

THE STUDENT SOCIOLOGIST



Editor's Column

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Greetings from DC!

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring and the completion of another academic year!

We have been very busy here in the ASA home office preparing the programs that fall under the Minority and Student Affairs Program for the 2011 ASA Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Dr. Dennis Rome, Director of the ASA Honors Program and Associate Provost/Professor of Sociology at University of Wisconsin, Parkside, has selected the participants for the 2011 ASA Honors Program. The group consists of talented undergrads from colleges and universities

throughout the country. The students selected are invited to the Annual Meeting and take part in a formal program structured by Dr. Rome, who is dedicated in developing an educational, entertaining and extremely beneficial program. They will take part in peer roundtable discussions, graduate school and career information panel sessions and other networking sessions and events geared toward introducing a level of sociology that they may not get while at their institutions. This is a great opportunity for students at this level of their academic career to begin to meet other students and faculty members who share their

research interests and goals.

The ASA Student Forum is also busy preparing for their extensive slate of sessions in Las Vegas. The Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB) is sponsoring the Student Reception, workshops, paper sessions, and roundtables. Their full schedule with times and locations will be in the Final Program.

The next couple of months here will be very busy in preparation! Here in DC we are beginning to see our work come together and are excited to see it all happen in Las Vegas!

Beth

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2011 ASA Guide to Graduate Departments

This invaluable reference has been published by the ASA annually since 1965. A best seller for the ASA for many years, the Guide provides comprehensive information for academic administrators, advisors, faculty, students, and a host of others seeking information on social science departments in the U.S., Canada, and abroad. Included are listings for 224

graduate departments of sociology. In addition to name and rank, faculty are identified by highest degree held, institution and date of degree, and areas of specialty interest. Special programs, tuition costs, types of financial aid, and student enrollment statistics are given for each department, along with a listing of recent PhDs with dissertation titles. Indices of faculty, special pro-

grams, and PhDs awarded are provided. For a copy of your own visit the ASA Bookstore: <http://www.enoah.net/asa/asashoponline/asa/>



Call for Papers: ABS/SWS Meetings

The Association for Black Sociologists is teaming up with Sociologists for Women in Society for the 6th Annual Student Roundtables: Emerging Scholarship in Sociology. The session will take place at the Paris Hotel on August 20th.

Emerging Scholarship in Sociology will feature research by students who are in varying stages of their academic career. This session will provide an opportunity for student presenters to discuss their research interests, plans and goals with other students and faculty facilitators. The main purpose of this session is to create a comfortable and inviting environment where relationships among students with similar research interests can be estab-

lished and valuable feedback obtained from supportive professors. We encourage participants to maintain and build on these relationships as sources of support and encouragement as they continue to develop their work.

The general topics for this roundtable are race, gender, class and sexuality, and submissions should deal with one or more of these issues. Student members of SWS and/or ABS are eligible to present in this session and presenters must be registered members of either ABS annual meeting or the SWS summer meeting by May 27th, 2011. Papers from both graduate and undergraduate students will be accepted.

All submissions should include: organizational (either ABS or SWS) and institutional affiliation; contact information, including phone and e-mail; the present stage of your study (e.g. undergraduate senior, year in graduate program); three to four keywords associated with your work; and an abstract or proposal of the work which you will be presenting (under 250 words). The completed paper will be no more than 5,000 words in length and will be submitted by July 15th.

Abstracts should be submitted to: abs.sws.roundtables@gmail.com

Deadline: May 27th

Association of Black Sociologists Paper Award

The Association of Black Sociologists invites paper submissions for the 2011 ABS paper award. Papers can be submitted in one of two tracks: undergraduate or graduate.

Graduate papers will be selected on their potential for publication in a peer-review journal while undergraduate papers will be selected based on their potential for serving as great writing samples for graduate schools.

The top three papers will be grouped into a 90-minute session. Presenters will be allotted 13 minutes to present their paper. The paper presentations will be followed with a presen-

tation by a discussant that will provide detailed feedback on each paper and give tips for preparing the papers for publications. The final 30 minutes of the session will be reserved for a Q&A period to be led by the Chair.

Manuscripts must be limited to 9,000 words including the abstract, references and endnotes. Tables and figures are not included in the word count. All papers should be structured in the following order: the title page, consisting of title, author names and affiliations, word count, appropriate keywords and acknowledgement; abstract, no more than 175 words; main text, 11pt, Times New Ro-

man, double-spaced with 1 inch margins. Include call out to tables and figures by indicating in the text where they should be. Endnotes/notes, 10pt font, no footnotes; references, follow *Chicago Manual Style* (15th ed.); and tables and figures, included at the end of the main paper and limited to a total of 10.

All submissions must be made electronically to: angelh@princeton.edu no later than **July 1, 2011**.

Call for Papers/ Book Chapters

The center for Digital Ethics & Policy at Loyola University Chicago will be holding a Digital Ethics Symposium on October 28th, 2011 and encourage papers on digital ethics which would first be presented at the symposium, with the best of those then included in an edited volume on digital ethics.

Authors of accepted papers will be eligible for up to \$400 in travel funds to be able to attend the Chicago symposium. The author(s) of the top student paper will be eligible for up to \$1,000 in travel funds.

The paper might be on topics such as privacy, anonymity, grieving, free speech, intellectual property, hacking, scamming, surveillance, information mining, transparency, digital citizenship, or anything else relating to ethical questions and digital technology.

should follow APA or MLA style and be no longer than 500 words, not including references.

Send your submission in a MS Word document attachment to [con-](mailto:contact@digialethics.org)

tact@digialethics.org, and please write *Digital Ethics Symposium submission* in the subject line.

Questions can be submitted to the same email address.

Abstracts are due by midnight CST on **June 30th, 2011**.

For more information visit digialethics.org

Call for Applications

The American Institute of Indian Studies is calling for applications for their research fellowship programs. For almost 50 years, the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) has provided funding to pre- and post-doctoral scholars and artists in pursuit of knowledge about India.

Junior Fellowships are for graduate students conducting research for their doctoral dissertations in India. **Senior Long- and Short-term Fellowships** are for those holding the PhD degree.

The AIIS fellowship competition is not restricted to those from its member institutions. Non-U.S. citizens may apply as long

as they are either graduate students or full-time faculty at colleges and universities in the United States. Approximately 35 fellowships are awarded each year.

Applications from scholars who are part of a collaborative project involving other scholars are welcome, though AIIS fellowships are granted to individuals, not to teams.

Amounts awarded to successful applicants who are members of group projects will be equivalent to fellowships awarded to scholars who submitted applications for individual projects.

Fellowships are funded by the National

Endowment for the Humanities, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, and the Smithsonian Institution. Some fellowships for non-U.S. citizens and artists are supported by AIIS Rupee funds in India. Fellowships for six months or more may include support for dependents.

For more information about applying, visit indiastudies.org. **Deadline: July 1, 2011.**

Book Award Nomination: Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change

The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis is soliciting nominations for its Book Award, which will recognize the book published in 2011 that best furthers understanding of the American Civil Rights Movement and its legacy. The recipient of the award will receive \$1,000 and an invitation to deliver an address in the Hooks Institute Lecture Series during the 2012-2013 academic year.

For consideration, one copy of the book should be submitted, postmark by December 1, 2011. Only non-fiction books originally published in 2011 will be eligible for

submission.

Finalists will be asked to submit additional copies to a panel of judges representing various disciplines and academic institutions in Memphis.

In 1996, University of Memphis officials received approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents to create the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change. The Institute is dedicated to Teaching, Studying and Promoting Civil Rights and Social Change. Hooks Institute archives include Dr. Hook's personal papers, which are housed in the Mississippi Valley Collection in the Univer-

sity's McWherter Library.

For questions please contact Book Award Committee Chair Aram Goudsouzian, Associate Professor in the University of Memphis Department of History by phone at 901-678-2520 or via e-mail at agoudszo@memphis.edu.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

United Nations Graduate Student Internship Program

The United Nations provides opportunities for students enrolled in a graduate program to undertake an internship at its headquarters in New York. The United Nations Headquarters Internship Program is offered on a two-month basis three times a year:

- 1) Mid January to mid March (spring session): the deadline for applications is mid-September.
- 2) Early June to early August

(summer session): The deadline for applications is the end of January.

- 3) Mid September to mid November (fall session): The deadline for applications is mid May.

Interested graduate students should write via **EMAIL ONLY** to the Ad Hoc Internship Coordinator, Human Resources Management Service, United Nations Office.

Applications (in English) should include the following:

A cover letter, recent curriculum vitae (CV), copies of their university degrees or a list of courses attended, abstracts of academic papers they have written.

Send electronic applications to:

intern@un-undesa.org.

<http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/sds/internsh/index.htm>

University of Maryland Students: Theorizing the Web Conference 2011

Theorizing the web is not a new project, but critical theories of the web and of new technologies have been too few and under-represented at academic conferences. So we (two sociology graduate students at the University of Maryland—with the assistance of a small committee) decided to throw a conference of our own.

The graduate-student-organized "Theorizing the Web 2011" conference took place April 9 on the University of Maryland campus. The

program consisted of 14 panels, two workshops, two symposia (one on social media's role in the Arab revolutions, the other, a conversation with Martin Irvine, Director of the Irvine Contemporary Gallery, on social media and street art), two plenaries by Saskia Sassen on "Digital Formations of the Powerful and the Powerless" and George Ritzer on "Why the Web Needs Post-Modern Theory"), and a keynote by Danah Boyd, Microsoft Research, on "Privacy, Publicity Intertwined." Presenters travelled from around the world (including Hong

Kong and New Zealand). The day-long conference pushed the capacity limits of the venue with more than 200 people in attendance throughout the day. Events ran from registration at 8 am and ended with an after-party that wound down after 11 pm. The program was packed with as many as five concurrent panels. For the full article check out the May/June issue of *Footnotes*.



Summer and Fall Meetings



- Rural Sociological Society** (RSS) is holding their 2011 Annual Meeting July 28-31 at the Grove Hotel in Boise, ID. Theme: "Shifting Boundaries: Rural Diversity and Change in an Urbanizing Society." The RSS Annual Meeting is combining this year with the Community Development Society (CDS) Annual Meeting. For more information, visit www.ruralsociology.org
- European Sociological Association** 10th Conference will be held in Geneva, Switzerland September 7-10th. Theme: "Social Relations in Turbulent Times." www.esa10thconference.com
- British Sociological Association Medical Sociology Group** Annual Conference will be at the University of Chester September 14-16th. [Www.britsoc.co.uk/events/medsoc.htm](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/medsoc.htm)
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology** Annual Meeting will be at the La Pavillon Hotel, New Orleans October 13-15th. The theme is: "Applied Sociology: Making a Difference and Loving It!" www.aacsnet.org
- First Annual Public Sociology Graduate Conference** will be at George Mason University October 22nd. Gmsocgrads.wordpress.com/activities/grad-conference-2011
- The Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting** will be at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock, AR, October 26-29. www.midsouthsoc.org
- The American Evaluation Association** (AEA) Annual Conference will be held at the Hilton Anaheim, CA November 2-5. Theme: "Value and Valuing." www.eval.org
- Health System Reform in Asia University** of Hong Kong. Health System Reform in Asia in a new interdisciplinary conference focusing on the health system reforms Asian countries have adopted, or are considering, during rapid economic. Social, demographic and epidemiologic change in the region. Conference is set for December 9-12th. For more information on the meeting and the location visit, www.healthreformasia.com/index.html

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The 2011 ASA Annual Meeting Program is now live!

If you haven't already checked it out, the ASA meeting program is live on the ASA website. The program makes it easy for you to search your programs by your name, session or section name.

To view the program and to get an idea of your schedule while in Las Vegas, visit the Annual Meeting website at: <http://www.asanet.org/AM2011/index.cfm>

ASA Publishes Newest Section Journal

This past March the American Sociological Association released the first issue of its newest section journal, *Society and Mental Health*.

The journal will be issued triennially in March, July and November. As posted on the ASA website, the journal's mission statement is: "*Society and Mental Health* publishes original articles that apply sociological concepts and methods to the understanding of the social origins of mental health and illness, the social consequences for persons with mental illness, and the organization and financing of mental health services and care.

Society and Mental Health publishes articles

that advance the sociology of mental health and illness, stimulate further research, inform treatments and policy and reflect the diversity of interests of its readership."

To subscribe to *Society and Mental Health*, or any other journal, visit <http://www.asanet.org/journals/subscribe.cfm>

