

THE STUDENT SOCIOLOGIST

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Editor's Column

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

Hello Students!

The 109th ASA Annual Meeting was a great success for the ASA Honors Program and the ASA Student Forum; both of which fall under the oversight of the Minority and Student Affairs Program at ASA.

This year, the Honors Program had 30 undergraduate student participants, all first-time attendees at the Annual Meeting. The students had a fully booked schedule for the entirety of the meeting, including a roundtable paper session, panel sessions on careers in sociology and applying to graduate school, and presentations from well-known sociologists like Dr. Earl Babbie. During the Graduate School Brief-

ing the students heard from current PhD candidate students Diego de los Rios, Northwestern University and Joseph "Piko" Ewoodzie, University of Wisconsin, Madison; and also from Karina Havrilla, University of Maryland Sociology Graduate Student Coordinator. Directed by Dr. Dennis M. Rome at Columbus State University, the Honors Program is open to undergraduate students of sociology who are juniors or seniors at the time of applying. The application deadline is February 15th every year.

The Student Forum also saw great success with their sessions. Every year, the Student Forum sponsors workshops, paper sessions,

roundtables, the Student Reception, and a Business Meeting open to all ASA student members. This year the first workshop was on how to successfully apply for fellowships. The second workshop introduced career paths outside of teaching in the college or university classroom. Both workshops were very well-received.

The Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB) is made up of elected ASA student members. If you would like more information about the positions and responsibilities of SFAB members, please contact [Beth Floyd](#). The election for SFAB runs concurrently with the ASA annual elections.

Beth

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program provides the nation's most comprehensive fellowship experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in D.C. It is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy promoting the health of the nation. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care and health policy.

Up to six awards of up to \$165,000 each will be made in 2015. Fellowship funds of up to

\$104,000 may be used for the residential stay (not to exceed the fellow's salary prior to entering the program) from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The continuation of fringe benefits at levels corresponding to the level of stipend support being requested may be covered with the award, and sponsoring institutions may supplement fellowship funds.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Exceptional midcareer professionals from academic faculties, government (including military, Veterans Administration, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and state offic-

es who are not considered government officials under Section 4946 of the Internal Revenue Code)* and nonprofit health care organizations who are interested in experiencing the health policy process at the federal level are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must have earned an advanced degree in one of the following disciplines: allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; medicine; nursing; public health;

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Campbell Fellowship for Transformative Research on Women in the Developing World

SAR, with the generous support of the Vera R. Campbell Foundation, offers one six- or nine-month postdoctoral fellowship for a female scholar whose research both documents the circumstances of women in the developing world *and* offers paths to concrete, practical strategies for improving their health, prosperity, and general well-being.

The successful applicant for this fellowship will have, by the application deadline, completed a doctorate in anthropology, economics, geography, history, law, political science, psychology, sociology, or in an interdisciplinary field that incorporates two or more of these disciplines.

Sample topics include education and socialization of girls; women's roles in government; reproduction and women's health; impacts of international and civil conflict on women; women's roles in resolving conflicts or sustaining civil society; the practice and process of gender-based development; and women in science and technology.

Applicants should provide compelling evidence of originality of thought, an ability to engage real-world problems, and skill at communicating ideas effectively to professional audiences and the general public. Although women scholars from any nation are eligible to apply, SAR particularly welcomes and encourages applications from scholars in developing countries. All data collection should be completed prior to the start of the fellowship and applicants must demonstrate fluency in English.

Fellows receive a \$4,500/month stipend in addition to housing and office space on the SAR campus.

The following criteria guide SAR's selection of the Campbell Fellow:

- Application form available at scholar.app.sarweb.org.
- An abstract, not to exceed 150 words, describing the purpose, goals, and objectives of the applicant's research project on which they will work at SAR.
- A proposal, no more than four double-spaced pages in length. The proposal should describe what is to be accomplished during the fellowship, the status of the applicant's research on the topic, and the significance of the work.
- A short bibliography, not to exceed one single-spaced page, of references cited in the proposal.
- Curriculum vitae, not to exceed four single-spaced pages.
- Three letters of recommendation not to exceed two single-spaced pages in length each. Letters must be received by November 1. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that references send their letters on time.

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SSRC Student Fellowship Competition

The **Social Science Research Council (SSRC)** DPDF Student Fellowship Competition Providing graduate students with support to formulate innovative dissertation proposals.

The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) Program helps early-stage doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences formulate innovative dissertation research proposals through workshops, exploratory summer research, and writing guided by peer review and faculty mentorship. The program seeks young scholars who are interested in strengthening their dissertation research plans through exposure to the theories, literatures, methods, and intellectual traditions of disciplines outside their own. By the end of the fellowship, participating students will complete a draft proposal that can be reviewed with academic advisors and adapted for submission to an academic department and/or research funding agencies.

Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be currently matriculated in PhD programs at accredited universities in the United States.
- Applicants may be US citizens or noncitizens.
- Progress within graduate program:
- Applicants must have completed at least two full years of graduate study (MA and/or PhD) by the end of June 2015.
- Applicants must be on track to obtain approval of their dissertation proposals and attain ABD status (that is, complete all but dissertation requirements in their program) after the September 2015 DPDF workshop but before the end of June 2016.
- Applicants must commit to attend the spring and fall workshops in their entirety and to conduct at least six weeks of

summer research away from their home institutions between the 2015 spring and fall workshops.

- Students who have already submitted dissertation research proposals to their departments for approval or to funding agencies for support of their dissertation research are not eligible to apply to the DPDF Program.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following:

- Potential significance of proposed dissertation topic. The application should explain how the proposed dissertation project seeks to build upon and add to theoretical or interpretive understandings of current scholarship by posing an innovative research puzzle or question and applying insightful methods of research and analysis.
- Applicant's readiness for proposal development. Application materials should demonstrate the applicant's readiness to develop and refine a dissertation proposal for an academic department or research funding agency. The most competitive students will likely have completed courses, written papers, or made public presentations related to their dissertation topic.
- Interest in and potential benefit from other disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Applicants must make clear their interest in, and potential for, strengthening their research proposals through exposure to the theories, literatures, methods, and intellectual traditions of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences outside their own.
- Connection between summer research plans and proposal development. Applicants must explain how undertaking

exploratory empirical investigations—using one or more qualitative, quantitative, archival, library-based, or other methods of investigation—can contribute to the development of their dissertation proposals, including how they might explore and evaluate alternative methodologies.

Application Requirements and Procedures

All applications to the student competition must be submitted through the SSRC [application portal](#), where applicants can find instructions for electronic submittal.

The deadline for submitting applications is 5:00 p.m. EST, October 15, 2014.

Each completed application must include:

1. the DPDF online application form;
2. unofficial transcripts from all graduate schools the applicant has attended or currently attends;
3. a reference form, which must be completed and submitted through the application portal by the applicant's primary advisor or, if the applicant does not have an advisor, by the faculty member most familiar with the applicant's academic training and research interests.

Frequently Asked Questions

For answers to any questions you might have regarding the program, eligibility, or the application process, please see [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for Prospective Applicants. If you have questions that are not answered there, please contact [DPDF staff](#).

Contact

Program Director [Josh DeWind](#)

Deputy Director [Marika Dunn](#)

[Apply Now](#) Click here for a [sample application](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship (cont'd)

social and behavioral health; or health law.

Applicants whose official job description or responsibilities are primarily government relations or advocacy are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. Additionally, individual candidates for receipt of award funds cannot be related by blood or marriage to any Officer** or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson. * For these purposes, government officials are defined as any person who holds one of the following:

An elective public office in the executive or legislative branch of the Government of the United States;

An office in the executive or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, appointment to which was made by the President;

A position in the executive, legislative, or

judicial branch of the Government of the United States— (A) which is listed in schedule C of rule VI of the Civil Service Rules, or (B) the compensation for which is equal to or greater than the lowest rate of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382 of title 5, United States Code;

A position under the House of Representatives or the Senate of the United States held by an individual receiving gross compensation at an annual rate of \$15,000 or more;

An elective or appointive public office in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the government of a State, possession of the United States, or political subdivision or other area of any of the foregoing, or of the District of Columbia, held by an individual receiving gross compensation at an annual rate of \$20,000 or more, and a significant part of whose activities include "the independent performance of policy-making functions."

A position as personal or executive assistant or secretary to any of the foregoing; or

A member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board. Prior to selection, any finalist who is a government employee will be required to furnish a letter from the applicant's supervisor confirming that the applicant is not a government official under this definition.

**The Officers are the Chairman of the Board of Trustees; President and CEO; Chief of Staff; General Counsel; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; and Assistant Treasurer of the Foundation. Applicants may apply from an eligible sponsoring institution (Track 1—see Administration of Fellowship Funds on page 5 or as an individual (Track 2). Sponsors may be either nonprofit health care organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or academic centers based at nonprofit, tax-exempt or public institutions of higher education.

ESS Candace Rogers Student Paper Award

The ESS Candace Rogers Award Committee invites submissions for the 2015 Candace Rogers Award. This award is given annually at the ESS Annual Meeting to a graduate student for an outstanding paper on any current social issue. The paper should be in a style suitable for publication in a professional journal and should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages, including tables and references; papers over that length will not be considered. The paper may not be previously published or forthcoming in a professional journal. It may not be coauthored, and its author must be a graduate student at the

time the paper is submitted.

The award will be announced and presented at a special session at the ESS Annual Meeting which will be in New York City, February 26-March 1, 2015. The recipient must be an ESS member at the time the award is presented and is expected to be at the meeting to receive the award. Eligible students are encouraged to submit three hard copies or an electronic version of their paper postmarked by **October 31, 2014** to the committee chair. No papers postmarked after this date will be accepted for any reason.

The winner of the Candace Rogers Award for 2014 was Deirdre Bloome, Harvard University, for her paper "Racial Inequality Trends and the Intergenerational Persistence of Income and Family Structure." Honorary Mention was given to Kasey Henricks of Loyola University Chicago and Eva Rosen of Harvard University.

Submissions should be sent to [Dr. Natalia Sarkisian](#)

Students should include their address, institutional affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address with their submission.

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Call for Submissions

Social Currents, the official journal of the Southern Sociological Society, invites submissions on topics focused on cutting-edge research.

The uniqueness of *Social Currents* lies in its format. The front end of every issue is devoted to short, theoretical agenda-setting contributions and short-term empirical policy related pieces. For more information, visit our [webpage](#).

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Research in the Sociology of Health Care invites submissions for its annual publication. Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving education, social factors and health beliefs linked to health and health care are sought.

The volume will contain 10 to 14 papers, generally between 20 and 40 pages in length.

Contact: [Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld](#) (480) 965-8053; Kronenfeld, Sociology Program, Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Box 873701, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-3701.

Deadline: February 10, 2015

Call for Papers: Social Theory Forum

The Eleventh Social Theory Forum

April 17-18, 2015

University of Massachusetts Boston

"New Perspectives in Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality"

With Keynote Address by Patricia Hill Collins

Intersectional approaches to social research suggest that systems of oppression such as race/ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality are interconnected and intersect to shape the experiences of individuals. Intersectional research centers on the experiences of persons often historically ignored by policymakers and in academic scholarship. Without their experiences our theories of power and social processes are both incomplete and inaccurate. As a research paradigm intersec-

tionality has its origins in black feminism, third world feminism and queer theory. It has come to shape research in many disciplines including feminist studies, critical race theory, postcolonial theory, public policy, public health, law, psychology, anthropology and sociology.

We are seeking papers and panels that examine how intersectionality functions in a variety of realms, including but not limited to the following areas:

- Intersectionality as theory and method
- Intersectionality in institutional contexts (workplaces, schools, family etc.)
- Social activism, social justice, and public policy
- Transnationalism and migration
- Race and multiculturalism

- Sex, sexualities, and queer studies
- Class inequality
- Disability and embodiment
- International relations in a global era

This two-day international conference is sponsored by the Department of Sociology and other departments and institutes at UMass Boston. We strongly encourage and will give priority to submissions of complete panel sessions with a maximum of four presenters. Sessions will last approximately 90 minutes. At least 25 minutes should be reserved for audience discussion. Individual papers are also encouraged.

Paper and panel session proposals must be **received no later than December 15, 2014**. Please send via email to [Meredith Gamble](#).