

Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding lifetime contributions, and for the Jack Walker Award for his article, "From Confusion to Clarity," recognized for its lasting influence on the field.

Jewell L. Prestage, dean, Benjamin Banneker Honors College, Prairie View A&M University, was honored at the 1995 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting with a "Roundtable in Honor of Jewell Prestage." Prestage was also presented with a certificate "recognizing a lifetime of scholarship and service to political science."

Charles R. Shipan, assistant professor of political science, University of Iowa, received the James N. Murray Teaching Award, given annually to one junior faculty member at the University of Iowa.

William A. Taggart, professor, department of government, New Mexico State University, received the El Paso Natural Gas Foundation Faculty Achievement Award in 1994–95 for outstanding university teaching. It is the most prestigious teaching award in the university and is awarded to three faculty each year.

David Webber, associate professor of political science, University of Missouri–Columbia, received a Congressional Research Fellowship from the U.S. Capitol Historical Society for 1995–96.

Leonard Weinberg, professor, department of political science, University of Nevada–Reno, received a Guggenheim Foundation grant to support his ongoing research on violent American and European radical right political groups. The award is shared with Jeffrey Kaplan, University of Alaska.

Myron Weiner, Ford International Professor of Political Science, department of political science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was chosen as the winner of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London's Edgar Graham Book Prize for 1994, in honor of his book *The Child and the State in India: Child Labor and Education Policy in Comparative Perspective*. The award is given

every two years for a work of original scholarship on agricultural and/or industrial development in Asia and/or Africa.

In Memoriam

J. William Davis

Texas Tech University Professor Emeritus J. William Davis died on May 20, 1995, in Lubbock, Texas, at age 86. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Edwena, two sons, James and Donald, and a daughter, Carolyn.

Bill Davis joined the Texas Tech faculty as an Instructor in 1938. Before his retirement in 1974, he served as Department of Political Science Chairperson from 1944 to 1964. During 1957–1958, he was President of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Bill Davis was an expert on the Texas Constitution, serving from 1957 to 1961 on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Constitutional Revision and on many other state and local boards and commissions concerned with state constitution or local charter revisions. He published articles on both topics and wrote the definitive work on the Texas Lieutenant Governor (*There Shall be A Lieutenant Governor*, 1967).

J. William Davis received his B.A. degree from Texas A&M University (1928) and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas (1940). Before joining Texas Tech, he taught high school for seven years and served as an instructor at Schreiner Institute, Texas A&M, and the University of Texas. At Texas Tech, he served on the then Faculty Advisory Committee and was chairman of the 1950–1954 Self-Evaluation Committee. He was for a time Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. John's United Methodist Church. He received the Liberty Bell award from the Lubbock County Bar Association.

As important as his contributions to state government and to Texas Tech, Bill Davis is best remembered for his contributions to intercollegiate athletics, for which he had a special love. At Texas Tech,

he served on the Athletic Council for 23 years (1948–1971). He served as both Vice-President and President of the Southwest Conference, and was Vice-President of the NCAA from 1967 to 1971. He is known as the "Father of the National Letter of Intent," the most important device for limiting and regulating college recruiting. Few professors have the unique opportunity afforded Bill Davis, of transferring their academic skills to other institutions.

On the occasion of his retirement, Bill Davis's long-time colleague, the late S.M. Kennedy, wrote the following: "Dr. Davis has been a willing listener, a quiet and effective counselor to thousands of students. He is especially remembered as one who was a source of inspiration and encouragement to his students, both in their student and later their professional careers. He also has displayed consistently a superb talent for not intruding into the lives and judgments of his students while retaining an active interest in their development, and willingness to contribute wise counsel when sought."

On his retirement in 1974, Bill Davis made the initial contribution to the J. William Davis Scholarship Endowment. He and his many friends, colleagues, and former students continued to add to it, and dozens of political science students benefitted from his generosity during the last 20 years. Donations in his memory may be made to that fund.

Clarke E. Cochran
Texas Tech University

Phillip Monypenny

As a teacher, scholar, and administrator at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 37 years, Phillip Monypenny made enormous contributions to the Department of Political Science at Illinois and to the lives and minds of a great many students and colleagues. This influence continued into his retirement years, and it surely will extend beyond his death,