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Announcements

Congressional Fellowship Program: A Dual Perspective on Congress

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma offers a unique five-year Ph.D. program in the study of American government focusing on the Congress and representative government.

Fellows spend the first three years of the program on campus completing their Ph.D. course work and preparing for their general examinations. They participate in a rigorous academic program and receive academic support from the Center's three full-time faculty members as well as from the other professors in the Political Science Department. Additional opportunities and resources available to Fellows while on campus include:

- Frequent opportunities for collaborative research with faculty members;
- Regular teaching seminars that enable Fellows to serve as Graduate Teaching Assistants and, during the second year on campus, to teach their own undergraduate political science courses;
- Participation in special guest lectures and seminars with leading congressional scholars and members of Congress;
- Access to the Center's archival collection which includes the papers of more than fifty former House and Senate members;
- Access to the Department of Communication's political commercial archives, one of the largest in the world.

Fellows also have the opportunity to receive advanced methodological training by attending the ICPSR's Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the University of Michigan after the first or second year of the program.

Upon successful completion of their course work, Fellows spend a year on Capitol Hill as American Political Science Association Congressional Fellows. They generally serve as legislative assistants to members of Congress and divide their time in Washington between the House and the Senate. The year in Washington provides Fellows with an unparalleled opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of the Congress, pursue their dissertation research, conduct interviews with members of Congress and congressional staff members, and meet other political scientists who study the Congress. Additionally, Fellows are able to take a trip to a Member's congressional district and to participate in a week-long exchange with Canadian Parliament interns in Ottawa.

Fellows return to the University campus for the fifth and final year of the program, during which they receive financial and academic support as they write their doctoral dissertations.

In addition to covering the full tuition and fees of its Graduate Fellows, the Carl Albert Center provides a substantial monthly stipend, a book allowance, travel for research and professional meeting participation, and other support. The goal of the Center is to alleviate, as much as possible, the financial burdens of graduate study to enable students to devote their time and energy to academic excellence. The total value of a five-year fellowship is more than \$125,000.

For more information on the Congressional Fellowship Program, and to receive application materials:

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National Education for Women's Leadership

The award-winning National Education for Women's Leadership program (N.E.W. Leadership) educates and encourages women to participate actively in politics and public service.

Originally designed to increase the leadership opportunities seized by undergraduate women, N.E.W. Leadership will now also address the issues faced by women who are beyond college but have not yet taken the step into greater positions of leadership. The entire program connects participants to key policy makers, community leaders, and activists. The goal is to provide them with the tools they need to begin shaping the public agenda. The program seeks to increase the number of women, regardless of party affiliation, in the leadership of government and community.

The next N.E.W. Leadership Institute for undergraduate women will be held May 18-22, 2007. The application process will begin in January 2007, and the deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2007. For additional information and application materials, please visit the website at <http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/NLO/>

Visiting Scholars Program

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program, which provides financial assistance to researchers working at the Center's archives. Awards of \$500-\$1000 are normally granted as reimbursement for travel and lodging.

The Center's holdings include the papers of many former members of Congress, such as Speaker Carl Albert, Robert S. Kerr, and Fred Harris of Oklahoma, Helen Gahagan Douglas and Jeffery Cohelan of California, and Neil Gallagher of New Jersey. Besides the history of Congress, congressional leadership, national and Oklahoma politics, and election campaigns, the collections also document government policy affecting agriculture, Native Americans, energy, foreign affairs, the environment, and the economy.

Topics that can be studied include the Great Depression, flood control, soil conservation, and tribal affairs. At least one collection provides insight on women in American politics. Most materials date from the 1920s to the 1970s, although there is one nineteenth-century collection. The Center's collections are described on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/archives/> and in the publication titled *A Guide to the Carl Albert Center Congressional Archives* (Norman, Okla.: The Carl Albert Center, 1995) by Judy Day, et al., available at many U. S. academic libraries. Additional information can be obtained from the Center.

The Visiting Scholars Program is open to any applicant. Emphasis is given to those pursuing postdoctoral research in history, political science, and other fields. Graduate students involved in research for publication, thesis, or dissertation are encouraged to apply. Interested undergraduates and lay researchers are also invited to apply. The Center evaluates each research proposal based upon its merits, and funding for a variety of topics is expected.

No standardized form is needed for application. Instead, a series of documents should be sent to the Center, including: (1) a description of the research proposal in fewer than 1000 words; (2) a personal vita; (3) an explanation of how the Center's resources will assist the researcher; (4) a budget proposal; and (5) a letter of reference from an established scholar in the discipline attesting to the significance of the research. Applications are accepted at any time.

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