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Merton Honored by Who's Who as Founder of Sociology of Science

Robert K. Merton, University Professor Emeritus at Columbia University, has been named the first recipient of the Who's Who in America Achievement Award in the field of Social Sciences and Social Policy. He is one of five individuals receiving awards from Marquis Who's Who for outstanding contributions to the field. Each recipient received a \$10,000 prize and a bronze sculpture.

Merton was cited as the "founder of the sociology of science" and for his work in theoretical sociology. "His dissertation, *Science, Technology and Society in 17th Century England*, first published almost 50 years ago, has, like everything he has published since, proved marvelously durable; it has been translated into Italian, French and Spanish and is still in print in English," according to the award citation.

Merton's pioneering work in organizational sociology and introduction of the concept of the self-fulfilling prophecy were cited in the presentation as "having become part of the vernacular and leading to hundreds of empirical studies in the social sciences." His books *Social Theory and Social Struc-*



Robert Merton (r) accepts the first Who's Who in America Achievement Award in social sciences from Kenneth H. Petchenik, President of Marquis Who's Who, Inc. (l), and Lawrence A. Cremen, Chairman of the Award's Board of Selectors (center).

ture, *The Sociology of Science, Sociological Ambivalence, On the Shoulders of Giants*, and *Mass Persuasion* were called "major contributions to theoretical sociology."

"I appreciate the enlarged public recognition (this award) brings to the social sciences. And more personally, I find that such recognition...helps chase away the blue devils of self-doubt that attack some of us as we look back on what we have done," Merton said in ac-

cepting the award. The award takes on added significance for sociology when it is realized that Merton was selected from a list of 20 of the country's most distinguished social scientists.

The Who's Who in America Achievement Awards were established in 1984 to recognize those individuals judged by their peers to have made a positive impact on society through their creativity or exemplary accomplishments.

sponsored journal on teaching sociology since more members are studying the teaching process and should have an outlet to publish their work. ASA pursued the possibility of purchasing the journal *Teaching Sociology*, currently published by Sage, Inc. but could not reach an agreement with the publisher to do so.

Nominations are now being sought for editor of the new journal. Candidates should send a vita

and a statement of interest that includes institutional support for the editorial office (e.g., office space, course release, etc.), experience with journal publications, personal scholarly work on teaching, and other qualifications for holding office. These materials should be sent as soon as possible, but not later than March 15, 1985, to: Norval Glenn, Chair, ASA Committee on Publications, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712.

Nominations Open for Jessie Bernard Award

Nominations are open for the Jessie Bernard Award, which is given in odd-numbered years in recognition of scholarly work that has enlarged the horizons of sociology to encompass fully the role of women in society. The contribution may be in empirical research, in theory or in methodology. It may be for an exceptional single work, several pieces of work or significant cumulative work done throughout a professional career. The award is open to works by women or men and is not restricted to works by sociologists. The work need not have been published recently; however, it

must have been published by the date of nomination. The recipient will be announced at the ASA 1985 Annual Meeting.

Nominations for the Jessie Bernard Award may be submitted only by members of ASA. Nominations should include a one- to two-page statement explaining the importance of the work and should be sent to: Cookie White Stephan, Institute of Culture and Communication, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI 96848. *Deadline for submitting nominations for the 1985 award has been extended to December 31, 1984.*

1986 Candidates Announced

Candidates for ASA President-Elect, Vice President-Elect and Secretary-Elect in the 1986 election have been announced by the Committee on Nominations. They are:

President-Elect—*Melvin L. Kohn*, National Institute of Mental Health;
Jack P. Gibbs, Vanderbilt University.
Vice President-Elect—*Cora B. Marrett*, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
Mayer N. Zald, University of Michigan.

Secretary-Elect—*Michael T. Aiken*, University of Pennsylvania-Philadelphia;
William A. Anderson, National Science Foundation.

Additional candidates may be nominated by ASA voting members through the open nominations process as outlined in the Bylaws.

Petitions supporting candidates for the above offices must be signed by at least 100 voting members of the Association, and must arrive at the ASA Executive Office (1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036) no later than January 15, 1985.

Independent Scholars: An Emergent Intellectual Grouping

by Bettina J. Huber

With the contraction of the academic job market during the 1970s, a new sort of scholar has begun to appear. People in the new category eventually came to be known as "independent scholars" and are particularly prevalent in the humanities. None have academic affiliations, but their employment status varies. Some have full-time jobs, while others work part-time. Still others are not employed at all, being either retired or without a steady job. Despite this diversity, all independent scholars share a common commitment to pursuing their research interests and common problems caused by their lack of affiliation with a university. In particular, they have difficulty gaining access to vital research resources such as libraries, publishing outlets or research funds disbursed by foundations and the federal government.

In early November 1982, the Independent Scholarship Project sponsored the first national conference of independent scholars. Meeting at Spring Hill, near Minneapolis, participants formulated a series of recommendations directed at groups that could help them to pursue their scholarly activities. Learned and professional societies were asked to provide news on research and grant opportunities, letters of introduction to libraries and opportunities for participation at annual meetings. Universities were asked to open their doors to independent scholars by offering them official affiliation, library privileges, work space, and invitations to present departmental colloquia. In addition to these opportunities, sociologists who are independent scholars may need access to computer facilities and bodies of data lending themselves to secondary analysis.*

In early 1983, ASA Council established a Committee on Expanding Professional Opportunities in Sociology, part of whose mandate is to explore means of alleviating impediments currently hampering research by independent sociological scholars. Thanks to the suggestions of this committee, ASA has taken several actions over the past year designed to assist members who lack an institutional affiliation.

As a first step, the Executive Office developed a letter of introduction for independent scholars to libraries. Such letters are being issued to ASA members on request. (Independent scholars may simply send a letter of request to Executive Officer William V. D'Antonio including a current vita and a short description of their current research.) In late May, President James Short sent a letter to all major library associations in the United States informing them of ASA's new program. In addition, he urged libraries to honor the letters of introduction and use them as the basis for extending borrowing privileges.

In addition, Council encouraged graduate and undergraduate departments of sociology to establish an outreach program for independent scholars in their area and assist them with their research. Departments were urged to facilitate access to campus libraries, computer facilities and data sets, as well as foster intellectual interchange between faculty, graduate students and independent scholars. The latter can take various forms, including inviting unaffiliated scholars to present departmental colloquia on their work; encouraging them to develop mentoring relationships with graduate students; or establishing a seminar series in which research in progress is discussed by various types of scholars.

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Planning, Research, Timing Key to Getting Applied Jobs

by Phillip Monchar, Vice-President
Applied Research Techniques, NJ

Over the past several years, I have conducted between 60 and 70 employment interviews with sociologists expressing some interest in the private (for profit) sector. While many of them have the skills necessary to perform and excel in these job functions, a number of candidates just did not present themselves as viable candidates. Managers in my corporation expect the people brought in for interviews to conform to certain behavioral norms. Candidates that do not conform are weeded out quickly, whether they fit the job description or not. Here are a few of the glaring mistakes that I have seen some of these candidates make. In a way, these errors are quite funny—except to the candidate who misses the job offer—yet they are also avoidable, given a little thought and effort.

1. **Plan**—A major problem is that sociologists do not give enough thought to the process of getting a job. We think that our PhDs make us smart: We even have a nice piece of parchment to prove it. Wrong! That parchment shows that we are intelligent but it does not show that we are smart. "Smart" should be interpreted as successfully applying our intelligence to a problem; in this case, the problem is how to get the job. I am absolutely certain that if we were to employ as little as five percent of the effort that we expend in earning our degrees on job-hunting techniques, many more of our profession would find gainful employment in the exciting private sector.

2. **Dress**—While I doubt if any major corporation has a dress requirement for interviewees, I suggest that you act as if one is in place and is strictly enforced. The name of the game is to appear nice, normal and neat; how you achieve it is your choice, but be conservative about it. A new, dark suit is a small investment to make, given the potential return on your outfit.

3. **Research**—Learn something about the company that is interviewing you. I could not believe my ears when one interviewee actually asked what my former employer, AT&T, did. At that time, the corporation had been in and out of the headlines of all the national newspapers for nearly eight months. While you will not need to know a corporation's business activities in great detail you should at least be reasonably familiar with its main lines of business, and with any major newsworthy items about it in the recent past. Annual reports and the business press are absolutely essential reading for such homework.

4. **Motivation**—Show that working in the private sector, and especially for the company interviewing you, is your main goal in life. Several times in the course of an interview, the interviewee has turned to me and said, "Well, I'm not really sure that I do want to leave academia." Nothing leaves an interviewer colder than a candidate who does not seem to know what she or he wants. It is doubly annoying because two major costs have been incurred needlessly: time and money, both of which are at a premium. At least act as if you want the job. You can always decide against it after an offer has been made.

5. **Presentation**—Be prepared to demonstrate an understanding of how your skills match those listed in the job description. In addition, it helps to show how your skills go beyond those listed and that you can add extra value to the position. This requires you to be clear and concise in describing what you can do. Interviewers are not interested in what your

diploma says, nor are they interested in hearing a lot of jargon, but they are very interested in learning how you can help them, and the company, do better. It may surprise you to hear that many businesspeople view sociologists as types of social workers, who are assumed to add to a business' costs. The onus is on us to explain what sociologists are, what they can do and how that can be an asset to the employer in terms of substantive knowledge and/or research skills. The more clearly we present ourselves to the businessperson, the more we raise our value, because one important skill generally lacking in the majority of candidates is the ability to communicate well, whether in writing or orally.

6. **Timing**—On a number of occasions, I have been embarrassed by the apparent lack of understanding of the business world exhibited by sociologists. We understand that the academic environment revolves around the academic year, and that appointments are made based upon this knowledge. Not so in the business world. Here, a hiring is made subject to the needs of the business within the confines of the departmental budget and headcount allocation process. Very few businesses are interested in interviewing candidates who are looking for an offer five or six months ahead. Don't waste your own time and certainly don't waste the time of the business management.

7. **Rank**—Acknowledge the fact that in the business world you are a novice and that you will begin your career at the bottom, unless you arrive under very special circumstances. At the same time, you can expect a salary that is commensurate with your rank and responsibilities. Generally, even a beginning manager will earn more than an associate professor and you can look forward to a much higher upper limit to your salary as your career progresses. Note that I am using the term, "career" quite purposely here, because you should project the impression that the business world is your long-term and first choice, not just a last-minute resort in face of impending joblessness.

8. **Winning**—Everyone loves a winner, so you have to be that winner. How can you be the winner, you ask? Simple—just project the right image, and a believable one at that. Exhibit confidence that your skills can be applied successfully to new and challenging problems in the business world. Understand, too, that our chief competitors are ourselves, in that sociologists either have a bad image or that we fail to make our case well, and the MBA, who is a known quantity and is commonly believed to be the universal panacea to all business problems. The business manager is looking for a safe choice and is trained to be averse to risks. The MBA fits this philosophy while the sociologist is believed to be the opposite. Our profession's apparently somewhat radical political stance does not help here, either.

9. **Interviewing**—This is the opportunity for which you have been waiting. Your well thought-out and well-composed resume (not a curriculum vitae which is high incomprehensible to the average business manager) simply opens the door for the interview. It is the interview that determines the success or failure of your job search, and that means you must perform well under sometimes trying conditions with little opportunity for a rerun.

How will you know if you are on the right track? Try counting your job offers. What is important here is to project the image for which the manager is looking. If you don't succeed the first time, or even the nth time, then try changing your image. Think of yourself as a box of soap powder looking for a message that will make someone buy you. What you do is simply package yourself as the best. After all, soap powders are basically the same so you must persuade the buyer that you are different and better than the others using good selling techniques!

By now, you probably are asking yourselves what goes on in a business interview. It seems so different from the academic interview, and it is. Remember, the business interviewer wants you to show what you can do that is relevant to corporate needs. You must persuade them that you possess a set of skills of which the most important is the ability to solve problems. Do not suggest that you can only work on problems that match your skill set; be prepared to learn a new vocabulary and new team-playing skills. Bear in mind that you are playing a role in attempting to move into this corporate environment; you must play corporate games according to their rules. Failure to understand the rules is no excuse, nor is complaining that the rules are unfair. Play to win, for the other players do.

Dr. Phillip Monchar has worked for AT&T Communications in their headquarters in New Jersey. He spent the past four years in the marketing department, first as a market researcher and then as a market analyst in the Market Planning Group. He has been involved in hiring sociologists in various positions in the corporation. The thoughts expressed in this article are the author's own and should not be construed as representing an official position of his former employer or of ASA.

tionnaire, I want to learn more about your experiences in Southeast Asia and how you feel they have influenced your life today. To participate in the study or for more information, contact: Margaret A. Gligowski, Department of Sociology, Stitwell Hall, Cleveland State University, 1960 East 24th Street, Cleveland, OH 44115. All replies will be held in strict confidence; early responses are appreciated.

Comments/Recommendations Sought

The National Research Council's Committee on Basic Research in the Behavioral and Social Sciences remains open to comments and recommendations on its study, *A Ten-Year*

Outlook on Research Opportunities in the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Study director Dean R. Gerstein notes that responses received in the next few weeks may still influence the topics and groupings eventually selected. Contact Gerstein at the National Research Council, Washington, D.C. 20418.

Call for Reviewers

The Midwestern Criminal Justice Association is soliciting manuscript reviewers for its publication, the *Journal of Crime and Justice*. Since the Editorial Board is committed to expediting the review process, all referees are required to evaluate manuscripts within

Corrections

• The last name of William J. Wilson, University of Chicago, inadvertently was left off a caption on page 1 of the October 1984 issue of *FOOTNOTES*.

• The full title of Spivack Fellowship scholar Patricia Hill Collins' dissertation is "Race, Gender and Labor Market Structure: Occupational Stratification and Organizational Dynamics in an Urban Political Economy;" one word was omitted in the October issue.

• The last name of Minority Fellowship Program participant Karen Wilson was listed incorrectly as Williams in the August *FOOTNOTES*.

• The full name of the Working Conference of the ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification scheduled for May 7-9 in Duisburg, Germany, is "New Differentiations of Status Structures: On the Viability of the Concept of Status Inconsistency in Contemporary Society."

Our sincere apologies for the errors.

Materials Sought on Teaching Sociology of Law

Materials are requested for an ASA Teaching Resource, "Syllabi and Instructional Materials for Sociology of Law." Any of the following contributions would be appreciated: syllabi, course outlines, classroom exercises, simulations, research projects, test items, bibliographies, films, summaries/ reviews of current texts, etc. Preference will be given to materials which are not limited to criminal law. Accepted submissions will be identified according to contributor and institutional affiliation. Send materials to: Ronald Berger, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI 53190.

Classified Ads

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three weeks. Scholars interested in serving as reviewers should forward their vita and list of specializations to the journal's editor: Francis T. Cullen, Criminal Justice Program, Mail Location, 108, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221.

Information for Bernard Biography Needed

Anyone with reminiscences, unpublished papers, letters, or photographs for a biography of sociologist and feminist Jessie Bernard is requested to contact: Linda Thompson, 202 Wallace Annex, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Contact

Book Reviewers Sought

The book review editor of one of the leading journals in the field of military sociology, *Armed Forces & Society*, invites people who would like to review books to write to him. Contact: James A. Stegenga, Department of Political

Science, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Books Wanted

Recent textbooks, research findings and journals in criminology, juvenile delinquency, social research methods, and statistics are sought. Acknowledgment will be provided. Contact: Adele Spears or Bob Segalman, California Bureau of Criminal Statistics Library, PO Box 13427, Sacramento, CA 95813; (916) 739-5580.

Collaborators Needed

Collaborators are sought for a national study of the impact of the nuclear threat on children/adolescents' mental health/psychological well-being. Contact: Helen J. Raschke, Libra Foundation, 3308 Kemp Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76708; (817) 691-6001.

Research on Women Who Served in Southeast Asia

A research study is being conducted at Cleveland State University on women who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War in any capacity (i.e., officers, nurses, administrators, etc.). This is an extension of research and information that has been collected by others since the early 1980s. By means of a confidential ques-

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International Sociology Group Holds Successful Meeting

The Organizing Committee of the International Institute of Sociology (IIS) initially undertook planning the recent first World Congress of the IIS in the U.S. with less than complete confidence that it would be a roaring success. The 27th World Congress represented a new venture as the IIS shifts from an older tradition to a more modern format, which meant that there were many unknown factors. Among the more obvious of these is the tradition of national subsidies for such meetings, while there were no such subsidies for these, which were supported entirely by the membership and participants. However, under the leadership of Vittorio Castellano, who became IIS president four years ago with the expressed purpose of revitalizing the organization, the transition seems to have taken place.

The theme of the Congress was "The Task of Sociology in the World Crisis" with plenary sessions devoted to that topic. The first plenary session included comments by Edgar F. Borgatta, chair of the organizing committee; a historically-oriented welcome from Herbert Costner, Associate Dean of Social Sciences, University of Washington; a presentation



IIS President Vittorio Castellano (l) with Congress Coordinator Marie L. Borgatta.

on the perspectives for supporting internationally-based research by Otto N. Larsen, National Science Foundation; a paper analyzing world crisis and the social fabric by James F. Short, ASA President; and a major address by Castellano on general issues of sociology and the world crisis, with particular reference to the place of international associations in fostering international exchange of ideas.

The second and third plenary sessions included major addresses on the Congress theme, which was carried into other sessions as well. While the sessions ran the usual gamut of topics one encounters at sociological meetings, three

sessions focused on timely analysis of issues associated with politics and development, particularly in Latin America; one of these sessions was organized by Nicaraguan sociologists.

Attendance at the Congress provided a genuine basis for international interaction. The largest representation from outside the U.S. came from Italy with substantial groups from Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, India, and Canada and smaller numbers from many other nations in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Congress Coordinator Marie L. Borgatta reported that no major disasters occurred during the program and that comments from participants were uniformly favorable. The net balance sheets all indicated performance expectations—there were even audiences for sessions held on the last day!

Ethics Revision Planned

Responding to the growing need for sociologists to seek employment outside academic settings and to the likelihood that ASA soon will provide certain kinds of specialty certification (See October 1984 FOOTNOTES), the Committee on Professional Ethics is undertaking to determine how, if at all, the Code of Ethics should be revised and elaborated in covering work outside academic settings.

At present, such employment is addressed specifically only in Section I.D. of the Code, which reads: "Sociologists who work in organizations providing a lesser degree of autonomy than academic settings may face special problems. In satisfying their obligations to employers, sociologists in such settings must make every effort to adhere to the professional obligations contained in the code. Those accepting employment as sociologists in business, government and other non-academic settings should be aware of possible con-

straints on research and publication in those settings and understandings about such conditions accompanying their research and scholarly activity."

The Committee on Professional Ethics solicits the views of all ASA members and others who may desire to express themselves on this matter. Please direct all communications to the Committee Executive Office Liaison, Bettina Huber, ASA, 1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

The committee hopes to meet for an initial assessment of the need for revision in early March 1985.

Ethics Code Available

The ASA Code of Ethics, including the newly adopted Policies and Procedures, is now available in pamphlet form. Single copies are free to members. To cover postage handling, multiple copies cost \$1 for every five pamphlets. To order, write to the ASA Executive Office, 1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

OBSERVING

A warm word of thanks to all those who labored so many years to establish a National Peace Academy. And a sigh of relief that the Peace Academy Amendment to the Department of Defense budget bill survived efforts to defeat it. More's the pity that the Chicago Cubs, who have languished almost as long as this legislation, did not do as well. At least for the Peace Academy, we no longer have to "wait til next year."

Congress allotted \$16 million for the next two years to support a "United States Institute of Peace." The authorization bill was cut by \$7.5 million, money that was earmarked for a Peace Academy building near Washington, D.C. So, at least for the next two years we will have a decentralized institute devoted to funding peace-related research and conflict resolution studies. One-fourth of the institute funds must be spent as grants to institutions offering graduate or post-graduate programs in peace studies or conflict resolution.

Among the congressional figures who played key roles in guiding the legislation through Congress, the following deserve special praise: Senators Spark Matsunaga, Jennings Randolph and Mark Hatfield, and Representatives Dan Clieckman, Dante Fascell and Les Aspin. And to all those ASA members who wrote letters to Congress in support of the Peace Institute, the new legislation is a gratifying, if small, achievement.

Meanwhile, it is time to begin planning for the 1985-1986 Budget deliberations. Regardless of who wins the 1984 elections, budgets for the social sciences will receive close scrutiny, as everyone scrambles to find ways to cut the deficit. In an effort to systematize and coordinate efforts, COSSA Director David Jenness is computerizing the congressional lobbying network. We need to know of additional social scientists who may have direct access to, be acquainted with or otherwise have contacts with members of the House and Senate. If you have such contacts and are willing to become part of the network, please drop me a note at once. We need to develop a nationwide network of social scientists willing to protect and defend research funding in the several agencies of the federal government.

A sign of the times is found in the September 28 issue of *Science* in an article titled "Companies Move to Rescue School Science." (see pp. 1456-1457). Among other things, we learn that there is a "tidal wave of interest by industry in the schools of America," that "the root of the problem, as corporations see it, is the dreary state of teacher education," that the new movement has a dual thrust: "raising the overall level of scientific literacy and creating a scientific elite;" and finally, that the new interest is not a fad; rather, according to one corporate leader, "The 19th century factory called school shows signs of being radically transformed in our lifetime."

We may wonder whether "science" will be the great beneficiary of this new interest. Regardless, companies will be involved increasingly in the educational process for the foreseeable future. We may expect the public as well as local, state and federal governments to be most receptive to their generosity.

For the social sciences the question is not who will move to rescue us, but rather, what will be the consequences of not receiving support from any sector of society, much less the most powerful sector? It is high time we move to assert and demonstrate the importance of the social sciences to the radical transformation of our schools.

For example, few would deny the contribution of social science in helping all nations of the world recognize the significance of demographic trends for modern life. Population growth, stability and decline must be counted one of the two overriding problems of the post-World War II era, and social researchers have demonstrated, again and again, the significance of demographic research for developing and developed countries alike. Indeed, business has become especially sensitive to the implications for them of severe budget cuts in the Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics. The implications of demographic research for all social institutions ought to be so clear by now that leaders from all sectors demand that demographic analysis become a central part of high school social science. Why have we been so slow to recognize one of our signal contributions, certainly as significant in its own way as the so called Green Revolution?

—WVD/A

Nominations Open for Teaching Award

The Selection Committee for the ASA Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award invites nominations for the Award, which will be conferred in 1986. (This deadline permits the committee adequate time to collect supporting materials on nominees.) Nominations should be made for outstanding contributions to undergraduate and/or graduate teaching and learning of sociology, and may seek to recognize the career contribution to teaching and learning of an individual teacher, a specific product such as a seminal textbook, a course or curricular innovation, or a teaching technique. The award may be given to an individual, a department or institution, or some other collective actor. Anyone making a nomination should be aware that the purpose of the award goes beyond recognizing individual excellence in classroom performance; if an individual is nominated, it should be on the basis of a career contribution to teaching or learning, some effort or activity that went beyond the nominee's particular students, and affected the teaching of the discipline as a whole, or some identifiable segment thereof. Please make nominations no later than January 15, 1985, using the form below; earlier responses are desirable.

Return by January 15, 1985, to: Professor Frederick Campbell
Department of Sociology
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195

I nominate the following () individual; () collective actor as a candidate for the 1986 ASA Distinguished Contribution to Teaching Award:

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Although not all graduate departments will be equally diligent in establishing innovative programs, it is hoped that ASA's efforts will sensitize faculty to the problems faced by independent sociological scholars. As a result, those who approach departments for assistance on their own initiative may find a more receptive response than was the case in the past. In addition, independent scholars may find the intellectual comradeship they need in the "roundtables" and support groups that have sprung up all over the country in the past several years. A number are briefly described in the box below.

*For a more extensive summary of the conference recommendations see R. Gross and B. Gross, *Independent Scholarship: Promise, Problems and Prospects*, New York: College Entrance Examination Board, 1983.

Resources for Independent Scholars

- *Academy of Independent Scholars* (970 Aurora, Boulder, CO 80309): founded in 1979 by Kenneth Boulding and Lawrence Senesh to foster the continued intellectual productivity of senior scholars and professionals. The Academy provides services to its more than 350 members such as assistance in obtaining research funding, publishing monographs and organizing conferences.
- *Alliance of Independent Scholars* (6 Ash Street, Cambridge, MA 02138): a center for intellectual exchange and professional support, in which the needs of women scholars receive special attention. Members have access to a research forum, support groups, career counseling, and workshops on proposal writing.
- *Basic Choices, Inc.* (Blakeman Place, 1121 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53715): a locally organized community of researchers and thinkers focusing on issues of adult education, social change, human rights, and economic equity. Among other things, it conducts discussion groups, sponsors conferences and provides members with an institutional affiliation.
- *Center for Independent Study* (3193 Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520): provides a forum for intellectual and creative interchange among independent scholars and artists. The center provides an institutional affiliation for its members, seeks grants-in-aid from government and private foundations, and organizes seminar groups and periodic conferences.
- *Institute for Research in History* (432 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016): founded in 1976, the Institute is a non-profit membership organization, most of whose 200 members are historians. It is organized around ongoing research groups that focus on specific historical topics or periods. In addition, the Institute operates four consulting services, which charge fees, and administers grants made to individual members.
- *The Newberry Library* (60 West Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610): operates a variety of intellectual programs. Those of greatest interest to independent scholars are the Resident Fellowships for Unaffiliated Scholars and programs of the four research centers such as courses, seminars and summer institutes.
- *Princeton Research Forum* (P.O. Box 497, Princeton, NJ 08540): brings together scholars of various types interested in interdisciplinary research. Among other things it sponsors seminars and colloquia for discussing work in progress.
- *Rocky Mountain Women's Institute* (2258 South Josephine Street, Denver, CO 80208): is located at the University of Denver and supports the work of five to 10 associates each year. Each is provided with studio or office space, a small grant and the freedom to pursue scholarly and creative work.
- *University Seminars* (606 Dodge Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027): for close to 40 years independent scholars have joined with academics to discuss topics of mutual interest under the auspices of these seminars. At any given time, approximately 80 seminars meet on a monthly basis.
- *The Women's Research Institute* (Counseling Center, Hartford College for Women, 50 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105): established in 1983, the Institute's mission is to promote research on women. It provides an institutional affiliation for scholars seeking research funding and a supportive work setting.

In addition to the organizations described above, Independent Scholars' Roundtables have been springing up in cities all over the country. They are composed of local groups of independent researchers who meet on a regular basis. Roundtables provide a forum for exchanging information and ideas, as well as discussing work in progress. Many also provide information on funding sources, publishing opportunities and research procedures. Information on roundtables in various parts of the country can be obtained from: Independent Scholars' Roundtables, c/o Independent Scholarship Project, 17 Myrtle Drive, Great Neck, NY 11021.

(The above organizational descriptions are drawn from pp. 4-23 in R. Gross and B. Gross, *Independent Scholarship: Promise, Problems and Prospects*; New York: College Entrance Examination Board, 1983.)

Update on Insurance

Albert H. Wohlers has named North American Life and Casualty Group as the new insurance underwriter of the Group Hospital Money Program available to ASA members. The improved program offers members under age 65 a choice of 11 different hospital benefits providing from \$55 to \$165 a day; full or partial family coverage is available.

The transfer of companies will not change program benefits but is expected to increase service quality and rate security.

The Group Hospital Money Program remains a supplemental health plan providing money directly to insured members to help with expenses not covered by major medical insurance. The daily hospital benefit still will be paid in addition to all other insurance benefits received, with no restrictions on how the money is spent.

Members already insured under the program will receive official notification of the transfer of underwriters. For further information, contact ASA insurance administrator Albert H. Wohlers & Co., *ASA Group Insurance Plans*, 1500 Higgins Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

Special Prices on Rose Monographs

The following Rose Monographs may be ordered from the ASA office until December 31, 1984 at a special price. Each monograph will be available at \$1.50 for ASA members and \$2.50 for non-members, a discount of 50% off the regular price.

- Socioeconomic Background and Educational Performance* (Robert M. Hauser)
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- Patterns of Contact with Relatives* (Sheila R. Klatzky)
- Interorganizational Activity in Urban Communities: Deductions from the Concept of System* (Herman Turk)
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- Black and White Self-Esteem: The Urban School Child* (Morris Rosenberg and Roberta G. Simmons)

Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Although the deadline for orders is December 31, 1984, the sale is only valid as long as the inventory for each monograph permits. All orders must be prepaid. Send orders to: ASA Executive Office, 1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-3410.

Summer Programs

The Society for Research in Child Development announces its Summer Institute on Child Development and Social Policy, to be held June 15-28, 1985 at the University of Texas, Austin. Emphasis will be on integrating research and policy at national, state and local levels. Travel stipend is available. Fac-

ulty members, recent PhDs and advanced graduate students are encouraged to apply. Application deadline: January 15, 1985. Contact: Washington Liaison Office, Society for Research in Child Development, 100 North Carolina Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003; (202) 543-9582.

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Editors: Sherwin Rosen, Economics, University of Chicago
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The *AJS* announces a special issue to explore and expand the dialogue between Sociology and Economics in areas of mutual interest. We seek substantively oriented papers that use analytical methods to further understanding of the systematic determinants of individual behavior and the analysis of social institutions. Areas in which we believe there is significant potential for fruitful interaction include: labor markets, sorting and selection, family, education, mobility decisions, occupational choice, lifecycle analysis, fertility and demography, and the structure of organizations. Proposals for exploration of yet other areas of mutual concern are welcomed. Papers that are substantively oriented and provide original structural analysis will be given highest priority in the selection process. However, papers that contrast approaches in a particular area or demonstrate the relevance and uses of work in one discipline from the other's viewpoint will be given serious consideration.

All papers will undergo the Journal's standard reviewing process and should be prepared according to the "Information for Contributors" in the *AJS*. We encourage potential contributors to submit a prospectus for possible papers, especially before initiating work specifically intended for the issue. Submit four copies of manuscripts. The relevant deadlines are listed below. Submissions should be sent to:

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Submission of Prospectus: February 1, 1985
Submission of Papers: June 1, 1985

Teaching

More than 60 sociologists from around the country recently took part in two workshops on "Using the Computer in Teaching Sociology." The workshops were sponsored by the ASA Teaching Services Program and were held at Georgetown University (Washington, DC) in June and Ball State University (Muncie, IN) in July. Each four-day workshop involved demonstrations and hands-on practice with microcomputer software and using mainframe computers in sociology instruction.



Ronald Anderson, University of Minnesota, literally shows the ins and outs of microcomputers to workshop attendees.



Attentive participants in the seminar on "Using the Computer in Teaching Sociology" hosted by Ball State University.

Participants reviewed basic SPSS procedures and learned about SCSS (interactive package) and the new SPSS, including a package recently released for microcomputers. Workshop staff showed ways in which undergraduates could do

simple data analysis procedures using these packages and become more involved with sociological inquiry as a result. CONDUIT, a software clearinghouse, sent several microcomputer packages for participants' use. These included computer simulations that show students the processes of diffusion and demographic change and various ways to draw a sample for a research project.

For the 1985 season, the Teaching Services Program will sponsor three workshops on using computers in teaching sociology. The first will be held June 20-23 in St. Paul, MN on the campus of Hamline University. On June 23-24, the group will cross the river to Minneapolis to use the facilities at the University of Minnesota to design coursework. This is a more advanced workshop for sociologists with some familiarity with programming. The third workshop will be held on July 23-26 on the campus of Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA). Drexel has required all entering freshmen to own an Apple Macintosh microcomputer and all departments are revamping their curricula to include computer assisted instruction. Seeing the Drexel experiment, in which sociologists are involved as consultants and evaluation researchers, will be an important part of the workshops. For more information on these workshops and for an application form, write: Teaching Services Program, ASA, 1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

At the ASA 1984 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, more than 50 sociologists interested in microcomputer applications to sociological work gathered for an evening of exchanging ideas. There are at least two proposals before the ASA Council for an electronic bulletin board system to link sociologists via computer. The ASA office also is facilitating the formation of microcomputer users' groups. To get on the users' group list, send your name and address, phone number, type of equipment used, and major areas of interest to: Carla B. Howery, ASA, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. In return, you will receive a list of names of other sociologists using microcomputers, organized by geographic region, type of equipment and specialties.

Have you written any software? Send in a description of the software including price and distributor, and from time to time we will publish a list of what is available in FOOTNOTES.

Annual Meeting

The Section on Political Economy of the World-System invites submissions to the Section's 1985 program sessions.

(1) "Working without Wages." Organizer: Joan Smith, Department of Sociology, SUNY, Binghamton, NY 13901.

(2) "Class Formation and Class Relations in a World-Historical Perspective." Organizer: Philip McMichael, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

(3) Political Economy of the World System Roundtables (one-hour session to be held during time reserved for PEWS Council meeting). Organizer: Peter Evans, Department of Sociology, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912.

Submissions are due by December 31, 1984.

The Section on Political Sociology announces two open-submission sessions for the 1985 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

(1) "Transitions to and from Democracy." Papers must be received before January 16, 1985 by Larry Diamond, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37240.

(2) Roundtable discussions of a paper, a presentation or set of related papers. Topics are open. Papers or proposals must be received before January 16, 1985 by either Nancy DiTomaso, Graduate School of Management, 92 New Street, Newark, NJ 07102 or Paul Luebke, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC 27412.

(3) Panel featuring comments on U.S. domestic politics inspired by Kristin Luker's book, *Abortion and the Politics of Motherhood*. Send papers to The-da Skocpol, Section Chair, c/o Russell Sage Foundation, 112 E. 64th Street, New York, NY 10021. Papers must be received by January 16, 1985.

The Section on Sociology of Aging announces topics and organizers for the Section's 1985 program sessions.

(1) "Older Women and Work." Organizer: Sara Rix, 4200 Cathedral Avenue NW, Apt. #804, Washington, DC 20016.

(2) "Work and Retirement: Cross-National Perspectives." Organizer: John Myles, Department of Sociology, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

The deadline for submissions is December 31, 1984.

The Section on Theoretical Sociology announces topics and organizers for Theoretical Sociology Section Day. The theme for the two-session mini conference will be "Marx and Weber: Areas of Compatibility and Convergence." See the fall/winter issue of the Section newsletter, *Perspectives*, for theme discussion. The program will include three or four theory roundtables. Send papers and/or one-to-two-page roundtable proposals to: Norbert Wiley, Department of Sociology, 326 Lincoln Hall, 702 S. Wright Street, Urbana, IL 61801. Deadline is December 31, 1984. Copies of *Perspectives* are available from the same address.

These include housing, counseling and supervision, social activities, and an orientation program. For further information, contact The Washington Center, 1101 14th Street NW, Washington, DC; (202) 289-8680.

1985 Annual Meeting

August 26-30

Washington Hilton
Washington, D.C.

Mass Media

Daniel Leviton, University of Maryland, was quoted in the June 24, 1984 article in the *Washington Post* on the increasing popularity of simple funerals and people coming to terms with the meaning of death.

Lionel Lewis had an editorial entitled "Trying to Define 'Merit' in Academe" appear in the July 18 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Kristin Luker was interviewed and quoted in the August 1 issue of the *Washington Post* on her new book *Abortion & the Politics of Motherhood*.

Francis Cooke Macgregor, Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery of the New York University Medical Center, was quoted in the syndicated column "Speaking of Your Health" on July 31, 1984.

William Martin, Rice University, did a commentary on television evangelists on PBS "Frontline" on February 19, 1984, and was interviewed about television evangelists on PBS "Late Night America" on March 19, 1984.

Floyd M. Martinson, Gustavus Adolphus College, was a consultant/resource person for an ABC News "20/20" segment on adolescent sexual behavior and for a WCCO-TV (Minneapolis) series on child abuse.

Rela Geffen Monson has received coverage of her study of Jewish campus life in the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and on TV and radio shows.

James O'Connor had an article entitled "Reagan's Law of defensible spending" appear in the July 13 *Oakland Tribune*.

William Philliber, SUNY-New Paltz, and Dana Hiller, University of Cincinnati, had their research on working wives cited in an article on two-career marriage woes in the *Washington Post* on May 24, 1984.

Harriet B. Presser and **Virginia S. Cain**, University of Maryland, received extensive media coverage of their shift work study which they published in *Science* on February 18, 1983. Feature articles have appeared in newspapers such as the *Wall Street Journal* on March 8, 1984, the *New York Times*, *The Atlanta Constitution* and the *Dallas Times Herald*. Coverage was also provided by the CBS Morning News, four network radio news programs plus local stations in cities such as San Francisco, Washington, Cleveland and Detroit. In addition, the Sunday

supplement *Family Weekly Magazine* carried an article.

Deitrich C. Reitzes, Roosevelt University, was quoted in a July 5 *Chronicle of Higher Education* article on Chicago as a resource for academics.

Marjorie Robertson and **Richard Ropers**, UCLA School of Public Health, had the results of their survey of the homeless in Los Angeles published in the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* on April 15, 1984.

Jeff Rosenfeld, Nassau Community College, wrote an article on "Demographics and Interior Design" for the February 1984 issue of *American Demographics*.

Pepper Schwartz, University of Washington, and **Nancy Moore Clatworthy**, Ohio State University, were interviewed during the NBC Report on "Second Thoughts on Being Single" on April 25, 1984.

Jean Simmons, actress, portrayed a sociologist who posed as a bag lady to help an undercover policeman in a drug-related murder case in "A Small Killing" on CBS on April 21, 1984.

Gregory D. Squires, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, has had about 30 articles published on op-ed pages in newspapers such as the *New York Times*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *San Diego Union*, *Denver Post*, and *San Antonio Express* over the past five years.

Henry J. Steadman, New York State Office of Mental Health, was interviewed on the insanity defense on WSUN "Noon News" in Miami on February 23, 1984.

Ronald R. Watcke writes a weekly column on the op-ed page for the 12 *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers in suburban Detroit.

William F. Whyte, urban sociologist, was featured in an article that described his research on cities that earned him the Doris C. Freedman Award, presented annually by New York City for work "that greatly enriches the public environment" of the city in the *New York Times* on April 26, 1984.

Ina L. Yalof was quoted in a *USA Today* article on the role of sociology in helping families, patients and medical staff cope with heart surgery issues.

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Internship Opportunities Abound in Nation's Capital

"The Washington Center" is an organization located in the nation's capital that has provided internship opportunities for more than 5,000 students from 500 colleges and universities all over the United States. Founded in 1975, the Center provides career-related experiences for undergraduates and some graduate students through two major programs. The *Internship Program* provides full-time supervised work experience and weekly academic seminars for undergraduates, while the *Symposia Program* provides one to three week seminars on selected topics for a variety of students. Center staff plan all aspects of each program and conduct the evaluations which provide the basis for students' grades and credits.

Juniors and seniors who wish to enrich their education and gain professional experience may apply to the Washington Center's Internship Program. Once accepted, they can choose an internship site from more than 800 work settings. These range from an array of Executive Branch agencies to Congressional offices, museums and the Library of Congress. Placements are also available in communications (i.e., newspapers, radio, T.V.), law, business, consumer affairs, international relations, labor, and education. In addition to their internship experience, students participate in one of the Center's weekly seminars. They also attend lectures, panel discussions and debates. The purpose of such formal and informal gatherings is to provide an opportunity for direct contact with people who influence public policy.

Internships are scheduled to coincide with campus calendars and run for either a quarter or a semester. The Center attempts to keep costs as low as possible, and provides a limited number of scholarships for minority and other applicants. To participate in the Internship Program, a student's college or university should

have an institutional affiliation with the Washington Center. Such an affiliation involves credit and fee arrangements and appointing an Institutional Liaison responsible for maintaining contact between the campus and the Center. Students from non-affiliated campuses can participate in the Internship Program by making special arrangements with the Center. The process of affiliation is outlined in a publication entitled *Affiliation: A Guide for Institutions*. Copies are available free of charge from the Washington Center.

The Symposia Program encompasses a number of different options. "Winterim" is a three-week public policy symposium that takes place every January. It focuses on issues of national and international significance and attracts undergraduates, graduate students and faculty from all over the country. Topics include U.S. foreign policy, the economy, party politics and lobbying, business and public policy, nuclear arms, etc. Two Summer Forums, similar to Winterim, are held for two-week periods in May and August. Recent topics have included "The Contemporary Presidency" and "Business/Government Relations." Another symposium option is a two-week seminar on "The Legal System and Legal Careers," designed for pre-law students and for those interested in the judicial process. A supervised research option is also available for advanced undergraduate and graduate students.

Symposia typically combine lectures, small group briefings, site visits, panels, and debates. Students are expected to keep journals or write papers analyzing their experiences. In many cases, academic credit is awarded. One or two days of supervised fieldwork is included in several of the Summer Forums.

The Washington Center assists students in acclimatizing themselves to Washington by providing a variety of support services.

Funding Opportunities

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism will award research grants of \$1,000-\$2,000 to scholars engaged in projects related to the study of American Catholicism who require the substantial use of the library and archives of the University of Notre Dame. Application for grants should be made by December 1, 1984. Contact: Jay P. Dolan, Director, Charles and Margaret Hall Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, 614 Memorial Library, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

The Institute for Advanced Study announces awards for postdoctoral research fellowships in the School of Social Science for 1985-86. Recipients will be visiting members and will be expected to pursue only their own research; the School organizes weekly seminars at which members and invited guests present their ongoing work. Application forms should be obtained from: School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 08540. Deadline for application: December 1, 1984.

The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation announces its 1985-86 program of pre- and postdoctoral grants for "Research in Venice, Italy". Applicants must be citizens of the U.S., have some experience in advanced research, and, if graduate students, have completed all doctoral requirements except for completion of the dissertation. Applications for grants (\$500-\$10,000) should be received by December 15, 1984; grantees will be announced by April 1, 1985. For further information, including areas of study to be considered, contact: Gladys Kriebel Delmas

Foundation, 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019.

The American Statistical Association/Census Bureau Research Program seeks applications for Fellowships and Associateships at the Census Bureau beginning September 1, 1985 for one year or less. Successful applicants will have a unique opportunity to make major advances in methodology and applications in several areas. Fellowship applicants must have the PhD and research record in relevant field; Associates must have at least two years of graduate study in a relevant field. Apply by January 1, 1985 for Fellows and February 15, 1985 for Associates. For further information, contact: Dr. Daniel Kasprzyk, Director for SIPP Research, Population Division, Room 2024-3, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233; (301) 763-5784.

Harvard University Russian Research Center announces its senior fellowship program, supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Applications are now being accepted for one annual Senior Mellon Research Fellowship, to be awarded to a professional level scholar, and at least two Mellon Research Fellowships, for scholars at the Assistant Professor level already engaged in Russian Studies or who want to broaden their competence to include a Russian specialization and fluency. Stipends will be for full support; fellowships are for one year, with possibility of renewal. Applications are due January 15, 1985. Contact: Harvard University Russian Research Center, Archibald Cary Coolidge Hall, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 495-4037.

The American Antiquarian Society announces the 1985-1986 Research Fellowship Program. The Program will make more readily available for research the Society's resources in early American history and culture and will award to qualified scholars a number of short- and long-term Visiting Research Fellowships during the year June 1, 1985-May 31, 1986. The awards will be made in five categories: National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships, Samuel Foster Haven Fellowships, Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowships, Albert Boni Fellowship, and Frances Hiatt Fellowships. Depending on the category, the fellowships are available for both postdoctoral fellows and graduate students involved in research for doctoral dissertations. The deadline for receipt of applications is January 31, 1985. For more information, contact: John B. Hench, Assistant Director for Research and Publication, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609; (617) 752-5813 or 755-5221.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation is offering 50 fellowships, with stipends of \$30,000 over three years, to pursue international learning through seminars, workshops, short courses, and travel. The program is open to professionals in the early stages of their careers. Deadline is December 31, 1984. Contact: Jim Corey Arnett, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 400 North Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49016; (616) 968-1611.

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), one of the support arms of Congress, provides dissertation support through the Doctoral Research Program which funds up to five research projects by doctoral students each year. This program allows participants to carry out a work project and gather data for their dissertation while

being actively involved in GAO activities, and is designed to encourage in-depth analysis of topics relevant to GAO, providing a vehicle for exchanging knowledge on the "state of the art" between the academic community and GAO. To be eligible for the program, one must be a U.S. citizen, have completed all coursework leading to a doctoral degree, and be willing to move to Washington, DC for the period of employment (not to exceed one year). Participants receive a temporary appointment at the GS-9 level with a salary of about \$21,000. The next deadline for applications will be in February 1985; however, early inquiries are encouraged. For more information, contact: Dominic DelGuidice, Coordinator, Doctoral Research Program, GAO, 441 G Street, N.W., Room 7614, Washington, DC 20548; (202) 275-5495.

John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences announces the availability of senior postdoctoral fellowships for outstanding U.S. health scientists who wish to conduct collaborative research abroad. Types of activity supported by this program include collaboration in health studies, basic or clinical research, and the familiarization with or use of special techniques and equipment not otherwise available to the applicant. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; hold a doctoral degree in one of the biomedical, behavioral or health sciences; have five or more years of postdoctoral experience; have professional experience in one of the health, biomedical or behavioral sciences for at least two of the last four years; hold a fulltime appointment on the staff of a U.S. not-for-profit institution; be nominated by the dean or appropriate U.S. institutional official; be invited by a not-for-profit foreign institution; and not be a previous recipient of a Senior International Fellowship. Deadline for

application is January 15, 1985. Applications are reviewed for scientific merit by the National Institutes of Health. Fellowship awards are for three to 12 months.

The National Research Council plans to award Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities that cut across the social and natural sciences and interdisciplinary programs. Researchers in professional schools (e.g., law, medicine, library science), business schools, and teacher education programs are not eligible. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and affiliated with a not-for-profit research or higher education institution; the fellowships are sponsored by the Ford Foundation. Application deadline is January 16, 1985 and awards will be announced March 30. Contact: Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20418.

The Rockefeller Foundation announces the continuation of the Foundation's Social Science Fellowship Programs in Agriculture and Population Studies. Applications will be accepted through January 31, 1985 for two-year fellowships for mid- to late-1985. Up to 10 highly qualified recent social science doctorates will be selected for appointment as scholars integrated into ongoing programs at universities, international agricultural institutes, or other research and training centers in developing countries. PhD must have been received after January, 1981 or expected before September 1985. Send curriculum vita, names and addresses of three to four references, and a two- to three-page letter listing relevant research and work experience, type of work applicant is interested in doing under the program and regional preferences to: Fellowship Office, Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.

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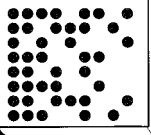
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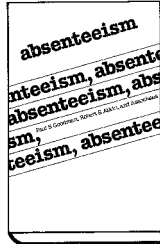
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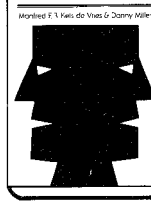


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Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 1985 Annual Meeting, March 31-April 4, 1985, MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Theme: "Justice and Society: Crime and Culture." Papers are solicited on theoretical and policy issues in criminal justice. Research in Progress Roundtables will also be presented; formal papers for roundtables are not required, but participants should submit an abstract presenting the issues to be addressed. For deadlines and program guidelines, contact: Timothy Bynum, 1985 Program Chair, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, School of Criminal Justice, 560 Baker Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; (517) 355-2197.

American Studies Association Tenth Biennial Convention, October 31-November 3, 1985, San Diego, CA. The Association is accepting proposals for individual papers, prepacked sessions, workshops, panels and other professional contributions to the program. Submit 11 copies of typed, double-spaced proposals with a proposal cover sheet, which may be obtained from: American Studies Association, 307 College Hall/CO, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (215) 898-5408. Send copies of proposals by January 15, 1985 to: Professor Martha Banta, Chair, American Studies Association Program Committee, Department of English, 2225 Rolfe Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

The Cheiron Society 17th Annual Meeting, June 12-15, 1985, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. The Society solicits papers concerning any aspect of the history of the behavioral and social sciences. Papers dealing with the historiographical and methodological issues also will receive consideration. Suggestions for symposia and other special sessions are invited. Submit five copies of the complete paper (no more than seven double-spaced pages); the author's name and institution should be made on a detachable cover sheet to facilitate blind review. Papers should be sent by January 15, 1985 to the Program Chair: Henry Minton, Department of Psychology, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada N9B 3P4; (519) 253-4232. European residents should send three copies to: Ian Lubeck, 2 rue Jules Breton, 75013 Paris, France; (1) 337-407, and two copies to Dr. Minton. Graduate Student Travel Awards may be available to help defray travel costs for students whose papers are selected for presentation. A post-Cheiron workshop will be held the afternoon of June 15, 1985. Contact: Dr. Franz Samelson, Department of Psychology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506; (913) 532-6850.

Fifth Annual Sun Belt Social Network Conference, February 14-17, 1985, Palm Beach Hilton, Palm Beach, FL. Potential participants are urged to submit proposals on session topics. For further information and session titles, contact: H. Russell Bernard, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611; or Alvin Wolfe, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

The Health Care Administration Division of the Academy of Management 45th Annual Meeting, August 11-14, 1985, San Diego, CA. Original papers or symposia are invited; papers that make a significant conceptual, theoretical or empirical contribution to the field are encouraged. Student papers are welcome. An award of \$250 will be given for the outstanding

paper. Papers must be no more than 20 pages of text (double-spaced) and no more than 20 pages including abstract, text, exhibits, footnotes, and references. For submission rules and further information, contact: S. Robert Hernandez, Program Chair, Health Care Administration Division, Department of Health Administration, School of Community and Applied Health, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL 35294; (205) 934-5661.

International Conference on Housing, June 1-6, 1985, The Netherlands. Papers and progress reports are invited for sessions on current issues in policy and research. For further information and submission of abstracts, contact: Willem van Vliet, Community Studies, S-125 Henderson Building, College of Human Development, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802; (814) 863-4222.

Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters 89th Annual Meeting, March 22-23, 1985, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. The Academy invites the submission of abstracts of papers to be considered for presentation during the Sociology Section. Papers will be included in the program on the basis of originality and general relevance to the topic "Technology and Sociology." Two copies of each abstract must be received by December 1, 1984. Contact: William Whit, Chairperson, Department of Sociology, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI 49506; (616) 459-8281, x217.

New England Undergraduate Research Conference in Sociology Tenth Annual Conference, March 30, 1985, Slavin Center, Providence College, Providence, RI. Student submissions of undergraduate work of an empirical, theoretical, critical review, applied, or interdisciplinary nature are invited; co-authored papers are welcome. Cash prizes of \$50 each will be awarded for the two most outstanding papers. Deadline for receipt of papers and application materials is January 7, 1985. For information and application forms, contact: Josephine A. Ruggiero, Conference Coordinator, Department of Sociology, Providence College, Providence, RI 02918; (401) 865-2514.

The Oral History Association Annual Meeting, October 31-November 2, 1985, Pensacola, FL. The Program Committee invites proposals for individual papers, panel discussions, media presentations, and workshop sessions. Send proposals by December 1, 1984 to: Hugh Ahman, 243 Harvard Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109; (205) 279-8630, home, or (205) 293-2417/2785, office.

Political Economy of the World-System Ninth Annual Conference, March 28-30, 1985, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. Theme: "Crisis in the Caribbean Basin: Past and Present." Papers are invited on the substantive focus of the interplay of the region's social, cultural, political, and economic crises with the development of the modern world economy since the 16th century. For further information, contact: Richard Tardanico, Department of Sociology, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118; (504) 865-5820.

Second German-American Theory Conference, late August 1986, Berkeley or Palo Alto, CA. Contributions are solicited on the theme "Theories of Social Change and Modernity." Submit title, one- or two-page abstract, and vita to the following three persons (past chair, chair and chair-elect of the ASA Theory Section): Jeff Alexander (UCLA), Norbert Wiley (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Ed

Nominations Open for Scholarship Award

Nominations are invited for the 1985 Award for a Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship. The Award is given for a single work such as a book, monograph or article, published in the preceding three calendar years (1982-1984).

The winner of this award also will be offered a lecture-ship known as the Sorokin Lecture. Regional and state sociological associations/societies may apply to ASA to receive this lecture at ASA expense after the award recipient is announced at the 1985 ASA Annual Meeting.

Members of the Association or other interested or knowledgeable parties may submit nominations for the Award. Nominations should include name of author, title of work, date of work, and publishers, and should be sent by March 1, 1985, to: Teresa A. Sullivan, Chair, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Texas-Austin, 436 Burdine Hall, Austin, TX 78712-1088.

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Urban Affairs Association 1985 Annual Meeting, April 17-20, 1985, Norfolk, VA. Theme: "Managing the City." Members of the ASA are welcome to submit papers (one-page abstract) or proposals for panels or workshops. For submission forms or more information, contact: Susan Morris, Assistant Dean, Graduate School of Management and Urban Professions, New School for Social Research, 66 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

Western Society of Criminology Twelfth Annual Conference, February 22-24, 1985, MGM Grand Hotel, Reno, NV. Theme: "Crime, Politics, and the Media." Participation from academicians, researchers, students and practitioners is encouraged. The principle aim of the conference is to examine the use and misuse of crime by public officials and the mass media for both socially beneficial and harmful purposes. For more information, contact: Charles Tracy, WSC President, Portland State University, Administration of Justice, Portland, OR 97207; or Jim McGaha, Program Co-Chair, 4909 SW 16th Street, Des Moines, IA 50315.

PUBLICATIONS

The Journal of Crime and Justice of the

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, is accepting submissions for its upcoming issues. Manuscripts should focus on a criminal justice or criminological topic. All articles must be submitted in triplicate, conform to APA style, be accompanied by a 100-word abstract, and not exceed 25 double-spaced pages. Only original manuscripts not previously published or currently under review elsewhere will be considered for publication. Manuscripts should be sent to the journal's new editor: Francis T. Cullen, Criminal Justice Program, Mail Location 108, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221.

Population Research and Policy Review, a multi-disciplinary journal of Elsevier Science Publishers, welcomes manuscripts concerned with empirical research and public policy on topics relevant to population dynamics and structure. The *Review* emphasizes the connection between research and policy, focusing on a broad range of social issues implicating population, e.g., sex and race discrimination, urban programs, housing, immigration, and energy consumption. Authors wishing to submit a paper for consideration should send two copies to the editor: Larry D. Barnett, School of Law, Widener University, P.O. Box 7474, Wilmington, DE 19803-0474.

Research in Political Sociology, an annual review published by JAI Press in cooperation with the Political Sociology Section of the ASA, invites submission of manuscripts to be considered for publication in Volume 2. Scholarly manuscripts dealing with any theoretical and empirical aspect of political sociology are welcome. Manuscripts should be 25-35, double-spaced pages in length and use the ASR editorial format. Submit four copies to the annual review editor: Richard G. Braungart, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13210.

Social Scientists in the housing field are invited to submit papers for a forthcoming book on *Minority Housing* to be published by Greenwood Press. The editor welcomes empirical, methodological and theoretical as well as literature review papers. For more information and to request a style sheet, contact: J.A. Momeni, Department of Sociology, Howard University, Washington, DC 20059; (202) 636-6679 or 6853.

Sociological Studies of Child Development, a new series from JAI Press, solicits essays dealing with current research and theories of child development from a sociological perspective. Of special interest are papers from a diverse range of theoretical and methodological stances, drawing upon research in both institutional and natural settings. For more information, contact the editors: Patricia A. Adler and Peter Adler, Department of Sociology, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK 74104.

Publications

Annotated Bibliography of Papers Using the General Social Surveys is now available in its fifth edition. The bibliography contains 1,072 citations of publications that have used the General Social Survey in their analysis and contains a full citation, list of GSS surveys and mnemonics used, and a short abstract. A mnemonic index permits quick identification of all references using a particular variable of interest. The bibliography is available for \$9.50 from: NORC Library, 6030 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637.

Economic Characteristics of Households in the U.S.: Third Quarter, 1983, initiates the new series covering the economic status of households in the U.S. with its release from the Bureau of

the Census. The report presents data on households' average monthly income and on their participation in government programs (e.g., food stamps, Medicaid). The Bureau notes that compiling data into monthly averages is only one of a number of approaches for presenting Survey of Income and Program participation data, and the Bureau has initiated a new training course to familiarize users with SIPP design. Contact: User Training Branch, (301) 763-1510.

The Red Feather Institute has three new articles available to members of the discipline. T.R. Young has outlined a radical agenda for the 1980s and 1990s in three areas: American Sociology, Criminology and Social Problems. Any or all are free this month. Write: RFI, Livermore, CO 80536.

Society, the periodical of record in the social sciences, will shift to a rotating editorship beginning July 1, 1986. Applications for stewardship of this publication are encouraged from any of the major disciplines in social science. Geographic locale need not be a central consideration for candidates. Submit a brief narrative of accomplishments, including a statement of personal goals; professional resume of past appointments and writings; and a statement of resources provided by applicant's home university or institution in support of performing *Society's* editorial functions. The new editor will have complete editorial autonomy in determining contents of the periodical and the opportunity to select a new editorial board. A modest honorarium will be available. Send responses directly to: Irving Louis Horowitz, President, Transaction/Society, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. No telephone inquiries. All materials will be kept confidential.

The Sociological Quarterly is offering a free 10-year (1974-83) index to the journal (list price \$10) to subscribers who renew their subscriptions by January 1, 1985 or new subscribers before March 1, 1985. Anyone else wishing to order a copy of the index may do so by contacting: Thomas G. Eynon, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901.

General Survey Data Available

The 1984 General Social Survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center is now available from the Roper Center. The 1972-1984 cumulative data file contains 12 subfiles—11 national cross-sections and an oversample of blacks in 1982. The file has a total of 17,052 respondents and 726 variables. The merged design assists the analysis of both time trends and the examination of small sub-populations. The data set contains an extensive range of demographics; attitudinal items for such areas as abortions, crime and punishment, government spending priorities, race relations, tolerance of deviant groups, and women's rights; behavioral items on group membership, smoking and drinking, voting history and owning firearms; and methodological experiments on wording, question order and response categories. The 1972-1984 release contains new items on religion, questions also asked in Germany concerning the welfare state and class differences, and items on attitude centrality for crime and punishment, abortion and pornography. The data set may be purchased from the Roper Center, U-164R, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268.

Obituaries

Franz Adler
(1908-1983)

With the death of Franz Adler in May 1983, his many professional associates lost an esteemed colleague; his countless former students lost a distinguished teacher; his many friends lost a generous, warm-hearted human being, and sociology lost one of its most ardent advocates.

Franz was born in Vienna, Austria on September 23, 1908. Franz followed his father into the field of law and earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Vienna in 1933. He had his first contact with the field of sociology when he took post-doctoral work in economics, political science and sociology at the same university.

At the time Austria was threatened by the *Anschluss*, Franz fled to Yugoslavia. He entered the United States in September 1938 and became a naturalized citizen in March 1944.

Deciding to pursue a career in sociology, Franz enrolled in a summer session at the University of Alabama on money loaned to him by the Jewish community of Montgomery. From there he went to American University where he earned an MA degree in "social economy" in 1942. He went to Washington State College in Pullman, WA where he was that department's first doctoral candidate. His education was interrupted by World War II when most of the faculty went to war. He and his bride, Leta McKinney Adler, a fellow student at Washington State College, transferred to the University of Wisconsin where both were accepted in the graduate program on fellowships.

World War II further interrupted Franz's graduate career when he entered the U.S. Army in 1943, but he returned to Wisconsin after the war and earned his PhD in sociology in 1953. While working on his doctorate, he taught summers at Drake University and Roosevelt University. He joined the faculty of the University of Arkansas as an Assistant Professor in 1947 and rose to the rank of Professor in 1956. His two children, James E. Adler and Debora Linn Adler, were born on May 27, 1952.

Franz taught at the University of California-Los Angeles during the 1958-59 academic year and at the University of California-Davis during the 1959-60 academic year. In the fall of 1960, he joined the faculty at California State University-Los Angeles where

he spent the remainder of his academic career.

Professor Adler was a productive scholar and an outstanding teacher. Although he taught numerous courses in sociology, his special interests were in theory, methodology and the sociology of knowledge. His theoretical and methodological orientation was positivistic, to which he added "Max Weber's little set of basic definitions in terms of social actions and probabilities."

He was a demanding teacher who challenged his students to perform at the outer limits of their abilities.

Professor Adler was active in several professional associations including the ASA, Southern Sociological Society, Southwestern Sociological Society, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Pacific Sociological Association, Arkansas Academy of Science, and Alpha Kappa Delta. He served as Vice President of the Southwestern Sociological Society in 1957-58 and as President in 1958-59. He was first to organize social science sections for the Arkansas Academy of Science and he was founder and national representative of the University of Arkansas chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta.

Tragically, Franz Adler's academic and intellectual career was cut short when he suffered a severe stroke in 1974. His condition necessitated his retirement and, although he lived until May 1983, he was no longer able to participate in the activities of his discipline. Consequently, the scholarly work in which he was engaged at the time of his illness, including a major book-length manuscript, went uncompleted.

He is sorely missed by his many colleagues and friends and by his family. Furthermore, sociology is the poorer because of the premature end of a creative and productive career.

Herman J. Loether
California State University, Dominguez Hills

A. Eugene Havens (1936-1984)

A. Eugene Havens, Chairperson of the Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin, died at the age of 47 on June 24, 1984, after a prolonged and courageous struggle against cancer. Gene was born in

Brooks, IA, on December 22, 1936, and raised on a farm. He received his BS degree from Iowa State University in 1959 and his PhD degree from Ohio State University in 1962. His first academic position was as an Assistant Professor at Ohio State University, but he immediately took a leave to be a Fulbright Professor in Colombia, South America. While in Colombia, he was hired as an Assistant Professor by the Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1968 and full Professor in 1974. In 1981, he became Chairperson of that department, a post which he energetically and creatively filled until his death. As a statement of his stature in the field of rural sociology, he was elected President of the Rural Sociology Society for 1985-1986 and will appear on the roster of Presidents of the Society even though he died before his term was to begin.

As a graduate student, Gene's area of specialization was social psychology. His dissertation centered on social psychological issues involved in the diffusion and forced adoption of technical innovations in agriculture and was written within a fairly mainstream perspective. This intellectual point of departure for his academic career was to change radically in the course of the two years Gene spent in Colombia from 1962-1964, first as a Fulbright Professor and then as the Director of the Wisconsin Land Tenure Center Colombian Research Program in 1963-1964.

Gene's main fields of study were rural social change with particular emphasis on the peasantry, the effects of imperialism on underdevelopment, political sociology, and research methodology. His research was particularly concerned with problems of agrarian reform in Latin America. He was deeply committed to radical social change and sought to understand the ways in which agrarian reform could facilitate or hinder revolutionary transformations in Latin American societies. In the past several years, he served as an advisor on problems of agrarian reform to the Nicaraguan government and spent many months in Nicaragua helping to work out a viable strategy of agrarian change for that society. The fruits of that labor were to have appeared in a book, *Rural Class Relations and Socialist Transition: Some Reflections on Nicaragua*, to be published by Monthly Review Press, that remained unfinished at the time of his death.

In recent years, Gene became increasingly interested in problems of agriculture and the state in advanced

capitalist societies. He formed an ongoing research group in the Departments of Rural Sociology and Sociology on the problems of the state and agriculture which was enormously productive, for both the students and faculty involved. The first book from this research group, *The Transformation of Agriculture in the United States*, edited by Gene, is soon to be published by the Westview Press.

Gene was not only a productive scholar; he also was a teacher of great capacity and influence. On several occasions, he taught in Latin American universities, and contributed significantly to the development of programs in sociology in Colombia and Peru. He has been the academic advisor and *compañero* to numerous students from Latin America and other Third World countries, some of whom subsequently held positions in their national governments and many of whom are political activists, thus extending Gene's intellectual influence beyond the walls of the academy. He tirelessly extended himself on behalf of his students, helping them to overcome the cultural and linguistic obstacles to successfully completing a graduate degree at a U.S. university.

Many leftist academics feel acutely the tension between their political commitments and their academic and professional responsibilities. For those of us who had the privilege of knowing him, Gene Havens always will be a model of a person who combined the roles of scholar, teacher and activist in a committed and powerful way.

Erik Olin Wright

Alden Dykstra Miller (1941-84)

Alden Miller's death from complications related to lupus erythematosus on July 24, 1984 in Hyattsville, MD deprives us of a creative sociologist and an extraordinary human being. Born in Raleigh, NC, he earned a BA degree from Davidson College in 1962 and an MA and PhD in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1965 and 1966 respectively.

In 1969, Alden joined the sociology faculty at Boston University after having been Assistant Professor at Indiana University. There were rumors among the faculty about his exceptional ability as a methodologist. His reputation and quietness made him seem austere and unapproachable, and his office was always full of students waiting to dis-

cuss the numerous projects he had assigned for the undergraduate methodology course.

Those of us who got to know him found Alden to be not only approachable but extremely patient. Indeed, it was Alden who was always willing to work with doctoral students having difficulties formulating adequate dissertation proposals. When the rest of us threw up our hands in despair, Alden would quietly work along with these students. He was also willing to provide the same attention to his colleagues who quickly recognized his brilliance, despite his unwillingness to trumpet his abilities. The major problem was trying to get Alden to slow down his reasoning process and understand that although he was able to work through a problem from step 1 to step 4 without going through steps 2 and 3, the average intellect would

In 1971, he joined the Center for Criminal Justice at Harvard University on a fulltime basis after having begun work there during the preceding summer. His unique ability to conceptualize and bring methodological sophistication to projects quickly made him a vital element in the center as the initial funding from the Ford Foundation was depleted and new research proposals were needed. In 1975, Alden was made Associate Director of the Center.

In 1982, Alden joined the Institute of Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland where he was intensively involved in developing new research approaches to studying changes in the criminal justice system.

Although socially limited in his last few years by his inability to drive, Alden was never limited in his ability to provide warmth and quiet friendship to those fortunate enough to know him. Alden was methodical in working through all his medical problems and adjusting his time, lifestyle and behavior in a way that adapted to each medical issue. He never complained about his condition and rarely asked for help. His friends became lulled into believing that he would be with us for many more years. His death was a shock.

The quality of an individual's life cannot be measured by its length in years. Alden's life attests to the truth of that statement. In a short life, he accomplished as a social scientist and human being what few people are able to undertake in a long lifespan. His gentle soul will long be missed.

Donald E. Gelfand
University of Maryland at Baltimore

Section News

Minutes of the Sociology of Aging Section Business Meeting, August 31, 1984

Minutes: The record of the 1983 Business Meeting was approved as published in Volume 6, No. 1 of the newsletter.

Election results: Chair Elect—Ethel Shanas; Council members—Charles Longino, Gunhild Hagestad.

Finances: The section's restricted account stood at \$1,183.26 as of June 30, 1984.

1985 Program: Section Day 1985 will fall on Monday, August 26. As Chair Elect, Ethel Shanas reported that the theme of the ASA 1985 Annual Meeting will be "Working and Not Working." Consistent with this theme, the section's two allotted sessions will deal with "Women and Work" (to be organized by Sara Rix) and with "Work and Retirement: Cross-National Perspectives." In addition, the ASA will be approached to sponsor a didactic seminar on "Life Course and Longitudinal Analyses of Middle-Aged and

Old Workers." Possible presenters include Richard Campbell and Glen Elder. Membership comments and suggestions for Dr. Shanas with regard to the 1985 program are encouraged.

Gerontological Society of America: Adrian Walter of the GSA reminded section members that membership in the GSA offers many benefits, including the opportunity to visit San Antonio twice in one year. With respect to the GSA Annual Meeting scheduled for November in San Antonio, Edgar Mills offered the services of the local arrangements committee.

Upcoming Elections: As per the Bylaws, the Nominations and Elections Committee will consist of Past Chair George Maddox and newest Council members Charles Longino and Gunhild Hagestad. The membership is invited to suggest nominees for Secretary-Treasurer and for two Council member openings to George Maddox.

Distinguished Contributor Award: Gordon Streib was honored in absentia at the section reception. Gordon

had indicated his regrets at not being able to attend the presentation. His plaque was accepted by Jack Riley (who gave Gordon his first job) and then conveyed to Hal Sheppard (who will arrange for a presentation in Florida). Despite Gordon's absence, the reception was deemed a successful gathering.

Section Officers and Council members will again serve as a committee of the whole in deciding the 1985 honor. Nominations from the membership are invited.

Newsletters: Beth Hess asked to be relieved of duties as newsletter editor, but she kindly agreed to stay on through the first issue of the new volume. Jill Quadagno consented to become the new editor.

Special Section Initiative: George Maddox announced that the National Institute on Aging has expressed interest in furthering methodological training and that the Section Council has encouraged him to explore with NIA special training workshops and didactic sessions in conjunction with the annual meetings or otherwise.

Brochure on Teaching Gerontology: Diana Harris (University of Tennessee) has proposed publishing a brochure on ways to teach gerontology. The Council approved \$250 to cover expenses and asked that her effort also update the earlier set of gerontology syllabi assembled by Erdman Palmore.

Credentiailling: Judith Gordon has sensitized the section to problems in this area, and the ASA now has a committee dealing with the issue. The section has asked to be represented on the ASA committee.

Announcements from the Floor: Kathy Bond of the National Institute on Aging reminded members of NIA's interest in social science proposals.

Judy Treas encouraged gerontologists to familiarize themselves with the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). This large, household panel study by the U.S. Bureau of the Census is intended to yield data to inform policy debates on social welfare, health care, employment, and the like.

Ethel Shanas noted the usefulness to gerontologists of data archives such as the one at the University of Michigan.

Betty Havens announced that the 2 percent public use sample of the aged from the 1981 Canadian Census will be available soon.

New President: George Maddox symbolically passed the gavel to the new Section President, Hal Sheppard.

Congratulations: The Section covers best wishes to Matilda White Keyes upon her election as ASA President-Elect.

Thanks: to Mike Kears, Betty Havens and Helena Lopata for participating in the ASA reception for new members; to Beth Hess for superb editing of the newsletter; to the 1984 Nominating and Election Committee—Helena Lopata, Betty Havens, Jill Quadagno with assistance from Christine Fry and Philip Nyden; to outgoing President George Maddox, Secretary-Treasurer Judy Treas and Council members Erdman Palmore and Carroll Estes; to David Gay, Duke University graduate student, for illustrating a poster session at the Business Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.
Submitted by Judith Treas, Secretary-Treasurer; George Maddox, Chair