GREETINGS TO ALL

This newsletter continues to be jointly produced by the French Politics Group of the American Political Science Association and the French Politics and Policy Group of the Political Science Association in the UK. We extend our thanks to APSA and PSA for continued support. Welcome to the new members of the APSA French Politics Group. We currently have 140 members (non dues-paying).

Congratulation to Cyndy Skach for receiving the George Lavau Dissertation Award and to Jocelyn Evans and Robert Anderson for the first Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award. Given that nine dissertations were submitted, special thanks must go to the Lavau award committee members for their hardwork: Jonah Levy, Karen Bird, and Vincent Hoffman-Martinot.

We had a very productive set of meetings at the APSA conference in D.C. We organized three panels, gave two awards, held a pre-conference teaching short course, and co-sponsored a reception. Thanks to the participation of over 15 of our group’s members from the UK, France, Canada, Japan and the USA, we have moved our collaboration into an even more active and institutionalized phase. Next year’s APSA meeting should prove to be even fuller of collaborative activities, with a strong participation of French political scientists and their institutions. APSA as an organization has continued to hold our collaboration up as an example for other groups to follow; we have been invited to submit a second article to the professional journal of the association, PS: Political Science. APSA will be working with us to better institutionalize its links to the Association Française de Science Politique as well. We will also be pursuing some joint panels for the upcoming PSA meetings in the UK.

We would like to thank all of the people who participated at APSA – we had on average 25 people at each of our three panels and 20 people attended our business meeting. Many of you have agreed to take on various roles at next year’s APSA and PSA meetings; a crucial part of our groups’ successes. We would like to give particular thanks to Bahram Rajaee at APSA for his support of our efforts and to Robert Elgie and the FPPG of the PSA for contributing to our APSA reception.

So be sure to read on about the details of how you can participate in all of these exciting activities. Remember that we always welcome your ideas and feedback.

Amicalement,
Robert and Amy

News of the French Politics Groups-APSA

APSA Meetings, Washington D.C., September 1-4th, 2005

Panels—Below is the list of papers presented at the meetings. To download the papers
Panel 1: Using the Case of France to Build Theories on Democracy, Policy Formation and the EU

“Associations, Party Models and Democracies: Changing Organizational Patterns of French Parties in a Historical Perspective”
Yohei Nakayama, University of Tokyo, Cornell University

Jacqueline S. Gehring, University of California, Berkeley

“Demarking Political Space: Territoriality and the Ethnoregional Party Family”
Dan Miodownik, University of Pennsylvania and Britt Cartrite, University of Pennsylvania

“An Interactive Economic Approach to Regional Integration in the Midi-Pyrenees: Forming Advocacy Coalitions and Emergent Policy Frames”
Edward Lai, University of Western Ontario

Panel 2: Developments in French Politics

“Developments in 21st Century French Politics”
Alistair Cole, Cardiff University, Jonah Levy, University of California, Berkeley and Patrick le Galès, CEVIPOF-FNSP

“Economic Policy: From the Dirigiste State to the Social Anesthesia State and Beyond”
Jonah Levy, University of California, Berkeley

“Gendering the Fifth Republic: New Beginnings or the Legacy of the Past?”
Amy G. Mazur, Washington State University

Panel 3: French Perspectives on Identity, Immigration, and Participation

“Race, Class, and Religion: The Political Alignments of French Muslims”
Sylvain Brouard, CEVIPOF-FNSP and Vincent Tiberj, CEVIPOF-FNSP

Nicolas Sauger, CEVIPOF-FNSP

Pre-Conference Short Course -- Each year, the Wednesday prior to the APSA meetings is devoted to a “short course format” that may last a whole or half day. This year, the FPG organized such a course focused on teaching French Politics. We had a very useful and lively discussion with five people signing up for the short course. Thanks to the participants help we generated a comprehensive collection of teaching materials, including syllabi and useful websites. These materials will be posted on our website this Fall (or e-mail Amy and she can send them to you). Here is the list of topics and presenters, to give you an idea of what we did.

- Using Developments in French Politics 3 (Palgrave, 2005) in the Classroom and
A Focus on Public Administration
Alistair Cole, Cardiff University, Wales, UK
• France in a Global Perspective: Globalization, Transnational Activism, Diaspora Politics, Post Colonialism and AIDS
  Michael Bosia, St. Michael’s College
• Teaching the French Case in Courses on Elections and Voting Behavior
  Jocelyn Evans, University of Salford, UK
• Bringing Gender Politics Issues into the Classroom
  Amy Mazur, Washington State University
• French Politics as a Teaching Source
  Andrew Appleton, Washington State University

Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award

  Jocelyn Evans, University of Salford and Robert Andersen McMaster University

Committee for 2004 Award: Chair: Andrew Appleton (Washington State University), Members: William Saffran (University of Colorado – Boulder), John Keeler (University of Washington).

The Committee for the 2005 Award is: Jocelyn Evans, Chair (University of Salford); Michael Bosia (St. Michael’s College) and Cyndy Skach (Harvard University). Nominations for best paper from this year’s meeting may be sent to J.A.Evans@salford.ac.uk.

Georges Lavau Dissertation Award

“Duverger’s Error: Constitutional Democracy Revisited.”
  Cyndy Skach, Harvard University

The award was first made in 1991 and is given every three years. Since 1998, it covers dissertations that are uniquely on French Politics or have a significant component on French politics. This year’s committee considered NINE dissertations defended from 1999-2004. Committee members included: Chair, Jonah Levy (University of Berkeley); Karen Bird (McMaster University); Vincent Hoffmann-Martinot (Institut d’Etudes Politiques- Bordeaux). The next committee will be constituted in 2008 to consider dissertations awarded from 2005-2007.

Previous Awardees include
  Virginie Guiraudon 1999 (European University Institute)
  John Huber 1993 (Columbia University)
  Amy Mazur 1993 (Washington State University)

APSA 2006

The French Politics Group welcomes paper or panel submissions that include a significant focus on French Politics. Submissions that address the theme of next year’s
conference, “Power Reconsidered” are especially appreciated. Submissions are due by January 1st. They should be sent to Amy Mazur (Washington State University) mazur@mail.wsu.edu.

**Group Award Fund Raising**

The FPG agreed two years ago that we need to have funds for prize money for both awards. Ideally, we would like to have a large enough endowment to generate the prize money each year. Our overall endowment target for both awards combined is $10,000, yielding $200 per year. An account for the two awards has been set-up in the Department of Political Science at Washington State University. Once we reach $5000 the monies will be invested through the WSU development program. Until then, we will use contributions directly in funding the prize money-- $100 for each award per year. Last year, thanks to Carol Wilson and Kay Lawson, we raised $250 enough to cover the prizes for this year. We now only have $50 in the account, not enough to fund next year’s award. So we do need your help. If you would like to make a contribution to either award, please fill out the attached form and send your contribution to Amy Mazur. Obtaining prize money for the awards will make a big difference in making them more legitimate and institutionalized over the long haul.

**Establishing Links with French Political Science**

The group will be pursuing a variety of efforts to build more permanent links with political scientists working on French politics issues in France. We will make an effort to recruit French political scientists for our APSA panels for the upcoming year. The Director of International Programs at APSA, Bahram Rajaee, has reiterated his promise to make an effort to consider APSA travel funding for French scholars in need of travel assistance for those meetings. APSA as a whole will be pursuing more active links with the AFSP as well. We are also officially reaching out to the AFSP to explore how we can better link AFSP to the work of our group. We hope to help to organize and sponsor a reception with various political science institutions in France, such as Science Po Paris, FNSP, Science Po- Bordeaux, CERVL, and CEVIPOF. We welcome any ideas from you to further develop this collaboration. The next two activities listed are a part of this larger, long-term institution building effort.

**Assessing French Political Science**

In addition to all these activities, the French Politics Group is helping facilitate an ‘inventory’ of contemporary political science in France. A small team of researchers has been compiling data on various aspects of institutional and individual practices, such as methodology requirements for graduate training, publication patterns in French political science journals, etc. Some of these data have already appeared in essay form in the Data, Measures, and Methods section of *French Politics*. We hope to conduct a survey of members of the AFSP in the near future, as well as sending out an institutional survey patterned after that used by APSA. This mapping will, we hope, be published as a symposium in *Perspectives on Politics* in the future; in addition, there will be a session proposed for the PSA meetings (April 4th-6th, University of Reading – see below).

**Methodology and French Political Science**
As part of a series of conversations that began at the APSA meetings in 2005, we are exploring the possibility of helping found a methodology group inside the AFSP. We are working with a set of interested researchers in France, and hope soon to be able to announce the foundational workshop to be held in France in the spring. There will be an update on this project in the next newsletter as things advance.

**Graduate Assistantship Opportunities At Washington State University**

The Department of Political Science at WSU, beginning in July 2006, will be housing one of the top-ranked journals in political science, Political Research Quarterly. Professors Cornell Clayton and Amy Mazur are the editors. Two full-time graduate assistantships are attached to the journal and the editors urge Ph.D.-bound graduate students interested in working on the journal as a part of their training to apply in the department's next round of admissions. Reflecting the new focus of PRQ, WSU's Ph.D program emphasizes a rigorous general training in multiple methodologies and problem-driven research with a particular focus on French Politics. The department also provides graduate students with hands-on research experience through a high level of faculty collaboration. For more information on the Department and the graduate admissions process, go to [http://libarts.wsu.edu/polisci/](http://libarts.wsu.edu/polisci/). Specific questions may be addressed to the editors as well at mazur@mail.wsu.edu or cornell@mail.wsu.edu

**News of the French Policy and Politics Group-PSA**

**Annual PSA Conference at the University of Reading, 4-6 April 2006**

The next PSA conference will be held at the University of Reading. The Group is planning to sponsor at least two panels. However, we would be very happy to sponsor more. Please just contact Robert Elgie if you would like to organize a panel or simply present a paper. A panel needs to include three speakers and a discussant or four speakers. The deadline for panel proposals is 31 October. The Group is keen to sponsor panels with other French Groups. We are also keen to place the study of France in comparative perspective. So, a panel does not have to have solely a French focus. Panels with a comparative focus are welcomed. The Group has some funds that may facilitate speaker costs.

**Research conferences**

The Group tries to organize a conference at least once every two years. We would welcome suggestions for our 2006 annual conference. Please send any suggestions, however tentative, to Robert Elgie ([robert.elgie@dcu.ie](mailto:robert.elgie@dcu.ie)). We do have some funds available to subsidize the conference.

The Group supported a conference that was held on Friday 8 July at the University of the West of England, Bristol, and that was organized by Mairi Maclean and Joseph Szarka. The theme of the conference was ‘France on the World Stage’. It is hoped that the contributions will appear in due course as an edited book or as a special edition of a journal.

**PSA Vincent Wright Memorial Award**

In 2004, the Group decided that we wanted to honour the late Vincent Wright's contribution to the study of French Politics. To this end, we decided that it would be appropriate
to make an award for the best paper with a substantial French component given at the PSA annual conference. We decided that we would call the award the Vincent Wright Award and that the winner would receive a cheque for £100.

After a process of external review, we are delighted to announce that the second annual recipient of the Vincent Wright Award is Rainbow Murray at Birkbeck College, University of London, for her paper ‘The Power of Sex and Incumbency: a longitudinal study of electoral performance in France’. The external assessor, Prof John Gaffney, said that “The paper is innovative, takes received wisdom an transforms this into hypothesis that is then very rigorously tested, and demonstrates the inadequacies of the received view. The findings of the paper are also both accurate and interesting regarding both incumbency and gender. The paper also makes interesting contrastive observations regarding the differences between attitudes within wider society on the one hand, and political party on the other. The paper is also very clearly written, clear in its intention and aims, is well organised, and is a valuable contribution to research”. The paper can be downloaded from the proceedings website: www.psa.ac.uk/2005/papers.htm. The Group would like to thank Prof. Gaffney for reviewing the papers under consideration.
CONTRIBUTION FORM FOR FRENCH POLITICS GROUP AWARDS

Please fill out the following form and send it to Amy Mazur, Department of Political Science, Washington State University, Box 644880, Pullman WA 99163-4880. Checks should be made payable to the Department of Political Science-WSU. A receipt for your records will be sent to you. This is a tax deductible contribution

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_____ FRANK L. WILSON BEST APSA PAPER AWARD

_____ GEORGES LAVAU DISSERTATION AWARD