Greetings from Fellowship Director Janna Deitz

As a former fellow, I am honored to join APSA and direct the Congressional Fellowship Program. Participating in CFP events since the July reception and working on the upcoming orientation program has brought back many fond memories. A particularly bright spot in this new position continues to be the opportunities to connect with CFP alums in DC and beyond. Across cohort years, we share the same perspective on the importance of this fellowship to our professional lives. I look forward to working with all who support this program and to meeting future fellows whose academic, government, journalism, or policy work remain the true legacy of the Fellowship’s impact. Thank you to Kara Abramson for her careful and thoughtful leadership in directing this program the past four years and for all her help and kindness in transitioning a new director into this role.

Once again, the 66th class illustrates the professional and global diversity that make the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program such an enriched learning community. There are fellows joining us this year from academia, journalism, health policy, and the federal government, as well as international fellows from Japan and Thailand.

During November and early December, fellows will complete the Congressional Fellowship Program's intensive orientation, in which they enjoy a range of lectures and discussions on Congress and U.S. politics, along with field trips to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court. The orientation also guides fellows through the process of securing fellowship placements. As the year progresses, I look forward to sharing updates with you and to staying in touch. Please send your news, questions, and comments to me at jdeitz@apsanet.org or contact me by phone at 202-483-2520.

Celebrating Our 65th CFP Class

With upwards of 600-plus personal, committee staff, and other offices in Congress alone, there is no shortage of possible placements for our fellows. Add to that the universe of executive branch and non-profit placements that our health policy fellows pursue, and the result is always a diverse list of fellowship placements. This past year was no exception. Among legislative branch placements, seven fellows served placements...
in Senate personal offices, eleven in House personal offices, five in committee placements (two in the House and three in the Senate), and one at the Congressional Research Service. In addition, seven fellows served placements in executive branch agencies or other organizations. See the full roster of 2017-2018 placements here.

APSA recognized the 2017-2018 class of fellows in mid-July with its annual end-of-year reception, held in the historic Mike Mansfield Room of the U.S. Senate. Pictured above (from left to right) are three of our fellows at this gathering: Dr. Terri Lewinson (Health & Aging Policy Fellow), Dr. Robin Fleming (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow), and Dr. Carolina Ferrerose Young (Political Scientist Fellow). Congratulations to the entire 65th class on a successful fellowship year!

Barbara Sinclair Lecture – November 27th, American University

We are pleased to announce that Professor Sarah A. Binder, of George Washington University and the Brookings Institution, will give the inaugural Barbara Sinclair Lecture at American University on the evening of November 27, 2018. Established last year, this annual lecture, co-sponsored by APSA in partnership with the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, will add a signature scholarly presentation to the Congressional Fellowship orientation. Showcasing legislative research that speaks to practice and informs the public, this award will reflect the scholarship qualities that were hallmarks of Dr. Sinclair’s work. More details on the reception will be forthcoming; if you plan to be in the DC area, please consider attending. Pictured above is the presentation of the award by Dr. Pippa Norris to Dr. Binder at the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting in Boston.

Now Recruiting for the CFP 2019-2020 Fellowship Year!

Applications for the 2019-2020 Fellowship class are now available online! Deadline: December 3, 2018

We’re pleased to again include two optional programs in the fellowship year, providing additional enrichment opportunities to the fellowship experience. Prospective fellows who apply for a congressional fellowship may apply through the same application form for a fellowship from the William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies. Steiger funding allows fellows to spend up to two months at the APSA Centennial Center in Washington, DC, carrying out a research project on legislative studies in advance of the main fellowship year. Mary Nugent, incoming fellow and current PhD candidate from Rutgers University, has been making good use of a Centennial Center office for writing up her research on the effects of increased women’s representation on men in Parliament.

Applicants may further apply to attend a course on Congress and Foreign Policy taught at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, also in advance of the main fellowship year. See below for information on more opportunities for alumni, available through the Steiger Fund.
Tax-deductible contributions from CFP alumni and friends help sustain and grow our fellowship enrichment programs, including our new "Beyond the Fellowship Year" program, which supports fellows in their post-fellowship year endeavors. Please visit the APSA website to donate online or send contributions by mail to APSA Congressional Fellowship Program, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Opportunities for Alumni through the William A. Steiger Fund

Just as incoming fellows may benefit from the William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies, members of the alumni community may also apply for research support from the fund. The William A. Steiger Fund, which is part of the APSA Centennial Center, recognizes the contributions Representative Steiger (R-WI) made to APSA's Congressional Fellowship Program during his tenure in Congress. Alumni may use the fund to conduct research or complete a writing project related to their experiences as Congressional Fellows. The fund also supports scholars engaged in teaching and research in any aspect of domestic or international legislative politics. Funds can be applied to the costs of research, including travel, interviews, access to archives, or costs for a research assistant. Visit the Centennial Center microsite to apply for research support or to contribute to the fund. If you would like additional information about the fund or have questions about submitting an application, please contact Amanda Grigg, associate director of the Centennial Center, at agrigg@apsanet.org.

Congressional Fellowship Informational Resources: CRS Reports Now Available Online!

A key benefit of the fellowship experience is the breadth and depth of knowledge acquired — on topics ranging from amendment processes and budgets to in-the-weeds policy details and legislative background. Fellows know the value of the work of the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, quickly learning the names of key CRS experts who conduct the research and author the reports that are so useful to congressional offices. Recently, Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, announced that per the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, these reports are now available online to the public in a searchable database at crsreports.congress.gov.

Alumni Connections

Moving forward, a key priority of program staff is to increase engagement with our alumni community. We want to help CFP alumni stay better connected, whether inside or outside the nation's capital! Send your ideas to cfp@apsanet.org.
If your address or affiliation has changed, or if you have other updates to share, please let us know through this form or by email to cfp@apsanet.org. You also can connect with other program alumni, friends, and staff through our LinkedIn group. Click here to join and to learn more about upcoming CFP alum events in the DC area.

Growing the CFP Library

Help us grow our CFP Library in the Centennial Center and reflect recent published works by CFP authors! If you have published a book that we should acquire for our collection, please let us know. Please also let us know if you have a book in process for publication. Kindly send an email with the book title and ISBN, or link to the publisher site, to us at cfp@apsanet.org.