GREETINGS TO ALL

This is a joint newsletter of 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. It is being distributed to both group e-mail lists. We hope that this will continue a highly fruitful collaboration between the two groups, which has been solidly supported by both the PSA and APSA. We greatly appreciate the two association’s help and in particular Bahram Rajaee at APSA ANYONE AT PSA ROBERT? Thanks to PSA funding and Robert Elgie’s hardwork, two FPG-APSA members will be presenting papers at a French Politics panel at the PSA meetings this April in Lincoln. Likewise, APSA support has helped to make possible a joint PSA-APSA panel on French politics this coming Fall in Chicago (see panel line-ups below).

We are now up to over 100 individuals on our FPG-APSA and there are X (ROBERT PLEASE FILL IN) members of the French PSA group. In addition to more specific information about these panels and other updates on both group’s activities, you will find in this newsletter a commemorative essay in honor of Roy Pierce, who recently passed away. There will also be a roundtable at APSA-Chicago in memory of his contributions to the study of French Politics. Special thanks go to Kay Lawson who is the first person to make a contribution to the Frank L. Wilson Best Paper Award fund.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions about the newsletter or about either group, please don’t hesitate to contact either of us.

We thank you for you time and support.

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Robert and Amy

News of the French Policy and Politics Group-PSA

Annual Conference, 27 September, 2003, Oxford --This year’s conference was a collaborative event with PSA Italian Politics group. It was organised by Felia Allum (University of Bath), Robert Elgie (Dublin City University) and Jim Newell (University of Salford). The conference was also supported by the European Studies Research Institute (University of Salford) and the European Research Institute (University of Bath). The theme of the conference was 'The Right in France and Italy'. There were two speakers from Italy - Gianfranco Pasquino (Bologna) and Piero Ignazi (Bologna) - and two from France - Florence Haegel (CEVIPOF/Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris) and Gilles Ivaldi (Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble). The were also four speakers from the UK - Phil Daniels (Newcastle), Helen Drake (Loughborough), David Hine (Oxford) and Raymond Kuhn (Queen Mary) - and four discussants - Anna Bull (Bath), Jocelyn Evans (Salford), Paul Furlong (Cardiff) and Hussein Kassim (Birkbeck). The papers were excellent. There was a good attendance and the discussion was lively. The conference was provided with £500 sponsorship from the Group. This was in addition
to financial support from the European Studies Research Institute (University of Salford) and the European Research Institute (University of Bath) and the Maison Française itself.

Panels at the PSA Meeting in Linclon, 2004 --There are five panels organized by the French Politics and Policy Group. For more information about the PSA Meetings go to, http://www.psa.ac.uk/2004. ROBERT, IS THERE A BUSINESS MEETING WE SHOULD ANNOUNCE?
Tuesday 6 April, 14:00-15:30
Public Policy in France
Chair: Ben Clift
Papers:
“Party Policy, Participation: Gender and Political Identity in France Today”
Andrew Appleton
“Comparing Policy Coordination in Britain and France: The Case of Cross Border Higher Education Between 1979 and 2003”
Anneliese Dodds
“Credible Commitments, Political Uncertainty or Policy Complexity? Explaining the Discretion Granted to Independent Administrative Authorities in France”
Robert Elgie

Tuesday 6 April, 16:00-17:30
Indivisibility Recomposed? Decentralisation in France: Past and Present Perspectives”
Chair: Robert Elgie
Papers:
“Cultural and Political Dynamics of Centralisation and Decentralisation in the Late 19th Century in France: Hypotheses”
Betrand Taithe
“Poncelet’s Triumph: The Senate as Chambre de la Décentralisation”
Paul Smith
“‘Tuez la bête noire’ The Idea of Federalism During the French Revolution”
Marion Guiral de Tranqualye

Wednesday 7 April: 11:00-12:30
The French Mode of Capitalism: The Sick Man of Europe?
Chair: Ben Clift
Papers:
“MEDEF and the Reform of Employment Relations: Recasting the State-Business Labour Triangle”
Susan Milner
David Howarth
“‘The French Model: A Sick Man of Europe? Reflection From the National Capitalisms Perspective”
Johnathon Perraton
Wednesday 7 April: 14:30-16:00
The French Model of Capitalism in Comparative Perspective: France, Germany and the UK
Chair: Ben Clift
Papers:
Ben Clift
“Contemporary Germany Capitalism: Is Germany a Knowledge Economy?”
Clare Annesley
“The UK Model of Capitalism”
Andrew Gamble

Wednesday 7 April: 16:30-18:00
Women and Politics in France
(Co Sponsored with the Women and Politics Section)
Chair: Wendy Stokes
“Parity Reform in France: Promises and Pitfalls”
Claudie Baudino
“Prostitution Policy in France”
Gill Allwood
“The 35 Hour Work Week Reforms and Gender Politics in France, 1997-2000”
Amy Mazur

PSA Vincent Wright Memorial Prize-- As a new initiative, the Group has decided to award a prize for the best paper on French Politics at the PSA annual conference. The prize will be awarded to the best paper with a significant French politics component that is given at the PSA annual conference. All papers are eligible, not just ones on panels organised by the Group. The evaluation of the papers will include an external assessment.

Upcoming Conferences--The Group has agreed in principle to give limited financial support to a conference organised by Prof. Michael Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa) on the theme 'Electoral behaviour in France'. The conference will be held in Paris later this year.

The Group is also preparing to co-organise a conference at the Institute for Local Government at the University of Birmingham. The theme of the conference is 'Local Government Reform in Europe'. The conference is co-sponsored and supported by the Institute for Local Government. It will be held in November 2004, or March 2005.

Teaching Initiatives 2002-05--In 2002, the Group introduced a teaching-related initiative. We encouraged Group members to submit their own French Politics reading lists to the Chair of the Group with a view to them being made available to all Group members on request. The idea behind this move was that it would help Group members, particularly newer members to the profession, to draw up their own up-to-date reading lists more easily. Over the course of the year, we have now built up a good stock of reading lists and members are starting to avail of them. ROBERT, COULD YOU INDICATE HERE HOW TO GET ACCESS TO THIS?

Also in 2002, we introduced another teaching-related initiative. We invited members to request small amounts of funding to help organise French Politics-related seminars for students. Here, the aim was to encourage colleagues in one University to invite speakers from nearby
Universities to come and give a talk to students, or to hold a roundtable for students. In 2003, we provided £100 support for one such initiative organised by Nick Parsons (Cardiff).

News of the French Politics Groups-APSA

**Panels at the APSA Meetings, Chicago, September 2-5th 2004**--Panel schedules will be announced in June. For more information on the meeting, go to [http://apsanet.org/mtgs](http://apsanet.org/mtgs).

Contemporary Dynamics of the French Political System: Continuity or Change  
(Co Sponsored by the European Politics and Society Section)  
Chair: Amy Mazur, Washington State University  
Papers:

  Jocelyn Evans, University of Salford
  Ben Clift, University of Warwick
- “Explaining delegation to Independent Administrative Authorities in France”
  Robert Elgie, Dublin City University
- “Decentralization II and the new Regional Electoral System: Social Impacts and the Party System “
  Petra Zimmermann-Steinhart, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Discussant.: TBA

Panel 2. Roundtable in Memory of Roy Pierce  
Chair: Andrew Appleton, Washington State University  
Panelists: To Be Announced

Panel 3: New Politics, Parties, and Cleavages”  
(Co Sponsored with European Politics and Society)

**Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award**--Nominations for papers on French politics presented at last year’s APSA meeting are still being accepted for the newly created award. Send them to Andrew Appleton at appleton@wsu.edu. Committee for 2004 Award: Chair: Andrew Appleton (Washington State University), Members: Catherine Fieschi (University of Nottingham), William Saffran (University of Colorado – Boulder), Rand Lewis (Lake Forest College). Paper nominations are still welcome.

**Georges Lavau Dissertation Award**--The FPG-APSA agreed to continue the award after appropriate funds had been raised for prize money. The last award was given out in 2000. We hope to be constituting a committee and making a call for submissions following next year’s APSA meeting. PSA members are welcome to participate on the committee. The award will be given every three years for dissertations completed in the previous three years. Dissertations must be in English and must cover France in some significant manner, reflecting an expert level knowledge of French Politics and Culture. If you would like to serve on this committee or would like to nominate a recent graduates dissertation, please let Amy know.
**Fund Raising**--The FPG-APSA agreed that we need to have some 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. 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.

**Website** --We hope to have it up and running by next year’s APSA meeting. If anyone has any ideas or would like to contribute, let Amy know.

ROBERT DO YOU HAVE A SITE?
In Memory of Roy Pierce
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As most readers of this newsletter will know, Roy Pierce passed away at the age of 80 on 24 October 2003. As most readers will also know, Roy was one of the leading students of French politics for the last half century of his life. It is therefore an honor for me to write a brief note on the life and career of my graduate school mentor who turned into a cherished—if also unlikely—friend.

I am not going to focus on Roy’s professional accomplishments. Gerhard Loewenberg, Philip Converse, and Ken Kollman have already done that far better than I could in the January 2004 issue of *PS: Politics and Political Science* (pp. 128-130 for those of you who like footnotes). Rather I want to concentrate on how he touched the lives of his students and colleagues personally as well as professionally. Roy was a quiet and a private man. So, he might have been a bit embarrassed by what follows. All the more reason to write it.

Colleagues who first came into contact with Roy after the publication of *The Politics of Representation in France* (1986) or *Choosing the Chief* (1995) would probably be surprised to learn he became a Michigan style quantitative political science only in the second half of his professorial career. He began his academic career as a theorist who specialized on French political thought. He also started, not at Michigan, but at Smith College. After moving to Michigan in 1956, he published one of the finest book on French political theory and one of the first comprehensive texts on French politics (though he did spell Mitterrand’s name wrong in the first edition, a mistake he implored me not to repeat).

But, as often happened to area specialists at Michigan in the 1960s, Roy was roped into the Center for Political Studies as it expanded the work begun with *The American Voter* to almost every country that held regular elections. Roy joined with Phil Converse to manage a massive three wave (1967, 1968, 1969) panel of the electorate and a two-wave one (1967 and 1968) for candidates for election to the National Assembly. They only set out to do the 1967 study, but French politics being French politics, legislative elections were held in 1968 following the “events” of May and presidential ones the following year after de Gaulle resigned. In that very different funding environment, CPS was able to add the additional studies, and Roy and Phil presided over what was probably the most massive political data base at that time.

When I arrived to work on the project as a grad student (see below) in 1970, the political theorist was already remarkably adept with quantitative data. He wasn’t as good with the primitive computers we had at our disposal (I once estimated that the four of us who crunched the data shared an office with more than 200,000 punch cards), but he sure knew when my programs were badly done and the data just couldn’t be right.

Colleagues who knew Roy mostly at academic conferences where he always wore impeccably ironed button down collar shirts and appropriate ties will be surprised by his background. After graduating from DeWitt Clinton High School in New York, Roy spurned prestigious scholarship offers from elite schools to attend Deep Springs College in Nevada. Deep Springs was founded by a man who made tons of money in the mining industry and tried to create a college that would be truer to his (and my) beloved Oberlin’s motto, Learning and Labor. Its twenty five students combine study and work with a faculty that shares that same commitment.

Roy has asked that contributions in his name be made to Deep Springs
I have done so and urge you all to look at their web site and do the same.

His love of the outdoors continued throughout his life. Instead of living in a big house in the posh Burns Park neighborhood of Ann Arbor, he and Win bought a place in Jackson Hole. Roy’s email address was not rpierce@umich.edu or some such. It was tetons@umich.edu. But the most important and perhaps most surprising thing I have to say is how deeply Roy touched me and, I expect, most of us who studied with him. He never shed his quiet or private side with me or my contemporaries.

Nonetheless, he displayed a degree of pedagogical and intellectual openness I’ve rarely seen, an openness I have tried to model in my own career which has been very different from his. I can’t speak for Roy’s other students, but he left a massive and lasting impression on me precisely because we were such an odd couple. He was a New Deal liberal who had deep qualms about Viet Nam war protesters and the new left in general. I was part of the first Michigan class with a significant number of 1960s radicals in the political science department. In fact, I was as left wing as they came.

I suspect I drove him politically nuts in the European politics seminar I took with him in spring (an oxymoron in Ann Arbor) 1970. While I was never very confrontational, I did insist that we could not meet on campus during a strike in support of the Black Action Movement. He said we had to have class. Then, in what must have been my first bout of conflict resolution, I came up with the idea of meeting off campus in my apartment. To my delight—and shock—he agreed.

I’ve always wondered why Roy tolerated me at that stage. Maybe because I spoke fortran as well as French. Or because I read Maigret novels. Or played baseball and tennis. Anyway, he took me on as both a research assistant and advisor even though my politics were moving leftward and I began to think of myself as Marxistish and began carving a dissertation proposal on one of the groups that emerged to the Communists’ left after 1968.

Then, he did something that surprised me even more. I was granted conscientious objector status, something he of course had deep trouble with. For family reasons of my own, I needed to stay in Ann Arbor. CO jobs were hard to find in those days. Then, I found a loophole in the law that said I could do my alternative service at any nonprofit, including the U of M, which would have me. Much to my surprise, Roy hired me full time which led to almost two years of learning about French politics, getting to know Roy better, and nearing brain death poring over quantitative data.

At no point then or afterward did Roy attack my political views. He asked questions. He expressed disagreement. But always in the context of a mentor whose job was to help me do my best on projects I thought were important. What’s more, he would not let me or my colleagues do dissertations based on the election study. He insisted, unlike many of his colleagues, that we go into the field and experience French political life at the grass roots.

He did not send us off easily. I think he made me put my dissertation proposal through 13 drafts (I still have nightmares that there were 113 drafts).I hated him for it. But, when I got to Paris, I had a blueprint for a project which I had to change given the politics of the day, but the framework of the proposal gave me a tool that allowed the flexibility to do so.

Roy and I also shared a love of Airedales. I fear I spent more time at their house playing with the dog than talking politics with Roy and Win. He always asked how mine were once I made enough money to afford a dog. And, he forgave me when instead of getting another Airedale, we adopted an abused half border collie and half who knows what.
He once gave Win a tile to put next to their doorbell, *chien méchant*. They both enjoyed it when people who stopped by to sell things assume she was Mrs. Mechant.

The Loewenberg, Converse, Kollman article says that Roy met with a PhD student less than two weeks before he died to make certain she could get the data she needed.

That was the Roy Pierce I knew. The best I can do in his memory is to continue his work. To that end, I’m in the last stages of a textbook on French politics which I would like to think of as the successor volume to Roy’s. It is dedicated to three people. The first is J. D. Lewis who spent hundreds of hours with me at Oberlin and got me interested in French politics. The second is Amy Mazur who, despite taking undergraduate classes with me, went on to become one of the stars of her generation in French politics. The third is Roy.
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