

Welcome to the March 2006 Edition of the Christians in Political Science Newsletter

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Organizational News

CPS Officer Nominations. Christians in Political Science announces open nominations for its officers. The four officers of the organization are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Please do not hesitate to nominate yourself to any position. Send all nominations and/or expressions of willingness to serve to CPS President, Brent Nelson of Furman University at brent.nelsen@furman.edu

Upcoming Conferences/Calls for Papers

Call for Papers: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies XVII (2006) on: "Prophets of Post-Communism: Toward an Open Society." It is timely to recall the contributions of major dissident individuals and movements for transcending communism toward a free society. The memory of the central role of intellectuals/dissidents in the peaceful revolution which toppled communist rule in Russia and Eastern Europe is rapidly fading, while the job of transcending communist dictatorships remains unfinished. In a sense, it was easier to critique totalitarian rule than to forge new institutions, and revive or develop civic culture and civil society. Can revisiting the momentous events and exemplary individuals and groups which led to 1989 rekindle the ideals, hopes, and aspirations expressed by the language of universal human rights? It was this ideal of universal human rights which served as a common platform for opposing totalitarian rule, often obscured in the post-communist era by national/ethnic conflict and group rights. In fact, throughout the region, national/ethnic strife threatens to derail the project of an open society. How, then, can people in the post-communist era build a more humane future? Send 3 both-sided copies of: 15-25 page mss. + 150-word abstract, typed, double-spaced, in-text citation format, author identification on a separate sheet only (with postage for mss. return/SASE) to: Dr. O. Gruenwald, JIS Editor, IIR, 1065 Pine Bluff Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107, USA. Early submissions recommended. Web site: www.JIS3.org

Call for Abstracts and Papers. The International Journal of Public Administration. Symposium on "Spiritual Faith and Government Decisions" The International Journal of Public Administration invites manuscripts on the theme of utilizing "spiritual faith" as an explicit ingredient and force in making and implementing government decisions that have either ethical or moral consequences to governments, government clients, or the citizenry. "Spiritual faith" is defined broadly to include any religious perspective as long as it can point to specific moral principles as its foundation for understanding and regulating civic behavior. (In other words, we are not concerned with issues of how individuals "get to heaven," but rather relationships between spiritual faith and government decisions which regulate human interaction.) The symposium welcomes a diversity of opinion, from a diversity of disciplines, on the use (and/or misuse) of "spiritual faith" in making government decisions. It encourages manuscripts which focus on a diversity of settings (international, comparative, nation-specific, sub-national processes and institutions, grass-roots movements to affect government decisions). It seeks diversity of concerns (e.g., "Free Exercise" decisions at a state university in, say, Mississippi; faith-based initiatives of all kinds; examinations of the role of faith in, say the urban planning processes; death row conditions in, say, Oklahoma; trials on "crimes against humanity" in Iraq; a social welfare program in Israel and/or Palestine; etc.) It also seeks diversity in conceptual framework and methodology. Philosophical, historical and contemporary "think pieces," as well as more scientific studies, are welcome.

Manuscripts will undergo the traditional double-blind review process. While journal space may limit the number of peer-reviewed manuscripts published in the symposium, all manuscripts that are conceptually sound, intellectually rigorous and can withstand the test of the double-blind review process will be considered for inclusion as chapters in a much larger book project on the same topic. Manuscript reviewers will be tapped from membership in the (1) Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, (2) Council on Faith & International Affairs; and (3) Ethics Section of the American Society for Public Administration, as well as other specialized scholars and reflective practitioners.

Deadlines for submission of proposals: 1 June 2006: a one-page abstract (via e-mail) detailing the proposed Manuscript. 1 February 2007: final manuscript (4 hard copies and 1 disc) due for double-blind reviews.

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Professional Updates

None This Month

Publication Announcements

The paperback edition of Allen Hertzke's book, *Freeing God's Children: The Unlikely Alliance for Global Human Rights*, will be available for fall course adoptions. If you wish to view sample chapters they can be found on the book's webpage: www.freeinggodschildren.com and click on excerpt. If you are considering for course adoption, review copies can be obtained by contacting Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1-800-462-6420.

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Political Theory 1 (Westmont College). The Department of Political Science invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor effective Fall, 2007. Primary teaching interests and abilities should include classical, modern, contemporary, and non-Western political theory as well as political ideology. Interest in research methods would be a plus. Other interests are negotiable. Westmont's teaching load is six courses per academic year.

Political Theory 2 (Westmont College). The Department of Political Science invites applications for a one-semester, full-time position for Fall semester, 2006 or Spring semester, 2007. Primary teaching interests and abilities should include political theory with specific courses to be negotiated. The teaching load would be three courses. This interim position is ideally suited to an ABD candidate, a teaching "sabbatical" recipient, a visiting scholar, or a viable candidate for the Fall, 2007 tenure-track position.

Westmont College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college in the Protestant tradition. With a limited enrollment of 1,200 students, the College is selective in admissions and emphasizes excellence in undergraduate teaching and scholarship. Qualifications include a Ph.D., demonstrated excellence in teaching, and promise of scholarly research. Faculty are expected to wholeheartedly embrace the mission of the College, relating their faith to their teaching, to their scholarship, to their mentoring, and to their lives. More information and the faculty application are available at http://www.westmont.edu/academics/pages/provost/faculty_positions.html/.

Applicants should send their application with a cover letter, CV, and three reference letters plus a statement of teaching and research interests to Dr. David G. Lawrence, Professor and Chair, Political Science Department, Westmont College, 955 La Paz Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. Westmont College is an equal opportunity employer, seeking to be diverse in people and programs consistent with its mission. Promising applicants will be interviewed at the 2006 APSA meeting. Interviewing opportunities prior to the meeting are negotiable.

Teaching Fellow in Political Science. The University of Virginia's College at Wise. For the 2006-2007 academic year, M.A., ABD, or recent Ph.D. preferred. To teach courses in American, Comparative, and International Politics, 12 hours (four courses) per semester. Salary in low to mid-30's, with benefits. UVa-Wise is a small, Liberal Arts college in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. Political Science is part of a Social Science Department, Chaired by Garrett W. Sheldon. The University of Virginia is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Send vitae, 3 letters of recommendation, and graduate transcripts to: POLITICAL SCIENCE TEACHING FELLOW SEARCH, HUMAN RESOURCES, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, 1 College Avenue, Wise, VA 24293

Misc. Announcements

None This Month

Prayer Requests

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