2016 ASA Department Chairs Conference

Mini-Session I
A Primer on ASA Resources and Initiatives for Department Chairs
Is there a program for undergraduates at the ASA meetings?
The Honors Program provides undergraduate sociology students a rich introduction to the professional life of the discipline. Exceptional sociology students from throughout the country and the world come together for four days and experience all facets of the ASA Annual Meetings. By participating in the Honors Program, students develop long-lasting networks with other aspiring sociologists while their sponsoring departments have a chance to "showcase" their own quality programs and their most outstanding students.

At the 2016 ASA Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, Honors Program students will:

- Attend a special Honors Program Reception and other events where they interact with other undergraduate sociology students;
- Participate in an Honors Roundtable paper session as well as ASA events including the Welcoming Party, Department Alumni Night, and regular paper sessions and roundtables;
- Learn all about the activities, sections, and governance of the ASA;
- Meet and talk with sociologists representing graduate programs around the country; and
- Attend "Conversations With ..." sessions with prominent sociologists that are reserved for Honors Program students only.

Deadline: February 15
We want to acknowledge a few students who have done great work.

Does ASA have anything cool we could give them?
HONOR AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT WITH A DEPARTMENTAL PRIZE

As you approach the end of the semester, consider honoring one or more students in your department who have done particularly well (e.g., an outstanding paper or thesis, special service to the department, etc.) with a Department Prize! Print a special departmental prize student membership application and mail or fax it with payment or credit card information to ASA. ASA will send you a special personalized certificate to present to the student for her/his outstanding achievement. Each certificate will arrive with a signature from the ASA Executive Officer (with a space for the department chair’s signature as well), and states that ASA joins with your department in presenting an outstanding student award. There is no additional fee beyond the regular student membership for this special service. Student membership is only $50, including one journal of choice. For as little as $50, your designated students will receive 2016 membership, a journal of their choice, and an award certificate worthy of display for years to come. If you have any questions contact Craig Schaar, ASA Membership Manager, at schaar@asanet.org or call (202) 383-9005 x335.
How else does ASA engage students?
• **Undergraduates**
  – *Independent Variable* – quarterly newsletter for undergraduates in Department Affiliates.

• **Graduate Students**
  – Free student membership to first-year graduate students in Department Affiliates.
  – New PhD graduates also receive free membership for one year.

• **Both**
  – Student forum: listserv, newsletter, elected advisory board.
We’d love to bring a prominent sociologist to campus as a guest speaker.

Can ASA help defray the cost?
Deadline: February 1

Any of the winners of major ASA awards in the past two calendar years may be available to deliver a 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
Does ASA have any funds that could support other department activities?
FUND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE DISCIPLINE - FAD

Deadlines: June 15, December 15

COMMUNITY ACTION RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Deadline: February 15

TEACHING ENHANCEMENT FUND

Deadline: February 1
Does ASA have any guidance on how we should evaluate a prolific blogger in our department for P&T?
DEPARTMENT LEADERS’ TOOLBOX

A collection of resources from ASA and other relevant sources to support department success.

Curriculum and Assessment

Personnel

Guidance for evaluating sociologists’ contributions to social media and public sociology in merit, promotion, and tenure.

Motivations to be Chair of a Graduate Department of Sociology (2011)
This essay outlines the important role of Department Chair.
The dean says we need to develop a unique department mission and focused goals.

Can ASA help?
DRG CONSULTANTS

On this page you will find a full list of consultants for the Department Resources Group (DRG). DRG consultants have many different institutional affiliations and substantive interests but all share a common concern for the advancement of the discipline, as well as the enhancement of departmental programs and curriculum. Regular training keeps consultants current on issues in higher education, literature on teaching sociology and best practices in organizational consulting. DRG Consultants work with both undergraduate and graduate programs, stand-alone sociology departments, interdisciplinary departments and joint programs.

Current DRG consultants are listed in the table below, along with each consultant’s institutional affiliation, program type, CV, and statement of consulting approach. Their availability is also listed. To contact a DRG consultant, click the "email consultant" link.

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Our administrator is asking for data on trends in sociology.

I just don’t have time to dig it up... can ASA help?
TRENDS IN SOCILOGY

This section contains tables and graphs on several aspects of the sociology discipline and profession, including data on the following (Microsoft Excel versions of the supporting/underlying data are also available to download, where indicated):

- ASA Membership
- Degrees Awarded
- Employment
- Faculty Salaries
- Gender
- Graduate Enrollments
- Race and Ethnicity
- Sociology Programs
Bachelor's Degrees Awarded in Sociology, by Race or Ethnicity, 1995–2014

Notes: Percent of Degrees Awarded to Permanent Residents Whose Race or Ethnicity is Known. Uses the field “Academic Discipline, Detailed (standardized): Sociology” and the NSF population of institutions. Includes both first and second majors. This chart may include degrees awarded in multiple subfields that cannot be separated in the available data: sociology, demography/population studies, sociology and anthropology (joint program), and rural sociology. Race or ethnicity in this chart uses the “historical” categories for consistency across years. Categories are mutually exclusive.

Source:
US Department of Education IPEDS Completions Survey by Race. Obtained from WebCASPAR.
AVERAGE SALARY FOR FULL-TIME SOCIOLOGY FACULTY MEMBERS IN FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, BY RANK, 2002-03 TO 2014-15

Note: Data for 2012-13 do not include full-time non-tenure-track faculty members; data for new assistant professors for 2013-14 and 2014-15 also do not include full-time non-tenure-track faculty members.

Source:
Can ASA help us get our faculty members’ research into the public eye?
FIND AN EXPERT

For members of the news media

The ASA’s Public Affairs and Public Information Department has a constantly expanding database of ASA members who are subject matter experts and happy to speak with the media. The database features experts on nearly every topic. If you are looking for a source for a story, please contact Daniel Fowler, ASA’s Media Relations Manager, at pubinfo@asanet.org or (202) 527-7885.

JOIN THE EXPERTS DATABASE

For ASA members

This database serves as an easily accessible resource that the communications team consults when reporters request interviews with experts for their stories. In addition, the communications team peruses the database before proactively offering names of experts on particularly timely topics to journalists. Join (requires login as an ASA member).

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Does ASA ever recognize outstanding departments?
“Individuals, departments, schools, or other collective actors are eligible.”