

Welcome to the December 2005 Edition of the Christians in Political Science Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS

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Organizational News

None This Month

Upcoming Conferences/Call for Papers

National Faculty Leadership Conference: Political Science Section. June 22-25, 2006. Alexandria, VA. The National Faculty Leadership Conference brings together hundreds of Christian professors and graduate students from public and private colleges and universities. Our central concern is to help each other seriously consider the implications of our faith for our teaching and scholarship. In addition to plenary sessions available to all, the conference includes several panels dedicated to the discipline of political science. A steering committee of distinguished Christian political scientists will help create panels of interest to political scientists in a variety of subfields. If you would like to present a paper on one of these panels, please send a 300-400 abstract to mhall@georgefox.edu by **February 15, 2005**. Papers may explicitly address the integration of Christianity and political science, or they might contain substantive contributions to political science literature. If the latter, presenters should be prepared to discuss how their Christian faith influenced their choice of topic, analysis, and conclusions. Presentations should be approximately 20 minutes long. There will be plenty of time for discussion and interaction. Contributors will be notified of acceptance by April 1, 2006. General information for the 2006 conference is listed below. Steering Committee Members include Mark David Hall, George Fox University; Mark R. Amstutz, Wheaton College; Daniel Dreisbach, American University; Frank Guliuzza, Weber State University; Jeanne Heffernan, Villanova University; Thomas Heilke, University of Kansas; Dale Kuehne, St. Anselm College; Paul Marshall, Center for Religious Freedom, Freedom House; Carol M. Swain, Vanderbilt University; Garrett Ward Sheldon, UVA-Wise; John Vile, Middle Tennessee State University. See more at www.TwoTasks.com.

Symposium on Religion and Politics, April 27-29, 2006. The Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics is pleased to announce its third biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics will be held on April 27 - 29, 2006 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for scholars working in this field of study to come together to present papers related to their current research, to foster personal and professional networks, to facilitate joint research endeavors, and to learn about research opportunities in the field. Symposium attendance is open to anyone interested in the areas of discussion. Participation in the Symposium is open to both scholars and graduate students across different disciplines of study (for example, political scientists, sociologists, and historians). Those interested in presenting a paper on any aspect of the relationship between religion and politics (whether it be in terms of political philosophy, public policy, political history, comparative politics, electoral politics, constitutional law, or the sociology of religion) should submit a one-page proposal by **February 15, 2006**. Proposals received after February 15, will be considered on a space-available basis. Notification of inclusion on the program will be made as the program is developed, but no later than early March, 2006. Anyone interested in participating in the Symposium as a panel discussant is invited to submit their name and particular areas of interest by February 15, 2006. Proposals and offers to serve as a discussant, as well as questions or requests for additional information should be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to: Corwin Smidt, The Henry Institute, 1810 E. Beltline, SE, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Email: smid@calvin.edu. FAX: 616-526-8756 (attn: C. Smidt). Phone: 616-526-6233.

Faith, Hope, and Work Conference. 9-11 February 2006. Point Loma Nazarene University. San Diego, CA

Discerning God's call and living out one's vocation is not a challenge and hope solely for university students and young folk just starting out in life. All of us seek meaningful work that not only provides bodily food but also sustains the spirit. In the conference, we want to hear others' stories about their struggles and victories in the search for a way of life that expresses faith, hope and love. Speakers, including well-known preacher Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor and Donald Miller, author of *Blue Like Jazz*, will help us talk about vocation. The conference sessions will include important discussions on four major topics: 1. Discovering the Vocational "Good" Place, 2. Narrating the Stories of Vocation, 3. "Practice"-ing our Vocation, 4. Critiquing and Affirming "Vocation." The conference also includes a jazz concert, "Jazz Like Blues" on Friday evening. There are so many interesting ways to discover how Christians participate in the on-going creative work of God as it shapes vocation. Please join us in this conversation! For all conference information see <http://www.ptloma.edu/wesleyan/events/FHW/index.htm>.

CPS Panel at APSA 2006. Every year, CPS sponsors a panel as part of the official APSA program. At this year's conference, we want to celebrate the diversity of our work as Christian scholars from a variety of institutions - small colleges and large research universities, secular and Christian campuses. We welcome and encourage proposals from all subfields and methodological approaches within political science and from

political scientists at all levels of training, from graduate students to well-established scholars. The panel may include papers that directly seek to integrate Christian thinking with substantive issues of politics, theory, or international relations; but we equally welcome papers that would highlight the work of Christian scholars in more traditional academic areas. Please send paper abstracts and/or panel proposals by **January 15, 2006**, to Amy E. Black, Department of Politics and International Relations, Wheaton College, 501 College Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, 60187 or via e-mail (amy.e.black@wheaton.edu).

Professional Updates

None this month

Publication Announcements

Stephen A. Graham, *Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Mission*, a biography of E. Stanley Jones. Abingdon Press.

Job Announcements

None This Month

Misc. Announcements

None This Month

Prayer Requests

None This Month

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