

THE STUDENT SOCIOLOGIST

Editor's Column

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Hello everyone! Can you believe it, another year is coming to a close. Here at ASA we are beginning to see the start of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The online submission system, for submission of posters, papers, roundtables, and sessions, will be opening on December 8th. The deadline for all submissions is **January 11, 2012**. Learn everything you need to know on how to submit your work for the meeting here: http://www.asanet.org/meetings/Call_for_Papers.cfm

The Minority Affairs Program (MAP) and the Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB) are working hard putting together

events, sessions, and workshops for our student members at the 2012 meeting. Every year the SFAB hosts two student paper and two student workshop sessions. The two workshops are intended to provide a forum for our student members to share information that is pertinent to various stages of schooling. With that in mind, the SFAB welcomes any and all suggestions for workshop topics.

SFAB would also like to invite anyone to nominate themselves to serve on the SFAB. Typically 2-3 graduate students and 1 undergraduate student are elected every year.

The graduate students serve a two-year term and undergraduate student serves a one-year term. Board members are responsible for organizing the workshops, roundtables, and student reception at the meeting as well as overseeing the Professional Develop Certificate Program, Student Travel Awards, and the on-line communications.

For more information, visit <http://www.asanet.org/students/forum.cfm>

On behalf of the Student Forum and ASA, have a wonderful holiday season!

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Call for Papers: ASA Student Forum Sessions

For the 2012 Annual Meeting in Denver, the Student Forum Advisory Board is sponsoring 2 Student Panel Sessions and a Student Roundtable session. These sessions are organized by student members, they are listed as "Student Sessions." Interested student authors should note that Student Sessions operate under the same guidelines as Regular Sessions and are subject to the submission criteria, deadlines, and program policies listed in the ASA Call for Papers.

All submissions will be reviewed and approximately 8 papers (2 panels with 4 papers each) will be chosen for inclusion into one of the 2 Student Paper sessions. Every effort will be made to accommodate the remaining papers into the Student Roundtable session.

One paper will be chosen to receive the Student Forum Best Paper Award, which comes with a Travel Grant.

To apply for the Student Panel Session,

please submit your completed paper via the ASA website by **January 11, 2012**. We encourage you to consider the theme for the 2012 Annual Meeting, "Real Utopias: Emancipatory Projects, Institutional Designs, Possible Futures," for your paper submission.

To submit a paper to a Student Session, please follow the online submission guidelines detailed on the ASA 2012 Annual Meeting at www.asanet.org.

Call for Applications: Dissertation Fellowship

Lake Institutes on Faith and Giving is accepting applications for the 2012 Lake Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, a \$22,000 award for a Ph.D. candidate working in the fields of faith and giving or religion and philanthropy. The fellowship is intended to support the final year of research and dissertation writing.

The Lake Institute on Faith and Giving at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University serves the public good by exploring the multiple connections between philanthropy and faith within the major religious traditions. Its mission is to foster greater understanding of the ways in which faith inspires and informs giving by providing education forums, encouraging and supporting multidisciplinary research, assisting donors in discernment and stimulating thoughtful public conversation on issues related to faith, money, and giving.

The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University is a leading academic center dedicated to increasing the understanding of philanthropy and improving its practice worldwide through research, teaching, training, and public affairs programs in philanthropy, fundraising, and management of nonprofit organizations.

The Lake Institute on Faith and Giving at the Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University, will offer a one-year doctoral dissertation fellowship for the academic year 2012-2013. This doctoral dissertation fellowship will be given to a scholar whose primary research focus is in the area of religion and philanthropy or faith and giving.

Applicants for the fellowship must be candidates for the Ph.D. degree at a graduate school in the United States. Applicants must fulfill all pre-dissertation requirements by December 31, 2011, including approval of

the dissertation proposal with the expectation that the dissertation will be completed no later than June 1, 2014. Lake Doctoral Dissertation Fellows may not accept other awards that provide similar benefits in the same academic year.

For more information on the fellowship and to apply, visit <http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/LakeFamilyInstitute/>

Deadline: January 31, 2012



Call for Applications: Undergraduate Social Action Award

Sociologists for Women in Sociology (SWS) is currently accepting applications for their Undergraduate Social Action Award. The Undergraduate Social Action Award is given annually to recognize a student or team of students making a substantial contribution to improving the lives of women in society through activism. SWS initiated this award in 2003. The work honored by this award is central to the SWS goal to foster activism for women.

SWS recognizes that action “for women” does not mean that the work was done “with women” or even “by

women.” Substantial need exists for social action working with working with men, boys, LGBTQ communities and other groups where change will benefit women and can be understood as feminist action. Therefore, SWS recognizes work done in this spirit regardless of applicant gender identity.

A candidate for the Undergraduate Social Action Award must be nominated by an SWS member. The work for which the candidate is nominated must have been undertaken during the undergraduate career. Nominations are acceptable for candidates up to one-year after they complete their

BA. The candidate is not required to be a member at the time of nomination. A recipient may be honored for a collection of ongoing activism for women or for a substantial single action that has affected positively the lives of women.

The Undergraduate Social Action Award includes a cash award. In addition, her or his registration fees and banquet ticket fees waived at the Winter Meeting. Additional information about the award and how to apply can be found at, <http://www.socwomen.org/web/awards/undergrad-social-action.html>

Deadline: December 9, 2011

Call for Application: Fellowship

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) is now accepting applications for their Drugs, Security and Democracy (DSD) Fellowship Program. The fellowship provides support for research across a variety of disciplines – anthropology, sociology, criminology, history, political science, economics, journalism, public policy, and other related fields – to create a network of scholars interested in developing alternative approaches to drug policy and fostering strategies that address the growth of transnational organized crime. The

competition is open to PhD candidates and recent PhD recipients, who have completed their PhD within seven years, worldwide, as well as researchers without a PhD from Latin America or the Caribbean.

The program strives to create a stronger, more systematized knowledge base on drugs, security and democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean; to build capacity – both institutional and individual – by supporting relevant research; and to

encourage policy-relevant, evidence-based research that could lead to the development of alternatives to present-day security and drug policies.

For more information about the fellowship and to apply, visit <http://www.ssrc.org/programs/dsd/>

Deadline: January 20, 2012

Call for Papers

North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) is currently accepting papers for their Undergraduate and Graduate divisions Student Paper Competition. Up to three awards will be given in each division. A panel of judges will blind review papers. The judges will employ conventional scholarly criteria – including thesis development, theoretical application, methodological application, discussion/findings, and mechanics – in their deliberations. The graduate student paper award will also be reviewed for its potential for publication. The awards committee reserves the right not to award any or all prizes in a division should papers not be of sufficient quality or of sufficient number. http://www.ncsanet.org/?page_id=157

Deadline: January 6, 2012

Pacific Sociological Association's (PSA) Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes an undergraduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by an undergraduate student or students in the Pacific region c) written or substantially revised in the last year; d) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and e) unpublished. Nominations for the award must be submitted via email (a copy of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by a least one letter of support). Hard copies will not be accepted. http://www.pacificsoc.org/awards_1/

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Southern Sociological Society (SSS) is accepting nominations for undergraduate and graduate student papers. The Odum Award recognizes outstanding research papers by undergraduates and graduates in the southern region or by students outside the region whose work is mentored by current SSS members. One annual award may be given each year for the best undergraduate paper and best graduate paper submitted on any sociological topic. The undergraduate papers should be submitted by a member of the SSS who attests that the author meets the conditions of eligibility. Graduate students may submit their own papers. <http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/awards.html>

Deadline: January 15, 2012

Undergraduate Research Poster Competition

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) is now accepting applications for their Undergraduate Research Poster Competition. The Poster Session is designed to feature undergraduate work in sociology and promote interaction between all members of the Midwest Sociological Society.

Undergraduate students experience and study the “art” of sociology in many ways. This session is designed to feature these experiences and studies. Posters may present original research and data collection,

theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy using sociological frameworks, as well as other forms of being engaged with the sociological imagination.

Posters must be freestanding with the ability to be displayed on an easel. Posters can be created using PowerPoint or with more traditional methods and attached to a tri-panel board. More information on constructing posters will be sent to all students accepted into the session. Poster

presentations are treated like other submissions for sessions at the MSS with two exceptions: (1) All poster presenters must have a faculty sponsor. (2) Poster presentations are submitted directly to the coordinator and are NOT submitted through the online paper-submission portal.

For more information on applying, visit http://www.themss.org/AnnualMeeting2012/Undergraduate_Research_Poster_Session2012.pdf

Deadline: January 4, 2012

Call for Applications: ASA Minority Fellowship Applications

The ASA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) has existed since 1974 and has supported nearly 500 sociologists of color during this time span. For the 2011-12 MFP Fellowship year, MFP is supported by significant annual contributions from Sociologists for Women in Society, Alpha Kappa Delta, and the Midwest Sociological Society, along with the Association of Black Sociologists, the South Western Sociological Association, and numerous individual ASA members.

Applicants can be new or continuing

graduate students of sociology, who are enrolled in a program that grants the Ph.D. Applications may be for study in any sub-area or specialty in sociology. Applicant must be members of an under-represented racial/ethnic minority group in the U.S. (e.g. Blacks/African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, or American Indian/ Alaska Natives). Applicants must also be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals of the U.S. or have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence.

The fellowship is awarded for twelve months. Tuition and fees are arranged with the home department. fellows are selected each year by the MFP Advisory Panel, a rotating, appointed group of senior scholars in sociology.

For more information, visit asanet.org and click on "Funding" or contact the ASA Minority Affairs Program at minority.affairs@asanet.org

Deadline: January 31, 2012

Call for Applications: ASA Honors Program

The ASA seeks applications for exceptional undergraduate students who wish to be considered for the 2012 ASA Honors Program, which is highlighted at the ASA Annual Meeting.

Honors Program students come to the Annual Meeting and experience a laboratory on the profession. They participate actively in special sessions designed just for them, and develop valuable networks with their peers as well

as meet prominent professionals in the discipline. Taking part in the ASA Honors Program provides a significant and meaningful experience in the careers of the next generation of sociologists.

Participating in the Honors Program requires a nomination and later, sponsorship, by a sociology faculty member at your college or university.

Interested students and prospective faculty sponsors are encouraged to

consult the ASA website at www.asanet.org.

Click "Teaching and Learning" and then "Students: Undergraduate" for additional information and an application for. If you have questions, contact Dr. Dennis Rome, Director, ASA Honors Program at rome@uwp.edu.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Call for Applications: Student Forum Travel Awards

The ASA and Student Forum Advisory Board are pleased to announce that the ASA Council is making funds available to support the Student Forum Travel Awards. ASA anticipates granting approximately 30 travel awards in the amount of \$225 each. These awards will be made on a competitive basis and are meant to assist students by defraying the expenses associated with attending the ASA Annual Meeting. All applicants are encouraged to seek additional sources of funding to cover expenses associated

with attending the Annual Meeting.

Applicants must be students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate sociology degree in an academic institution and a current student member of ASA at the time of application. Participation in the Annual Meeting program (e.g., paper sessions, roundtables), purpose for attending (e.g., workshop training, Honors Program participation), student financial need, availability of other forms of support, matching funds, and potential bene-

fit to the student are among the factors taken into account in making awards. A travel award committee of the ASA Student Forum convened especially for this purpose will select awardees.

To apply, complete the PDF file and email it to studentforum@asanet.org or print out and mail one (1) hard copy of the Student Forum Travel Award Application form no later than **April 1, 2012.** The application can be found at www.asanet.org/funding/sfta.cfm

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Alpha Kappa Delta Travel Grants

AKD will assist students who attend regional meetings. The eligible meetings are: District of Columbia Sociological Society, Eastern Sociological Society, Mid-South Sociological Association, Midwest Sociological Society, New England Sociological Association, North Central Sociological Association, Pacific Sociological Association, Southern Sociological Society, and Southwestern Social Science Association.

AKD will now provide a minimum of \$400 for travel related expenses. Current undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to receive funding.

For more information on eligibility and applying visit, <http://sites.google.com/site/alphakappadeltainternational/Home/student-travel>

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Call for Applications: Summer Research Fellowship for Undergraduates

The American Bar Foundation sponsors a program of summer research fellowships to interest undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds in pursuing graduate study in the social sciences. The summer program is designed to introduce students to the rewards and demands of a research-oriented career in the field of law and social science. The program is supported in part by the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program, and Seyfarth Shaw, LLP.

Located in Chicago, Illinois, the American Bar Foundation is an independent nonprofit research institute dedicated to the study of law, legal institutions, and legal processes. The Foundation conducts empirically based research on a broad range of

civil and criminal justice issues.

Eligible are American citizens and lawful permanent residents including, but not limited to, persons who are African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, or Puerto Rican, as well as other individuals who will add diversity to the field of law and social science. Applications will be considered only from sophomores and juniors, that is, students who have completed at least the sophomore year and who have not received a bachelor's degree by the time the fellowship begins. Applicants must have a Grade Point Average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and be moving toward an academic major in the social sciences or humanities.

Four summer research fellowships will be awarded each year. Each

student will be assigned to an American Bar Foundation Research Professor who will involve the student in the professor's research project and who will act as mentor during the student's tenure. The students also will participate in a series of seminars and field visits to acquaint them with the many facets of sociolegal research and the legal system. The students will work at the American Bar Foundation's offices in Chicago, Illinois for 35 hours a week for a period of 8 weeks. Each student will receive a stipend of \$3,600.

For more information and to apply visit, <http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/SummerResearchDiversityFellowshipsinLawandSocialScience.html>

Deadline: February 15, 2012