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State Politics and Policy Section Launches Journal

APSA's Organized Section on State Politics and Policy proudly announces the establishment of a new journal: *State Politics and Policy Quarterly. SPPQ*, the official journal of the section, will be published out of the Illinois Legislative Studies Center at the University of Illinois, Springfield. Christopher Z. Mooney of the University of Illinois, Springfield is editor and Kevin B. Smith of the University of Nebraska is associate editor.

SPPQ will publish high-quality academic studies that develop general hypotheses of political behavior and policy making and test them using case studies and data from the states. The editor calls for manuscripts on all aspects of political behavior and policy in the states, with no restriction on methodological or theoretical approach. Studies that deal with other subnational units of government in the U.S. and elsewhere will also be considered for publication. All manuscripts submitted for consideration will be doubleblind reviewed, and only those manuscripts that meet the most rigorous methodological and theoretical academic standards will be published. The editor will place a high priority on keeping review and publication turnaround times to a minimum.

The first issue of *SPPQ* will be published in March 2001.

The mission of State Politics and Policy Quarterly is to stimulate research on state politics and policy and to provide an institutional structure to develop a progressive and coherent research agenda in the field. The U.S. states provide, arguably, the world's most advantageous venue in which to test general propositions about political behavior and policy. From a comparative perspective, the states represent a natural laboratory for testing hypotheses derived from theories of Americanstyle institutions. Indeed, the very name of our nation indicates the pivotal place of the states in its governance. There has never been an academic journal that focused its attention solely on U.S. state politics. In this age of academic specialization, the lack of such an outlet

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CORRECTION

The December 1999 issue of *PS* noted that Nathaniel Beck was presented the 1999 Harold Gosnell prize of APSA's Organized Section on Political Methodology for the best paper on political methodology delivered during a 1999 professional conference. He was joined in the prize by his paper coauthors, Gary King of Harvard University and Langche Zen of George Washington University. The name of the award winning paper was "Improving Quantitative Studies of International Conflict."