Dear APCGers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Our organization continues to grow - providing a forum for Africanist political scientists to share recent publications, teaching resources, research and funding opportunities and upcoming conference, working to craft panels for our three professional associations, and recognizing our members' scholarly accomplishments. Please support us with your annual dues of $10 for the 2008 calendar year. A dues form may be found at the end of the newsletter.

We have two panels scheduled for the upcoming International Studies Association meeting in San Francisco, [http://www.isanet.org/sanfran2008/](http://www.isanet.org/sanfran2008/). They are both on Wednesday, March 26: 10:30-12:15: Partial Regimes in Transitional Politics; and 1:45-3:30: Environmental and Human Security in Africa. Thanks to Steve Burgess, Mi Yung Yoon, Jessica Piombo, and Nahomi Ichino for their work on those two panels!

We also have selected our panel for the American Political Science Association meeting in Boston in August, [http://www.apsanet.org/section_222.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/section_222.cfm). That panel is on 'Mechanisms of Accountability in New African Democracies' and will include papers by Peter VonDoepp and Rachel Ellett, Anne Pitcher, Jennifer Widner, KC Morrison and Yusuf Kalyango, and Linda Beck. Thanks to Devra Moehler, Dennis Galvan and Elliott Green for working on that panel. Our panels for the 2008 African Studies Association meeting are just about set. More information on those will follow in the next newsletter.

We are still investigating the possibility of an APCG sponsored Working Group at the 2008 APSA annual meeting. Peter VonDoepp provides the following update: APCG is exploring the possibility of putting together one or more
“working groups” for the 2008 APSA conference in Boston. As described by the APSA: “The Working Group is, in effect, a seminar integrated with the Annual Meeting that draws on the Meeting presentations its content, focusing on a single topic or theme. A volunteer coordinator, who is expected to facilitate discussion but not lecture on it, leads the group. Participants meet at the outset of the annual meeting, collectively develop a list of panels related to them that that they will attend, convene during the meeting to discuss the panels and their own work, and meet at the end of the meeting for a wrap-up session.”

If anyone has suggestions for possible Working Groups or has general interest in this, please contact Peter at pvondoep@uvm.edu. More details will be sent out over the next few months. Visit this APSA site to learn more: http://www.apsanet.org/section_584.cfm.

If you would like to nominate a 2007 article for the Best Article award or 2007 book for the Best Book award, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Poteete (amypoteete@gmail.com) with article nominations and Will Reno (reno@northwestern.edu) with book nominations.

Look for an update on the APSA Africa Initiative from Cathy Boone in this issue. Otherwise, I hope spring is on its way for most of us.

Gretchen Bauer
APCG Chair

From the Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The ISA meeting is coming up and we have some really interesting panels there. There are new articles and books out to consider and I have also included information on some exciting new opportunities and jobs. Scroll down!

Also, don’t forget to print out the membership renewal form, and pay your dues for 2008.

Finally, submission deadline for the issues of this newsletter for 2008:

May 15
August 20
November 30

Make sure to include your news, calls and publications - we all want to know about them! It is a great opportunity for you to enlarge the readership of your work.

Finally, I wish to announce already now that this year is going to be the last of my tenure as APCG Newsletter Editor. I have served for four consecutive years and it is time for some new blood, fresh ideas, and thus to pass the torch on. I hope you will start considering this as your new honorary role!

Kindly,
Staffan I. Lindberg
Newsletter Editor

Members’ News

John Harbeson will be relocating to Washington, DC at the end of this current academic year. John will be leaving CUNY but is looking forward to doing some part-time teaching in the City at SAIS and perhaps elsewhere because he still loves to teach, but would like more time for research and writing and than the 3 course per semester loads at CUNY. His aol email address will remain valid. John will also remain active in the associations and look forward to seeing friends and colleagues in DC.

Anne Pitcher is the chair of the APSA's 2008 Gabriel Almond Award Committee for the best dissertation in Comparative Politics. Other committee members are Nancy Bermeo (Princeton and Oxford) and Gerardo Munck (USC). Anne also has a grant to do research in Mozambique and Zambia this summer.
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Anyone interested in meeting for an informal APCG dinner out at ISA, please contact APCG Vice-Chair John Clark at clarkj@flu.edu to make a plan.

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OTHER APCG MEMBERS ON THE PROGRAM:

**Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

Panel: Development Assistance, Poverty, and the Environment

"Tree Huggers and Tree Cutters: Aid, Development and the Environment in Africa"

Nadia R. Homing, Middlebury College,

**Wednesday, 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM**

Panel: After Genocide: Post-Conflict State Building in Bosnia and Rwanda

Chair: Barbara J. Falk Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Canada

"Ethnic Cleansing? and Genocide: Political-Legal Reflections on the Bosnian Conflict and its Aftermath" Zarije Seizovic, University of Zenica, Bosnia Herzegovina.

"Contested memories: the Bosnian genocide in Serb and Muslim minds" Paul B. Miller, McDaniel College, Westminster MD

"Parallels between the Pre- and Post-Genocide States in Rwanda and why They are Worrying" Eugenia Zorbas, London School of Economics.

"Unity in Homogeneity or Unity in Diversity? Comparative Lessons from Post-Conflict Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina" Elisabeth A. King, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

Discussants: Maja Catic, Brandeis University and Susan M. Thomson, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
# APCG Sponsored Panel II

**Title:** Environmental and Human Security in Africa  
**Chair:** Helen Purkitt U.S. Naval Academy  
**Papers:**  
- *Environment and Human Security in the Horn of Africa*  
  Stephen F. Burgess  
  Air War College  
  *Environmental Security as an Engagement Strategy: Recommendations for Africa Command*  
  Shannon Beebe  
  US Army  
  Helen Purkitt  
  U.S. Naval Academy  
- *Human and Environmental Security in the Sahel: A “Small Ball” Strategy for Success*  
  Cindy Jebb  
  United States Military Academy  
- *The Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA) – A Bellweather Initiative for Economic Integration and Environmental Security in Southern Africa*  
  Dan Henk  
  US Air War College  
**Discussants:** Geoffrey D. Dabelko  
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Maxie McFarland  
US Army

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**Friday 8.15 AM – 10.00 AM**

**Roundtable in Memory of Donald Rothchild:**  
*C peacemaking, Diplomacy, and Africa’s International Relations*  
**Chairs:** John Harbeson, City University of New York  
Caroline Hartzell, Gettysburg College  
**Roundtable Discussants:**  
Matthew Hoddie, Texas A&M University  
Terrence Lyons, George Mason University  
Miroslav Nincic, UC, Davis  
Stephen John Stedman, Stanford University  
**Discussant(s):**  
William Zartman, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced Int Studies, John Hopkins University

**Friday 10.30 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Panel:** Autochthony, Citizenship and the Politics of Place in Africa  
**Chair:** Morten Boas  
“A War of “Second Independence”?: Autochthony, Citizenship and Sovereignty in Côte d’Ivoire”  
Richard Banegas

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**Friday 1:45-3:30**

**Panel:** Development, Conservation, and Protected Areas  
**“Madagascar’s Biodiversity Conservation Challenge: from Local- to National-Level Dynamics”**  
Nadia R. Horning, Middlebury College

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**Friday 3:35 PM**

‘Africa’s Challenge to Global Studies: new transnationalisms/regionals’  
Timothy Shaw
Recent Publications on African Politics


ARNOLD, M. B. and ALDEN, C. ‘This gun is our food’: disarming the White Army militias of South Sudan. Conflict, Security and Development 7, 3 (2007), pp. 361–85.


BAKER, B. How civil war altered policing in Sierra Leone and Uganda. Commonwealth and Comparative Politics 45, 3 (2007), pp. 367–87


COLE, CATHERINE, MANUH, TAKYIWAA and MIESCHER, STEPHAN (eds). Africa after Gender? (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2007)


VAN DER VIJFT, V. Ruined dreams? Confronting AIDS in South Africa. Conflict, Security


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**Announcements, Jobs, Grants and Fellowships**

**DISSERTATION RESEARCH IN AFRICA** The International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) program supports distinguished graduate students in the humanities and social sciences conducting dissertation research outside the United States. Seventy-five fellowships will be awarded in 2008 with funds provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The IDRF program is committed to scholarship that advances knowledge about non-U.S. cultures and societies grounded in empirical and site-specific research (including fieldwork, research in archival or manuscript collections, or quantitative data collection). The program promotes research that is situated in a specific discipline and geographical region and is engaged with interdisciplinary and cross-regional perspectives. Fellowships will provide support for nine to twelve months of dissertation research. Individual awards will be approximately $20,000. For more detailed information on application procedures and eligibility requirements, visit the IDRF website at (www.ssrc.org/programs/idrf) or contact program staff at (idrf@ssrc.org).

**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT DISSERTATION WORKSHOP PROGRAM** This site has a collection of tips, samples, and links to help students. The IIS site also includes funding opportunities for Africans and Foreign Nationals. For more information, visit [http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/RADW/index.html](http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/RADW/index.html)

**Study Abroad program in Dakar, Senegal, July-August 2008**

The Dakar, Senegal Summer Program is a five-week opportunity for students to get to know the culture, society, politics and language of West Africa by living and studying in the most vibrant, cosmopolitan and stable city in the region. The program’s four pillars include: 1) a seminar style course that features guest lectures from leading Senegalese scholars and public figures; 2) a service learning placement in a Senegalese non-governmental organization, tailored to student interests and strengths; 3) a series of field excursions to various destinations around Senegal; 4) Senegalese university students who serve as conversation partners and cultural guides for program participants (one Senegalese student for every two program participants). The program is a partnership among Indiana University Center for African Studies, the University of Oregon International Studies Program, and Senegal’s main university, the Université Cheikh Anta Diop. Webpage: [http://www.uoregon.edu/~africa/dkr-smr/](http://www.uoregon.edu/~africa/dkr-smr/)
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