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PRE-CONFERENCE BULLETIN

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VISIONS 2000: CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

From the Conference Organizers and SWPA members

We are ringing in the new ASPA with fireworks equal to Paris' Eiffel Tower on New Years Eve. The National Conference programming is excellent and far exceeds the goals and objectives that we established for the conference. As we promised, Visions 2000 is exciting and innovative and we want to share our excitement with you.

Visions 2000 is a "must attend" learning and networking experience and so you really do not want to miss this conference. Why? Because, there will be approximately 140 presentations including mobile workshops, pre-conference workshops, plenaries, in-conference skill-building workshops, discussion groups on shared experiences, and the familiar traditional type of panel presentation enlivened with both innovative themes and methods of presentation.

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For starters, this year's conference begins Friday with the pre-conference workshops and a conference on US/Mexican PA Initiatives. Ted Gaebler officially opens the conference Saturday afternoon in a Plenary session on "Positive Outcomes -- Raising the Bar on Government Reinvention." We close the evening with a knock-down old-fashioned party. Sunday, Dr. Charles Washington will host a fireside chat between Camille Cates-Barnett, Honorary 2000 Conference Chair and Partner for the Public Strategies Group and noted author, political analyst and professor, Dr. Don Kettl from the LaFollette Institute of Public Affairs. Exemplary public servants who have made careers out of making a difference will be honored for their life's work on Monday at the National Public Service Awards Luncheon. The Stone Lecture Tuesday afternoon brings Harlan Cleveland, President of the World Academy of Art and Science and a public administration legend in his own time to the podium. He will honor the memory of another public administration legend, Donald C. Stone.

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The 11 conference themes and the description of each session are illustrations of ASPA's strategic goals, Pride, Performance and Purpose. Sprinkled throughout the conference program are 17 specific international sessions with additional international presenters in other sessions. Young professionals, as well as university and high school students can attend sessions designed to address their specific needs, in addition to Saturday's Student Activity Day. Roundtables, Senior Scholar and special workshops will also be offered throughout this year's concurrent sessions.

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Visions 2000
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For the first time we are honoring our unsung heroes. The Hall of Champions will honor members of ASPA's Chapters and Sections who have shown commitment and continuous dedication and support to their chapters and sections. These unsung heroes will be honored in various ways throughout the conference. So come to the Opening Ceremony where all the Champions will be acknowledged or go to the Exhibit Hall to see who they are and learn more about them. Express your appreciation to them in the Hall of Champion's Scrapbook that will be found at Hall of Champion's exhibit. Our heroes will be wearing special ribbons. So, as you traverse the hallways go up and say hello. Then get to know them even better at the Gala Reception where they will receive their Certificates of Appreciation.

By now you should have received the ASPA' 2000 Conference Preview organized by Conference Theme. Do yourself a favor, complete the registration form and send it in today. You do not want to miss this conference. The hotel is cheap, the weather and the beaches are beautiful, and this conference will be a great learning and networking experience. The Visions 2000 preview and registration are also available on the ASPA's website, at www.aspanet.org

See you in San Diego! ✨

Audrey L. Mathews & Myrna Mandell

SWPA Events at ASPA Conference in San Diego, March 31- April 4

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We are looking forward to seeing all SWPA members in San Diego (see related story below). Don't forget to attend the SWPA-sponsored events:

- ✓ **SWPA Reception** – meet and greet your old and new friends on Sunday, April 6th from 4-6 p.m. (co-sponsored with several other ASPA sections).
- ✓ **SWPA Awards Breakfast** – Tuesday, April 4th from 8-9:30 a.m.
- ✓ **SWPA Booth at the Exhibition Hall and Gala Reception** – come by and visit and collect your SWPA ribbon.

APPAM 2000 Conference

As you may have heard, the 'call for papers' has been announced for the fall 2000 conference of APPAM (the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management).

The conference will take place November 2-4 in Seattle, Washington.

The theme is "Doing and Using Public Policy Analysis and Management Research"

For the first time, APPAM has specifically asked for papers on GENDER, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT issues. If you, or someone you know, would like to submit a paper, please e-mail Connie Hassett-Walker at (hassetco@umdnj.edu) or (cwhassett@earthlink.net).

SWPA Sponsored Sessions

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SWPA sponsors sessions that promote the welfare/well-being of women and/or address issues related to women of all colors, creeds, sexual orientations, and life situations. Check out the following SWPA sponsored sessions in San Diego:

- ◆ Gendered Discourses in Public Administration: A Forum of Feminisms – Monday, 11:15am-12:45pm
- ◆ Workplace Diversity – Tuesday, 8:30-10am
- ◆ Worker Friendly Organizations – Tuesday, 8:30-10:00am
- ◆ Global Developments in PA from a GLBT Perspective – Monday, 11:15am-12:45pm
- ◆ Results for Children – Sunday, 11:15am-12:45pm
- ◆ A Community Model for Integrating Services for

At-Risk Youth and Families – Sunday 9:30-11am

- ◆ Understanding Affirmative Action in the New Millennium - Monday, 2:45-4:15pm

Shared-experience sessions:

- ◆ Teaching 'Women and Crime' Online, and the Double-Edged Sword of Anonymity – Monday, 1:30-2:30
- ◆ The Conversations Project (Mary M Hale) – Tuesday, 2:30-4:30\

Workshops:

- ◆ Recognizing and Preventing Sexual Harassment – Saturday, 1-5pm
- ◆ Organizational Diversity: The Management Challenge – Saturday, 8am-5pm

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Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the SWPA booth anytime from Saturday through Monday, during the hours the Exhibition Hall is open.

At the breakfast, we present three annual awards:

- ✓ **The Joan Fiss Bishop Award** recognizes a person who has contributed to increasing the involvement of women in the public sector;
- ✓ **The Distinguished Research Award** for research on issues significant to the role of women in public administration; and

- ✓ **The Julia Henderson Award** to honor service to the SWPA section.

We look forward to seeing all SWPA members (non-members are invited, as well) at the breakfast!

Looking for Volunteers!

SWPA members are needed to help staffing the SWPA booths at the conference – if you would like to volunteer your time/assistance, please contact Cheryl King at cking@uakron.edu

Exhibit Hall Booth – need people to staff the booth during exhibit hall hours. This is especially important prior to the SWPA breakfast (Saturday & Sunday, April 1-2, 8-5pm)

Gala Reception Booth – need people to staff the booth during the reception, held on Monday from 7-10 p.m.

Job Announcements

Charles P. Messick Chair of Public Administration University of Delaware

The School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Delaware is seeking help identifying candidates for the Charles P. Messick Chair of Public Administration. Candidates can be appointed at the level of Distinguished Professor and should have demonstrated leadership in the field of public administration, strong research and teaching skills, an excellent record of scholarly publication, and a commitment to applied public service.

For more information contact:

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Public Service Faculty Position Carl Vinson Institute of Government University of Georgia

The Carl Vinson Institute of
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Georgia invites applications and nominations for a public service assistant faculty position as Director of Publications and Managing Editor to oversee an expanding program of print and electronic publications. The Institute publishes a broad range of titles, including handbooks and manuals, textbooks, public policy papers, and the State and Local Government Review.

The Director supervises a staff of 10 professional and clerical personnel, recruits and coordinates the work of freelance editors and other service providers; advises and works with authors on manuscript preparation, electronic files and related issues; and coordinates the work of the Publications Unit with other units of the Institute.

The competitive candidate must have demonstrated personnel and project management skills; computer proficiency and thorough knowledge of electronic as well as print publishing; developing and

manuscript and electronic editing policies and processes; a sense of entrepreneurship; and the ability to guide the functions of the Publications Unit with flexibility and resourcefulness to achieve scheduling, cost and quality goals. The position requires a minimum of a masters degree in a related field and a minimum of five years of related experience. The salary is negotiable. The position will not be filled until and/or unless a qualified candidate is identified. Interested individuals should submit a letter of application so that it is received no later than April 14, 2000, which includes salary requirements, resume, and names of three professional references to Dr. Charles Swanson, Associate Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, The University of Georgia, 201 North Milledge Avenue, Athens, Georgia, 30602.

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Submissions for Summer *BTG*

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