
POLITICS, LITERATURE, AND FILM NEWSLETTER

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for 2010 Panel Chair and Members-at-Large (3) may be sent to Peter Josephson via e-mail, pjosephs@anselm.edu, or through our website, www.apsanet.org/~politicsandlit

Nominations must be submitted by June 15, 2008.

A Message from the Panel Chair:

Dear Colleagues:

This year, thanks to an expanded allocation of panels from APSA and some co-sponsoring arrangements with other divisions and the Society for Greek Political Thought, we are sponsoring ten panels. Sessions include hot topics like "Erotic Critiques of Enlightenment Politics," grand myth-making in "Reconceiving the National Story," and a roundtable on American political documentaries featuring contemporary filmmakers including Frederick Wiseman. Politics, Literature, and Film is also sponsoring nine poster session presentations. Poster sessions often provide enhanced opportunity for interaction and discussion among scholars who share methodology or interests, and I strongly encourage the attendance of our members. Detailed listings of events will be available when the Association publishes its preliminary program. Unfortunately, we could not accommodate all proposals, including many that were quite thoughtful; often such decisions were a question of "fit."

As we approach the conference, I ask members to spread the word about our work to their colleagues; many, many political scientists use literature and film in their teaching, but are not members of our division. So when you come to a P, L, & F panel, bring a friend.

*Yours,
Peter Josephson*

APSA's Siting Concern

Colleagues,

As you no doubt know, an issue has come up regarding the site of APSA's 2012 conference, currently scheduled to be held in New Orleans. APSA has a non-discrimination policy, and the laws of Louisiana are felt by many to be antithetical to that policy. I recently received an additional request from the APSA Council:

In addition to hearing from individual members via the response form within myAPSA on the APSA website, the Council would welcome hearing directly from your Organized Section. A three person subcommittee of the Council, chaired by Anna Sampaio and including Susan Burgess and Dennis Thompson, will receive these comments for the Council and forward them to the full Council as well as prepare a report to the Council.

Thus the APSA Council has asked me to provide a "sense of the Division" regarding this issue, and so I ask Politics, Literature, and Film members to send me your comments or reactions. I will construct a report summarizing the thoughts of our Division for the Council. Please consider this another venue through which your voice may be heard.

My email address is pjosephs@anselm.edu – the Council has asked me to submit the Division's response by the end of May; so I would appreciate hearing from you by Monday May 26, 2008.

Thank you very much for your attention to this, in what I know is an exceptionally busy of time of the year for many of us.

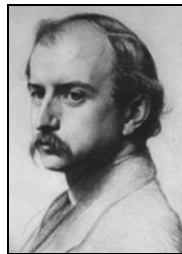
Yours,

Peter Josephson
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Help Us Update Our Website!

Please send your syllabi, announcements, and any information appropriate for our website to Natalie Taylor (ntaylor@skidmore.edu)

A significant portion of our 2007 business meeting concerned the expansion of our website. We would also welcome your thoughts on the new ways in which the website could be used.



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