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**Message from the Chair, Professor Gretchen M. Bauer**

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Dear Friends,  
Congratulations to our colleagues for two successful APCG panels at the 2007 International Studies Association meeting held in Chicago in early March. Thanks go to Steve Burgess for organizing the two panels and to Sandra Joireman for organizing a great dinner at Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant. Since then we have submitted two APCG panels for the 2008 ISA meeting to be held in San Francisco in late March – one chaired by Peter von Doepp on 'Partial Regimes in Transitional Politics' and the other chaired by Helen Purkitt on 'Environmental and Human Security in Africa.' Other proposals for that meeting are being taken until June 1:  
<http://www.isanet.org/sanfran2008/>.

The program for the 2007 American Political Science Association meeting in Chicago is now

online:  
[http://www.apsanet.org/content\\_2665.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/content_2665.cfm).

Our panel, 'Micro Foundations for Conflict and Democracy,' chaired by Gina Lambright is scheduled for Thursday, August 30 at 8 am (same as last year)! Our APCG business meeting has been scheduled for Friday, August 31 at noon for one hour. Please try to attend. Also, we are proposing a dinner out on Friday evening for APCG members attending the conference (details to follow). We did not manage to propose an APCG Working Group for this meeting, but plan to do it for 2008.

And of course the African Studies Association 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual meeting will be October 18-21, 2007 in New York. We have submitted two panels and will schedule another business

meeting for that conference as well. The program for the ASA meeting should be online in July: [http://www.africanstudies.org/asa\\_annualmeeting2007.html](http://www.africanstudies.org/asa_annualmeeting2007.html)

Our nominating committee has been busy and put forward names for the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary. In the next couple of months we will run an email ballot for those two positions. Candidates for Vice Chair will be John Clark, Florida International University, and Daniel Posner, University of California Los Angeles. Candidates for Secretary will be Sandra Joireman, Wheaton College, and Peter von Doepp, University of Vermont. New officeholders will be welcomed at the ASA meeting in October.

There is still time to pay your \$10 annual membership dues. Please find the 2007

Membership Renewal Form attached in this newsletter.

The deadline for the APCG best book award has passed but there is still time to submit nominations for the APCG best article award. Please send those nominations to Jennifer Seely at: [seelyjc@potdam.edu](mailto:seelyjc@potdam.edu).

Dennis Galvan would like to spend some time this summer updating and revising the APCG website <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~dgalvan/apcg/apcg.html>.

If you have any ideas please send them his way: [dgalvan@uoregon.edu](mailto:dgalvan@uoregon.edu).

All the best,  
Gretchen Bauer

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### From the Editor

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Summer is officially here and we can get time for research and our families again.

I wish to draw your attention to a few things in this newsletter. First, please note the new initiative on an "APCG Program" for the upcoming APSA conference. I will be happy to facilitate this so please take the chance to advertise your papers and papers using the format in the box featuring our APCG sponsored panel.

Second, take a minute and fill out the Membership Renewal Form and send it with a check to our treasurer. In order to strengthen our organization, we need to be better at collecting (very modest) dues.

Finally, a reminder of submission deadlines for the coming issues of the newsletter 2007:

**August 20 (NB: changed!), and, November 30.**

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

Kindly,  
Staffan I. Lindberg  
Newsletter Editor

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### From the Treasurer

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Thanks to everyone who sent in contributions for the APCG donation to the Donald Rothchild scholarship fund.

We collected \$525 as of May 1. I anticipate sending a check to the fund on June 4, so if

anyone would still like to contribute there is still time - but please hurry up.

With Best Regards,

Carrie Manning  
Treasurer

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**Membership Renewal Form**

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## APCG Awards and Calls

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**The 2007 Best Book Award:** The call for nominations of 2006 titles closed on March 31, 2007 and the award will be presented at the 2007 ASA meeting.

**The 2006 APCG Best Article Award:** The Committee is pleased to still accept nominations for the best journal article in African Politics published in the calendar year 2006.

You may send nominations to any committee member:

Jennifer Seely, SUNY Potsdam,  
[seelyjc@potdam.edu](mailto:seelyjc@potdam.edu)  
Peter Von Doepp, University of Vermont,  
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Nominated articles will be considered, as well as articles selected by committee members, and the award announced at the 2007 ASA meeting. The deadline for nominations is July 30, 2007.

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## APCG Panel at the 2007 APSA Annual Meeting

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The African Politics Conference Group ASA Program Committee received a large number of very qualified proposals and has made its decision. We had several excellent papers and

panels to choose from. Thanks very much to all of you who sent us proposals. It was a pleasure to have so many excellent panel proposals to choose from.

### APCG Sponsored Panel

**Title:** **Micro-Foundations for Conflict and Democracy**

**Chair:** Gina M. S. Lambright

**Papers:** *Demography, Diversity and Nativism in Contemporary Africa: Evidence from Uganda.* Elliott D. Green, London School of Economics

*Who Riots? Individual Participation in Localized Ethnic Violence in Nigeria.* Alexandra L. Scacco, Columbia University

*Citizen Education After Democratic Transitions.* Lahra Smith, Georgetown University

*Shrunken Democracy: Understandings of Democracy in Nigeria and South Africa.* Elke Zuern, Sarah College and Ebenezer Obadare, University of Kansas

We look forward to seeing all of you at APSA. Thanks for your submissions.

Sincerely,  
Amy Poteete, Concordia University  
Jim Pletcher, Denison University  
Dorina Bekoe, U.S. Institute of Peace

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## CALL: "APCG Program" for APSA Annual Meeting

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As a new initiative, and a service to our members, we will offer to put together a **APCG Program of Panels and Papers on Africa Politics at the 2007 APSA meeting.**

We all know how cumbersome it is to identify and keep track of the panels and papers that interests us the most at the major conferences. Therefore, as a new service our newsletter editor, Staffan I. Lindberg, will accept emails from APCG members who wants to get extra attention to their panels and papers by advertising them in the next

newsletter (that will come out right before APSA). Send the information to [sil@ufl.edu](mailto:sil@ufl.edu) listing your panel and papers *following the format of the APCG sponsored panel above, please!*

Our ambition is to do this for all ASA, APSA, and ISA conferences in the future as a service to members and as a way of increasing attendance at our panels.

Deadline for submission: August 20, 2007.

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## Members' News

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**Catherine Boone**, Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin, and Vice-Chair of APSA's Comparative Democratization section, received an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) research fellowship for 2006–2007 for research on land-related conflict and electoral politics in sub-Saharan Africa. She also published "Africa's New Territorial Politics: Regionalism and the Open Economy in Côte d'Ivoire" in the April 2007 *African Studies Review*.

**Goran Hyden, Staffan I. Lindberg, and Leonardo A. Villalon** are leading the participation of the Center for African Studies at University of Florida, in a new five-year research consortium program on *Power, Politics, and the State in Africa: How to Develop Political Institutions that Work for the Poor*. Other institutions in the consortium are Overseas Development Institute, the Center for Democratic Development-Ghana, the South African Institute of International Affairs-Johannesburg, LASDEL-Niger, and SHADYC-Marseille.

**Ken Menkhaus** appeared as witness for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, African Affairs Sub-Committee, in a hearing on "Exploring a Comprehensive Stabilization, Reconstruction, and Counter-Terrorism Strategy for Somalia," Washington DC, February 6, 2007. [foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2007/hrq070206a.html](http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2007/hrq070206a.html)

**Aili M. Tripp** (Professor, Political Science & Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison) will be editing the journal *Politics & Gender*, a journal of APSA's Women and Politics Research Section, together with Kathleen Dolan (UW-Milwaukee) starting July 1, 2007. She

ended a four-year position as associate dean of the Division of International Studies. Recently she won a Feminist Scholars fellowship from the Women's Studies Research Center at UW-Madison. She will be at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars after January 2008. She also won the 2006 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics.

### **Leonard Wantchekon, is running for for APSA Council.**

Leonard is currently a professor of politics and economics at New York University, previously taught at Yale University. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Northwestern University and his M.A. in economics from Laval University and the University of British Columbia. He is the author of several articles on post-civil war democratization, resource curse, electoral clientelism and experimental methods in the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Political Science Review*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Constitutional Political Economy*, *Politique Africaine* and *Afrique Contemporaine*.

Dr. Wantchekon is currently serving on the APSA international committee as well as the APSA Africa Initiative committee. His goal is to improve the interaction between comparativists working on developing nations with those working on western democracies and the U.S.



**Leonardo A. Villalon** has been named a 2007 "Carnegie Scholar" by the Carnegie Corporation. There are 21 scholars from around the country in this year's class, which for the third year is devoted to scholarship on Islam and Muslim

societies. Villalon's project is entitled: "Negotiating Democracy in Muslim Contexts: Political Liberalization and Religious Mobilization in the West African Sahel." The grant will among other things fund several fieldwork trips to Senegal, Mali and Niger, and support for writing.

More information on the Carnegie Scholars program is available at: [www.carnegie.org/sub/news/Islamic\\_Scholarship.html](http://www.carnegie.org/sub/news/Islamic_Scholarship.html)

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### Recent Publications on African Politics

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- Ashforth, Adam. *Witchcraft, Violence, and Democracy in South Africa*. Reviewed by Luise White, in *Journal of Modern African Studies* 45(1), March 2007.
- An-Na'im, Abdullahi Ahmed. 2006 *African Constitutionalism and the Role of Islam*. Penn Press.
- Barber, James *Mandela's World: The International Dimension of South Africa's Political Revolution, 1990-1999*. Reviewed by Roger Pfister, in *Journal of Modern African Studies* 45(1), March 2007.
- Boone, Catherine. 2007. "Africa's New Territorial Politics: Regionalism and the Open Economy in Côte d'Ivoire" *African Studies Review* 50(1)
- Clark, John F. 2007. "Political Liberalization and Military Intervention in Africa" *Journal of Democracy* 18(3).
- Galvan, Dennis and Rudra Sil, eds. 2007. *Reconfiguring Institutions across Time and Space: Syncretic Responses to Challenges of Political and Economic Transformation*. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan.
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- Ibrahim, Saad Eddin. 2007. "Toward Muslim Democracies" *Journal of Democracy* 18(2)
- Klopp, Jacqueline M. and Elke Zuern. 2007. "The Politics of Violence in Democratization: Lessons from Kenya and South Africa" *Comparative Politics* 39(2)
- Lean, Sharon F. 2007. "Democracy Assistance to Domestic Election Monitoring Organizations: Conditions for Success" *Democratization* 14(2)
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- Menkhaus, Ken. 2007. "Somalia." In Al Qa'ida's (Mis)Adventures in the Horn of Africa West Point Harmony Project (May)
- Menkhaus, Ken. 2007. "Somalia: There and Back Again." Middle East Report Online (12 February, 2007),
- Menkhaus, Ken. 2007. "The Somali Catastrophe: Bigger Than the Horn -- and Not Over Yet." *Current History* (May): 195-201.
- Menkhaus, Ken. 2007. (co-author). "The Militarization of Sudan: A Preliminary Review of Arms Flows and Holdings." Small Arms Survey [Geneva] Sudan Issue Brief No. 6 (April 2007).
- Shaw, Timothy. 2007. *Commonwealth: inter- & nonstate contributions to global governance*. London: Routledge.
- Straus, Scott. 2006. *The Order of Genocide: Race, Power, and War in Rwanda*. Cornell University Press.
- Waylen, Georgina. 2007. "Women's Mobilization and Gender Outcomes in Transitions to Democracy: The Case of South Africa" *Comparative Political Studies* 40(5)
- Weiss, Herbert F. 2007. "Voting for Change in the DRC" *Journal of Democracy* 18(2)
- Whitehead, Laurence 2007. "The Challenge of Closely Fought Elections" *Journal of Democracy* 18(2)

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## Upcoming Conferences

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### June 2007

#### CONFERENCE ON FRENCH COLONIALISM IN AFRICA

The theme of the 33rd annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society will be "Rivers and Colonies," but papers on all aspects of the French experience overseas will be considered. The Society encourages scholars from all disciplines to send proposals. Consult the web site for the individual responsible for proposals relating to Africa. The conference will be held in La Rochelle, France, June 6-10, 2007. See (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>) for more details.

### September 2007

The **AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION** will hold its 103<sup>rd</sup> annual conference on August 30–September 2, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. The theme of this year's conference is "Political Science and Beyond." This year's conference will feature forty-six thematic divisions, with 730 panel and roundtable presentations. More information is available at [www.apsanet.org/section\\_222.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/section_222.cfm).

### October 2007

**AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**, is held October 18-21 in New York.

**IMMIGRATION, MINORITIES AND MULTICULTURALISM IN DEMOCRACIES**, October 25-27, For further information, see [www.edg-gde.ca](http://www.edg-gde.ca)

### November 2007

**ECONOMIC POLICY IN AFRICA** (November 8-11, 2007, Dakar, Senegal) The United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and the African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA) are announcing their second conference on economic policy in Africa. The theme of this conference is: "Sector-led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development." Authors should submit an abstract for each paper which explicitly states how the work is related to the conference theme, identifying paper title, authors' names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and fax numbers to Dr. Sylvain H. Boko, conference co-chair ([bokosh@wfu.edu](mailto:bokosh@wfu.edu)), by March 15, 2007. Some partial support for travel and attendance may be available.

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## Announcements, Jobs, Grants and Fellowships

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### NEW JOURNAL: AFRICAN SECURITY

is dedicated to new approaches to understanding Africa's conflicts and security. It will address competing analytical approaches to understanding security, while engaging in discussions of real world security issues in Africa. The first issue of *African Security* is slated to come out in the summer of 2007. At this point, we are soliciting new manuscripts to review. If you, or someone you know, has a paper that fits the mission of the journal, we encourage you or your colleague to please submit it to us for review. As well, please be on the look-out as you attend and present at national and international conferences. You may, as well, want to email specific colleagues to spread the word. Below is a brief

description of the aims and scope of *African Security*. James J. Hentz, Co-editor/managing editor *African Security*, Professor and Chair, Department of International Studies and Political Science, Virginia Military Institute  
[hentzjj@vmi.edu](mailto:hentzjj@vmi.edu)

**THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE** has installed a new user guide to improve the search function of its "Database of Party Laws." Created by Kenneth Janda, Payson S. Wild Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Northwestern University, and Ray Kuo, the Internet database consists of 1,100 national regulations of political parties representing 169 nations. To read more about the project and to search the database, visit



[www.ndi.org/global/polparties/programspp/db.asp](http://www.ndi.org/global/polparties/programspp/db.asp).

#### **AFRICAN JOURNALS ONLINE (AJOL)**

AJOL is being re-launched on its own website. It provides free access to tables of contents and abstracts for over 175 journals published on the continent, and also provides a number of additional facilities. AJOL offers a document delivery service, and full (improved) searching and browsing facilities, as well as a new Email alert function. The service remains free to both users and participating journals (with charges only for document delivery requests from outside developing countries). For more information, visit <http://www.ajol.info>

#### **THE WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (WARA).**

Pre-doc and post-doc.fellowships, grad. student internships, travel grants for West Africans, and residencies for West African scholars. Go to <http://www.africa.ufl.edu/WARA/> and click on "fellowships" and "membership." Membership comes with a newsletter and lots of perks at the West African Research Center in Dakar.

#### **JOURNAL OF AFRICAN POLICY STUDIES,**

Middle Tennessee State University. The journal is an interdisciplinary journal concerned with global, regional, and domestic policy issues relating to Africa. Its website address is: [journalofafrica.org](http://journalofafrica.org) Quality articles should be sent either via e-mail or regular mail. The e-mail address for submission is: [joaps@journalofafrica.org](mailto:joaps@journalofafrica.org)

#### **REAGAN-FASCELL DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIPS**

The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program at the Washington, D.C.-based National Endowment for Democracy invites applications from candidates throughout the world for fellowships in 2008–2009. Established in 2001, the program enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and to enhance their ability to promote democratic change. The program is intended

primarily to support activists, practitioners, and scholars from new and aspiring democracies; distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are also eligible to apply. Projects may focus on the political, social, economic, legal, and cultural aspects of democratic development and may include a range of methodologies and approaches. A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite for participation in the program. The application deadline for fellowships in 2008–2009 is Thursday, November 1, 2007. For more information and application materials, visit [www.ned.org/forum/fellows.html](http://www.ned.org/forum/fellows.html).

#### **MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM in Democratic Governance at the University of Cape Town.**

The Democracy in Africa Research Unit of the University of Cape Town announces the launch of a new postgraduate Honors/M.A. program in democratic governance within the university's department of political studies. The program will combine strong training in basic research methods and social statistics with focused courses on the empirical study of democratic politics. Visit

<http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/politics/pg/pg.htm> for detailed course descriptions and admission requirements. Application information is available at <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/hum/new> or by e-mail ([aweger@humanities.uct.ac.za](mailto:aweger@humanities.uct.ac.za)).

#### **MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM in Democracy and Democratization at University College London**

The Department of Political Science and the School of Public Policy at University College London offers a master's degree program in democracy and democratization. The program focuses on the design and operation of democratic institutions in old and new democracies. Visit

[www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/msc-democracy-democratisation/](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/msc-democracy-democratisation/)

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