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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Professor Juan Carlos Huerta Elected Chair of APSA Political Science Section

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Juan Carlos Huerta, a professor of political science at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has been elected chair of the Political Science Education section of the American Political Science Association (APSA).

As head of the 413-member section, Huerta will be a leading APSA advocate for the importance of teaching and learning. He will also represent professors from a diverse range of universities. He previously served on the program committee for the APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning from 2006-2008 and on the 2005 APSA Program Committee for the annual meeting.

Huerta, who has been at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi since 1995, is co-director of the University’s Core Curriculum programs. He has published in the Journal of Political Science Education ("Developing Civic Engagement in General Education Political Science," "Getting Active in the Large Lecture Classes") and a chapter ("Classroom Assessment of Learning Communities for Political Scientists") in the book Assessment in Political Science. Huerta also has publications on political representation including "Latino Representation in the U.S. Congress: How Much and by Whom?" in the American Review of Politics.

His service to the profession includes serving as the vice president and program chair of the Southwestern Political Science Association (2007-2008). Additional service includes his current membership on the Political Science in the 21st Century APSA Presidential Task Force and his past service on the Status Committee for Latinos/Latinas in the Profession (2007-2008).

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Dr. Huerta has been an active participant in Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's recognized First Year Learning Communities Program, and as co-director is responsible for program development and learning community assessment. He has also served as a Resource Faculty member at the National Summer Institute on Learning Communities at The Evergreen State College. Huerta's research on learning communities has been published ("How Do Learning Communities Affect First-Year Latino Students?" Journal of Learning Communities Research, 2008, "Do Learning Communities Make a Difference?" PS: Political Science and Politics, 2004), and presented at conferences.

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