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Physics and Society: A sub-discipline of Physics

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The Forum on Physics and Society was born in the tumultuous 1960's and 70's and has a long record of accomplishments over the past 40 years.

- 303 APS session in 40 years, an average of 7.7/year.
- 10 Books (3 Forum Studies, 7 AIP Conf. Proceedings, 4 booklets).
- Physics and Society has published results that have been widely referenced.
- 2 Forum Board Members became U.S. Congressmen [V. Ehlers (R-MI), R. Holt (D-NJ)], others have had notable public service careers.
- Szilard and Burton-Forum Awards recognize positive contributions of physicists in society.
- The Forum helped establish the Congressional Science Fellowships.

This talk will update the 1999 *Forum History* (<http://www.aps.org/units/fps/history.cfm>) and provide anecdotal humor. Lastly, back-of-the-envelope calculations from my text, *Physics of Society Issues: Calculations on National Security, Environment and Energy* (Springer, 2007), will be provided.