

## Awards & Honors from the UCSD Division of Social Sciences

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#### Political Scientists Win APSA Awards for Best Books

Amy Bridges, a professor of political science, has received the American Political Science Association's (APSA) Award for best Urban Politics Book in 1997. The book, *Morning Glories: Municipal Reform in the Southwest*, (Princeton University Press) traces reform politics and government in large southwestern cities since 1901.

Political Scientist Gary Cox won awards for his acclaimed book, *Making Votes Count*, (Cambridge University Press). He received the APSA award for best book on political economy, as well as the APSA's Luebbert Book Prize for best book on comparative politics. Cox also won a third APSA prize, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award, for the best book on government, politics, or international affairs.

Cox and Bridges received their awards at the annual APSA conference held last month in Boston.

#### Sociologist Receives Grants for Health Policy Projects

Steven Epstein, an associate professor of sociology, has received major grants from the National Science Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a research project on "Social equity, group identity, and the medical management of difference." Epstein is the author of the highly praised book *Impure Science: Aids, Activism, and the Politics of Knowledge*, (University of California Press, 1996).

#### Political Scientist Wins Awards to Study Trade Infrastructure in SoCal

Political Scientist Steve Erie, a specialist on the politics of growth and water, has received a grant from USC's Southern California Studies Center and The Irvine Foundation for a two-year study of the region's trade infrastructure project. Erie was also the recipient of a grant from the Orange County Business Council to study infrastructure issues related to the El Toro Airport. Erie recently delivered the 1998 Haynes Foundation Lecture at the Huntington Library on "Water Wars Old and New: From the Owens Valley to the Imperial Valley."

#### Sociologist and Media Expert Named Faculty Research Lecturer

Michael Schudson, a professor of communication and adjunct professor of sociology, was named Faculty Research Lecturer for 1998-99. Schudson was one of only two professors at UCSD this year to receive this special designation, which was made by the UCSD Academic Senate. Schudson, who has received a MacArthur Foundation "genius" award and a Guggenheim Fellowship, is the author of the recent book *The Good Citizen: A History of American Civic Life*, (Free Press).

#### Psychologist Receives Grants to Study Decision-Making

Psychologist Edmund Fantino has received two three-year grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes for Mental Health to study different aspects of the human decision-making process. The NIMH project seeks to determine the conditions under which humans and non-humans make no-optimal and illogical decisions. The primary goal of the NSF research is to learn how choices are determined for both human and non-humans.

#### Sociologist Wins Book Prize

Sociologist Steven Shapin was awarded the American Sociological Association's Robert K. Merton Prize for A Social History of Truth: Civility and Science in 17th Century England, (University of Chicago). The award, which Shapin received in August 1998, was for the best book on the sociology of science.

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