communication between constituents, communication with the legislature and elected representatives, and as "tangible moments of consent" in a representative system of government (140). Finally, Rehfeld attempts to study constituencies through a more normative lens. He first addresses some of the problems associated with the current system of territorial constituencies by comparing them with some of the justifications and promises the current system has heralded or been supported by. He then turns to his own normative exercise and provides an alternative conception of electoral constituencies, one that is "randomized, national, (and) permanent" (177). The result of such a new system would be a movement to the center or modification for both elected officials and national policies. His final chapter is a more playful exercise to illustrate the possible results of this new system.

Rehfeld's work offers new insights and asks important questions regarding our conceptualization of electoral constituencies and the role they play in a representative system of government. His critique of the modern system is certainly timely and illustrates some of the important difficulties that arise out of a system defined by territory. While his normative alternative is interesting, the questions Rehfeld raises concerning

our conceptualization of electoral constituencies and their normative consequences are the most compelling aspects of the book.

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The Macro Politics of Congress, Edited by E. Scott Adler and John S. Lapinski, Princeton University Press, 2006, ISBN 0691121591, \$19.95, paper, 263 pages.

The Macropolitics of Congress, edited by Adler and Lapinski, contains a series of essays that attempt to extend political science inquiry beyond micro-level analyses of legislative behavior or studies of legislative production to larger questions that address the effects of institutional arrangements such as divided government on long-term policy outcomes. The articles contained in the volume start a conversation between micro-level and macro-level analyses, both of which tend to assess the effects of similar independent variables (party organization, public opinion and elections, separation of powers issues, federalism, etc.) but in conjunction with different dependent variables (discrete individual behavior vs. long-term collective behavior).

There has been little movement toward macro-level analysis of Congress, suggest Adler and Lapinski, since Cooper and Brady (1981, *APSR*: 75) urged scholars to address the effects of cultural and institutional evolutions on policy outcomes across time. Authors in this book offer theories that employ new-institutional approaches and question the role of parties (Krehbiel, chapter 1), and use formal modeling to assess the effects bureaucratic capacity and legislative expertise on legislative output (Huber and McCarty, Ch. 2). Macro-level representation issues are addressed from the perspective of public opinion (Erikson, MacKuen and Stimson, chapter 3), and in relation to the constraining effects imposed by existing institutional arrangements (Katznelson and Lapinski, chapter 4). Theories of legislative productivity across time are addressed in terms of changes to the legal status quo imposed by legislation (Heitshusen and Young, chapter 5), and as related to the effects of partisan control on size or scope of political agendas (Shipan, chapter 6). Several articles address policy change as a function of a principle-agent relationship between Congress and bureaucracy (Freedman and Cameron, chapter 7), through the joint influence of Congress and the courts on bureaucratic decisions (Canes-Wrone, chapter 8), and in relation to the joint and divided partisan control of the legislative and executive branches (Adler and Leblang, chapter 9). Finally, Mayhew addresses the effect of “crisis” on policy status quos and partisanship in Congress (chapter 10) and Brady discusses the use of rational choice theory and historical institutionalism for the purposes of addressing macropolitical issues (chapter 11).

As “the institution where the collective choice of the nation is forged into outcomes” (3), and where micro-level behavior has already received detailed study, Congress provides an appropriate focal point for studies that shift research foci to macropolitics and policy. This edited volume takes an important step in addressing the “big” issues of policy change and evolution in the Congressional context.

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The Power of the People: Congressional Competition, Public Attention, and Voter Retribution, Shean M. Theriault, The Ohio State University Press, 2005, ISBN 0814251404, \$24.95, paper, 166 pages.

The Power of the People addresses one of the most asked questions in American government: Do Representatives fear retribution from constituencies of legislative missteps, and do constituencies punish such member for such missteps? Theriault provides a detailed exploration of centuries of American politics to present a qualified answer of – Yes, *sometimes*. The “two faces of democratic accountability” are examined via detailed historical and statistical analysis (5). Four distinct policy issues, that have presented a similar problem to legislators throughout time, are examined against three well-developed hypotheses.

As described by the author, the problem examined arises when the interests of constituents and the interests of legislators are in direct conflict. In order to address this issue, the author chooses to study four specific policy cases that have arisen on multiple occasions since the nineteenth century. The Pendleton Act of 1883 (the demise of the spoils system), Congressional pay raises, campaign finance reform, and Congressional term limits are the legislative sagas examined utilizing Theriault’s three hypotheses: the Competition Hypothesis, the Attention Hypothesis, and the Retribution Hypothesis (6). These issues are

chosen because the elements of electoral competition, public pressure, and possible voter retribution were all present during the various political climates of the times (7).

Although the final results of this exploration do not leave us with any staunch rules of thumb for voter retribution and the power of the people, Theriault provides clear evidence that democratic accountability has been and is present in the American political system. However, as the author notes, this is social science – and the hope for developing static rules regarding dynamic processes is unrealistic (136). With that in mind the evidence presented by this entertaining examination of democratic accountability shows that *the people* “on occasion, constrain their representatives” (136). Consistent throughout the case studies presented, appears the notion that when the public is paying attention, representatives will most likely abandon their personal preferences and yield to their constituents’ desires (138). However, when politicians do not fear voter retribution, they will forego public desires (138). Yet if unexpected punishment does indeed occur, then typically substantive reform will follow (138).

Overall this work is a great contribution to the literature on democratic accountability for legislative studies. The detailed care utilized in developing the presented theories and analysis is evident. Theriault carefully eliminates the problem of identifying dynamic constituent interests by thoughtfully choosing to examine cases where the interests of representatives and constituents are clearly defined, easily identified, and obviously in opposition. In addition, the author clearly qualifies and places the results within the existing body of literature in the discipline without over generalizing the conclusions. *The Power of the People* is an excellent contribution to legislative studies and a must read for scholars of democratic accountability.

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When Courts and Congress Collide: The Struggle for Control of America’s Judicial System by Charles Gardner Geyh, University of Michigan Press, 2006, ISBN 047209922-1, \$29.95, cloth, 332 pages.

Ultimately grounded in concern for judicial independence as instrumental in preserving the rule of law, *When Courts and Congress Collide* explores the relationship between Congress and the federal judiciary. In an account that provides necessary and quite interesting historical background, Professor Geyh concisely traces the relationship from the Framers to date and concludes that the “dynamic equilibrium” that has heretofore characterized the relationship may be breaking down. More a story of institutional development than a story of conflict, *When Courts & Congress Collide* offers its readers an improved understanding of the current judicial landscape: where we are; how we got here; and what we stand to lose.

The book’s political leanings are at times only too apparent, but they do not for long detract from the argument made. The dissenting opinions of Justice Scalia are tagged as one of the most immediate threats to the public’s faith in the courts. Similarly, when it comes to presidents using judicial appointments to shape the courts and perhaps foster an ideological legacy, it is an affliction that has seemingly touched only recent Republican presidents. That said, there is in its pages much to be applauded and enjoyed.

The book is perhaps strongest in unpacking the appointments process. By first reviewing the rise and fall of Congress’s tools to control directly the judiciary (impeachment, jurisdiction, and court size), the increasing importance of the appointments process as a tool to control indirectly the judiciary becomes clear. Impeachment, court packing and unpacking, and other direct moves on the judiciary require bicameral action. Bicameral action requires greater consensus, greater political resources, and a just plain greater time commitment away from other legislative pursuits. Because the appointments process requires only the action of the Senate, it is much easier to sustain a contentious process. Whereas norms of customary independence have been nurtured and maintained when it comes to issues of impeachment, court size, and jurisdiction, no such norms of political restraint have taken root in the appointments process.

But even in explaining that the appointments process has always been political and partisan (notwithstanding the hope of the Framers that appointments would be determined based upon a nominee’s qualifications), *When Courts & Congress Collide* identifies a critical change in the political focus of appointments. No longer limited to rewarding or punishing a president or nominee for past behavior, today’s appointments face pitched battles over ideology and what that nominee’s future decisions will be.

Notwithstanding the book’s efforts to portray a dynamic equilibrium between Congress and the courts to which both sides contribute, a theme of dominating self-restraint by Congress vis-à-vis the courts runs throughout the book. While the court may at times move to appease or nurture its relationship with Congress, there is at the end of the day the reality that Congress possesses the institutional and constitutional power (but apparently not the political will) to greatly control the judiciary. For its part, the book provides a picture of dynamic equilibrium that is not just descriptive, but also normative. The book does not hide its belief that the two-way interbranch forces of motion ought continue.

The book's structure and sequence contribute to its persuasiveness. Chapter 1 covers the origins of American judicial independence and accountability. Chapter 2 reviews the emergence and strengthening of "customary independence" on the part of Congress. Chapter 3 witnesses the experience of impeachment as a tool to control judicial decision making. Chapter 4 traces the development of the appointment process as a prospective tool with which to control future judicial decision making. Chapter 5 moves away from an otherwise Congress perspective to consider the contributions of the courts to preserving "customary independence." Tools used by the courts to preserve and encourage customary independence include conflict avoidance, acquiescence to Congress in key cases, and deferential self-governance. Finally, the book concludes (chapter 6) with a look at the "dynamic equilibrium" that characterizes the relationship between Congress and the federal judiciary.

Making a strong argument that our independent judiciary derives more from intrabranch and interbranch norms than from the text of the Constitution, the book raises some well-timed concerns about the withering of these norms. Concerning Congress, Professor Geyh points to the damaging effects of partisanship that have supported "an ideological holy war over the future of the federal judiciary" (221). Concerning the courts, he sees among recent Supreme Court decisions a move from conflict avoidance to conflict seeking and correctly anticipates that Congress may increasingly act to shift the balance between judicial independence and judicial accountability in favor of the latter at the expense of the former.

When Courts and Congress Collide offers an interesting account of the relationship between two branches of government. The story that unfolds in its pages is interesting and provocative.

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Dissertations Completed

This section is meant to provide LSS members with the basic citation information about recently completed dissertations dealing with legislatures. The source for this information is Worldwide Political Science Abstracts database, using the query: KW = congress OR parliament OR legislative. The report is arranged in alphabetical order by author name. Full abstracts can be found in Dissertation Abstracts International, The Humanities and Social Sciences, 2005, volumes 65 and 66.

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Craig	Goodman	Ideological Stability in Congress: Experiments in Roll Call Voting
Matthew Nathaniel	Green	Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Exercise of Legislative Leadership
Michael J.	Hanmer	From Selection to Election and Beyond: Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Electoral Reform in America

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Mary Lou	Killian	Got Marriage? State-Level Policymaking regarding Marriage Rights for Gays and Lesbians
Sandra L.	Larson	The Influence of Professions on the Development and Outcome of Federal Regulations That Affect Their Work
Bertram J.	Lavine	Unrecorded Legislative Activities: How Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Work 'Behind-the-Scenes' to Accomplish Policy and Career Objectives
Corrine M.	McConnaughy	The Politics of Suffrage Extension in the American States: Party, Race, and the Pursuit of Women's Voting Rights
Joseph Quin	Monson	Polling in Congressional Election Campaigns
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Magnus	Ohman	The Heart and Soul of the Party: Candidate Selection in Ghana and Africa
Tracy Lynne	Osborn	Pursuing a Women's Agenda in the State Legislatures
Costas	Panagopoulos	Quality Control: Challenger Quality and Congressional Elections, 1972-2000
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Marge	Schiller	Citizens' Legislative Seminars: The Development of a Learning Environment in the Massachusetts State Legislature
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Amy Lynn	Steigerwalt	Cultivating Controversy: Senators, Interest Groups and the Politics of Courts of Appeals Confirmations
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<i>Acta Politica</i> 40, no. 2 (July 2005): 225-238	Andre Bachtiger; Markus Spornkli; Marco R. Steenbergen; Jurg Steiner	Part II: Deliberation in Formal Arenas. The Deliberative Dimensions of Legislatures
<i>American Behavioral Scientist</i> 49, no.4 (Dec. 2005): 629-633	K. Sai Prasaad; Ramya Raghupathy	A Snapshot of a Successful Public Relations Strategy
<i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 49, no. 3 (July 2005): 531-549	Erik J. Engstrom; Samuel Kernell	Manufactured Responsiveness: The Impact of State Electoral Laws on Unified Party Control of the Presidency and House of Representatives, 1840-1940
<i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 49, no. 3 (July 2005): 550-563	Stephen Ansolabehere; James M. Snyder, Jr.; Aaron B. Strauss; Michael M. Ting	Voting Weights and Formateur Advantages in the Formation of Coalition Governments
<i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 49, no. 4 (Oct 2005): 731-745	Nils Ringe	Policy Preference Formation in Legislative Politics: Structures, Actors, and Focal Points
<i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 49, no. 4 (Oct 2005): 758-768	Kenneth J. Meier; Eric Gonzalez Juenke; Robert D. Wrinkle; J. L. Polinard	Structural Choices and Representational Biases: The Post-Election Color of Representation
<i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 49, no. 4 (Oct 2005): 746-757	Jamie L. Carson; Erik J. Engstrom	Assessing the Electoral Connection: Evidence from the Early United States
<i>American Political Science Review</i> 100, no. 1 (March 2006): 85-97	Matias Iaryczower; Pablo T. Spiller; Mariano Tommasi	Judicial Lobbying: The Politics of Labor Law Constitutional Interpretation
<i>American Political Science Review</i> 100, no.1 (March 2006): 69-84	Richard L. Hall	Lobbying As Legislative Subsidy
<i>American Political Science Review</i> 99, no. 3 (Aug. 2005): 361-371	William T. Bianco; Itai Sened	Uncovering Evidence of Conditional Party Government: Reassessing Majority Party Influence in Congress and State Legislatures
<i>American Politics Research</i> 33, no. 5 (Sep. 2005): 645-671	Jonathan Knuckey	A New Front in the Culture War? Moral Traditionalism and Voting Behavior in U.S. House Elections
<i>American Politics Research</i> 33, no. 6 (Nov. 2005): 751-786	Michelle L. Chin	Constituents versus Fat Cats: Testing Assumptions about Congressional Access Decisions

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<i>Australian Journal of Politics and History</i> 51, no. 4 (Dec. 2005): 578-627	John Wanna	Commonwealth of Australia. January to June 2005
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<i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 35, no. 4 (Oct. 2005): 731-744	Scott W. Desposato	Correcting for Small Group Inflation of Roll-Call Cohesion Scores
<i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 36, no. 1 (Jan. 2006): 113-132	Luis Fernando Medina	Party Discipline with Legislative Initiative
<i>British Journal of Politics & International Relations</i> 7, no. 4 (Nov. 2005): 584-597	Colin Rallings; Michael Thrasher	Not All 'Second-Order' Contests Are the Same: Turnout and Party Choice at the Concurrent 2004 Local and European Parliament Election in England
<i>Comparative European Politics</i> 3, no. 2 (July 2005): 131-154	Simon Hix	Neither a Preference-Outlier nor a Unitary Actor: Institutional Reform Preferences of the European Parliament
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 38, no. 10 (Dec. 2005): 1196-1218	Alberto Diaz-Cayeros	Endogenous Institutional Change in the Mexican Senate
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 38, no. 7 (Sep. 2005): 824-849	Guillermo Rosas	The Ideological Organization of Latin American Legislative Parties: An Empirical Analysis of Elite Policy Preferences
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 38, no. 9 (Nov. 2005): 1079-1103	Bonnie N. Field	De-Thawing Democracy: The Decline of Political Party Collaboration in Spain (1977 to 2004)
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 38, no. 9 (Nov. 2005): 1104-1129	Dong-Hun Kim; Gerhard Loewenberg	The Role of Parliamentary Committees in Coalition Governments: Keeping Tabs on Coalition Partners in the German Bundestag
<i>Democratization</i> 13, no. 1 (Feb. 2006): 78-94	Rein Taagepera	Meteoric Trajectory: The Res Publica Party in Estonia
<i>Electoral Studies</i> 24, no. 3 (Sep. 2005): 371-392	Jeff Gill	An Entropy Measure of Uncertainty in Vote Choice
<i>Electoral Studies</i> 24, no. 4 (Dec. 2005): 619-641	Franco Mattei; Joshua Glasgow	Presidential Coattails, Incumbency Advantage, and Open Seats: A District-Level Analysis of the 1976-2000 U.S. House Elections
<i>Ethnopolitics</i> 4, no. 4 (Nov. 2005): 381-396	Eben Friedman	Electoral System Design and Minority Representation in Slovakia and Macedonia
<i>European Foreign Affairs Review</i> 11, no. 1: 109-127	Daniel Thyme	Beyond Parliament's Reach? The Role of the European Parliament in the CFSP
<i>Foreign Policy</i> 151 (Nov.-Dec. 2005): 45-46	Stephen M. Walt	The Blame Game
<i>French Politics</i> 3, no. 2 (Aug. 2005): 124-141	Bernard Dolez; Annie Laurent	The Seat-Vote Equation in French Legislative Elections (1978-2002)
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<i>French Politics</i> 3, no. 3 (Dec. 2005): 258-281	Sebastien Lazardeux	'Une question écrite, pour quoi faire?' The Causes of the Production of Written Questions in the French Assemblée Nationale
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<i>International Journal of Public Administration</i> 28, no. 7-8 (July 2005): 553-565	Julianne G. Mahler; Priscilla M. Regan	Agency Internets and the Changing Dynamics of Congressional Oversight
<i>International Political Science Review/Revue Internationale de Science Politique</i> 26, no. 4 (Oct. 2005): 397-412	Chia-Hung Tsai; Yung-Ming Hsu	Expected-Utility Voting in Taiwan's Legislative Elections: 1995, 1998, and 2001

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<i>Journal of Theoretical Politics</i> 17, no. 3 (July 2005): 371-375	Torsten J. Selck	Improving the Explanatory Power of Bargaining Models: New Evidence from European Union Studies
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<i>Journal of Theoretical Politics</i> 18, no. 1 (Jan. 2006): 68-97	Justin Fox	Legislative Cooperation among Impatient Legislators
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<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 30, no. 3 (Aug. 2005): 391-406	Antoine Yoshinaka	House Party Switchers and Committee Assignments: Who Gets 'What, When, How?'
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<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 30, no. 4 (Nov. 2005): 597-624	Eric S. Heberlig; Bruce A. Larson	Redistributing Campaign Funds by U.S. House Members: The Spiraling Costs of the Permanent Campaign
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 30, no. 4 (Nov. 2005): 549-579	Janet Box-Steffensmeier; Peter M. Radcliffe; Brandon L. Bartels	The Incidence and Timing of PAC Contribution to Incumbent U.S. House Members, 1993-94
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 31, no. 1 (Feb. 2006): 105-134	John M. Carey; Richard G. Niemi; Lynda W. Powell; Gary F. Moncrief	The Effects of Term Limits on State Legislatures: A New Survey of the 50 States
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 31, no. 1 (Feb. 2006): 33-69	Eric D. Lawrence; Forrest Maltzman; Steven S. Smith	Who Wins? Party Effects in Legislative Voting
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<i>Party Politics</i> 12, no. 1 (Jan. 2006): 35-55	Matthew Fellowes; Virginia Gray; David Lowery	What's on the Table? The Content of State Policy Agendas

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<i>Party Politics</i> 12, no. 1 (Jan. 2006): 57-75	Carlos Garcia-Rivero	Race, Class and Underlying Trends in Party Support in South Africa
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<i>Political Studies</i> 53, no. 4 (Dec. 2005): 793-815	Thomas Quinn	Leasehold or Freehold? Leader-Eviction Rules in the British Conservative and Labour Parties
<i>Politische Vierteljahresschrift</i> 46, no. 4 (Dec. 2005): 655-673	Werner Reuter	Vote of Confidence and Parliamentary Dissolution. Comments on the Debate about Constitutional Politics and Constitutional Practices in the States
<i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> 35, no. 3 (Sep. 2005): 515-532	Phillip J. Cooper	George W. Bush, Edgar Allen Poe, and the Use and Abuse of Presidential Signing Statements
<i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> 35, no. 4 (Dec. 2005): 761-770	Gary Andres	The Contemporary Presidency: Polarization and White House/Legislative Relations: Causes and Consequences of Elite-Level Conflict
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<i>Social Science Quarterly</i> 86, no. 3 (Sep. 2005): 549-564	Michael Jones-Correa	Language Provisions under the Voting Rights Act: How Effective Are They?

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<i>The Journal of Politics</i> 67, no. 4 (Nov. 2005): 1006-1029	Jeffrey W. Ladewig	Conditional Party Government and the Homogeneity of Constituent Interests
<i>The Journal of Politics</i> 68, no. 1 (Feb. 2006): 168-179	Scott Ashworth; Ethan Bueno de Mesquita	Delivering the Goods: Legislative Particularism in Different Electoral and Institutional Settings
<i>The Journal of Politics</i> 68, no. 1 (Feb. 2006): 75-88	Alan I Abramowitz; Brad Alexander; Matthew Gunning	Incumbency, Redistricting, and the Decline of Competition in the U.S. House Elections
<i>West European Politics</i> 29, no. 1 (Jan. 2006): 1-27	Daniele Caramani	Is There a European Electorate and What Does It Look Like? Evidence from Electoral Volatility Measures, 1976-2004
<i>West European Politics</i> 29, no. 1 (Jan. 2006): 161-168	Bart Madens; Bram Wauters; Jo Noppe; Stefaan Fiers	Effects of Campaign Spending in an Open List PR System: The 2003 Legislative Elections in Flanders/Belgium

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MPSA – Papers presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 20-23, 2006, Chicago.

NPSA – Papers presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, November 17-19, 2005, Philadelphia.

SPSA – Papers presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, January 5-7, 2006, Atlanta.

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Ainsworth, Scott; Hall, Thad	The Timing and Structuring of Abortion-Related Proposals in the U.S. House
Allen, Neal; Teigen, Jeremy M.	Iraq War Veterans and the 2006 Elections: An Analysis of Candidate Quality
Anderson, William D.	The President's Agenda: Presidential Position-Taking in the U.S. House
Bath, Michael G.; Miller, Michael	Public Financing, Legislative Professionalism, and Competition in Wisconsin, Arizona, and Maine State Legislative Races
Baughman, John	Postal Reform in the 1840s: Corruption, Development and Party Power
Bishin, Benjamin G.	Competition, Representation and Subconstituencies
Bond, Jon R.; Fleisher, Richard; Krutz, Glen R.	The Presumption of Success on Presidential Appointments Reconsidered: How Delay Has become the Primary Method of Defeating Nominees
Bowles, Daniel R.	Deceived by Emotion?: House Members' Votes on the USA Patriot Act
Braeuninger, Thomas; Debus, Marc	The Sources of Bipartisan Politics in Parliamentary Democracies

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Buchler, Justin M.	A Deterrence Model of Congressional Elections: The Polarizing Effects of Quality Challengers in Congressional Elections
Burden, Barry C.	Committee Discharge and Minority Party Discontent in the House of Representatives
Burmila, Edward M.	Party-Switching Among Incumbent State Legislators
Campbell, Kristin L.	Read My Lips: Senatorial Promises and Performance
Clark, Jennifer H.	Institutional and Environmental Influences on Legislative Outcomes
Cobb, Michael D.; Farahi, Yasmin	Scandals in the News: Different Sexes, Different Coverage?
Cohen, Jeffrey E.; Eshbaugh-Soha, Matthew	Recommend for Their consideration: The President's Legislative Policy Agenda, 1789-2004
Covington, Cary R.	Testing for the Effect of Party in the Senate: The Jeffords' Switch
Curran, Margaret Ann; Schubert, James N.	Appearance Effects on Legislative Careers
Cutrone, Michael	Presidential Targeting of Members of Congress
Dalager, Jon, K	Campaign Finance Reform: What Does it Take to Motivate Congress?
Degregorio, Christine	Promoting Policy in a Mediated Democracy: Congress, Lobbying and the News
Desposato, Scott	Party Cohesion and Strategic Abstentions
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Erler, Helen A.	The Gendered Effects of State Legislative Redistricting
Evans, C. Lawrence; Blue, Edward P.; Ferree, Logan H.; Petry, Angela S.	Minority Party Influence in the U.S. House
Evans, Diana	Hostile Amendments on Senate Appropriations Bills, 1995-2000
Evans, Jocelyn J.; Stanquist, Stephen	Congress Under Attack: Congressional Office Administration Post-9/11
Finocchiaro, Charles J.; Jenkins, Jeffrey A.	The Politics of Military Service Pensions in the Antebellum U.S. Congress
Fisher, Patrick	Congressional Support for Deficit Reduction: Taxing versus Spending
Fukumoto, Kentaro; Tatebayashi, Masahiko	The Effect of Position on Re-election and Promotion of Legislators
Fulton, Sarah. A.	Gender and Electability in Professionalized Institutions
Godbout, Jean-Francois	The Impact of Incumbency on Political Participation
Goodman, Craig; Scott, Kevin	Congressional Reorganization of the Federal Judiciary from 1875-1891
Grindlife, Stonegarden	Omnibus Appropriations: Creatures of Gridlock, Dereliction, or Design?
Gulati, Girish J.	Gender and the Presentation of Self at Home and in the Office
Han, Jeong Hun	Electoral Signals and Strategic Legislative Voting in Multi-Level System
Han, Sang-Jung	Revisiting the Rules Committee: Do Restrictive Rules Control Floor Votes?
Hansen, Martin	Explaining Parliamentary Dimensionality through Institutions
Harbridge, Laurel M.; Brady, David W.	Polarization and Congressional Policy: Gridlock or Extremism?

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Hartog, Chris Den; Monroe, Nathan W.	Agenda Control Uncovered: Motions to Table in the Senate
Hatcher, Andrea C.	US Senate majority Leaders and Distributive Politics
Hofrenning, Daniel	Organized Religious Interests in American National Politics
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Jeong, Hoi-Ok	Popular Presidents' Strategic Choices Under Divided Government
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Johnson, Joel W.	Political Institutions and the utility of Campaign Finance in Comparative Perspective
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Kanthak, Kristin; Norrander, Barbara; Running, Katrina	Incumbency, Risk, and the Gender Gap
Kellermann, Michael	All in the Family: Advantages of Second-Generation U.S. House Candidates
Kim, Henry A.	Agenda Setting, Clout and Logrolls in the U.S. House
Koger, Gregory	Going to the Mattress: Filibustering in Congress, 1789-1901
Konrath, Sara H.; Foldes, Dave; Schwarz, Norbert; Francies, Kevin; Hayes, Anise; Albo, Daniel	Face-ism in Online Representations of Politicians in Four Western Countries
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Civil Rights Documentation Project

The landmark civil rights legislation of the mid-1960s has attracted considerable scholarly attention, deservedly so. Much of the analysis of this legislation has centered on the social and cultural conditions that gave birth to such laws as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

As valuable as the emphasis on the civil rights movement has been, an equally vital chapter has been neglected -- the story of the legislative process itself. The Dirksen Congressional Center has posted a new feature on "CongressLink" that provides a fuller accounting of law-making based on the unique archival resources housed at The Center, including the collection of then-Senate Minority Leader Everett McKinley Dirksen (R-IL), widely credited with securing the passage of the bills.

Intended to serve the needs of teachers and students, [The Civil Rights Documentation Project](#) demonstrates that Congress is capable of converting big ideas into powerful law, that citizen engagement is essential to that process, and that the public policies produced forty years ago continue to influence our lives.□

The project takes the form of an interactive, Web-based presentation with links to digitized historical materials and other Internet-based resources about civil rights legislation created by museums, historical societies, and government agencies.

Please contact [Cindy Koepfel](#) at the Dirksen Center if you have any ideas or comments about this new feature.

Congress to Campus Program

The United States Association of Former Members of Congress

The Congress to Campus Program is designed to address several aspects of the civic learning and engagement deficit among the country's college-age young people, combining traditional educational content with a strong message about public service. The Program sends bipartisan pairs of former Members of Congress - one Democrat and one Republican - to visit college, university and community college campuses around the country. Over the course of each visit, the Members conduct classes, hold community forums, meet informally with students and faculty, visit high schools and civic organizations, and do interviews and talk show appearances with local press and media.

In the summer of 2002, the Board of Directors of the U. S. Association of Former Members of Congress (USAFMC) engaged the Center for Democracy & Citizenship (CDC) at the Council for Excellence in Government to help manage the Congress to Campus Program in partnership with the Stennis Center for Public Service (Stennis). CDC and Stennis, with the blessing of the USAFMC, agreed to undertake a number of initiatives to greatly increase the number of campuses hosting program visits each year, expand the pool of former Members of Congress available for campus visits, develop new sources of funding, raise the profile of the program and its message in the public and academic community, and devise methods of measuring the impact of the program at host institutions.

[To access full report on Congress to Campus, [click here](#).]

Congressional Bills Project

A new website at <http://www.congressionalbills.org> allows academic researchers, students, and the general public to download information about public and private bills introduced in the U.S. Congress along with information about those bills' sponsors.

Each record is a bill. The download tool allows you to select a large number of related variables to include in your download request. Obviously, limited requests will download more quickly.

- The bill's title and progress (from government resources)
- The bill's subject (using the topic codes of the [Policy Agendas Project](#))
- Member biographical, committee, and leadership positions (much of this comes from Elaine K. Swift, Robert G. Brookshire, David T. Canon, Evelyn C. Fink, John R. Hibbing, Brian D. Humes, Michael J. Malbin and Kenneth C. Martis. [Database of Congressional Historical Statistics](#); as well as more recent data available through Charles Stewart's website)
- Member DW-Nominate Scores (from Poole and Rosenthal of course)

The website is a work in progress by John D. Wilkerson and Scott Adler at University of Washington, Seattle.

Data on Legislative Voting and Representation

Professor John Carey has established a website at Dartmouth that includes various resources from his field research and data collection in an organized data archive. Of particular significance is the data from a project on legislative voting and representation. That project includes:

- Transcripts from interviews with 61 legislators and party leaders from 8 countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela) from 2000-2001). The interviews followed a stable protocol for the most part, regarding how decisions are reached within parties and carried out (or not) in the legislative environment, and how legislators interact with party leaders, the executive, and the citizens they represent. The interviews frequently cover other topics as well, however, according to the subject's train of thought. The transcripts are available in both English and Spanish.
- Recorded vote data from 21 legislative chambers in 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, United States, Uruguay). In addition to the data and codebook, also available on the site are some files with STATA code to produce the measures of party voting unity employed in the research.

Visitors are invited to use any of the data, qualitative or quantitative, that is available on the site. The address of the website is <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~jcarey/dataarchive.htm>. Professor Carey's email address, in case of questions, suggestions, or problems related to the data, is john.carey@dartmouth.edu.

Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grants

The [Dirksen Congressional Center](#) invites applications for grants in 2007 to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress.

The competition is open to individuals with a serious interest in studying Congress. Political scientists, historians, biographers, scholars of public administration or American studies, and journalists are among those eligible. The Center encourages graduate students who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus to apply and awards a significant portion of the funds for dissertation research.

The awards program does not fund undergraduate or pre-Ph.D. study. Organizations are not eligible. Research teams of two or more individuals are eligible.

There is no standard application form. Applicants are responsible for showing the relationship between their work and the awards program guidelines. Applications are accepted at any time. Incomplete applications will NOT be forwarded to the screening committee for consideration.

All application materials must be received no later than February 1, 2007. Awards will be announced in March 2007. Complete information about eligibility and application procedures may be found at The Center's Web site: http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRAs.htm.

The Center, named for the late Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen, is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and educational organization devoted to the study of Congress and its leaders.

For more information about the Congressional Research Awards, contact Frank Mackaman by email at

Election Results Archive

Center on Democratic Performance at Binghamton University

The Center on Democratic Performance at Binghamton University is pleased to announce the launch of the Election Results Archive (ERA), a collection of electronic files containing data on election results from around the world. This unique online database with global coverage provides researchers, policy-makers, scholars, and others interested in elections with information on over 900 elections from around the world. It includes information on the following:

- Types of Elections: Results for presidential and national legislative elections.
- Countries: The Archive currently contains election results from 134 countries that have met a minimum threshold of democratic performance for the year in which the elections took place.
- Dates of Elections: The ERA contains results back to 1974. This date was selected because it is frequently cited as a beginning point of the recent phase of democratic expansion (democratic elections in Greece and Portugal).

More election data will be added to this Archive as time and resources permit.

The archive can be searched by country, region, or year and type of election. Please visit the archive at <http://cdp.binghamton.edu/era/index.html>

European Consortium for Political Research

ECPR has a new standing group on Parliaments, coordinated by Shane Martin, University of California, San Diego) and Matti Wiberg (University of Turku).

For a number of years the study of legislatures has concentrated on the US Congress. Parliaments in Europe have not been a subject of investigation to any comparable extent. Nevertheless, the body of knowledge is ever expanding on both the long-standing parliaments in Europe and the new institutions of the European Union and Central and Eastern Europe.

The Standing Group's aim is to promote comparative research and theory-building on the institutionalisation, capacity, operation, and performance of legislatures and the dissemination of such research.

For more information, and to register for membership (which is free) please see the web site at: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/standinggroups/parliaments/index.htm>

International Political Science Review

The International Political Science Review, the official journal of the International Political Science Association edited by Kay Lawson and James Meadowcroft, would be pleased to receive quality submissions likely to be of interest to its international readership from the members of Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association.

The IPSR is committed to publishing material that makes a significant contribution to international political science. It seeks to meet the needs of political scientists throughout the world who are interested in studying political phenomena in the contemporary context of increasing international interdependence and global change.

IPSR reflects the aims and intellectual tradition of its parent body, the International Political Science Association: to foster the creation and dissemination of rigorous political inquiry free of disciplinary or other orthodoxy. We welcome work by scholars who are focussing on currently controversial themes, shaping innovative concepts of methodologies of political analysis, and striving to reach outside the scope of a single culture.

Authors interested in submitting their work should consult either a recent copy of the journal or <http://ipsr.sagepub.com> and follow submission guidelines, sending electronic copies to both klawson@sfsu.edu and jmeadowc@connect.carleton.ca. Preliminary queries are welcome.

Parliamentary Representation in the Internet Age

Economic and Social Research Institute, University of Salford, UK

ESRI has announced a new research project that looks into parliamentarians' use of internet based technologies in the UK and Australia. In particular, they are examining the role of new technologies in shaping the work of MPs and the nature of parliamentary representation. The project is wide ranging, looking at a number of complementary issues, and does involve a range of research activities and methodologies:

- Regular analyses of parliamentary/MPs websites to assess the function of such sites (over the next two years);
- Postal surveys of parliamentarians to gauge the attitude toward, and importance of, Internet communication and online participation;
- Interviews with MPs to understand Internet communication strategies, and their associated benefits and problems;
- Public opinion survey to evaluate citizen awareness, usage and problems of internet communication with representatives;
- Focus group assessment of the design and content of parliamentary websites.

For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.ipop.org.uk> or contact Wainer Lusoli by email at s.lusoli@salford.ac.uk.

State Politics and Policy Quarterly Archive

Announcing the roll out of the new on-line, full-text *State Politics and Policy Quarterly Archive*. Every article in every issue of SPPQ is now on-line in pdf format, accessible free of charge to SPPQ subscribers and those whose university libraries subscribe. Furthermore, non-subscribers may purchase a time-limited "research pass" for a reasonable price.

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If you have any questions or difficulties accessing the *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* Archive, please contact the University of Illinois Press SPPQ help desk at: sppq@merlyn.press.uiuc.edu.

The Thicket at State Legislatures

The National Conference of State Legislatures has established a new blog, [The Thicket at State Legislatures](#), about the legislative institution and federalism. By and for legislative junkies, the blog includes these categories: American Democracy, Budgets, Congress, Courts and Legislatures, Elections, Ethics, Executives and Legislatures, Federalism, Initiative and Referendum, Leadership, Legislation, Legislative culture, Legislative Staff, Legislators, Media, NCSL, Redistricting, and Term Limits.

Visiting Scholars Program

APSA Centennial Center for Political Science & Public Affairs

The American Political Science Association recently opened the Centennial Center for Political Science & Public Affairs in its headquarters building in Washington, D.C. As part of its programs, the Centennial Center assists scholars from the United States and abroad whose research and teaching would benefit from a stay in and access to the incomparable resources available in the nation's capital. The Center provides to Visiting Scholars the infrastructure needed to conduct their work, including furnished work space with computer, phone, fax, conference space, and library access.

The Center has space to host 10 scholars for extended periods of time, ranging from weeks to months. Space for shorter "drop-in" stays is also available. Scholars are expected to pursue their own research and teaching projects and contribute to the intellectual life of the residential community by sharing their work with Center colleagues in occasional informal seminars.

Eligibility is limited to APSA members. Senior or junior faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students are also strongly encouraged to apply. A short application form is required, and submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Positions are awarded based

on space availability and relevant Center programming.

For more information and an application, please visit the Centennial Center web site <www.apsanet.org/centennialcenter> or call Sean Twombly at (202)483-2512.

Visiting Scholars Program

Carl Albert Center

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program, which provides financial assistance to researchers working at the Center's archives. Awards of \$500 - \$1000 are normally granted as reimbursement for travel and lodging.

The Center's holdings include the papers of many former members of Congress, such as Robert S. Kerr, Fred Harris, and Speaker Carl Albert of Oklahoma; Helen Gahagan Douglas and Jeffery Cohelan of California; and Neil Gallagher of New Jersey. Besides the history of Congress, congressional leadership, national and Oklahoma politics, and election campaigns, the collections also document government policy affecting agriculture, Native Americans, energy, foreign affairs, the environment, the economy, and other areas.

Topics that can be studied include the Great Depression, flood control, soil conservation, and tribal affairs. At least one collection provides insight on women in American politics. Most materials date from the 1920s to the 1970s, although there is one nineteenth century collection.

The Center's archives are described on their website at <http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/archives/> and in the publication titled *A Guide to the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives* by Judy Day et.al. (Norman, Okla.: The Carl Albert Center, 1995), available at many U.S. academic libraries. Additional information can be obtained from the Center.

The Visiting Scholars Program is open to any applicant. Emphasis is given to those pursuing postdoctoral research in history, political science, and other fields. Graduate students involved in research for publication, thesis, or dissertation are encouraged to apply. Interested undergraduates and lay researchers are also invited to apply. The Center evaluates each research proposal based upon its merits, and funding for a variety of topics is expected.

No standardized form is needed for application. Instead, a series of documents should be sent to the Center, including:

- (1) a description of the research proposal in fewer than 1000 words;
- (2) a personal vita;
- (3) an explanation of how the Center's resources will assist the researcher;
- (4) a budget proposal; and
- (5) a letter of reference from an established scholar in the discipline attesting to the significance of the research.

Applications are accepted at any time.

For more information, please contact: Archivist, Carl Albert Center, 630 Parrington Oval, Room 101, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Telephone: (405) 325-5835. FAX: (405) 325-6419. Email: cacarchives@ou.edu

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