

THE STUDENT SOCIOLOGIST

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Editor's Column

By: Beth Floyd, ASA Minority and Student Affairs Program Coordinator

Hello Students!

The ASA Executive Office is beginning to create a familiar summer buzz. While a lot of students' and faculty members' responsibilities lessen now, we are becoming very busy ensuring that your experience at the ASA Annual Meeting is the best it can be. This year we're very excited to be back on the west coast in San Francisco and have a great lineup of sessions and events for those attending.

As always, the Student Forum will be hosting paper sessions

and workshops in San Francisco, and you can read more about them on the next page.

Annette Lareau, ASA President and Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, says about the meeting she and her Program Committee have planned: "The program will highlight social science research documenting the breadth and depth of economic inequality and the consequences for virtually every sphere of social life: education, health, family life, work, political participation, neighborhood life, religion, and experiences with

the criminal justice system. Of course, the ramifications of economic inequality are not equally shared. The program will examine variations in economic inequality by race and ethnicity, gender, and immigrant status. Particular attention will be paid to social class differences in daily life."

The 2014 ASA Annual Meeting will be a great showcase of sociological research and we hope you will share this experience with us.

Beth

Upcoming Meetings

August 18, 2014, Critical Sociology Panels, San Francisco, CA. Theme: "Call for Tribute and Reflections: The Life and Work of Rod Bush." On December 5, 2013 we lost a valued colleague and comrade in the person of Roderick Douglas Bush. Rod was committed in his scholarship and activism to bringing about a more just world. Rod was highly regarded for his contributions that deepened our understanding of this unjust world and his efforts toward what might be done to transform it. Contact: Robert Newby at rnewby@frontier.com or [Melanie Bush](#).

October 9-11, 2014, Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) 2014 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. Theme: "Encouraging Inclusiveness in Doing Sociology: Public and Private, Applied and Clinical." For more information, visit the [AACS](#) website.

October 13-14, 2014. 22nd Annual Symposium on Family Issues, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, PA. Theme: "Gender and Couple Relations." Contact: Carolyn Scott at css7@psu.edu. For more information, visit [PSU](#) website.

ASA Student Forum Sessions in San Francisco

During the 109th ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, the **ASA Student Forum** will be sponsoring two workshops, two paper sessions, a roundtable session, a Student Forum Business Meeting, and the Student Reception. Workshops geared towards students at various points in their academic careers. *Successfully Applying for Fellowships and Awards* is a panel of award and fellowship recipients and committee members that will discuss their approaches for successfully applying to national and university-sponsored funding opportunities. Panelists will share their experiences balancing their graduate work with applying for funding and strategies for becoming a competitive applicant. *Navigating a Non-Academic Career: The Road Less Traveled* is a follow-up to last year's session, panelists describe how they used their advanced sociology degrees to pursue careers outside of tenure-track faculty positions. The workshop includes a focused discussion of

strategies for gaining employment in non-academic settings and preparing for non-academic careers while in graduate school.

The two paper sessions have 5-6 students presenting their research, the students submitted their work to the Student Forum Paper Award in the winter and the award winners, Matthew Sanscartier and James Gacek, University of Manitoba, will be presenting their research "*Scrubbing the Economic Body "Clean": Business Improvement Districts, Economic Oppression, and Spatial Regulation*" on **Monday, August 18th at 10:30 am**.

The Student Forum Business Meeting is open to all student members of the ASA and the Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB) welcomes everyone to join them on **Monday, August 17th at 12:30 am** to learn more about the Advisory Board and their role in ASA and to ask any questions you may have.

The event students most look forward to is the Student Reception. Held on **Sunday, August 16th** all student members attending the meeting are invited to gather for a meal and meet other student members. This is a great opportunity to meet others who share similar research interests and form networks for future work.

The Student Forum will again be sponsoring the Professional Development Certificate Program. The Advisory Board are currently selecting the eligible sessions. A formal announcement of the program will be released prior to the meeting.

All of the Student Forum sponsored sessions' date and times are on the [online preliminary schedule](#).

We are very excited to be back in San Francisco and for the 2014 ASA program. We hope to see you all there!

MSSA Graduate Student Paper Competition

The **Mid-South Sociological Association** invites the submission of student papers for the annual **Graduate Student Paper Session** and "**Paper of Distinction**" Award. The award process is open to graduate students who are members, or become members, of the *Mid-South Sociological Association*. Among the papers submitted, an award will be presented to any paper that is reviewed and evaluated as possessing a high level of originality and significant potential for contribution to the discipline. If such a paper is so identified, the author(s) will be presented with a "Paper of Distinction" award at the MSSA Banquet. The award will also include editorial review assistance from suitable persons so identified by the Vice President in coordination with the Editors of *Sociological Spectrum*.

Papers may be submitted by the graduate student or nominated by faculty, but in any case, each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting consideration for the Graduate Student "Paper of Distinction" Award. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, telephone number, and email address (if available) of the author(s). The author's name and title of the paper should be included on the title page only. The title of the paper must be repeated at the top of the first page of the text. Additionally:

- The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 25 double spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, reference, tables, and figures.
- Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but no faculty.

- Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for award consideration.

To receive full recognition for participation, submission must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers at the Annual Conference held in the fall of each year.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

Papers should be submitted as a Word document by email to: Dr. Rodger Bates, Vice President, MSSA at rodgerbates@clayton.edu by **July 31, 2014**. If you have any questions regarding the competition, please feel free to contact Dr. Bates at the email address above or by phone at (678) 466-4647 by **July 31, 2014**.

MSSA Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

The **Mid-South Sociological Association** invites the submission of student papers for its annual Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The competition is open to students in the Mid-South Region and to other undergraduate students who are members of the [Mid-South Sociological Association](#). A prize of \$50 will be awarded for the best paper. The authors of the papers selected will be presented with certificates of merit after presentations of papers at the 2014 MSSA Annual Meeting.

- Each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting participation in the undergraduate competition session. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school

affiliation, the email address and the telephone number of the author(s).

- The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 20 double-spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables, and figures.
- Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but not by graduate students or faculty.
- Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for this competition.

Each of the submissions will be evaluated by

a committee of scholars based on (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e. neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.). To receive full recognition for participation, submissions must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers at the Annual Conference held each fall.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

Papers (in word or rtf format) should be submitted by email to [Dr. Shelly A. McGrath](#).

Questions regarding the competition should be sent Dr. McGrath.

Deadline: July 31, 2014

Call for Submissions

Contemporary Social Science calls for papers for its special issue "High-Speed Rail – Fast Track to Where?" The proposal to construct a high-speed rail, HS2, from London to Birmingham by 2026, and, ultimately, to the North of England during the 2030s, is one of the biggest and most controversial UK infrastructure projects for a generation. This special issue creates an interdisciplinary forum for the social sciences to contribute their analyses of such projects. For more information, visit their [website](#).

International Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IJHSS) is an open access, peer-reviewed, and refereed international journal published by Center for Promoting Ideas, USA. IJHSS aims to promote interdisciplinary studies in humanities and social science and become the leading journal in humanities and social science in the world. For more information, contact the [editor](#) or visit their [website](#).

Journal of Organizational Behavior (JOB) invites submissions for its forthcoming special issue "Can Neurons Manage?" This issue will be guest edited by Dirk Lindebaum. **Deadline: July 17, 2015.** Contact: [Neal M. Ashkanasy](#). For more information, visit their [website](#).

AHS Frank Lindenfield Outstanding Student Paper

The **Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS)** seeks graduate and undergraduate student [papers](#) that advocate for more humanistic workplaces. Papers may critically evaluate current forms of economic and workplace organization that repress the potential of people through inequality, bias, discrimination based upon race, gender, sexual orientation, and other bases of exploitation/domination. Papers may also address political and economic changes, initiatives, and policies, which occur away from workplaces but have significant consequences for conditions of work and workers. Examples include critiques of the global economy, out-

sourcing, and effects of austerity measures. Paper topics can also address how people resist dehumanizing conditions and create more humanistic alternatives, such as worker owned cooperatives, socially and environmentally responsible businesses, nonprofit and/or grass roots activist organizations, and instances where workers and/or unions have organized to win higher wages and/or improved working conditions.

The author of the most outstanding paper will be invited to present her or his work at the annual meetings of AHS and will receive a \$250 honorarium to defray travel expenses

and a free year of membership in AHS. The winning paper will also be formally reviewed and cultivated for possible publication in the journal of the AHS, *Humanity & Society*.

Winners will be announced on September 30th. Papers accepted for publication are not eligible to receive the award. Please submit your manuscript in electronic format (MS Word preferred) to the editors of *Humanity & Society*, Editor-in-Chief [David G. Embrick](#) and Managing Editor [Kasey Henricks](#). Additional inquiries can be directed to them as well.

Deadline September 1, 2014



Office of Science and Technology Policy **Internship Program**

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is looking for qualified candidates to serve as interns during the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms.

Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Enrolled in an accredited college or university during the internship period

Application Requirements

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Writing sample
- Unofficial transcript
- 2 Letters of recommendation

For more information, or to apply, visit:
www.wh.gov/ostp/about/student

or email:
internships@ostp.gov



Deadline for Fall 2014:

June 20, 2014

Upon selection for the OSTP Internship program, all candidates must consent to a security investigation and drug test prior to their start date. OSTP is an equal opportunity employer.

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San Francisco Foundation Multicultural Fellowship Program

The San Francisco Foundation announces it has four positions open for its Multicultural Fellowship Program. The Multicultural Fellowship Program selects young professionals of color with the promise and passion to create significant social change. By working with the grant-making teams and contributing to numerous projects across the San Francisco Foundation, fellows gain hands-on dynamic leadership experience. For more information, visit our program [website](#).

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