

Action Items from the Committee on Publications Meeting
August 23, 2015
Hilton Chicago, Chicago, IL

Elected members present were Jennifer Barber (chair), Kathleen Blee, Douglas Hartmann, Erin Kelly, Annette Lareau (ASA Past President), Mary Romero (ASA Secretary), Vincent Roscigno, and Amy Wharton.

Incoming members present were Matthew O. Hunt, Claire Renzetti, and David Takeuchi (ASA Secretary-Elect).

Editors present for the open session were Larry Isaac (*ASR*), Michael Sauder (*CS*), Syed Ali (*Contexts*), Gilbert Gee (*JHSB*), Lee Clarke (Rose Series), Tim Futing Liao (*SM*) and Rob Warren (*SOE*).

Present from the Executive Office were Sally T. Hillsman (Executive Officer), Karen Gray Edwards (Director of Publications and Membership), John Curtis (Director of Research) and Rachel Pines (Publications Assistant).

The Committee acted to:

- Approve the meeting agenda.
- Appoint subcommittees to review applications for the next editors of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* and *Sociology of Education*.
- Approve the proposed change in the *Sociological Theory* mission statement, as follows:

Sociological Theory publishes work in all areas of theory, including new substantive theories, history of theory, metatheory, formal theory construction, and synthetic contributions. Although aimed at a sociological readership, its orientation is pluralistic and it welcomes contributions by scholars in other fields. Peer reviewed and published quarterly, *Sociological Theory* is renowned for featuring the best international research and scholarship.
- Request an additional one-year extension (through 2017) of the current contract with SAGE Publications to publish *Contexts*, to provide ASA the opportunity to consider alternative publication models.
- Establish a joint subcommittee of Council, the Committee on Publications, the Task Force on Social Media, the ASA Secretary (representing the Executive Office and Budget Committee) and ASA staff, with the charge of identifying alternative revenue-neutral models for *Contexts* in light of its original mission to have more public presence and engagement.
- Approve recommendations from the Subcommittee on Ethics Related to Research in Journal Articles to modify all journal submission sites to ask authors to include short statements on IRB approval, research funding, conflicts of interest, and data sharing.
- Ask the incoming editors of the *American Sociological Review* to present and discuss their new reviewer instructions at the Committee's December 2015 meeting.

- Approve the recommendation of the Subcommittee on the ASA Publications Portfolio that section journals editor terms be the same as that of ASA journal editors.
- Ask the Subcommittee on the ASA Publications Portfolio to generate a list of questions for discussion and make recommendations for the Committee's consideration at its December 2015 meeting.
- Incorporate a routine review into the schedule for selecting new editors, with the Executive Office preparing materials for each August and the selection subcommittees presenting an overview as part of their report to the Committee each December prior to the selection of new editors.
- Ask outgoing chair Jennifer Barber to work with the ASA Research Department to simplify the proposed survey to ASA members on the retention of personally-identified manuscripts and reviews for use in future scholarly research.
- Approve the new expanded table to accompany annual editor reports, effective with the 2015 volume year and ask the ASA Executive Office to work with SAGE to automate the production of the table to reduce the impact on editors.
- Approve nominations for new ASA journal editorial board members.
- Appoint Kathleen Blee as the new chair of the Committee on Publications.