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Wrapping up the big 5-OH WSSA celebrated 50th Anniversary in Denver

By Phadrea Ponds
WSSA President



On behalf of the Western Social Science Association, I would like to thank all those of you who attended our 50th annual conference in Denver, CO, April 23-26, 2008. The conference would not have been as successful without the support of our members and friends.

It was my pleasure to serve as the conference coordinator and all-around cheerleader during the conference. Most of all, I was pleased to serve the conference attendees in every way that I could. I was most gratified by the positive remarks I received during and after the conference. My favorite comment was that the WSSA had a warm, family feel to it. That kind of family feeling is a bit harder to get and maintain at national conferences. Everything seemed to work out very well.

This year there we had 271 panels comprising 687 papers and presentations, not counting roundtables. There were 23 roundtables/panel discussion sessions. There were 75 panels on Thursday, 99 panels on Friday, and 69 panels on Saturday. The presenters were well prepared and the sessions were well attended. Everyone felt that the sessions and workshops were relevant and the selected topics were interesting and thought-provoking. Overall, the conference was a success. However, the success of any conference is due to the many people who give their time. In the case of WSSA, Section Coordinators are invaluable. As general program chair, I was fortunate to work with this group outstanding and remarkable professionals and I to take this opportunity to thank each section coordinator for their very special effort and for putting up with so many of my nagging e-mails as we finalized the conference program. I want to especially thank all of the people who worked at the registration desk. Kate Herke and her "crew" made certain that everyone at the conference received personal attention and that the conference ran smoothly each day. The WSSA Executive Council continues to work to improve the way WSSA serves its members. We receive many valuable comments suggesting changes you would like to see in our future. Our most important accomplishment for WSSA so far this year is that we have gained a significant number of new members. We truly value all of our members and it is because of our members that we work so hard to make the conference better and more successful each year.

Jack Hou is already working on the 51st Annual Conference. The hotel and conference accommodations are wonderful and are located in an area where there are many restaurants and plenty of local entertainment. As President, I am already looking forward to seeing y'all again in Albuquerque next year.

20th Biennial Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS)

By Larry Gould
WSSA Executive Director

The Western Social Science Association has partnered with the ACSUS to promote Canadian Studies in the United States. The next meeting of the ACSUS will be in San Diego, California, November 18-22, 2009. Douglas Nord, the 2009 Program Chair, has announced a deadline to submit papers of October 15, 2008. Submissions can be sent to www.ACSUS.ORG.

The ACSUS biennial conference, established in 1971, is the leading international event focusing on Canada and its relationship with United States, North America and the world. The event provides an important forum for academic, policy and government communities to interact within a prism of intersection perspectives.

Conference Sections include: Anthropology, Sociology and First Nations – Visual and Performing Arts – Business, Trade and Economics – Gender, Identity and Diversity – Geography, Resources, Environment, History – Border Issues and Migration – Foreign Policy and Defense – Literature in English – Literature in French – Politics and Government – The North – Quebec and the French Presence in North America – Education – Canada in Comparative Perspective – Life Science and Technology

For further information please contact David Archibald, ACSUS Executive Director at info@acsus.org.

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2008 Student Paper Competition

Jack Hou
WSSA President-elect

The Student Paper Competition was amongst the most competitive this year. We had a total of twenty eight papers submitted for the competition: 19 graduate students and 9 undergraduates. All the papers were judged by a distinguished panel of three senior members from the WSSA through a blind review process. Graduate and Undergraduate papers were judged separately, based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Advancement of knowledge;
- ❖ Appropriateness for a broad social science audience;
- ❖ Quality and implementation of research design;
- ❖ Definition and significance of topic;
- ❖ Analysis of findings and discussion of their implications;
- ❖ Clarity and cogency of writing.

The scores from the three judges were then standardized and compiled. Based on these scores, the following papers were chosen as the best of the year:

Best Graduate Paper:

Michael G. Miller
Cornell University

“Bringing Campaigning Back In: Public Money, Candidate Time, and Electoral Outcomes in State Legislative Elections*”

Best Undergraduate Paper:

Lara Palanjian,
University of California-Berkeley

“Party Control and Budget Estimates: A study of politics in the Federal Budget Process”

Honorable Mention:

John W. Ayers
San Diego State University

“Is Immigration a Racial Issue? Anglos’ Attitudes on Immigration Policies in a Border County,”

The two best paper winners received a check of \$500 each, and all three young scholars received a certificate from the WSSA.

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 - Student WSSA Members (\$45.00)
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APRIL 11-15, 2009

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

The Western Social Science Association invites proposals for papers to be presented at its 51st Annual Conference to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 11 – 15, 2009. Please submit paper proposals and abstracts to the most appropriate section coordinator(s) listed below by December 5, 2008.

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New leader for NAU-Yuma selected Congratulations Larry Gould!

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.—A long-time academic leader with an award-winning law enforcement background has been selected to lead Northern Arizona University's branch campus in Yuma, NAU. Larry Gould, associate dean in NAU's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, will assume the position of associate vice president and campus executive officer for NAU-Yuma, effective May 19. "Larry has the ideal combination of experience, leadership qualities and academic background that makes him a good fit for this position," President John Haeger said. "I am confident he will continue the

momentum we have in the Yuma area." Gould is a Baton Rouge, La., native who earned a doctorate in sociology with concentration in criminal justice from Louisiana State University, where he also taught. Prior to his academic career, Gould was an award-winning law enforcement officer in Louisiana. He joined NAU in 1991 in the Department of Criminal Justice, where he has taught and developed several course offerings. Gould's experience with distance programs is extensive. He worked with NAU-Yuma as well as community colleges in the state to develop the bachelor of applied science program and to strengthen the bachelor of interdisciplinary studies.

"From the very first class that I taught on the old IITV system to students in Yuma, through my experience as chair of the Faculty Senate and my many visits to the Yuma campus to the present, I have valued the contributions of the faculty and staff at NAU-Yuma in their efforts to enhance the lives of our students," Gould said. "It is an honor to be able to play a larger role in that considerable effort." Gould has served on numerous committees at the department, college, university and state level. He also served as consultant for the National Park Service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He is replacing Krista Rodin, who announced her resignation as of the end of the semester to pursue teaching and other administrative opportunities as a tenured professor at NAU. NAU-Yuma, with an enrollment of about 650 students, was established in 1988 on the campus of Arizona Western College. The Arizona Board of Regents designated NAU-Yuma a branch campus in October 2006. The designation allows NAU to build programming and resources at its Arizona Western College site.