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Editor's Column

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Hello Students!

You made it to the end of the semester, congratulations! When you are finished with your final exams we have some great opportunities you should take advantage of, listed in the following pages.

The beginning of the calendar year brings the majority of the ASA funding opportunities deadlines.

The 2015-16 Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) applications are now being accepted with a deadline of **January 31, 2015**. MFP has existed since 1974 and has supported nearly 500 sociologists of colors during this time. Currently MFP is supporting seven students

in various programs and universities across the country: Shani Evans, University of Pennsylvania; Ryan Gabriel, University of Washington; Jackelyn Hwang, Harvard University; Yvonne Kwan, University of California, Santa Cruz; Victoria Reyes, Princeton University; Sasha Maria Rodriguez, Stony Brook University; and Firuzeh Shokooch Valle, Northeastern University. Each awardee receives a stipend as well as travel funding for two ASA Annual Meetings during their fellowship.

The Honors Program is also currently accepting applications. The program brings approximately 35 undergraduate sociology majors to the ASA Annual Meeting to experi-

ence a full program agenda with specialized sessions. Honors Program participants can apply for the Student Forum Travel Award as well as the Honors Program Travel Award to help defray the costs of traveling. The Honors Program deadline is **February 15, 2015**. Spread the word to the undergraduate students in your department!

Finally, the Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB) will be reviewing papers submitted to the Student Forum paper session for the 2015 Student Paper Award. The deadline for the award is **January 7, 2015**.

Happy Holidays!

Beth

ASA Dissertation Award

The **ASA Dissertation Award** honors the ASA members' best PhD dissertation from among those submitted by advisers and mentors in the discipline.

Dissertations from PhD recipients with degree awarded in the 2014 calendar year will be eligible for consideration for the 2015 ASA Dissertation Awards.

Nominations must be received from the member student's adviser or the scholar most familiar with the student's research. Nominations should explain the precise nature and merits of the work.

Send one digital copy of your dissertation (acceptable forms of digital copy, DOC, DOCX and PDF) attached in an email and

the nominee's curriculum vita (with current address) to : American Sociological Association, c/o Governance, 1430 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; fax: (202) 638-0882; e-mail governance@asanet.org

Deadline: January 31, 2015

2015 NIH Director's Early Independence Awards

The **National Institutes of Health Common Fund** announces the FY 2015 funding opportunity for the **NIH Director's Early Independence Awards (EIA)**. The [EIA](#) initiative allows exceptional junior scientists to accelerate their transition to an independent research career by "skipping" the traditional postdoctoral training. To be eligible, candidates must be within one year (before or after) of completion of their terminal degree or clinical residency at the time of application. Each institution (as defined by a unique DUNS identifier) may submit up to two applications in response to this FOA.

Letters of intent are due Dec. 30, 2014. Applications are due January 30, 2015.

See the instructions in the Funding Opportunity Announcement ([RFA-RM-14-004](#)).

To facilitate the "matching" of prospective candidates with potential host institutions, the NIH Common Fund has created a [matching portal website](#) in which institutions may indicate their interest in hosting EIA awardees and provide pertinent information. Prospective candidates will be able to use this portal to identify potential host institutions. Institutions are invited to provide information as soon as they are able. The portal will be updated on a continuing basis. Note that while registration by institutions is encouraged, it is not required and candidates may identify host institutions through other means.

Responses to Frequently Asked Questions about the Early Independence Awards initiative are [available](#).

The NIH Common Fund (formerly the NIH Roadmap) encourages collaboration and

supports a series of exceptionally high impact, trans-NIH programs. These programs are supported by the Common Fund, and managed by the NIH Office of the Director in partnership with the various NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices. Additional information about the NIH Common Fund can be found on the [Common Fund website](#).

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) – "The Nation's Medical Research Agency" – includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit our [website](#).

ASA Sorokin Lecturer Grant

Any of the winners of major ASA awards in the past two calendar years may be available to deliver a Sorokin Lecture at a state, regional, or aligned sociological association meeting, and on an academic campus. ASA would cover the costs of travel and up to two days of hotel costs. The host would cover registration (if applicable) and meals. Contingent upon available funding, the ASA can support up to four such lecture trips each calendar year.

[Distinguished Book Award](#)
[Dissertation Award](#)

[Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues](#)
[Jessie Bernard Award](#)
[Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award](#)
[Award for the Public Understanding of Sociology](#)
[Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology](#)
[Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award](#)
[W.E.B. DuBois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award](#)

Application Process

To apply, send a letter of inquiry with specific information about the event and the audience as well as the lecturer preferred. Executive Officers or Presidents of association, or faculty (with chair's support) in departments may apply. Submit these materials and any questions to:

[Governance](#)

American Sociological Association
1430 K Street, NW Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

Deadline: February 1, 2015

ASA Student Forum Call for Papers

The **Student Forum** of the American Sociological Association invites undergraduate and graduate students to submit papers for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

Students should submit their papers through the ASA online paper submission system. Papers are peer-reviewed and up to four papers are selected for each of two Paper Sessions. Those which are not selected for a paper session will be included in the Student

Forum sponsored roundtable session.

Of the papers that are selected to be presented in the Student Forum Paper Sessions one paper will be chosen as the ASA Student Forum Student Paper Winner. The winner will receive a \$100 prize check and a \$225 Student Forum Travel Award to help defray travel expenses to the Annual Meeting.

Submissions must be entered into the ASA online submission portal to be considered for

the Student Forum Paper Sessions as well as for the Paper Competition. The online submission system will open on December 5, 2014.

The deadline for submissions for the 2015 Call for Papers is January 7, 2015, 3:00pm EST.

Questions should be directed to asastudentforum@asanet.org.

2015 ASA Minority Fellowship Program Call for Applications

The **ASA Minority Affairs Program** welcomes applications from PhD candidate students in sociology for the **2015 ASA Minority Fellowship Program** awards.

Through its Minority Fellowship Program (MFP), the American Sociological Association supports the development and training of sociologists of color in any sub-area or specialty in the discipline. Funded by generous annual contributions from organizations such as Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociologists for Women in Society, the Midwest Sociological Society, the Association for Black Sociologists, the Southwestern Sociological Association, the Eastern Sociological Society, the Southern Sociological Society, the Pacific Sociological Association, as well as individual member donations, MFP seeks to attract talented doctoral students to ensure a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to assume leadership roles in research that is relevant to today's global society.

For more than 40 years, the MFP has supported nearly 500 Fellows in pursuit of a doctoral degree in sociology. Areas of inter-

est for former Fellows include social psychology, gender and sexuality, education, medicine and health, inequalities and stratification, race and ethnicity, and more. All of these areas of research and expertise are not just important for the growth of the discipline, but also to address important issues facing society. Sociologists have much to contribute to these research agendas, and many former Fellows have published or presented their work at leading conferences.

In addition to providing financial support, MFP works with its Fellows and their faculty mentors to help prepare the Fellow for a research career. Also, MFP plans workshops and paper sessions at the ASA Annual Meeting, offers travel support to scientific conferences, and fosters the development of formal and informal networks for Fellows.

Applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Minority Fellowship Program Advisory Panel. Panel members are appointed by the ASA Executive Officer and approved by ASA Council. The Advisory Panel convenes annually in early spring to select finalists. Awards

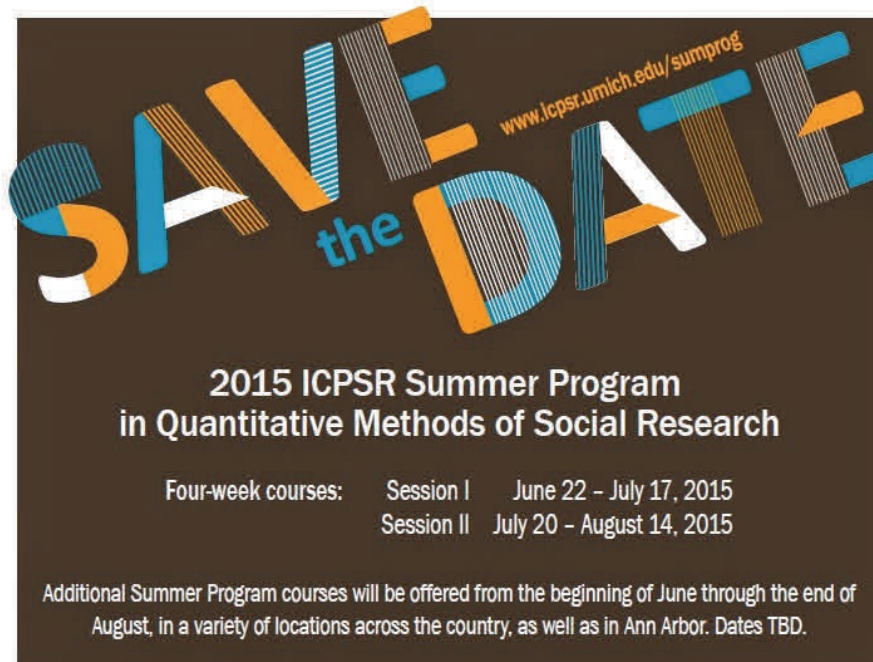
are typically announced by April 30.

The annual stipend for each award (August 1- July 31) is \$18,000. In addition, arrangements for the payments of tuition are made with universities or departments. There are also limited funds available for travel to the ASA Annual Meeting each August, regional or aligned association meetings in the spring or fall, and professional development training programs and workshops.

Applicants may review the application [essay prompts](#).

Applications will only be accepted through the online application portal (official transcripts may be submitted through USPS or secure PDF from the institution). The portal will be open at the end of November and will remain open until the deadline. We encourage potential applicants to speak with letter writers well before the deadline and once the portal is open to enter their letter writer's information for ample submission time.

Deadline: January 31, 2015



SAVE the DATE

www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog

**2015 ICPSR Summer Program
in Quantitative Methods of Social Research**

Four-week courses: Session I June 22 – July 17, 2015
 Session II July 20 – August 14, 2015

Additional Summer Program courses will be offered from the beginning of June through the end of August, in a variety of locations across the country, as well as in Ann Arbor. Dates TBD.

The **ICPSR Summer Program** is recognized throughout the world as a leading program providing basic and advanced training in a wide range of methodologies and technologies for social science research. Our courses emphasize the integration of methodological strategies with the theoretical and practical concerns that arise in research on substantive social issues. The [ICPSR Summer Program](#) strives to provide a unique and supportive social environment which facilitates professional networking and encourages the exchange of ideas about the theory and practice of social science research.

Founded in 1963 as a limited effort, the ICPSR Summer Program has expanded dramatically in size and scope. Today, it serves a large and diverse international constituency. The 2014 Program offered 97 workshops and lectures in seven locations across the United States and Canada. Over 1,000 participants took courses in the ICPSR Summer Program this past year. They came from 360 institutions in 38 nations, and they represent at least 25 academic disciplines

We have already started working on the 2015 course schedule, and will post information as soon as it becomes available. Meanwhile, please browse this site to learn about ICPSR, the Summer Program, our courses, our instructors, and visitor information for Ann Arbor. If you have any questions, please feel free to [e-mail us](#).

Registration for the 2015 ICPSR Summer Program will open in February 2015.

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship

Up to three awards each to graduate students in political science and sociology

The methodology sections of the American Political Science Association (APSA) and the American Sociological Association (ASA) worked with the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) to establish a scholarship in honor of the late Clifford C. Clogg, an innovator in quantitative social research methods and Academic Advisor to the ICPSR Summer Program.

The [Clogg Scholarship](#) is a waiver of Program Scholar (non-credit) fees to attend one or both of the four-week sessions in the ICPSR Summer Program. Up to three Clogg Scholarships will be awarded in political science, and up to three in sociology.

The Clogg Scholarship is intended for current and actively-enrolled graduate students in Political Science and Sociology Ph.D. programs at North American universities. One of the applicant's declared areas of concentration must be methodology, statistical analysis, or formal modeling.

Application materials should be submitted electronically to the Summer Program. Applicants should first register for the ICPSR Summer Program through the Program's [online Portal](#) on this website, and select classes in one or both of the four-week sessions.

Note that course selections may be modified and changed later. But the Clogg Scholarship Committee may use an applicant's preferred courses as a criterion in the selection process for the scholarship.

Along with a completed registration, applicants must email the following supporting materials directly to sumprog@icpsr.umich.edu:

- A current vita
- A cover letter from the student, explaining how participation in the ICPSR Summer Program will contribute toward completion of the Ph.D.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty (at least one of whom should be a member of the APSA or ASA Methodology Section).

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Invitation to Submit to *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Coming to SAGE January 2015, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* will build on the strengths of the American Sociological Association Section of Racial and Ethnic Minorities by providing a much-needed outlet for sociological research on race and ethnicity.

While the study of race and ethnicity has derived from a broad and deep tradition of interdisciplinary, sociology has often been at the forefront of the understanding of the dynamics of race and ethnicity worldwide; yet, there exists no journal in sociology worldwide devoted to bringing together this important theoretical, empirical, and critical work.

View the [Manuscript Submission Guidelines](#) for full author instructions.

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity will provide a fulcrum upon which sociologically-centered work will swing as it also seeks to provide new linkages between the discipline of sociology and other disciplines and areas where race and ethnicity are central components.

[Learn more](#) about *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* and submit your research today!

Open Society Fellowship

The **Open Society Fellowship** was founded in 2008 to support individuals pursuing innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges. The fellowship funds work that will enrich public understanding of those challenges and stimulate far-reaching and probing conversations within the [Open Society Foundations](#) and in the world.

A fellowship project might identify a problem that has not previously been recognized, develop new policy ideas to address familiar problems, or offer a new advocacy strategy. Project themes should cut across at least two areas of interest to the Open Society Foundations. Among these are human rights, government transparency, access to information and to justice, and the promotion of civil society and social inclusion.

Fellows are expected to take full advantage of the foundations' expansive reach and work to bring new people and fresh ideas into the

organization's ambit. Successful projects should push the boundaries of current thinking and carry lessons that can be applied to a variety of settings. Fellows may produce a variety of work products, including publications such as books, reports, or blogs; innovative public-education projects; or the launch of new campaigns or organizations. They may also engage in activities such as hosting panel discussions, traveling to conferences, participating in policy debates, and aggressively promoting their ideas in public venues.

Eligibility Requirements

The Open Society Fellowship accepts proposals from anywhere in the world. Applicants should possess a deep understanding of their chosen subject and a track record of professional accomplishment. Past and current fellows have included journalists, activists, academics, and practitioners in a variety of fields. Successful applicants will be eager to exploit the many resources offered by the Open Soci-

ety Foundations and be prepared to engage constructively with our global network. Ideal fellows are specialists who can see beyond the parochialisms of their field and possess the tenacity to complete a project of exceptional merit. Proficiency in spoken English is required.

Guidelines

Interested applicants should first download and review the complete fellowship guidelines. To apply, submit [applications here](#).

Applicants who are uncertain whether their topic fits within the Foundations' focus areas are invited to submit a brief letter of inquiry, accompanied by a CV, before proceeding with the online application process.

That letter of inquiry should be addressed to osfellows@opensocietyfoundations.org.

Deadline: February 2, 2015