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The annual meeting of APSA is now less than a month off and I hope to see you there in Chicago. Our program co-chairs for the legislative studies division, Frances Lee and Gail McElroy, have organized a superb set of panels. Including several sessions co-sponsored with other divisions, we will have 20 panels that touch on all major aspects of the subfield. And, of course, the LSS business meeting and reception will take place on Friday evening of the conference, August 30. The business meeting will run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Salon 12 of the Palmer House, followed by a reception in Salon 10 from 7:30 to about 9:00 p.m.

The main purpose of the LSS business meeting will be to announce the winners of the section's five awards, and the reception will feature the usual assortment of light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The award committees have completed their work and we owe the committee members and chairs a debt of gratitude. Included on the selection panels this year were the following colleagues, with the chairs listed first:

- Fenno Prize: Lanny Martin, Michael Minta, Bruce Oppenheimer
- CQ Press Award: Dan Lee, Jeff Jenkins, Caroline Tolbert
- Carl Albert Dissertation Award: Georg Vanberg, Kathleen Bratton, James Curry
- Jewell-Loewenberg Award: Ryan Vander Wielen, David Canon, Kira Sabonmatsu
- Alan Rosenthal Prize: Vineeta Yadav, Sarah Anderson, Cathy Rudder

On a sad note, Professor Alan Rosenthal, for whom the Rosenthal award is named and dedicated, passed away last month in his home in Princeton, NJ. Alan was a giant in the field of legislative studies. In addition to his many scholarly contributions, his ability to harness the best academic research behind efforts to improve the performance of legislatures was unparalleled. His personal grace and intellect will be sorely missed.

At the LSS business meeting on August 30, I'll hand over the chair's gavel to my successor. Before doing so, I want to express my appreciation to a number of folk for their assistance over the past two years. Tracy Osborn was a very effective secretary-treasurer for the section. Our nominations committee members, Chuck Shipan, Jamie Carson, and Lynda Powell, were a great help. Mickie Weigand of the *Legislative Studies Quarterly* more than made up for my meager skills as an event planner. Ron Peters, LaDonna Sullivan, and Robert Kelly at the Carl Albert Center continue to do a fine job producing the LSS newsletter and maintaining our website and listserv. Thanks to all of them, and I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

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Act of Congress: How America's Essential Institution Works, and How It Doesn't, Robert G. Kaiser, 2013, Knopf, \$27.95, paper, 416 pages.

In *Act of Congress*, the reader is transported back to 2008 when the United States was in the middle of the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression. Throughout the book, Kaiser eloquently illustrates the political dynamics that had to be navigated in order for the Dodd-Frank financial reform bill to be passed. Kaiser opens our eyes to the wheeling and dealing in Washington, D.C. that happens behind closed doors. One of the elements that makes Kaiser's work so special is the unparalleled access he obtained to key players in the policy process. Readers are taken to Nancy Pelosi's office on September 28, 2008 when Hank Paulson and Ben Bernanke told the group just how bad the economy was and demanded that action be taken. Kaiser creates deep biographical histories, from Congressman Barney Frank and Senator Chris Dodd to staff members Mary Friend (chief Counsel to the Senate Banking Committee) and Jeanne Roslanowick (Frank's staff director for the Financial Services Committee), both of whom played an integral part in making the bill come to fruition.

Kaiser also paints the picture of how a major bill like Dodd-Frank can be guided through the legislative process in the modern day Congress. First, Kaiser discusses how many within the federal government knew about the fact that AIG was giving \$165 million in bonuses to the very same employees that caused the company to collapse, as AIG disclosed this information to the Securities Exchange Commission a year prior. Kaiser then looks at how Congress deals with complex bills like the Dodd-Frank bill, which is more than 1,500 pages. Kaiser stresses the importance of staff behind the scenes and their ability to reach out to staff of other members in order to gain a compromise. The reader is given insight into the frustration of Senator Dodd, who tried throughout the entire process to gain a Republican co-sponsor of the bill, but was ultimately unable to do so. However, the relationships that were built ultimately proved to be extremely important in the passage of the bill.

Kaiser further describes how different Congress has become in the last few decades with increasing partisanship pervading the institution. In the House, with the increasing number of safe districts, more and more members do not have to worry about compromising with the other political party on important political issues. Senator Dodd recalls a Senate where everyone worked together on policy issues, as opposed to the situation today where senators are more eager to produce sound-bites that will be picked up by the media.

Kaiser also details the important role of lobbying in the process of crafting the Dodd-Frank bill. The American Bankers Association, the National Auto Dealers Association, the Mortgage Bankers Association, and the American Financial Services Association all used their influence and lobbying tactics to attempt to shape the end product of the financial regulation bill. Kaiser even points out how the influence of the big banks affected the bill, as the end bill did not ultimately completely change the financial industry or break up the big banks, as many had desired. Despite these concessions, the big banks still unsuccessfully lobbied to Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to try to halt the passage of the bill.

Kaiser concludes his book by stressing that even though the Dodd-Frank bill is only a case study of how the U.S. Congress can work, many factors that affected the passage of the Dodd-Frank bill (i.e. the tireless work of co-sponsors, the integral role of congressional staff members, the importance of public opinion) can also be applied to all pieces of major legislation before Congress. However, even though the book is an example of Congress working, Kaiser argues that the system is still broken, because members within Congress are far more concerned about politics than policymaking. All in all, Kaiser's book is a rich text that is filled with valuable information on how so many stars had to align for Congress to pass a historical piece of legislation, the Dodd-Frank bill. Kaiser's access to key political players helps the reader gain insights into congressional politics behind closed doors.

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Ambition, Competition, and Electoral Reform: The Politics of Congressional Elections Across Time, Jamie L. Carson and Jason M. Roberts, 2013, University of Michigan Press, ISBN 9780472118649, \$60.00, cloth, 171 pages.

When one thinks of congressional elections in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, one thinks first of a system run by self-interested party barons making decisions in smoke-filled rooms, and second of that system being overcome by progressive reformers seeking to fight fraud and deliver more decision-making control to voters. Stories of this sort are so powerful, it seems, that much analysis of the forces that shape candidate emergence, voting behavior, and outcomes fails to examine this era empirically. We regularly see studies that reach back into electoral history to tackle key phenomena such as candidate quality or the incumbency advantage, but that reach extends, typically, only back to the end of World War 2. *Ambition, Competition, and Electoral Reform* is, at its core, an impressive and detailed effort to offer a corrective. In their look at House races between 1872 and 1944, authors Carson and Roberts reveal that many modern findings on what separates winners from losers in congressional elections are just as applicable (and in some cases even more so) to contests over a century old as they are to contests today.

Much of this book tackles the potential importance of candidate quality and emergence in a pre-World War 2 electoral world. Given the incentives party leaders offered to potential congressional candidates in the late nineteenth century, the authors argue experienced candidates should have been lured into running without fear of an electoral loss ruining their career trajectory. However, reforms such as the Australian ballot and the direct primary might have altered such an electoral calculus over time.

To explore these theories further, Carson and Roberts go to great lengths to research the quality of House candidates across the 70+ years of elections under examination. Relying on data from biographical directories, websites, newspapers, historical societies, and even online genealogical tools, the authors are able to illustrate the surprisingly high quality of candidates running in an era in which parties dominated the process. They then go on to show that quality candidate emergence in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was shaped by factors such as incumbent presence and previous vote margins, much as it was across the latter half of the twentieth century. The relationship between economic situations, the direct primary, and quality candidate emergence is also explored. Here, the authors find quality challengers emerging when Gross National Product growth is high and the challenger's party is in the majority. The authors also reveal that the direct primary affected quality challenger emergence across both parties and in both types of contests (open seat and against an incumbent). The effects of candidate quality and ballot reform on electoral outcomes are then explored; Carson and Roberts find that an advantage in candidate quality matters, as do some types of ballots.

The authors also endeavor to determine whether or not an incumbency advantage existed and flourished across the same late nineteenth/early twentieth century period explored in earlier chapters. They reveal that the "collision rate" between incumbents and high quality challengers was higher in the late nineteenth century than at any time later than that, but lower at many points in the early twentieth century than in an era (post-1964) that some have argued was the period in which the incumbency advantage took root. Carson and Roberts also show that ballot type and the presence or absence of a direct primary also shaped the state of affairs for an incumbent running for reelection between 1872 and 1944.

This work by Carson and Roberts will appeal greatly to those interested in congressional elections and those interested in American political development. *Ambition, Competition, and Electoral Reform* extends the reach of what we know about candidate quality and incumbency to a period of time in our electoral history often only covered anecdotally. Moreover, the book delves deeply into the effects caused by reforms such as primaries and ballot types, offering an interesting "before and after" look at why some might run for and hold onto elected office. Not to be overlooked as well is the construction of a dataset on candidates of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries that should continue to further our knowledge on this time period in years to come.

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Congress: A Performance Appraisal, Andrew J. Taylor, 2013, Westview Press, ISBN 9780813345727, \$37.00, paper, 262 pages.

Those in the community of congressional scholars know well the awkward conversations to be had about congressional performance. You know, the ones when you are talking with someone—a fellow parent on the sidelines of a youth sporting event, a new acquaintance in your neighborhood, or even the person cutting your hair—and the questions move past your job as a political science professor to the topic of your research and teaching. “American national government, especially Congress,” I usually say. What people then say is typically very critical of Congress and of people in Congress. As Andrew Taylor writes in this excellent book, *Congress: A Performance Appraisal*, the specific opinions regarding what is wrong with Congress vary from notions of the selfish nature of politicians to problems with the parties, to disagreement with policies passed, to the institution itself. Senators and Members of Congress need “to just do their jobs” is an oft-made comment. Congress is shellacked generally by everyone, as evidenced by the public opinion data Taylor shows in chapter one. Is this a fair appraisal? It might be, but probably not; such negativity can snowball from untested comments, generalities, and cynicism. Enter Professor Andrew Taylor with his impressively thorough work appraising the U.S. Congress.

The book aims to provide a comprehensive performance appraisal by examining several areas of legislative work: representation, rules and procedures, organizational structure, inter-branch relations, and performance outputs. In chapter two of the book, in order to get at these areas, Taylor first develops, quite meticulously, six aspirations of congressional performance: a robust representative democracy (chapter three); a transparent, accessible, and trustworthy legislature (chapter four); desirable principles of organization (chapter five); a healthy legislative process (chapter six); effective policy (chapter seven); and vigorous checking and balancing (across branches, chapter eight). He then develops numerous benchmarks for each of the aspirations with which to carefully measure performance (and indeed to appraise the Congress). Chapter nine brings it all together in a sort of meta-appraisal of Congress. Taylor finds that, while Congress has areas where it falls short, the majority of benchmarks are met by Congress; it is an institution that is performing at a fairly high standard. In terms of areas of improvement where the benchmarks were not met (such as too infrequent of turnover in the membership), Taylor suggests reforms, such as public financing of elections, noisome House rules, and Senate holds.

This book stands strong to criticism for several reasons. First, Taylor approaches his definitions, aspirations, benchmarks, and measurement in a more balanced way than does, say, Louis Fisher in his book, *On Appreciating Congress: The People’s Branch*. Taylor’s thorough approach makes his own suggestions for reform seem more valid than the normatively-charged works out there on Congress and the presidency. Second, Taylor does a fantastic job in developing scores of benchmarks to test how Congress is doing across the multitude of legislative aspirations that he developed. This approach makes his results seem more believable and makes the work replicable in most ways. Third, Taylor turns to a comparative perspective at several points in the book to help him (and the readers) appreciate how Congress compares to other national legislatures. This strategy helps give the book perspective and leverage at several key junctures. While the book is generally well done, there is one area of concern. In one of the chapters on legislative performance, counting outputs is very tricky because of the increasing size of legislation (omnibus bills). Taylor acknowledges this fact on pages 145-146, yet he does not deal with the issue apart from showing that it makes analyses of productivity difficult to conduct. This is just one minor quibble, to be sure, and the book is quite strong otherwise. It is a book that I will now use in my undergraduate and graduate courses on Congress as a launch pad for productive and specific debate on how Congress is doing and where it needs to improve. Aside from teaching, this book belongs in the library of any legislative scholar and those steeped in legislative process in Washington as well.

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Congress and the Politics of Problem Solving, E. Scott Adler and John D. Wilkerson, 2012, Cambridge University Press, ISBN 978110767310, \$29.99, paper, 246 pages.

Contemporary accounts of a partisan, extremely polarized Congress depict a broken law-making institution defined by legislative gridlock; yet, important laws are still passed and public demands are met. How can this be? *Congress and the Politics of Problem-Solving* is an ambitious attempt to make sense of this apparent contradiction.

The main crux of the book is that Congress is able to address salient issues and broad policy change because individual members collectively engage in problem-solving. The authors do not argue against the idea that members of Congress are primarily motivated by reelection. In fact, it is the drive for reelection that encourages individuals in Congress to act collectively. According to the authors, “reelection-motivated lawmakers have incentives to respond to publicly salient events in a timely manner and ensure that existing government programs perform to the satisfaction of voters” (15). The first section of the book provides a series of analyses involving public and elite surveys that support this statement. In particular, the authors are able to demonstrate that incumbents are held accountable by the public for poor performance in Congress.

If overall congressional performance is so important to the reelection prospects of individual members, how is collective problem-solving accomplished? The authors pinpoint two key factors that facilitate problem-solving in Congress: the committee system and compulsory legislation. Members of Congress are very limited in terms of their capacity to respond to important issues. Committees help to overcome this limitation by creating a division of labor and providing clear policy jurisdictions. The authors also highlight how committee reforms in the postwar Congress have helped foster collective problem-solving. In a similar vein, the authors argue compulsory laws that must be continually reauthorized in future congresses have become a prominent feature of the contemporary Congress. Compulsory legislation enables collective problem-solving in Congress because individual members are forced to engage in important policy oversight and updating that may otherwise be overlooked given scarce agenda space. Short-term authorizations force members to invest in a given policy issue now and in the foreseeable, which helps members attend to issues important to the public. In the words of the authors, “a central explanation for why short-term expirations have been used with increasing frequency since the 1960s is to promote more regular reviews of policy effectiveness as a means to addressing problems before they become crises” (66). Over the course of several chapters, the authors are able to demonstrate how the use of compulsory legislation and issue saliency successfully predicts bill sponsorship, statutory change, and cumulative policy change. This finding suggests attention to issues is problem-driven, rather than driven by preferences or party politics.

The power of the book comes from the authors’ straightforward theory of how individual motivations for reelection force members of Congress to engage in collective problem-solving. This theory is then supported by a multitude of data sources ranging from surveys of the general public to bill sponsorship and even data on roll call voting and issue attention. Overall, *Congress and the Politics of Problem-Solving* is an important work because it gives us a fresh take on the well-established research area of congressional performance by focusing on policy content and institutional structure.

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Early Start: Preschool Politics in the United States, Andrew Karch, 2013, University of Michigan Press, ISBN 9780472118724, \$60.00, cloth, 274 pages.

In his 2013 State of the Union Address, President Obama proposed working with the states to ensure that high-quality preschool was made available to every child in America. The fact that President Obama put forth proposal in a venue with such high visibility has brought a renewed focus to the issue of early childhood education. In light of this increased attention, *Early Start: Preschool Politics in the United States* could hardly have come at a more opportune time.

Whereas most contemporary scholarly work takes the form of policy evaluation and analysis—attempting to determine the effectiveness of current programs and providing recommendations for future directions—Karch presents a political analysis of the topic. More specifically, drawing on historical records and other data sources, Karch analyzes the role that political factors have played in shaping early childhood education and leading to our current system, one characterized by significant fragmentation both across levels of government and between the public and private sectors. Throughout his analysis Karch identifies three major concepts that help explain how our system of early childhood education has developed its distinctive fragmentation: Critical junctures, venue shopping, and policy feedback.

Karch identifies President Nixon's 1971 veto of the Comprehensive Child Development Act as a critical juncture in shaping early childhood education policy. Had it been signed into law, this legislation would have provided a variety of services—educational, health, and others—to young children who met the eligibility criteria. Many supporters of this legislation viewed it as laying the groundwork for a federally-provided, universal preschool program. The Comprehensive Child Development Act passed each chamber of Congress by comfortable margins, but it was met with Nixon's veto pen when it reached his desk. The inability of Congress to override the presidential veto required early childhood education supporters to rethink their strategy for achieving their desired policy outcomes.

Karch describes how, in response to Nixon's veto, the early childhood coalition turned to other institutional settings—primarily the states—in efforts to achieve their goals. That is, they engaged in venue shopping. At least in the short term, this strategy proved quite successful as many states initiated preschool policies and established offices of child development. In addition, early childhood education supporters also had several smaller successes at the federal level, including expansion of the Child and Dependent Care tax credit and the solidification of Head Start.

Although these policy changes helped early childhood education supporters achieve long-desired goals, Karch incisively demonstrates how they laid the foundation for the significant fragmentation of the current system and, ultimately, made it more difficult for supporters of early childhood education to achieve their ultimate goal of universal, high-quality programs. As policy victories at the state and federal levels began to produce tangible benefits, supportive constituencies formed around each policy. This form of policy feedback helped solidify the fragmentation that characterizes our country's contemporary early childhood education policy while simultaneously rendering any centralized reform effort less likely to succeed.

By itself, Karch's detailed history of the evolution of early childhood policy in the United States represents an impressive contribution to scholarship on the topic. More than that, though, Karch's detailed analysis of previous efforts to develop and reform early childhood policy provides important insight into the likely hurdles that future reform efforts will face. As such, this lucid and well-researched book is clearly a valuable resource for scholars, advocates, and policymakers alike.

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Gerald R. Ford: An Honorable Life, James Cannon, 2013, University of Michigan Press, ISBN 9780472116041, \$35.00, cloth, 482 pages.

Gerald R. Ford ascended to the presidency in an unprecedented manner during one of the most turbulent political periods in the modern era. James Cannon, the former domestic policy adviser to Ford, recounts the former president's extraordinary life in stunning detail. The story told about this reluctant president is interesting in its own right; however, Cannon's insight into the Ford presidency also provides important lessons for political science and the study of the executive branch.

Part one of the book tells how Ford first learned Nixon was resigning and that House Minority Leader Ford would be the next president of the United States. More importantly, Cannon explains Ford's initial reluctance toward the presidency, and the personal friendship between Ford and Nixon. Part 1 also illuminates the uphill battle faced by Ford in terms of dealing with the political fallout of the Watergate Scandal and the handling of the difficult staff and administrative transitions following Nixon's resignation – all of which had important repercussions on the Ford presidency.

Part two details the childhood and early political career of Gerald Ford. A number of seemingly benign, yet important, events depict how Ford grew to be the man who took on the political machines of western Michigan and later rose to be the leader of the Republican Party in the U.S. House. This was a man who never dreamt of being president; his greatest aspiration was Speaker of the House.

Part three explains the difficult transitions and political decisions faced by Ford and his staff during his time as president. Ford came into an environment of entrenched Nixon staffers who made the transition period more than challenging, which greatly affected Ford's ability to assert control early in his presidency. The biggest hurdle faced by Ford was the specter left behind by Watergate. Beginning with Ford's decision to pardon Nixon, the author describes many of the president's trying political decisions such as Vietnam, the fight over U.S. energy policy, and the many confrontations faced in Congress. The final chapters of the book describe Ford's election campaign against Jimmy Carter. These pages depict the difficulties posed during the nomination process and the election that Ford says he lost more than Jimmy Carter won.

Cannon's close relationship with Ford comes to life on the pages of the book, which is both detailed and easily accessible. This book also offers insight into the study of the presidency through its detailed account of staff interactions and the numerous exogenous and endogenous contextual factors that affected Ford's term in office. Moreover, Ford's relationship with Congress and his exchanges with congressional leaders provide an interesting context for comparison to today's deeply partisan and polarized Congress. Overall, *Gerald R. Ford: An Honorable Life* is a fascinating look into the life of one of the least understood presidents in the modern era.

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Women in the Club: Gender and Policy Making in the Senate, Michele L. Swers, 2013, University of Chicago Press, ISBN 9780226022826, \$30.00, paper, 314 pages.

The absence of women serving on the Senate Judiciary Committee during the emotive Supreme Court nomination hearing of Clarence Thomas resulted in a large electoral increase of women in the U.S. Congress in 1992, the notable Year of the Woman. While the number of women serving in Congress has increased markedly over the last few decades, improving the diversity of descriptive representation, much debate surrounds the substantive impact these women have had on the legislative process and policy outcomes. Due to the paucity of women in the national legislature, early scholarly work devoted to gender and politics focused heavily on the influence of women in state legislatures and, to a lesser extent, the House of Representatives. *Women in the Club: Gender and Policy Making in the Senate* is the first comprehensive study of the impact of gender on the legislative activity of U.S. senators.

Employing a wide range of methodological techniques, Swers systematically analyzes the effect that women have on legislative deliberations and policy outputs in the Senate by studying gender differences in senators' lawmaking activities. Specifically, Swers examines the sponsorship and cosponsorship records of senators on a variety of women's issue legislation. In addition, Swers explores the role of gender and women's rights concerns in the key battles over President Bush's Supreme Court nominees John Roberts and Samuel Alito. Further, Swers examines the gendered aspects of senators' amendments and floor speeches on defense policy initiatives.

In chapters two and three of *Women in the Club*, Swers focuses her analysis on whether female senators are more committed to pursuing policies related to women, children, and families than are their male partisan colleagues. Swers demonstrates that, due to institutional constraints, all senators, regardless of gender, are policy generalists with legislative proposals on women's issues as part of their agenda. Swers's research does, however, reveal prevailing gender differences surrounding the extent of senators' advocacy for legislation that focuses specifically on women's rights.

Chapter four examines whether and how gender influenced senators' support for the nominations of John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court. While institutional and partisan constraints were much more determinative of senators' votes on nominees, particularly in the increasingly polarized political atmosphere, Swers finds that gender does influence senators' explanations of their votes in floor debate.

Taking into account the gender-based assumption that women officeholders are less likely to support increases in defense spending and deployment of troops, chapter five explores the impact of gender on senators' defense policy proposals. Swers ultimately finds that gender had no independent impact on senators' votes on the resolution authorizing war in Iraq and that *all* senators are more active proponents of "soft" rather than "hard" defense legislative initiatives.

Women in the Club offers a carefully nuanced analysis of the impact of gender in the Senate. Swers successfully avoids presenting female senators as a unified homogenous group by exploring the unique opportunities and obstacles encountered by liberal, moderate, and conservative women in both the majority and minority parties. The true potency of *Women in the Club* is Swers's thorough examination of the impact of gender on the legislative activity of senators as well as her detailed theoretical elucidations of electoral institutions and legislative behavior, making it a highly accessible read, even for those with little prior knowledge of legislative or gender studies.

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Journal Articles

This section is meant to provide LSS members with the basic citation information about recent journal articles dealing with legislatures. The source for this information is Cambridge Scientific Abstracts' database, Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, using the query: KW= congress OR parliament OR legislative. The report is arranged in alphabetical order by journal name.

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Charting the Congressional Experience: The Papers of Richard Gephardt

The inaugural Gephardt Fellow, Daniel E. Ponder, had the privilege of perusing the letters, records, press clippings, and other minutiae of Richard Gephardt's congressional career. The collection is housed at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis. [Click here to read Ponder's description of the Gephardt collection.](#)

Civil Rights Documentation Project THE DIRKSEN CONGRESSIONAL CENTER

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 by email at ckoepfel@dirksencenter.org 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.

Congressional Bills Project

A 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. This public resource provides information about more than 400,000 bills introduced in the U.S. Congress, currently 1947-2008, along with extensive information about each bill's progress and sponsor. It is used by researchers to study legislative institutions and behavior; by policy experts to study issue attention in Congress; and even by citizens studying their family histories (the dataset provides the only digitized records of tens of thousands of private bills introduced between 1947 and 1972). Here's how the Congressional Bills Project is different:

- A database instead of a search tool
- Data not available anywhere else in digital form
- Integrated information, including issue topics
- Limited to public and private bills, titles or descriptions only.

The project was created by John D. Wilkerson of University of Washington and E. Scott Adler of University of Colorado, Boulder.

Congressional Timeline THE DIRKSEN CONGRESSIONAL CENTER

The Congressional Timeline [<http://www.congressionaltimeline.org>], developed and maintained by The Dirksen Congressional Center, arrays more than 550 of the nation's laws on a timeline beginning in 1933 and continuing to the present. A second timeline "band" depicts major political events of the period as a way to provide context for Congress's law-making. Please contact Frank Mackaman with comments and suggestions: fmackaman@dirksencenter.org.

Congressional Whip Count Database

Professor Larry Evans at College of William and Mary has announced the first release of the Congressional Whip Count Database, which provides extensive data about the whip polls conducted by party leaders in the U.S. House prior to major roll call votes on the floor, 1955-86. The data are based on records included in the personal papers of former congressional party leaders. Included in this release are coded data of more than 650 whipped questions and nearly 150,000 individual-level responses by lawmakers. The project has received support from the National Science Foundation (Award SES-0417759), The Carl Albert Center, The Dirksen Congressional Center, and the Roy R. Charles Center of the College of William and Mary. The data, codebooks, and other relevant information can be accessed at <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/clevan/congressionalwhipcountdatabase>.

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.html>. 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 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.

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. Awards are announced in March. 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, contact Frank Mackaman by email at fmackaman@dirksencenter.org or phone 309.347.7113.

Dirksen Center: The Robert H. Michel Collection

[The Dirksen Congressional Center](#) has created a site devoted to Robert Henry "Bob" Michel, a Republican representing central Illinois's 18th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives for 38 years. He served as Minority Whip (1975-1981) and Minority Leader (1981-1995) during an era of Democratic Party House dominance. At this new site you will learn about Michel and his leadership, read quotations, see photos, watch videos, and search the Robert H. Michel Collection, first acquired by The Center in 1989 and supplemented over the years. Among the special features of the site are digital selections from Michel's "Presidential Scrapbooks" in which he kept selected photographs and correspondence from each of the nine presidents with whom he served. Notes Michel kept of congressional leadership meetings in the White House have also been transcribed and posted to the site. Tour The Dirksen Center's new site at: <http://www.robertmichel.name>.

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. 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 standing group on Parliaments, coordinated by Matti Wiberg, University of Turku (wiberg@utu.fi), and Thomas Saalfeld, University of Bamberg (thomas.saalfeld@uni-bamberg.de). 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, please see the web site at: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/standinggroups/parliaments/index.htm>.

History, Art, and Archives of the U.S. House of Representatives

All the material formerly on the Art & History tab of the Clerk's website has been migrated to the new site at <http://history.house.gov>; but there is much new content, too.

Bringing all three principal parts of House heritage—historical lists, oral histories, and biographies; art and artifacts; and records—onto one Web site will make searching for such information far more intuitive and accessible for the Hill community and the general public. Perhaps the most exciting thing about the site is that each section is built to expand over time.

Please share reactions and suggestions with Kenneth Kato, Associate Historian, U.S. House of Representatives, 202-226-1300 or 202-226-6555.

Interest Groups & Advocacy

Editors [Burdett Loomis](#) and [Grant Jordan](#) invite both well-established and younger scholars to submit papers to this new journal published by Palgrave. *Interest Groups & Advocacy* engages broadly with the politics of interests. It records and analyzes how advocacy by groups, movements, and lobbying professionals shapes policy. The journal also addresses important debates about how such interests are mobilized and maintained. The editors seek incisive, well researched, and well-written articles. For more information on submissions, or to subscribe to the journal, please visit the website at <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/iga/index.html>.

International Political Science Review

CALL FOR SPECIAL ISSUES PROPOSALS, 2015

International Political Science Review, the official journal of the International Political Science Association edited by Mark Kesselman, Columbia University, USA, and Marian Sawer, Australian National University, Australia, is soliciting Special Issue proposals for 2015. Prospective guest editors of a special issue should submit proposals to ipsr.journal@gmail.com by September 30, 2013. Special issues should be devoted to a theme of general interest to the discipline, relevant across different regions and subfields. For more information, please see the call for proposals at http://www.uk.sagepub.com/repository/binaries/pdf/IPSR-SI_Call-for-Proposals.pdf.

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 focusing on currently controversial themes, shaping innovative concepts of methodologies of political analysis, and striving to reach outside the scope of a single culture.

Oral History of Chuck Ludlam

Chuck Ludlam's career as a Capitol Hill staffer, which spanned a 40-year period (1965–2005), has been documented by the Senate Historical Office in a series of oral history interviews. Ludlam provided extensive notes for many of the individuals and issues discussed in his interviews and provides background on Senators Jim Abourezk, Phillip Hart, Robert Byrd, Jim Allen, Dale Bumpers, and Joseph Lieberman; Congressmen Burt Talcott, Glen Lipscomb, and Gillis Long; and Senate Parliamentarian Murray Zweben. The oral history also provides insights into the lifestyle, skills, and tactics of a senior Capitol Hill staffer who fought in the political trenches. The oral history is available online at http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/oral_history/Ludlam_chuck.htm.

Political Science Blog: *Voir Dire*

University of George faculty members Jeff Yates and Andy Whitford have established a new blog that focuses on law, courts, politics, and policy. They also address topics concerning academia generally and have very occasional discussion of pop culture and other topics of lighter fare. The blog address is <http://lawandcourts.wordpress.com/>.

SSRN Political Science Network

The new Political Science Network (PSN) provides a world-wide, online community for research in all areas of political science, following the model of the other subject matter networks within the Social

Science Research Network. PSN provides scholars with access to current work in their field and facilitates research and scholarship. PSN is directed by Professors David A. Lake and Mathew D. McCubbins (UC – San Diego). The website address is <http://www.ssrn.com/psn/index.html>.

The Thicket at NCSL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

The National Conference of State Legislatures has established a 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.

The Richard A. Baker Graduate Student Travel Grant ASSOCIATION OF CENTERS FOR THE STUDY OF CONGRESS (ACSC)

Application Deadline: April 1, 2014

The Richard A. Baker Graduate Student Travel Grant is awarded annually to support graduate-level research conducted at [member repositories](#) of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC). An award of up to \$1000 may be used to underwrite travel, lodging, copying, and other research expenses incurred from July 1 – June 1 of the award year. Each application will be evaluated on its merits. Primary consideration will be given to projects involving the substantive study of issues related to the study of Congress. Each proposal should be aimed at a discrete end product such as a book, dissertation, thesis, article, documentary, film, exhibit, Web site or social networking site. Budgets may be approved in whole or in part. Each award recipient is required to acknowledge the award in any resulting published work(s) and donate a copy of the work(s) to ACSC and the sponsoring archival repository. The recipient may also be requested to submit a brief article summarizing their findings and research experience for publication by ACSC. The Baker Award honors ACSC founding member, U. S. Senate Historian Emeritus Richard A. Baker. Applications: [2014 Baker Award Application \(.pdf\)](#) or [2014 Baker Award Application \(.docx\)](#).

Visiting Scholars Program APSA CENTENNIAL CENTER

The Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs can be an invaluable resource to political and social scientists. The Center has space for hosting 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.

Located within the Association's headquarters building near Dupont Circle, with easy access to the Washington Metro system, the Center offers visiting scholars furnished work space, telephone, fax, personal computers, Internet connection, conference space, a reference library, and library access at the George Washington University. Scholars are responsible for securing their own housing, but the Center will make every effort to assist scholars in locating suitable accommodations.

Eligibility is limited to APSA members. Senior or junior faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students are strongly encouraged to apply. The Center also has a limited number of funding opportunities to support scholars working at the Centennial Center or other research locations. Full details on the Center and the Visiting Scholars Program, including an application form, can be found online at www.apsanet.org/centennialcenter. Scholars may also call 202-483-2512 or email to center@apsanet.org.

Visiting Scholars Program

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[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; Richard Armev of Texas; 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.

The Center's archives are described in detail at <http://www.ou.edu/carlalbertcenter/archives/>.

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.

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