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EVENTS SCHEDULED AT ANNUAL APSA MEETING

Following are a list of the events and activities which the Center for the Study of Federalism and the Conference for Federal Studies have organized or are participating in at the 1980 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. This year's meeting will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C. from August 28th through the 31st.

Conference for Federal Studies Symposium - The theme of this year's symposium is "State Constitutions in Federal Systems." The format of the symposium will be a roundtable discussion with individuals specializing in various federal systems making presentations on the significance of state constitutions and constitution-making in their respective countries.

PUBLIUS Editorial Advisory Board Breakfast Meeting - This is the annual meeting of PUBLIUS' Editorial Advisory Board. Besides regular business, this year's meeting will commemorate the 10th anniversary of PUBLIUS.

PUBLIUS Authors and Reviewers Cocktail Party - In conjunction with PUBLIUS' 10th anniversary, the Center for the Study of Federalism will host a small cocktail party for its authors and manuscript reviewers.

Center for the Study of Federalism Booth - For the fifth consecutive year, the Center will have a booth in the convention's main exhibit area. On display will be Center publications and information about Center programs and projects. For the first time, the booth will also offer a display of similar material and publications from the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University. CSF members are urged to stop by the exhibit in order to personally examine the materials and to meet various members of the Center's staff.

Panel - A panel entitled, "The Covenant Tradition in Western Political Thought" has been organized under the auspices of the Foundations of Political Theory Section. The panel builds upon the work of the Center's Workshop on Covenant and Politics. The paper givers and their papers are as follows:

Daniel J. Elazar, Temple University and Bar Ilan University
"The Political Theory of Covenant: Biblical Origins and Modern Developments."

John Kincaid, North Texas State University
"Covenant as a Mode of Political Community."

Neal Riemer, Drew University
"Theoretical Conceptions of Covenants and Constitutions."

Rozann Rothman, University of Illinois
"Covenant and Contract Conceptions of the U. S. Constitution."

The exact times, dates and rooms of the foregoing events have not been determined yet. Members who are interested in attending those events which are open to the public should consult the final program for those details.

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PANEL ON LOCAL FOUNDINGS AT FALL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Stephen Schechter of Russell Sage College and a fellow of the Center for the Study of Federalism has organized a panel on local foundings at the November 1980 meeting of the Social Science History Association in Rochester, N. Y. The panel is entitled, "The Founding of American Local Communities."

Political scientists and historians have long focused on the founding and refounding of the American system as a way of studying its "first principles" and processes of political development. While this approach has been widely

applied to the study of the American system as a whole, few studies have systematically explored the founding and refounding of the local communities within that system.

The panelists and their papers are as follows:

Chair: Daniel J. Elazar, Professor of Political Science, Director,
Center for the Study of Federalism, Temple University.

Papers:

"The Founding of American Local Communities: A Framework of Analysis.

Stephen L. Schechter, Assistant Professor, Department of Government,
Russell Sage College, Troy, New York.

"Dutch Patterns of Community Foundings and Relationships in the Hudson-Mohawk Region,"

Charles Gehring, Translator and Editor of Colonial Documents,
New York State Library.

"The Refounding and Anglicization of Albany, New York, under English Rule,"

Stefan Bielinski, Research Director, Division of Historical and Anthropological Services, New York State Museum.

For more information on the exact date and time of the panel contact Professor Stephen Schechter, Department of Government, Russell Sage College, Troy, New York 12180.

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1980 CONFERENCE OF EUROPEANISTS

The 1980 Conference of Europeanists, sponsored by the Council for European Studies, will be held at The Shoreham-Americana Hotel in Washington, D. C., October 23-25, 1980. The theme of this year's conference is "Economic, Cultural, and Political Challenges to the State." The Center for the Study of Federalism has organized a panel for that conference entitled "Federalist Responses to Regional Challenges in Europe." The panel, chaired by Stephen L. Schechter, Russell Sage College, will include papers by Jurg Steiner, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "From Regionalism to Statehood: The Formation of the Jura Canton," and Susan J. Koch, Central Intelligence Agency, "Transfrontier Regional Planning and Cooperation in the Upper Rhine Region." Daniel J. Elazar, Director of the Center for the Study of Federalism, will serve as panel discussant.

Other conference panels of interest to students of comparative federalism include: "Regional Political Cultures," chaired by Marion Miller, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle; "Problems of Theory and Method in Regionalism," chaired by Edward Tiryakian, Duke University; "Regional Challenges to the Contemporary State in Spain," chaired by Stanley Payne, University of Wisconsin; "Rise and Fall of Regionalism," chaired by Charles Foster, Committee on Atlantic Studies; "Regional Elites and Class Formation," chaired by Juan Linz, Yale University; and "Centralization and Decentralization," chaired by Peter Merkl, University of California at Santa Barbara.

For more information, write to: Council for European Studies, Columbia University, 1403 International Affairs Building, New York, N. Y. 10027.

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CENTER TO SPONSOR TAFT SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

For the second time, the Center for the Study of Federalism has been selected as a sponsor of the Robert A. Taft Seminar for Teachers. Thirty-five elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and administrators from Pennsylvania and neighboring states will be chosen to meet for 14 Saturday mornings from September through December, 1980 with a unique faculty of experienced practical politicians.

The Taft Seminars emphasize the principles and processes of the American system of government, the Constitution, and the two-party system. In the weekly give-and-take sessions, the speakers and the educators will discuss all aspects of American political life. From this exchange, the educators will gain realistic knowledge of how politics and government operate in the United States and will be able to take back with them new ideas to make social studies and history classes come alive for their students.

The Robert A. Taft Institute of Government is non-partisan, non-profit and educational. Financial support for the Taft Seminars is raised by the Institute each year from individuals, corporations, and foundations. This year there will be 35 Taft Seminars in 31 different states.

Seminar participants will receive three hours of graduate credit from Temple University. Participants pay only a modest registration fee; funds for tuition and books are provided by the Taft Institute. Further information about the Temple University Taft Seminar may be obtained from Dr. Ellis Katz or Dr. Benjamin R. Schuster at the Center for the Study of Federalism, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122, (215) 787-1480.

CONFERENCE FOR FEDERAL STUDIES
ANNUAL INVENTORY OF MEMBER'S
CURRENT RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

As a service to its members, the Conference for Federal Studies takes an annual inventory of its member's current research activities. The results of the inventory are published in the CSF Notebook. The following form is provided for the convenience of members in transmitting data on their current research activities and publications. We hope that all members will fill out the form and return it to the address listed at the end of the last page. A completed inventory should be published in the Summer issue of the Notebook (Volume 10, Number 3).

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1. Name _____
2. Institutional Affiliation (university and department, governmental agency, etc.)

3. Title and Position _____

4. Current Research Activities

Project Number 1

(a) Title _____

(b) Description _____

(c) Information Contact _____

(d) Starting Date/Completion Date _____

(e) Availability of Final Report (Address) _____

(b) Journal or other publication source _____

(c) Description _____

(d) Availability of reprints (Address and costs, if any) _____

6. Conference for Federal Studies Activities

A. What services would you like the Conference to provide for its members?

B. What topics would you like to see presented at the Annual Symposium organized by the Conference at the yearly American Political Science Association Meetings?

C. Would you be willing to serve as a reader for PUBLIUS manuscripts?

_____yes _____no

Please indicate your areas of specialization and interest.

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