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Come to San Francisco and Experience a Postmodern Dream

Inequality and

Social Policy

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles in anticipation of the 1998 ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

> by Sherri Cavan San Francisco State University

San Francisco is a postmodern dream, every possible version of reality existing at the same time and in the same place. Little wonder that this was Foucault's favorite American city.

If you want to get a feel for the multiple realities that give San Francisco its special character, take off from the convention hotel one morning or afternoon. Go down the hill toward Market Street. If you do not meet a seller on the street, buy a copy of the Street Sheet from the Coalition of the Homeless at 126 Hyde Street. The Street Sheet has been published for a decade. During this time the

number of homeless on the streets of San Francisco has more than doubled. Notoriously difficult to count, today's estimate is 6-10,000 people sleeping in

cars, parks, streets, culverts and doorways every night, some in the very shadows of the high-rise hotels that cater to visitors who can afford to stay in one of the nation's most expensive cities.

tute. Savor the contradiction between the bohemian setting and the bourgeois boulevard it fronts and confronts. You

can drink an espresso or an imported tea while you read about the homeless, expressed in their own words. As you study the unending plight of the city's

most destitute, be mindful that a two bedroom apartment in the building across the street rents for about \$2,000 a month--consider-ably more if it commands a

Surely all cities consist of such dichotomies-wealth and poverty, beauty and sordidness, activism and neglect. Isn't tension between opposites what gives the city its

dynamic pulse? Even so, San Francisco is a special mosaic of realities that coexist at the interface of Asia to the west and Europe to the east. The quest for the sociological visitor: how many different realities can you discover radiating out from the convention hotels?

Part of the discovery process involves separating the image of San Francisco from the actualities. Ideas and images and representations of the city are disseminated all over the world by music and film and the background shots in hundreds of television commercials and print advertisements. Mysteries, travel books, novels, poetry, and television series combine with picture post cards and magazine photographs to create an idealization of place. People come to San Francisco with a rich stock of knowledge that precedes any actual experience. They feel a sense of familiarity before they arrive. Although the ASA convention site at O'Farrell and Taylor is cast in a perpetual shadow of its own making, few who start their visit

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Newspaper in hand, catch an antiquated cable car--or, for a little aerobic workout, hike up the hill to Sutter Street. Settle into one of the small cafes that cluster around the San Francisco Art Insti-

NSF Sociology Program Gets a Winner: Markovsky

November, University of Iowa sociolo-gist Barry Markovsky began serving as a visiting co-director of the Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation, Footnotes Managing Editor Ed Hatcher recently inter-



Barry Markovsky

viewed Markovsky about the new position.

Footnotes: Barry, what made you accept the position?

Markovsky: NSF has been instrumental to my career, beginning in 1978 when I received a pre-doctoral fellowship that supported my graduate education. Since then I've been working on NSF-sponsored projects more often than not. I've come to view this organization as an unparalleled resource for social science research. So naturally I was thrilled about having an opportunity to contribute to its mission, and to help promote basic research and science education within Sociology.

Footnotes: Do you see the new position as compatible with the research you have been conducting at the University of Iowa or are you embarked on a wholly new direction in your career?

Markovsky: This is not a new career direction; just a temporary side-trip. My research activities will be reduced during my time here, but a number of collaborations with colleagues and students will continue as planned. In the Spring I'll even be teaching a graduate course back at Iowa via the World Wide Web. NSF encourages visiting scientists to keep their research alive, allowing us time and providing resources for this purpose. I intend to take every advantage of this, including frequent trips back to Iowa.

Footnotes: Is it your sense that sociologists are fully capitalizing on the fund-ing opportunities at NSF?

Markovsky: No, not really. My sense is that many sociologists view the possi-bility of NSF funding as more remote than it actually is--especially newer PhDs. I mentioned that I consistently have received funding for projects. What I didn't mention was that many, perhaps most, of my proposals were rejected initially, but that all of them eventually were funded after revision and resubmission. Moreover, the number of proposals to the sociology program has been down over the last several years. Although this means that a higher proportion of submissions has been funded of late, it also means that

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Candidates for ASA Offices, Council, Committees

The American Sociological Association wishes to announce the candidates for all ASA Offices, Council, the Committee on Publications, the Committee on Committees, and Committee on Nominations. Ballots will be mailed no later than May 15, 1998. Nominated candidates are as follows:

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The Executive Officer's Column

The Health of Our Data Infrastructure in Social Science



Over the past year the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) at the National Science Foundation (NSF) has been grappling with how to think about investments in infrastructure and especially investments in data infrastructure. The catalyst for this reflection is a desire to ensure that investments in science continue to maximize our capacity to advance knowledge. At heart, it may also reflect concerns about the value of continued investments in long-term data series (such as the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, the General Social Survey, and the National Election Study) or about whether such alloca-

tions will limit resources for new ideas with potentially "higher" priority.

Since NSF raised the question ("How Should Federally Supported Databases Evolve Overtime") one year ago, there has been wide ranging discussion and debate about how to frame the issue and arrive at answers that serve our sciences well. Bill Butz, Director of the Division of Social, Behavioral and Economic Research, has led this rethinking internal to NSF, with Bennett Bertenthal, the NSF Assistant Director who heads the SBE Directorate, also encouraging the development of new infrastructural ideas. Their core questions are whether current data projects are the highest priority, how can NSF best generate new ideas and compete them against existing projects, how long should NSF continue to be the funding source for meritori-

ous work, and what proportion of research dollars should support infrastructure.

Individuals, organizations, and institutions within the research community, including ASA, have sought to work with NSF social scientists to clarify the questions and to help think

through the criteria and processes that can optimize quality decisions and allocations. The Executive Committee of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) has been engaged in ongoing discussions with Butz and Bertenthal on these issues. In July, the Forum on Research Management (FORM) convened a meeting on longitudinal databases. In November. the Commission on Behavioral and Social



Sciences and Education of the National Research Council held a conference on Decision-making for Research Infrastructure in the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Also, this November, the topic was a major issue at COSSA's Annual Meeting and at the SBE Advisory Committee meeting.

Several important themes evolve from the discussion of data infrastructure.

First, efforts must be directed to enlarging the level of support for data infrastructure. The research "pie" for the social and behavioral sciences including in data infrastructure is minimal in comparison to other fields of science. Indeed, by 1996, the NSF investment in methods, measurement and major data resources diminished by about 35 percent in 1980 dollars.

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Second, quality science is often "seeded" by quality data resources, and quality science can also spawn interest in building such resources. Therefore, we need to transcend juxtaposing data infrastructure and individual-investigator research and to ferret out ways of promoting the interaction and integration of the two

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Third, long-term data series should enhance in value, and they can and do change over time. Therefore, we need to think more dynamically and creatively about data infrastructure (both those in place and those not yet created) and avoid simplified assumptions that "new" is "better," that "old" must be "preserved," or that "long-term" is necessarily "old."

Fourth, attention needs to be given to data resources with the capacity to stimulate work across fields and subfields of the social and behavioral sciences, recognizing that in some arenas there is little or no history of building data infrastructure as part of research.

Fifth, we need to think carefully about the federal infrastructure for the support of data infrastructure in the social and behavioral sciences and to ensure that the criteria for funding and the structures for planning and decisionmaking enable continuing and initiating the highest quality work.

All social and behavioral scientists have a stake and interest in whether issues like these are addressed and are addressed well. Whether we are active in planning or using such data resources for research or teaching, their presence enhances the capacity of our fields. We need to continue those series that are doing this job, and we need to initiate others that can add to our fertile base.

We have some principles that can serve as a basis for beginning this task. When NSF had a dedicated program responsible for data infrastructure, it devised criteria for guiding decisions and priority setting. These included: How likely is it that the data will stimulate research leading to important discoveries or generalizations within a field or, in the most favorable case, extending to other fields? Are there clear advantages to concentrating diverse information within one body of data? What are the analytic foundations for establishing the periodicity of the data collection (such as those based on rates of change in the relationships among structural variables)? What is the probability that the data will generate not just significant work but also a tradition of excellence in a field?

With criteria such as these and with a renewed interest at NSF in such science policy thinking, we in the social sciences have an important opportunity before us. The SBE Directorate soon will launch a year-long period of planning. Between now and May 1998, NSF is reaching out through meetings, funding workshops, and other such activities to identify infrastructural needs across fields of social science. By summer 1998, this input will be synthesized and coordinated by NSF into a set of recommendations and operating strategies. By Fall 1998, NSF will announce plans for one or more infrastructural competitions, with proposal submissions in Spring 1999 and support by the Fall.

While questions remain about what will happen and by what process, we should engage in shaping the conversation and the outcomes. ASA will continue to be active on these issues, but we need the wisdom, experience, and knowledge of our community as we move ahead.—Felice I. Levine

Conference Held on Future of Scholarly Monograph

by Carla B. Howery, Director Academic and Professional Affairs Program

A host of nettlesome issues affecting the future of the scholarly monograph were aired in September at a special conference in Washington, DC.

Representatives from disciplinary associations, university administration, and university presses met on September 11-12, 1997, to discuss "The Specialized Scholarly Monograph in Crisis: Or How Can I Get Tenure If You Won't Publish My Book?"

The conference was organized by the American Council of Learned Societies (of which ASA is a member), the Association of American University Presses, and the Association of Research Libraries. Central concerns were the rising costs of publishing monographs through university presses coupled with declining sales, and the importance of retaining university presses as core outlets for specialized scholarship.

The group considered a scholarly monograph to be a "small market book" (selling under 800 copies), written for an academic audience, and of central importance to scholars. The university presses cited rising production and editorial costs, the onset of electronic publishing, reduced library budgets, diminished subsidies by universities (or the legislature), and even changes in the tax code as reasons the scholarly monograph is becoming less viable. From 1986 to 1996, the price of serials (journals) went up 147 percent and the price of monographs rose 63 percent. Yet libraries showed a seven percent drop in monographs. In short, summarized a research librarian, libraries are paying more for less.

One issue raised was how to support scholarly work by making monographs available to those working in specialty areas. A research librarian spoke of borrowing from industry the model of "just in time," instead of "just in case." The latter model, currently in practice, has libraries buying books "just in case" someone might want to consult them. When librarians examine "use data" (measured by what is checked out), many monographs are used two or three times a decade. The "just in time" model would allocate funds to access monographs when needed, and with electronic technology, CDs and other options, to do so quickly and less expensively.

Presses are beginning to experiment with models of electronic delivery, including publishing a few hard copies, putting a book on line, and then later, printing a paperback edition. Some presses reported that having books on line was excellent advertising and increased sales of the print copies. With present technology, it is unlikely scholars will read entire monographs off a screen, or download and print them. Therefore, seeing

a new book, skimming it enough to find it valuable, might lead to a sale of a hard copy

Conference attendees discussed the importance of the scholarly monograph for promotion and tenure decisions. The university presses invest heavily in editorial staff and in the peer review process. These costs are difficult to reduce, even if monographs were published electronically. This review and editorial process, moreover, is critical to the "value" of the monograph for promotion and tenure. If individuals either reprint their dissertation or put their monograph on line (with no

review), the quality of scholarship will suffer. Several presenters discussed the 'rising bar," where more than one monograph is required in some fields to receive tenure. The publication squeeze is exacerbated by more faculty required to write more monographs. How electronic materials will be evaluated by promotion and tenure committees remains to be seen. Rutgers University issued a committee report called "Electronic Publishing and Tenure" (http://aultnis.rutgers.edu/texts/ept.hmtl) that argued for including electronic publishing as an "appropriate means of scholarly, artistic, and professional communication"

Many monographs are rewritten dissertations. Several presenters discussed this pattern and its costs and benefits. On the plus side, a dissertation is a major piece of new and original scholarship that should be shared, even to a very small community within that specialty. To create a solid monograph, however, usually requires substantial investment by the author and by the editorial staff of the press, so it is costly. Given that most dissertations are on-line, is there enough "value added" to merit publishing revisions, one presenter asked.

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Many institutions, associations, presses, and consortia have experiments underway to find ways to make the economic and scholarly equations work. For example, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)—a consortium of Big Ten schools—is sharing electronic monograph holdings. The American Historical Association and the Association of Research Libraries has begun the "Endangered Monograph Project" to offer an electronic series in history and area studies. Several university presses are embarking on "arena publishing," where they concentrate on a set of disciplines or area studies, hoping to encourage readers to look to their web sites for those materials.

The conference wrapped up with Teresa A. Sullivan, Dean at the University of Texas-Austin and Secretary of the American Sociological Association, speaking on future directions. In addition to synthesizing what had been said over two days, Sullivan provided sociological insights about macro-level shifts in higher education, new definitions of scholarship, and new ways to evaluate and "credential" faculty.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

✓ Deal Struck on Census Sampling Issue The Administration and Congress have struck a deal on the use of sampling in the 2000 census. The deal allows the U.S. Census Bureau to move forward with trials of scientific sampling for the 2000 count, but permits public funds to be used for a Republican court challenge of the procedure. Critics of the deal note that opponents are free to shop around for a friendly three-judge panel to get an injunction against sampling just about the time the Census Bureau wants to try it out. Many opponents to sampling admit that they hope for an eventual Supreme Court ruling that sampling is unconstitutional and that "enumeration" or actual head-counting—is the only allowable means of conducting the census.

✓ OMB Releases New Directive on Race and Ethnicity Standards . . . The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), meanwhile, has issued new Race and Ethnicity Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting (Revised Directive 15). The new designations for race are: White; Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaska Native. For ethnicity, the designations are: Hispanic or Latino; and Not Hispanic or Latino. OMB says more research is needed before a complete set of guidelines can be developed. Further review will take place in the next few months by statistical and policy experts who will provide recommendations to OMB by Spring 1998. The new standards will be used by the Census Bureau in the 2000 Census and the 2000 Dress Rehearsal scheduled for March 1998. For further information, contact Suzann Evinger, OMB Statistical Policy Office at (202) 395-7245. An electronic copy of the notice is available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/html/fedreg.html

✓ NIH Gets Last Minute Boost from Congress As part of its final business before adjourning, the 105th Congress passed the conference report on the Labor, Health and Human Services approriations bill. The bill includes a 7.1 percent increase for the National Institutes of Health and directs the Institute of Medicine to conduct a study of NIH research priority setting. The measure was expected to be approved by President Clinton. In October, the President had signed the VA, HUD, Independent Agencies bill, which includes a five percent increase for the National Science Foundation.

✓ Hill Briefing Held On Healing and the Mind A House Appropriations Subcommittee sponsored a lively briefing on Healing and the Mind in October that saw
researchers and policymakers call for a greater federal commitment to behavioral and
social science research. The briefing focused on the role of the mind in healing and
health and was convened by Rep. John Porter (R-IL), Chair of the Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. NIH Office of
Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBBSR) Director Norman Y. Anderson said
good health demands more than the study of genetics. "Our beliefs, our emotions, our
behavior, our thoughts, our family and cultural systems, as well as the environmental
context in which we live, all are as relevant to our health as our genetic inheritance
and physiology." The next scientific challenge, he said, is to "seek a deeper understanding" of the interactions between these social, psychological, and behavioral variables and health. Herbert Benson, President of the Mind/Body Medical Institute at
Harvard Medical School, said there is "ever increasing data that behavioral
approaches decrease visits to the doctors" and urged that the NIH be given increased
funding for social and behavioral research.

✓ NIMH Gets New Acting Deputy Director.... National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Director Steve Hyman has announced psychologist Richard Nakamura as the Institute's new Acting Deputy Director, replacing Rex Cowdry. Nakamura has recently served as Director of the NIMH Office of Science Policy.

Join ISA and Head North!

 \boldsymbol{I} n 1998, sociologists will not need to cross an ocean to get the best of international sociology.

Instead, just cross the Canadian border and attend the International Sociological Association's XIV World Congress from July 26 to August 1, 1998 in Montreal.

The Congress is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the ISA with the theme: "Social Knowledge: Heritage, Challenges, Perspectives."

Sociologists can still offer papers for the Congress but deadlines are approaching in almost all the Research Committees, which have up to 16 sessions each at the Congress.

Now is a good time to join ISA. Membership rates are low and joining ISA entitles you to significant discounts on registration fees for the World Congress. ISA membership entitles you to the ISA Bulletin, a subscription to its quarterly, International Sociology, and the opportunity to participate in the 50 different ISA Research Committees

For more information on ISA and the XIV Congress, go to the ISA website at: www.uc.es/info/isa

Ford Approves ASA Grant Request for Initiative on Race

In early November, The Ford Foundation notified the American Sociological Association that it has approved funding for ASA's grant proposal to examine and report on social science knowledge on race, racism, and race relations. The ASA is seeking to help educate the nation about race in conjunction with the Clinton Administration's initiative, "One America." Melvin Oliver, the Foundation's Vice President of Asset Building and Community Development, will lend his scholarly expertise on race relations to the project's goal of mapping the behavioral and social sciences knowledge in the domain of race relations and the causes and consequences of racism in society.

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With Ford support, ASA will convene a small research workshop. The workshop is designed to assess, integrate, and synthesize concepts and findings resulting from the Call for Help issued by ASA (see November Footnotes); flesh out connections between different domains of work; and provide guidance on presenting this knowledge to relevant communities.

Additional information about ASA's efforts can be found on its home page: http://www.asanet.org. Direct communucation can be sent to: race.project@asanet.org.

Mark Becker and Michael Sobel

Sociological Methodology Gets a Winning Duo

Editor's Note: In January 1997, based on recommendations from the Committee on Publications, ASA Council appointed new editors for three journals, including Sociological Methodology (SM). In this issue, Footnotes presents profiles of the new SM co-editors, as well as their vision statement.

by Yu Xie, University of Michigan

Michael Sobel, Professor of Sociology at the University of Arizona, and Mark Becker, Associate Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Michigan, will co-edit Sociological Methodology. The long distance separating Arizona and Michigan would ordinarily make Sobel and Becker unlikely partners in a co-editorship. It was, however, an unordinary event that brought them together to be co-editors of Sociological Methodologu.

Methodology.

Michael Sobel graduated from Florida State University with a BA degree in Sociology in 1972. He went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for graduate education, earning an MS degree in sociology in 1975 and another MS degree in statistics in 1978. He completed his PhD in 1980, with a dissertation on lifestyle and social structure. Sobel's academic career has been associated with the University of Arizona, as Assistant Professor in 1982-86, Associate Professor in 1986-91, and Professor since 1991.

Mark Becker obtained a BS in mathematics from Towson State University in 1980 and went to Pennsylvania State University for graduate education in statistics. He completed his PhD in 1985, with a dissertation on categorical data analysis, and immediately began his academic career at the University of Florida in the Department of Statistics as Assistant Professor. He later moved to the University of Michigan, where he was appointed in the Department of Biostatistics, as Assistant Professor in 1989 and Associate Professor in 1992. Since 1996, Becker has had an active affiliation as Faculty Associate with Michigan's Institute for Social Research

Although Sobel and Becker have known each other for more than a decade due to their common interest in loglinear and related models, their collaboration was triggered by the unexpected death, on May 7, 1995, of their mutual friend and a former editor of Sociological Methodology, Clifford C. Clogg. As Cliff Clogg's first statistics doctoral student and former collabora tor, Mark Becker had maintained a close relationship with Cliff Clogg and his family. Having just co-edited a book (published in 1995) with Cliff Clogg along with Gerhard Arminger, Michael Sobel saw himself as Clogg's close professional and personal friend. Saddened and devastated by Clogg's untimely death, they both wanted to pay tribute to Clogg's scholarly achievement and professional leadership and to carry on his legacy. In September 1996, Becker and Sobel successfully co-organized a conference "Social Science and Statistics: In Honor of the Late Clifford C. Clogg" at the Pennsylvania State University Co-sponsored by the Methodology Section of the ASA, the conference drew attendance from many prominent scholars in sociology, statistics, and demography all over the world. Based on papers presented at the conference, Becker and Sobel are currently co-editing two special issues of Sociological Methods and Research. This collaborative experience provides a solid basis for their forthcoming co-editorship of Sociological Methodology.

Sobel's contributions to sociological methodology are numerous, of which the most notable ones include analysis of mobility tables, structural equations, and causal inference. His 1985 AJS paper co-authored with Michael Hout and Otis Dudley Duncan on structural mobility was a landmark piece that set the agenda for mobility research in the ensuing years. Published in ASR in 1981, his diagonal model remains the standard tool for studying mobility or mobility-like effects. It should be mentioned that the influence of Sobel's work is not limited to the sociological circle, for Sobel has also published extensively in related statistical journals, such as Psychometrika and the Journal of American Statistical Association (JASA).

Following in Cliff Clogg's footsteps, Becker has been an expert in categorical data analysis straddling between statistics and sociology. Through a series papers published in JASA and the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (B), Becker's work on association models, particularly those with a multi-dimensional structure, has been highly influential. His computer software for these models found its way to the sociological community around 1990 and is today still widely used, albeit in altered forms. His recent papers on marginal models were largely motivated by sociological problems and are bound to influence the way sociologists analyze contingency tables in the future. It is particularly noteworthy that two major papers out of his latest line of work on marginal models were published in Sociological Methodology (1994 and 1998). It is clear that Becker is deeply interested in and firmly committed to sociology. As a discipline, sociology is very fortunate to have his contribution and service.

There is no doubt that Sobel and Becker's scholarly credentials well qualify them to be co-editors of Sociological Methodology. However, as consumers and contributors we often expect more than scholarly credentials in our editors. We also want to know whether or not they can process submissions in a timely and objective manner and exercise sound judgment in areas beyond their own expertise. Knowing them both, I am confident that Sobel and Becker will do a superb job on all fronts. For example, their vision of methodol-

ogy is very broad, as evidenced by their plan to include qualitative and historical methods in Sociological Methodology. Wherever they lack expertise, they will seek advice from experts. The co-editorship team should also benefit from Becker's experience in academic administration.

Given Sobel and Becker's broad and active networks outside sociology, I expect them to be proactive in bringing the latest new developments in other fields (such as spatial statistics and GIS) to the attention of the sociological community. The Publications Committee of the ASA made the right decision in selecting them to be next co-editors of Sociological Methodology. In the good hands of Sobel and Becker we will see the continuation of Sociological Methodology as a flagship journal of sociology. As before, we will see quality, innovation, and lasting impact in the papers that will appear in Sociological Methodology.

ASR Examines Self-Esteem Issues

by Glenn Firebaugh, Editor, American Sociological Review Pennsylvania State University

Why do people have children? In agricultural societies, children contribute to the material well-being of their parents through their work on the farm. But in present-day urban societies, children are very costly. Why do individuals have children in urban societies?

One popular answer is that children serve to enhance an adult's self-esteem. The enhancement of self-esteem through childbearing might be especially important for individuals who are not in a position to enhance their self-esteem through their careers. So if self-esteem enhancement is a significant factor in the decision to have children, we expect the self-esteem motivation to be especially strong among those having low education, low income, and a dead-end job.

In an article to appear in the December issue of the American Sociological Review ("Self-esteem Enhancement Through Fertility?"), Gary Oates finds no evidence that childbearing enhances selfesteem in the United States. Using data from a nationally representative sample of young American adults (3323 women and 3208 men, ages 23-30), Oates finds that self-esteem is higher among those with greater education and more favorable career prospects. However, number of children has no effect on self-esteem for either women or men at any socioeconomic level. If childbearing in fact does not enhance self-esteem, then individuals who have children to enhance their self-esteem are likely to be disap-pointed. Though Oates's data cannot tell us how often the desire to enhance selfesteem is a decisive factor in childbearing, the findings do suggest that, if the desire to enhance self-esteem enhancement is a widespread motive for having a baby, then childbearing decisions are often based on unrealistic expectations.

Editors Pledge Innovative Articles

by Michael Sobel, University of Arizona, and Mark Becker University of Michigan

Sociological Methodology is both the leading publication of innovative contributions by sociological methodologists and the primary vehicle for dissemination of important methodological contributions to the larger sociological community. Sociological Methodology is truly an interdisciplinary journal, featuring contributions from leading scholars in other disciplines, and influencing the practice of research in other social sciences.

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While the success of the journal in these diverse endeavors stems ultimately from the high quality of the contributions, previous editors of Sociological Methodology have also worked very hard to keep in mind the different functions performed by this journal and to see that these are met. We intend to do the same. First, we are committed to publishing outstanding innovative work. At the same time, we shall insist that such contributions be clearly written and accessible to as broad an audience as possible, and we shall work hard with the authors, when needed, to see that this occurs. Second, we hope to continue the tradition of introducing sociologists to useful and exciting new developments in related fields, by publishing both innovative contributions and state of the art overviews of these developments. Several of the topics we are interested in highlighting include contributions of cognitive psychology to survey methodology, and statistical work on nonparametric regression and hierarchical modeling. We are also very interested in geographical information systems and new developments in spatial modeling, as we believe these developments hold great promise for sociologists interested in spatial relations and diffusion processes, for example. We would also like to feature some literature on dynamical systems and chaos, including tools for the empirical evaluation of these systems, as we believe this literature is potentially useful to sociologists studying dynamic processes. While some sociologists have found it useful to adopt language from this area, as of yet there has been little formal modeling and empirical analysis in sociology that has been informed by this literature

Finally, we wish to see more qualitative methodology featured in Sociological Methodology. We hope that inclusion of such work would help to encourage a serious interchange of ideas between quantitative and qualitative methodologists, one that would help both types of methodologists to understand more broadly the strengths and weaknesses of their approaches to inference, and ultimately lead to the construction of stronger methodological tools.

AAAS: Making Room for Sociological Research

by Frank D. Bean, University of Texas-Austin, and Mary Frank Fox, Georgia institute of Technology

What do research areas including aging, collective behavior, community, crime, demography, economy, family, education, environment, health, gender, race, and science and technology have in common? These represent just some of the focal-areas of sociologists who belong to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), who attend and present papers at the AAAS annual meetings, and read and contribute to Science, the AAAS journal.

AAAS is an organization of and for a broad community of researchers, teachers, and practioners in the social, behav-ioral, and economic, as well as natural and physical sciences. Receiving and perhaps publishing papers in Science, and attending and presenting papers at the AAAS meetings, offer terrific opportunities to obtain information, communicate with colleagues, and exchange knowledge and ideas within and between disciplinary areas. A sample of participating sociologists report:

"AAAS meetings are an important means for establishing the relevance of sociological work among researchers

"AAAS is a two-way street: social scientists and natural scientists find they mutually inform each other.

"Presenting research at AAAS has provided opportunities to collaborate with biological scientists on issues of health and society."

"AAAS provides access to an extremely wide audience."

AAAS annual meetings bring

together not only large numbers of researchers but also the nation's (indeed the world's) largest assembly of science reporters--a media-group increasingly interested in the perspectives of sociologists on a broad range of topics. Press coverage of research results presented at AAAS meetings is typically more extensive than that for papers presented at any other associations's meetings, thus affording a uniquely valuable mechanism for the dissemination of the findings of important sociological research.

Similarly, sociologists who publish papers in Science (see the August 15 issue which contains an article by sociologist Robert J. Sampson on "Neighborhoods and Violent Crime") receive very wide distribution of their work. In short, the benefits for sociologists who belong to AAAS and take part in its activities are numerous, multifaceted, and can be sub-

Sociologists can experience the world of AAAS by attending its 1998 meeting on February 12-17 in Philadelphia, PA. ASA will host a reception at the meeting for sociologists and aligned social scien-

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Frank Bean is chair of the ASA Committee on ASA-AAAS Relations and Mary Frank Fox is a member of that committee.

Symposium Part of Festivities to Celebrate Archives Opening

The American Sociological Association and the Sociology and Women's Studies programs at Pennsylvania State University are sponsoring a one-day symposium on February 28 to celebrate the opening of the ASA Archives at the Penn State Libraries and to honor the work of sociologist Jessie Bernard.

The symposium will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn on the Penn State's University Park campus. Through formal presentations and discussion, this event will focus on archives and the history and sociology of science.

The first of two substantive sessions will begin with a general paper by Barbara Laslett, University of Minnesota, on the uses of biography in the sociology of science, followed by presentations by Margaret Matson, Penn State, and Leslie Wolfe, President, Center for Women Policy Studies. Both Wolfe and Matson worked with Professor Bernard at Penn State.

The second session will begin with a paper by Diana Shenk, Head of Historical Collections and Data Archives at Penn State, on the role of archival collections in stimulating valuable scholarship. It will be followed by presentations by the co-chairs of ASA Committee on Archives, Stephen Turner and Lynn Zucker. Turner, University of South Florida, will address the place of research on individual and organizational papers in illuminating the development of a discipline. Zucker, UCLA, will focus her remarks on the place of organizational and institutional analysis in the sociology of science.

Professor Bernard was on the faculty of the Department of Sociology at Penn State from 1947 until her retirement in 1964. Her papers (along with those of her husband, L. L. Bernard, a former President of ASA) form the foundation of a Penn State Libraries collection of the papers of eminent sociologists.

Professor Bernard--later to be Vice President of ASA--presented her first paper to the American Sociological Society in 1924. After her "retirement" from Penn State, she published more than 60 articles and over a dozen books including The Future of Motherhood, The Future of the Family, and The Female World from a Global Perspective. She worked actively in the policy world of Washington, and her influence on feminist thinking extended well beyond the boundaries of sociology. As stated in the New York Times after her death in 1996, Dr. Bernard became a central figure in the feminist revolution.

Although there is no conference fee, registration is required. For further information, please contact Melody Lane at the Penn State's Department of Sociology at (814) 863-8490 or by e-mail at: MQL6@PSU.EDU.

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January 15 Deadline

NSF Sociology Program Welcomes Submissions

 2^- he Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) welcomes the submission of quality proposals for the Spring review cycle. The Program supports research on problems of human social organization, demography, and processes of individual and institutional change. In addition, theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes are encouraged. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. In assessing the intrinsic merit of a proposed piece of research, four components are key to securing support from the Sociology Program: (1) The issues investigated must be theoretically grounded. (2) The research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation. (3) The research design must be appropriate to the questions asked. (4) The proposed research must advance our understanding of social processes or social structures.

Proposal submission target dates:

Regular proposals: January 15 and August 15 Dissertation proposals: February 15 and October 15

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Disability is Area Rich With Sociological Opportunity

by Gary L. Albrecht University of Illinois at Chicago

 ${\cal D}_{
m isability}$ has recently captured the public's attention in American soci-

ety, stimulated sociological inquiry, and emerged as an important priority for policy makers. This is due to the increased prevalence of functional limitations in



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society as a result of an aging population, technological interventions that prolong the lives of persons with disabling chronic illnesses, unhealthy lifestyles and broadened definitions of disability. The salience of the problem is highlighted by the growing visibility of persons with disabilities in public spaces as a result of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Increasingly accessible environments, the construction of disability as a social problem, personal experiences with family members, coworkers and friends who experience the impact of disability on their lives and the public activism of the disability community all contribute to a public awareness of disability.

The Institute of Medicine has responded to these forces by producing Disability In America: Toward a National Agenda For Prevention and Enabling America. The larger academic community has been sensitized through a series of editorials on people with disabilities and discussions of disability studies as an emergent field in The Chronicle of Higher Education. The American Sociological Association has acknowledged the importance of disability issues by sponsoring disabilityrelated sessions at the annual meetings, assuring that meeting sites are accessible, establishing the Committee on Society and Persons With Disabilities to deal with disability related issues, and by educating Departmental Chairs regarding persons with disabilities and about university obligations to faculty, staff and students under the

The purpose of this brief statement is to heighten sociological awareness of disability research, teaching and social policy. This initial discussion of the issues focuses on the key question: What is disability? Like the concept of social class, disability is difficult to define and operationalize. There are theoretical models, politically correct definitions and language, legal definitions, operational definitions for the Census Bureau and National Health Interview Surveys, and bureaucratic definitions for government and social service agencies.

Early definitions of disability focused on the abnormality, moral stigma, deviance, deficit in function, and inability of individuals to fit into society, perform routine activities of daily living or fulfill their expected roles. Furthermore, these definitions were based on medical models of illness which assumed impairment, pathophysiology, and an organic base to functional limitation. Emphasis was on accepted physical disabilities such as spinal cord injury, brain injury, cerebral palsy, deafness and low vision. Accepted mental disabilities were schizophrenia and severe depression. There was not much room in these models for chemical sensitivities, severe stuttering, undetermined low back pain and migraine headaches let alone chronic fatigue syndrome or Lyme's disease.

Revolts against tradition and the medical model emphasize the social, rehabilitation, community based, environmental and political economic

models of disability. These models emphasize social definitions, the social construction of the problem, con-

sumer

Disability studies and research provide a forum for the best sociological thinking on theory and conceptual development, measurement, social policy, and their application to human rights.

empowerment, the availability of government benefits and the effects of a disabling environment on the individual as explanatory paradigms. They focus attention on the resources and social forces external to the individual as important determinants of independence and quality of life. The debates between individually-based and socially-oriented models is lively today.

From a functional point of view, disability is measured indirectly in terms of diagnosis and more often by impairment, performance in activities of daily living and by role performance. These measures are fraught with the measurement problems of self report, the subjectivity of the expert judge, and the credibility of individuals who pur-port to be disabled. In addition there are the related problems: does performing an activity once mean that a person can do this with ease and frequency? The disability experience is also a process. A person may be able to accomplish a set of tasks one day but not the next, hence the title of Kathy Charmaz's insightful work, Good Days, Bad Days: The Self in Chronic Illness and Time (1991).

During the 1970s and 1980s most disability studies relied heavily on the conceptual model developed by Saad Nagi and the World Health Organization's International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps (ICIDH) framework. These models focus on the intrinsic personal capacities of persons with disabilities without paying sufficient attention to constraints in the external environment such as steps, transportation and discrimination in the workplace. The new, beta revision of the ICIDH manual addresses these deficiencies by providing means to map the different dimensions and domains of disablement. Dimensions refer to levels of experiencing the consequences of disability, such as, at the body, personal or societal levels, and domains point to particular areas of functioning; e.g., memory, taking care of oneself, or performing civic roles, such as voting. New Institute of Medicine work suggests that disability is the gap between personal capability and environmental demand. These adjustments in conceptual models reflect the interactions of individuals in their environments and are accompanied by corresponding operational measures of individual functional capacity and barriers or resources in the physical and social environment.

Government Definitions

In practice, the U.S. government has 49 separate definitions of disability

depending on the agency and intended use of the definition. The basis of disability determination for the government is

expressed in law and anchored in an individual's medical condition, rights, ability to work and generate income or having the status of a veteran of military service. For example, the ADA law states that: "The term "disability" means, with respect to an individual: (A) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such an individual; (B) a record of such and impairment; or (C) being regarded as having such an impairment (42 U.S.C. 12102(2). By contrast, the Internal Revenue code says that "An individual is permanently and totally disabled if he is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reasons of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or

period of not less than 12 months. An individual shall not be considered to be permanently and totally disabled unless he furnishes proof of the existence thereof in such form and manner. and at such times, as the Secretary may require (28 U.S.C. &22(e)(3)." Notice that these legal definitions typically rely on the clinical judgment of a physician and hence reinforce the medical model of disability. Members of the disability community point out that there are few instances where people with disabilities can express the insights learned from their own experience, participate in the definition and determination of disability or help identify what would be considered reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities

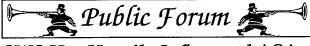
In sum, disability is a vibrant area of sociological research and practice. Disability studies and research provide a forum for the best sociological thinking on theory and conceptual development, measurement, social policy and their application to human rights.

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San Francisco in 1998

The 25th Annual Honors Program

The American Sociological Association is now accepting applications from exceptual seniors and graduate students in sociology for admission into the 1998 Honors Program. The deadline to apply is February 15, 1998. Completing applications received after that date but before April 15, 1998, will be considered on a space-available basis. Applications are available via the World Wide Web at http://www.jcu.edu/SOCIO/apply98.htm. For further information, contact: Duane Dukes, Honors Program Director, Sociology Department, John Carroll University, University Heights, OH 44118.



SWS Has Heavily Influenced ASA

In the September/October issue of Footnotes, Glenn Firebaugh summarizes the American Sociological Review article by Rosenfeld et al., "American Sociological Association Elections, 1975-1996." Firebaugh notes that women members of Sociologist for Women in Society (SWS) had the highest election rate to ASA office and Council-68%. The effect of SWS membership appears to disappear when controls are added by gender, career age, and scholarly achievement, and that the decisive factor was gender, not SWS membership.

I would like to suggest that gender became so important during those years because of the activist presence of SWS. As members of the nominating committees, SWS saw to it that more women were nominated for all positions in ASA, and we urged our members to vote for them. As members of program committees and sections, SWS also pushed for women to be panelists, organizers, and presiders of plenaries and thematics at the Annual Meeting. As members of the publications committees, we watched for women editors and made changes in sexist language in ASA journals.

So, while SWS membership may not have been the decisive factor in the significant presence of women in the leadership of the American Sociological Association, the tireless work of SWS was a critical factor in making ASA the much more diverse and representative organization it is today.

Judith Lorber, Professor Emerita, City University of New York-Brooklyn College and Graduate School

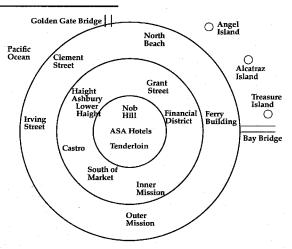
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from this place see San Francisco as a cold and uninviting place.

Nor need they. Walk a few blocks north and the sky opens up. Shadow gives way to sun-light. Fresh air replaces the odor of automobile exhaust. Nineteenth century belle epoch buildings line the steep hills, trendy French and Indonesian restaurants at street level. expensive residences above.

Known as "Nob Hill," this part of the city once showcased the conspicuous consump-tion of 19th century industrial barons, whose entrepreneurial foresight created fortunes out of the new technology of their time. The past endures into the present. Grand hotels of another era, a stately Cathedral, a small park, and airy condominiums that sell for \$800,000 create this picture postcard image of beauty and wealth. Here and there you can find a smokey cigar bar, providing both a reactionary and a rebellious note to this otherwise staid neighborhood, with its clean streets, carefully tended gardens, and awestruck tourists. Even in this apparently pristine setting, a really close observer can discover ubiquitous graffiti tags secreted away down narrow alleys or inscribed discretely on the standards of street signs, graphic evidence of another reality, another aesthetic.

At the crest of the hill is one of the city's most breathtaking views, expanding outward from the northern waterfront, past the primal greenery of Angel Island, to the affluent suburbs of Marin county. On a clear day you will see as far as Vallejo, two bridges and fifty miles by car. Ferries, freighters and pleasure craft ply the bay. Sea gulls and wisps of late afternoon fog enhance the romance. The breeze is laden with the scent of ocean salt. It carries the incongruous barks of sea lions who have



Some Unique Cultural Sites Easily Accessed by Public Transportation

established their own reality by colonizing the boat slips at Pier 39.

Such beauty is startling, no matter how familiar. But you only have to turn around and start down the hill to move from the sublime to the sordid. Compared to the crest of the hill, the bottom is another world altogether Known as the "Tenderloin," this area is home to hard working immigrant families struggling to stay above the poverty line. Thos who manage to prosper economically quickly

leave the neighborhood. Those who do not live side by side with a heterogeneous population. This area is one of the main gathering places for the city's transgender community. It is turf for prostitutes of various genders, ages and races, offering an extensive repertoire of sex trade specialties. Strip shows, massage parlors and "adult movies" line filthy streets, next door to liquor stores, convenience stores, cheap hotels and dingy apartments. Drug dealers, muggers, petty thieves and small time

operators coexist with pensioners, the disabled, the aged. Many on the streets are veter-ans, from Viet Nam to the Persian Gulf. Some are "gutter punks" whose escape from conventional reality consists of being pierced, tattooed, shaved and branded. Dressed up like refugees from "Road Warrior" they sleep in the underbrush or abandonded spaces by night. By day they travel in packs, usually

accompanied by a big, ugly dog.
On an ordinary day all these folk intermingle with locals from other parts of the city, taking care of business, and tourists from everywhere, waiting to board the cable cars or explore the shopping opportunities of upscale boutiques and department stores. Taking time to observe this urban panorama is like standing before a Breugal painting, examining the details of the scene for what they reveal about the dynamics of social life. These few blocks around the convention hotels are just a small sample of the kaleidoscopic diversity that coexists and commingles in this city by the bay. Moving out in concentric circles from the convention site is an extensive array of cultural enclaves. The Financial District, the waterfront, Old Chinatown (on Grant Street), New Chinatown (on Clement Street), Newer Yet Chinatown (along Irving Street), the Castro, the Inner Mission, the Outer Mission, South of Market, The Haight Ashbury, Lower Haight, North Beach, the Pacific Ocean are all accessible by public transportation. So bring some money for the Muni (\$1 a trip), your walking shoes, and your spirit of sociological adventure. See how many different versions of reality you can discover in this unique American city.

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ASA Media Fellow Puts Sociology to Work in Newsroom



Anne Boyle

by Anne Boyle, Yale University, 1997 ASA-AAAS Mass Media Science Fellow

expected I would spend the summer of 1997 chasing bats, UFOs and boxing fans. But thanks to the ASA's Mass Media Science Fel-

lowship I got the chance.

The fellowship, sponsored by the ASA and administered through the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), sends scholars to news organizations to promote mutual understanding between the academic world and the news

During my ten-week assignment as a science writer for the Albuquerque Tribune I wrote newspaper articles on a range of scientific and general news topics. I wrote about laser weapons. I wrote about biological weapons. I interviewed UFO fanatics at Roswell and boxing fanatics in an Albuquerque sports bar. I ate breakfast with a gameshow host who has obsessive compulsive disorder. I learned how butterflies figure out which way is north, how vampire bats attack and how DNA is preserved. I went on midnight wildlife observations and saw a meteorite from Mars. I held a 150-millionyear-old dinosaur egg fossil and interviewed the four-year-old boy who found it. I talked with the governor about his new hairstyle. I tried to understand why a pristine mountain community didn't want a Wal-Mart store.

Needless to say, it was a great summer.

Every day was a field trip, and I enjoyed the work immensely. Beyond that, I came away from the experience with some insights about how the news-gathering process works--particularly, the complexities of getting sociology into the paper. Although there is much interest in the social and behavioral sciences among editors, reporters and readers, I found it difficult to locate sociological research that I could turn into articles for general readers.

Most of the journalists I worked with expressed curiosity about the behavioral sciences. They thought the media should do a better job covering sociological research, but they seemed unsure how to begin reporting

Several factors work against sociology in getting press coverage. The average story length for regional newspapers is a couple of dozen short paragraphs. This makes it diffi-cult to tackle the sorts of questions sociologists address. Editors typically require that articles be on topics that are timely and immediate. They demand that the article be self-contained and understandable to general readers without a specialized back ground. Most journalists do not have the time or interest to read academic publications regularly.

Frequently, I encountered physical and biological scientists who acted as their own agents and contacted the paper about their current research. Their promotions made it easy to report on their comparatively less interesting work. Extremely technical, farremoved research in physics, biology and astronomy makes it into the news, I think, largely because of the media savvy of people behind the research. Here are some proposed strategies based on what I saw used by scien

tists, university press offices and laboratories.

• Use press releases. Reporters rely heavily

on tips. Science writers especially rely on them. A short fax or letter outlining your research findings can spark a journalist's interests and launch a story.

 Summarize your findings. Left to their own devices, most reporters would feel nervous about summarizing a dense sociological argument with which they have no background. Do it for them in a way that is concise, jargon free and broadly interesting.

· Partially write the article. In the press release, give the journalist a vision of the compelling piece they could write. Include quotes from yourself and co-reseachers to add flavor to the article-short statements explaining the research and its importance in layperson's terms. Provide some context. explain the current debate going on and how your research fits in. Reporters like biographical information: Who are you? What made you want to study social behavior?

 Have a "news" angle. If something public happens in connection with the work, it can be reported as a news event. Paper publications, conference presentations or official, dated announcements constitute news events. Intellectuals thinking, writing alone do not. It is not always enough that something be interesting to get press.

• Timeliness. Newspapers favor breaking

news. They love to report on interesting things that they think their competition will miss. Before your work is published or presented, notify a reporter or editor. Give them a few days to write the piece so that they can run it on the day of publication. Three to five days seemed to be the norm. Giving a longer window of writing time may cause the story to get lost in the shuffle

or be forgotten.

• Make yourself available for phone inter-

views. If you can talk to the journalist, chances are you can inspire him or her to write a story. If you are excited about your research, your enthusiasm will probably be contagious. Interviewing in-person is also an option, but a reporter is more likely to take the story if it can be done conveniently.

· Provide the names of other sources. Journalists often want more than one angle to add depth to a story. Providing the names of other researchers in your field--particularly those who disagree with you--helps the reporter build a more comprehensive article.

The social sciences could provide an amazing gold mine for journalists, but they need help finding it. In turn, the popular press can provide an important outlet for sociologists who wish to share their work with broader audiences.

My sincerest thanks go to the ASA for extending me the opportunity to participate in the program. I believe that over time the Mass Media Science Fellowship will greatly improve sociologists' access to news outlets and increase the public's access to sociology. The fellowship provides excellent exposure to sociology in the well respected AAAS program which has traditionally been made up of physical and biological researchers. It offers a remarkable chance to promote sociology among these fellows, among journalists and editors, scientists and other professional sources, as well as the general public.

Editor's Note: For information on how to apply for the ASA-AAAS Media Fellowship consult the ASA home page: http:// www.asanet.org. 🔲

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researchers who were inclined to submit, but for whatever reason did not do so, may well have missed a great opportunity. We would be delighted to receive more proposals, and we especially want to encourage those who have not submitted previously to do so.

I'm afraid it's also the case that many sociologists are not aware of some of the NSF initiatives that involve our discipline, but whose funding sources are over and above the budget for sociology proper. Current information can be found on NSF's web sites. The Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences is a good place to look—http://www.nsf.gov/home/sbe/—as is the Crosscutting Programs page—http://www.nsf.gov/home/crssprgm/. In particular, sociologists interested in computing and/or communication processes may have unique opportunities.

Footnotes: What are the trend lines? Are sociologists being awarded a larger or smaller percentage of NSF research dollars than five and 10 years ago?

Markovsky: Among people who have been here for some time, the sense is that the proportion of funding specifically earmarked for sociology has been stable and will continue to be sodespite rumors to the contrary that surface from time to time. However, opportunities exist for sociologists to garner larger slices of the pie to the extent that they take advantage of recent and future cross-disciplinary funding initiatives. For instance, before signing on here as a Program Director, I participated in two of a series of four "Knowledge Networking Workshops." Their purpose was to develop agendas for innovative and integrative lines of research that capitalize on new technologies. For instance, there was a great deal of discussion about studying and capitalizing upon electronic communi-cations systems such as the Internet and World Wide Web. That social scientists are in on the ground floor of such dis-cussions should heighten the chances that the social sciences will benefit from such new sources of funding.

Footnotes: What are your key priorities for your tenure, both for yourself and for sociology?

Markovsky: I expect to broaden my knowledge base with respect to research in sociology and related disciplines. I'll become better versed in a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches in the field. Because most of my colleagues here are not sociologists, there is a lot of informal discussion and cross-fertilization of ideas among social and behavioral scientists of varying stripes. This makes for an intellectual environment that's challenging, invigorating, and fun.

As for the discipline, I simply hope to continue promoting the kinds of scientific values that I always have tried to incorporate in my teaching and writing. I will encourage reviewers and panelists to evaluate proposals in terms of the scientific import of the issues they address, the explicitness and logical coherence of the theories they invoke, and the appropriateness of the empirical and analytic methods to be applied.

Footnotes: There seems to be a greater emphasis at NSF in employing interdisciplinary approaches in designing programs and in the rewarding of research dollars. If that is an accurate statement, what specific suggestions do you have for sociologists seeking funding? For that matter, given the emphasis on the interdisciplinary, can we be sure there will still be a NSF Sociology Program 10 or 20 years down the line?

Markovsky: It's true that opportunities for interdisciplinary projects appear to be on the rise. Happily, this doesn't appear to be at the expense of the sociology program, but rather an adjunct to funding opportunities already in existence. Sociology does appear to have a future at NSF

The down-side of the interdisciplinary trend--at least by one way of thinking--is that at NSF "interdisciplinary means "inter-directorate," and NSF's directorates do not necessarily organize disciplines the way I would or the way Footnotes readers would. For instance, because political science and sociology both are in the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, a collaboration across these fields generally would not benefit from any crossdisciplinary programs. On the other hand, collaborations with mathematicians, computer scientists, biologists, engineers, and so on would count as interdisciplinary.

Specific suggestions? That's not so easy. I can say that those who submit proposals will enhance their funding chances by making a strong, well-written case for advancing scientific knowledge in their chosen research area, whatever that area happens to be. Such an orientation will serve them better than one that emphasizes topics or methodologies they perceive to be in vogue at a particular point in time. I also can say that emphasizing the potential significance of the research to society is more than mere windowdressing. NSF has to demonstrate to Congress that its budget is justified, and this task is facilitated by grant recipients who indicate the greater good their research will engender.

Footnotes: What are your initial impressions so far? Are you glad to be in the Washington, DC area?

Markovsky: Typical university administrations pale by comparison to the federal government, so diving in at NSF has been somewhat of a jolt. However, NSF has a large proportion of visiting scientists, and that does soften the bureaucratic edge. Between informal office visits and lunches, visiting panelists, seminars and other forums, the intellectual environment here is very lively. Surprisingly so.

NSF is in Arlington, a stone's throw (and a short subway ride) from "The District." It's exciting to live in a place where, as they like to say, the local news is the national news. The contrasts to Iowa are sharp, but having the advantages of both worlds is wonderful. My family is in Iowa, and seeing them monthly is going to take some adjust-ment. Still, there is a plus side even in this regard. My daughter Tess will get to visit her nation's capital several times a year, and, in staying in touch with me, she probably has become the only first-grader on her block to use e-mail to any significant extent. I'm sure that after my stint at NSF I'll be more than ready to return to "normal" life, but for now I'm thoroughly enjoying the change of pace and the new challenges.

Five Sociology Students Are Awarded Ford Fellowships

Five sociologists are among the one hundred minority scholars awarded Ford Foundation fellowships for 1997.

Ford Foundation fellowships for 1997.

Among the sociologists is Lionel Cantu, a member of ASA's Minority Fellowship Program and its Minority Opportunities through School Transformation (MOST) program.

Designed to increase the presence of minority groups on the nation's college and university faculties, fellowships are granted to beginning graduate students, students writing their dissertations, and recent PhD recipients.

The fellowships are administered by the National Research Council, which is the principal operating arm of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering.

More than 170 renowned scholars in the sciences and humanities selected the award winners from about 1,000 applicants, based on merit and promise of future achievement. The evaluation panels are composed of faculty members from among the nation's institutions of higher education as well as from industry and private research institutions.

This year's award pool includes 38 African Americans, 30 Mexican Americans, 16 Puerto Ricans, nine Native American Indians, and seven Pacific Islanders. Of the fellows awarded this year, 24 are working in the social sciences, 15 are conducting research in the physical sciences, math, or engineering, 33 study the humanities, 15 are working in the life sciences, and 13 are studying in the behavioral sciences.

Sociology 1997 Pre-Doctoral Fellows

Amanda Lee Cross, University of Arizona Simon Eduardo Weffer, Stanford University

Sociology 1997 Dissertation Fellows

Lionel Cantu, University of Caifornia-Irvine Peggy Dee-Ann Southard, University of Oregon

Sociology 1997 Post-Doctoral Fellow

Connie LaVerne McNeely, Arizona State University

Information on the upcoming competition can be obtained by contacting the Fellowship Office of the National Research Council by e-mail at: infofell@nas.edu or on the world wide web at: fellowships.nas. edu.

January 31 Deadline

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Demography of Aging Available at University of Wisconsin

The Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in the demography of aging and the life course, funded by the National Institute on Aging. The CDE program is intended to support and develop the research and professional skills of recent PhDs in sociology, economics, or complementary disciplines and to focus those skills on significant theoretical, methodological, and policy issues in the demography of aging and the life course. The NIA fellow will be encouraged to affiliate with one of the major research projects in the Center, for example, the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study or the National Survey of Families and Households. CDE provides a research and training environment that is strong in colleagueship, data and library resources, computing, and administrative support. The fellowship will be for one year with likely renewal for a second year, and it carries a stipend of \$20,300 to \$32,300, depending on post-PhD experience. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Applications must be submitted by January 31 1998. They should include a statement of research interests, samples of written work, and three letters of recommendation. Applications and requests for additional information should be addressed to Professor Robert M. Hauser, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1180 Observatory Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53706 (or by E-mail tohauser@ssc.wisc.edu). The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Call Out for 1998 Section Award Nominations

SA's 38 sections honor work in their specialities through awards made to articles, books, dissertations, career achievements and special contributions. The winners of the 1997 Section awards were featured in the November 1997 Footnotes. The list below is the Call for Nominations for the next award cycle, with the presentations occurring at the 1998 ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Please consider colleagues and students whose contribu-tions should have the special visibility accorded by a section award. The contact persons, award criteria, and due dates are listed

Undergraduate Education

Hans O. Mauksch Award

To place a name in nomination for this Award, please send a letter of recommendation to the Award Committee Chairperson indicating the name of the nominee, institutional affiliation, and a brief explanation reflecting the nature of his or her distin-guished contributions to undergraduate sociology. Please indicate the mailing address, email address, and telephone numbers where both nominators and the nominee may be contacted. Please send nominations as soon as possible, but no later than February 15, 1997. Application portfolios must be completed by March 15, 1998. Address nominations to: Janet Huber Lowry, Dean of Social Sciences, Austin College, 900 N. Grand Avenue, Sherman, TX 75090-4440; (903) 813-2467; e-mail jlowry@austinc.edu.

Medical Sociology

Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award

Eligible candidates must have been awarded a doctoral degree (not necessarily from a department of sociology) in the two years ending August 31, 1998, and be a mem-ber of the Section. Winner will receive travel support to the 1998 ASA Annual Meeting, where the winning paper will be delivered to the Section business meeting. Applicants should submit 5 copies of a sole-authored published or unpublished paper, based on the dissertation, that is no more than 30 doublespaced typed (10 or 12 pitch) pages inclusive of text and references. The deadline is May 1, 1998. Send the 5 copies to: Debra Umberson, Council Member at Large, Department of Sociology, 336 Burdine, University of Texas, Austin TX 78712-1088; (512) 471-1122; e-mail umberson@jeeves.la.utexas.edu

Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication

This award alternates between a book and an article. For 1998 it is a book in medical sociology published since 1996. A letter of nomination presenting a case for the award must be accompanied by one copy of the book. Dead-line for submission is May 1, 1998. Send nomination materials to: Bernice Pescosolido, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Ballantine Hall 744, Bloomington, IA 47405-6628; (812) 855-0791; e-mail pescosol@indi-

Leo G. Reeder Award for Distinguished Con-tribution to Medical Sociology

There are four criteria for the award: schol-

arly productivity and research; service to the medical sociology community; mentoring and training roles; and teaching. No candidate is to be informed of nomination. The recipient gives an address at the Section business meeting, which is published in the Journal Of Health and Social Behavior. The deadline is April 1, 1998. Send nomination letter and Curriculum Vitae to: Donald Light, 10 Adams Drive, Princ-eton, NJ 08540; (609) 566-6296; e-mail lightd@mail.ned.upenn.edu.

Crime, Law, and Deviance

Student Paper Competition

Entries must cover subject matter that is a concern of the Section: crime, law, or deviance.

Entries may be reports of original empirical or theoretical scholarship or evaluations of existing research or scholarship; must be typed, double-spaced; and use American Sociological Review citation style. Entries must be no more than 35 pages long, including all tables, appendices, and references. Papers may have been presented or submitted for publication elsewhere, but must not have been published by the date they are submitted to this competition. Entrants must be enrolled as students in a college or university (in any country) on the date they submit their entry. Each entrant may submit only one entry. Membership in the ASA is not required. The deadline is April 15, 1998. Send nominations to: Crime, Law, and Deviance Paper Competition, c/o D.
Wayne Osgood Department of Sociology,
Pennsylvania State University, 206 Oswald
Tower, University Park, PA 16802-6214.

Sociology of Education

Willard Waller Award for Distinguished

Scholarship
The Willard Waller Award commemorates Willard Waller, whose seminal work on teaching and schools laid the foundation for the sociology of education. The nature of the award rotates on a three-year cycle. The 1998
Willard Waller Award will be for a career of distinguished scholarship. The distinguished career award is given to an individual whose scholarly contributions over the years have advanced the study of education within the field of sociology. Closing date for nomina-tions is February 1, 1998. Please send nomina-tions to: David Stevenson, Willard Waller Committee Chair, Office of the Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education Room 6242, 600 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20202; (202) 401-0593; fax (202) 401-9027; email David_Stevenson@ed.gov.

Graduate Student Paper Award

The Sociology of Education Section makes an award each year for an outstanding paper written by a graduate student or students on a topic in education. The author (or first author) must be a graduate student at the time of the submission, and all authors must have been graduate students when the paper was written. Nominations from members of the Section and self-nominations are welcome. The student(s) need not have been a member of the Section at the time of the writing. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1998 Please send seven copies of the nominated paper: Laura Hersh Salganik, Graduate Stu-dent Paper Award Committee Chair, American Institutes for Research, 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street NW #400, Washington, DC 20007-3835; (202) 944-5242; e-mail Isalganik@air-dc.org.

Family

Award for Distinguisehed Scholarship Or

This award is designed to recognize the collective career or major service contribu-tions of a sociologist's work in the field of sociology of the family. Nominees for the award should be members of the American Sociological Association but do not necessarily need to be members of the Family Section. The distinguished career award recognizes the entire body of the person's work as it relates to the sociology of the family (not just one publication). Major service to the field is defined as those development (such as data banks, analysis techniques, scholarly writings, etc.) which have made a substantial impact on research in the family. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 1998. For each nominee or contribution, a one paragraph description of biographical facts and major works or a rational for the contributions should be included and sent to: Lynn White, Distinguished Scholarship Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0324; (402) 472-6005 (Office); e-mail LWHITE3@-UN1.FDII.

William J. Goode Best Book

The deadline for nominations for consideration of books published within the past two years in the sociology of the family is January 31, 1998. If you would like to nomi-nate a book for consideration, briefly state why the book should be considered and contact: Marilyn Ihinger-Tallman, Depart-ment of Sociology, Washington State Uni-versity, 204 Wilson Hall, Pullman, WA 99164-4020; (509) 335-4595 Fax: (509) 335-6419; e-mail TALLMANM@WSU.EDU.

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper

Papers (a maximum of 25 pages) must be entirely student-authored and deal with an important theoretical issue or significant empirical problem in the field of sociology of the family. Eligible students include n ter's and predoctoral students currently enrolled in a graduate program or graduating no earlier than December of 1997. The me, address, telephone number, e-mail address and/or Fax number, and institu-tional affiliation of the author must be indicated on the title page, along with graduate student status (year in the program and expected date of Ph.D.). An abstract of no more than 150 words should also be pro-vided. The deadline for submission is March 1, 1998. The award includes funds towards travel expenses to the 1998 ASA Annual Meeting. Papers should be sent to: Suzanne Bianchi, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-1315; (301) 405-6409; fax (304) 405-5743; e-mail SBIANCHI@B-SSLUMD EDU

Organizations, Occupations, and Work

Weber Award

The Weber Award is for an outstanding article or book (in alternating years) published over the past three years. The 1998 award will be for a book, and the nomination deadline is January 31, 1998. Authors can nominate themselves or Section members can do the nominating. To nominate, send three copies of the nominee's book, three copies of a justification of your nomi-nation, and nominee contact information (including email, if possible) to: Robin Leidner, Weber Award Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 3718 Locust Walk, Philadelphia PA 19104-6299; email rleidner@sas.upenn.edu.

Thompson Award

The James A. Thompson Award is given for an outstanding graduate student paper written in the three years prior to the award. The winner gets \$300 for travel to a professional meeting and serves as a representative to the Section Council that year. The deadline is March 31, 1998. As with the Weber Award, authors can nominate themselves or section members can do the nominating. To nominate, send three copies of the nominees article, three copies of a justification of your nomination, and nominee contact information (including email, if possible) to: Holly McCammon, James A. Thompson Award Chair, Department of Sociology, Nashville TN 37235; (615) 322-7626; e-mail mccammhj@ctrvax.vanderbilt.-

Theory

The Theory Prize is given to recognize outstanding work in theory. In even-numbered years, it is given to a book, and in odd-numbered years, to a paper; in both cases, eligible items are those published in the preceding four calendar years. The Theory Prize to be given in August 1998 is for a book published in calendar years 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997. Send preliminary nomina-tions to the Committee Chair by February

1,1998 (formal nominations and supporting materials must subsequently be sent to all Committee members, reaching them by March 1, 1998): Murray Webster, Jr., Theory Prize Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28223-0001.

Edward Shils-James Coleman Memorial Award (Graduate Student Prize)

The Shils-Coleman Award is given to recognize distinguished work in theory by a graduate student. The work may take the form of either: (a) a paper published or accepted for publication; (b) a paper presented at a professional meeting, or (c) a paper suitable for publication or presentation at a professional meeting. Please send preliminary nominations to the Committee Chair by February 1,1998 (formal nomina-tions and supporting materials must subse-quently be sent to all Committee members, reaching them by March 1, 1998): Professor David Sciulli, Shils-Coleman Award Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4351.

Sex and Gender

Sex & Gender Book Award

The Sex and Gender Section Award for Important Book honors those who make a significant contribution to the field of Sex and Gender, demonstrated by a book on the "cutting edge" of sociological inquiry. Nomi-nations of innovative "cutting edge" books published in 1995, 1996, or 1997 will be accepted for consideration. To submit a nomination, send a letter of no more than three pages explaining why the book makes a significant contribution to the field of the Sociology of Sex and Gender. Books written by non-sociologists may also be nominated. However, edited collections are not eligible. The deadline is April 1, 1998. Please send nominations to: Judith Howard, Department of Sociology, University of Washing-ton, Seattle, WA 98195-3340; e-mail JHOWARD@ U.WASHINGTON.EDU.

Sex & Gender Section Article Award

The Sex and Gender Section Award for an Important Article honors those who make a significant contribution to the field of Sex and Gender, demonstrated by an article on the "cutting edge" of sociological inquiry. Nominations of innovative "cut-ting edge" articles published in 1995, 1996, or 1997 will be accepted for consideration. To submit a nomination, please send a letter of no more than three pages explaining why the article makes a significant contri-bution to the field of the Sociology of Sex and Gender. Articles written by non-sociol-ogists, published in journals associated with other disciplines, or original chapters of edited books may also be nominated. The deadline is April 1, 1998. Send nominations to: Joey Sprague, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045; e-mail SPRAGUE@falcon.cc. UKANS.EDU.

Sally Hacker Dissertation Paper Award

The Sally Hacker Dissertation Award is given annually for the best paper based on a student dissertation dealing with sex and gender issues. The paper should deal with an important theoretical issue of a significant empirical problem in the field of Sex and Gender. It should be based on a dissertation that was completed and approved no earlier than January 1996 or a dissertation still in progress. The deadline is April 1, 1998. Please send five copies of the nominated paper to: Michael Schwalbe, Depart-ment of Sociology, Box 8107, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695; e-mail MichaelSchwalbe@ncsu.edu.

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Community and Urban Sociology

Robert and Helen Lynd Award
The Robert and Helen Lynd Award is
given to a distinguished sociologist for lifetime contributions, through teaching and
writing, to these fields. Nominations should be sent to: Nancy Kleniewski, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of MassachusettsLowell MA 01854. Submit nominations with a description of the nominee's work and rationale statement. The deadline is March 1, 1998.

Robert F. Park Award

The Robert E. Park Award is for the best monograph by a single author or collaborative team, published within the past two years. Publishers are asked to send three copies of each book nominated; when the committee chair acknowledges the nomination, she will include the addresses of committee members to whom the books should be sent. Nominations and self-nominations should be sent to: Daphne Spain, School of Architecture, Campell Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903. The deadline is March 1, 1998.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award

The section offers an award for the best paper written by a graduate student during the preceding year. The paper may be written for a course or presented at a conference, or it may be adapted from a dissertation; it may not be published before August 1998. Papers may be nominated by faculty or students, and sent to: Gregory Squires, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P. O. Box 413, Milwaukee WI 53201. The deadline is March 1, 1998. Students are encouraged to submit papers simultaneously to the organizer of the section's roundtables at the annual meeting: Bruce Haynes, Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520.

Social Psychology

Graduate Student Paper Award
The Graduate Student Paper Award is
for the best paper written in Social Psychology by a graduate student in sociology. The
paper should be article length. It can be based on a class paper, a paper submitted to a meeting or journal, or a paper based on a master's or doctoral thesis. Co-authored papers are accepted if all the authors are students, but the prize must be shared. The recipient will receive travel reimbursement for attending the ASA Annual Meeting where the prize will be awarded. Send five copies of the paper by March 15, 1997 to: Lisa Troyer, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242; (319) 335-2484; fax (319) 335-2509; e-mail LISA-TROYER@UIOWA. EDU.

Peace and War

Elise M. Boulding Student Award

The Award is named in honor of Elise Boulding and her contributions to the sociology of peace and war. The Section invites undergraduate and graduate students to submit a paper on any topic related to the sociology of peace and war. The award for first place is \$200 toward the cost of travel to the ASA Annual Meeting or to help defray the cost of writing the paper. The award will be presented at the Section's Business Meeting during the ASA Annual Meeting. The recipient of the Award is usually invited to present his/her paper at the Peace and War Roundtable during the meetings. Papers must have been written within the past two years. They must be typed-double-space (25 page limit), and should adhere to the style page initity, and stitute a duties to the style guidelines of articles in the *American Socio-logical Review* or similar academic publica-tions. Papers should include a separate cover page listing author's contact information, title, and whether the paper was written as an undergraduate or graduate student. Submit five copies by April 1, 1998 to: Joseph W. Elder, Department of Sociology, 1180 Observatory Drive, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

Environment and Technology

The Marvin E. Olsen Graduate Student Paper Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding paper presented by a graduate student at the ASA Annual Meeting. The recipient is announced at the Section business meeting, and is presented a certificate acknowledging the honored paper and a monetary donation to help defray expenses associated with attending the ASA Annual Meeting. Nominees are limited to graduate students who are giving presentations at the annual meetings. All members, including potential recipients are encouraged to submit nominations. The deadline is April 15, 1998. Papers should be sent to: Ken Gould, Department of Sociology, St. Lawrence University, Piskor Hall, Canton, NY 13617.

Distinguished Service Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals for outstanding service, innova-tion, or publication in environmental sociology or sociology of technology. The award is intended to be an expression of appreciation, to be conferred when an individual is deemed extraordinarily meritorious by the Section. The award will be announced and a commemorative plaque will be given to the recipient at the Section's Annual Business
Meeting. The deadline for submitting nominations and supporting materials is May 1,
1998. Nomination letters should be sent to: Dorceta Taylor, Department of Sociology, Washington State University, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue, Vancouver, WA

The Robert Boguslaw Award for Technology and Humanism

The Robert Boguslaw Award for Technology and Humanism is given annually by the Section to a doctoral student or a young investigator whose paper or article investigates the relationship between technology and humanism. The purpose of the award is to recognize work that addresses technology and human affairs, social action and social change, conflicts over values, or work that proposes innovative solutions to emerging social issues associated with technology. In accordance with Robert Boguslaw's wishes, the honored work should address the concerns of ordinary people rather than reflect-ing organizational or institutional agendas. The award is limited to doctoral students or young investigators who have obtained their PhDs in the past five years. Please send nom-inations (preferably by email) by March 1, 1998 to: Allan Schnaiberg, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60208-1330; mail a-schnaiberg@nwu.edu; (847) 491-3202; fax (847) 491-9907.

Sociological Practice

William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career

The William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career Award is given to an individual who has made notable contributions in the area of sociological practice. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 1998. Please send a letter or e-mail briefly describing the contributions of the nominee to: Stan Capela, Heart Share Human Services, 191 Joralemon St. Brooklyn, NY 11201; e-mail 104437.3526@compuserve.-

Graduate Student Award in Sociological Practice

The Graduate Student Award in Sociological Practice is given for a promising effort, contribution or project by a graduate stu-dent. The deadline is April 1, 1998. Please send a letter or e-mail briefly describing the contributions of the nominee to: Stan Capela, Heart Share Human Services, 191 Joralemon St. Brooklyn, NY 11201 or E-mail: 104437.3526@compuserve.com.

Sociology of Population

Otis Dudley Duncan Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 1998 Otis Dudley Duncan Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Social Demography. The award recognizes the author(s) of a recent book that has made the most significant con-tribution to social demography. Books pub-lished in the last two years will be considered. Send nominations to: Teresa M. Cooney, Otis Dudley Duncan Award Chair, Human Development & Family Studies, University of Missouri, 14B Gwynn Hall, Columbia, MO 65211-7700; e-mail tcooney@showme.missouri.edu. The deadline is April 1, 1998.

Political Economy of the World-System

Distinguished Scholarship Book Award
Any work of global, international, or comparative sociology concerned with the rela-tionship between domestic and global social, economic, and political processes is eligible. The book must be in English or made avail-able to the nominating committee in an authorized English translation. Anyone may nominate a book, regardless of the disciplinary, Section, or ASA affiliation of either the author or nominator. Self-nominations are welcome. Letters should include complete publication information. Eligible for the 1998 award are books published in the three calen-dar years 1995, 1996, 1997. The deadline is March 31, 1998. Mail nominations to: David Smith, PEWS Book Award Chair, Department of Sociology, 3151 Social Science Plaza, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA 92697-5100; e-mail dasmith@uci.edu.

Distinguished Scholarship Article Award

Any scholarly article of global, internamy scholarly article of global, interna-tional, or comparative sociology concerned with the relationship between domestic and global social, economic, and political pro-cesses is eligible. The article must be in English or made available to the nominating committee in an authorized English transla-tion. Anyone may nominate an article, regardless of the disciplinary, Section, or ASA affiliation of either the author or nominator. Self-nominations are welcome. Letters should include complete publication information. Eli-gible for the 1998 award are articles published in the three calendar years 1995, 1996, 1997. The deadline is March 31, 1998. Send nominstion to: Giovanni Arrighi, PEWS Article Awards Chair, Department of Sociology, Bing-hamton University, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000; e-mail arrighi@binghamton.edu.

Sociology of Aging and the Life Course
This award recognizes a scholar in the
field of aging who has shown exceptional
achievement in research, theory, or policy analysis, or who has otherwise advanced our knowledge of aging. Please send nomina-tions to: Melissa Hardy, Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2290; e-mail mhardy@garnet.acns.fsu.edu. The deadline is February 1, 1998.

Sociology of Mental Health

Award for Lietime Scholarly Contribution

The award for lifetime scholarly contribu-tion is made every other year. The award recipient is expected to give a 45 minute scholarly presentation, upon the acceptance of the award, at the ASA Annual Meeting. Nominations for the award should include detailed justification and Curriculum Vitae. The dead-line is March 1, 1998. Mail nominations to: Howard B. Kaplan, Awards Committee Chair, Mental Health Section, Texas A&M University, Department of Sociology, College Station, TX 77843-4351.

Award for Best Dissertation

The award for best dissertation is made each year, dependent on nominations received. Nominations should include a detailed justification, Curriculum Vitae, and article-length paper from the dissertation. The dissertation must have been defended

during 1996 or 1997. The deadline is March 1, 1998. Mail nominations to: Howard B. Kaplan, Awards Committee Chair, Mental Health Section, Texas A&M University, Department of Sociology, College Station, TX 77843-4351.

Collective Behavior and Social Movements

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper

Nominated papers should deal with an important theoretical issue or significant empirical problem in the field of collective behavior and social movements. It should be written while the author was a student, and must be sole authored. Papers published during the past two calendar years, recently accepted for publication, or currently under review are eligible for the 1998 award. A cover letter and five copies of the nominated paper should be submitted by April 15, 1998 to: Anthony Oberschall, Graduate Student Paper Award Chair Department of Sociology, Hamilton Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-321; (919) 962-7564; fax (919) 962-7568; e-mail tonob@e-mail.unc.edu.

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award

The Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award is offered in alternate years for an outstanding published book in the field of collective behavior and social movements. Eligible works must be published in the two preceding calendar years (1996 and 1997). Authors can submit their own work, or nominations can be made by others. Send five copies of the nominated book by March 1, 1998 to: Mayer N. Zald, Dook by March 1, 1996 to Mayer N. Zatt, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721-0027; (520) 621-3531; fax (520) 621-9875; e-mail mayerz@umich.edu.

Racial and Ethnic Minoriries

Oliver Cromwell Cox Award

The Oliver Cromwell Cox Award honors the memory and life's work of this influential sociologist. The award will recognize books by sociologists that make a distinguished and significant contribution to the cause of anti-racism in the past two years. The nominated books must have been published between January 1, 1996, and December 1, 19 ber 31, 1997. The winner will be announced at the 1998 Section Business Meeting. The deadline is February 15, 1998. Send Nomi-nations to: Theresa Martinez, Department of Sociology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112; (801) 581-5712; e-mail theresa@soc.utah.edu.

Comparative Historical

Reinhard Bendix Prize

The Reinhard Bendix Prize is awarded for the best graduate student paper. Papers written during the last two years are eligible and may be submitted by the authors or other members of the ASA. Please send three copies of the paper to: Julia Adams, Department of Sociology, 3012 LSA Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; e-mail jpadams@umich.edu. The deadline is March 1, 1998.

Barrington Moore Prize

The Barrington Moore Prize is awarded for the best book published in 1996 or 1997. Books may be submitted by the authors, publishers, or members of the ASA. Copies of the book and a letter explaining why it should be considered for the award should be sent to: Jeff Goodwin, Department of Sociology, New York University, 269 Mercer St., Room 446, New York, NY, 10003; e-mail goodwin@socgate.soc.nyu.edu; Bill Mirola, Department of Sociology, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222-199; e-mail: mirola@marian.edu;

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George Steinmetz, Department of Sociology, 3012 LSA Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; e-mail: geostein@umich.edu; and Sandra Harding, Acting Dean, Faculty of Business, Queensland University of Technology, GPO Box 2434, Brisbane Qld. 4001, Australia; e-mail: s.harding@qut.edu.au. Please note that the books and nominating letter should be sent to all members of the committee. The deadline is February 1, 1998.

Political Sociology

Political Sociology Graduate Student Paper

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All graduate student papers, published or unpublished, written in calendar years 1996 or 1997 are eligible. Papers co-authored with faculty members are not eligible. Please do not send MA theses or dissertation chapters. Self-nominations are welcome, as are nominations by faculty advisors or other faculty the story of the reculty members. Send five copies of the paper to: Robin Stryker, Graduate Student Prize Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, WI29 Seashore Hall, Jowa City, IA 52242. The deadline is written 1000. deadline is April 15, 1998.

Distinguished Contribution To Scholarship

The award is offered in alternate years for an outstanding book and an outstanding article. The 1998 award will be for an article. To be eligible, articles must have been published during 1996 or 1997 (articles "in press" are not eligible). Articles may be submitted by persons other than their authors. Four copies of the article should be sent to: Paul Burstein, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Box 353340, Seattle, WA 98195-3340. The deadline is March 1, 1998; e-mail burstein@u.washington.edu.

Asia and Asian America

Outstanding Book Award

This Award is designed to recognize outstanding books in two categories consistent with the mission of this Section: the outstanding book on Asia, and the outstanding book on Asian America. Awards will be given for each category in alternating years, beginning with Asia field. In 1998, the award will be for the best book on Asian America. Books published between 1995 and 1997 are eligible. Nominations require at least one formal letter, addressed to the Chair of the Best Book Award Committee. The nominator or the nominee does not need to be a member of the Section, but a nomination cannot be made by the author or the publisher. The letter of nomination should describe the content of the book and its significance and contribution to the field. It should include the basic publication information and, the publisher's and email/fax/telephone numbers. The deadline is February 15, 1998. Early nominations are encouraged. Letters of nomination should be sent to: John Lie, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, 702 South Wright St., Urbana, IL 61801

Sociology of Emotions

Graduate Student Paper Award

Graduate students working in the area of emotions are invited to apply for the Sociology of Emotions Section's Graduate Student Paper Award. Papers may be either theoretical or empirical, quantitative or qualitative. They must be single authored and about 25 pages long. Send three copies of your submission to: Christy Ponticelli, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida, 4202 E. Fowler Ave. CPR107, Tampa, FL 33620-5550. The deadline is May 1, 1998.

Culture

Best Book

Works published in 1995, 1996, 1997 are eligible. Authors can submit their own work or nominations can be made by others. The Committee will need four copies of the work (book authors can usually get their publishers

to provide free copies for this, purpose). Send material by March 1, 1998 to: David Brain, Division of Social Science. New College of the University of South Florida, 5700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243; e-mail brain@virtu.sar.usf.edu. The Award will be announced at the Section Business Meeting at the ASA Annual Meeting (winner will be notified in advance).

Best Article on Sociology of Culture Works published in 1995, 1996, 1997 are eligible. Authors can submit their own work or nominations can be made by others. The Committee will need four copies of the work. Send material by March 1,1998 to: Jeffrey Olick, Department of Sociology, Fayerweather Hall, 324 M, Columbia University, New York City, NY 10027; e-mail jko5@columbia.edu. The Award will be announced at the Section Business Meeting (winner will be notified in advance).

Best Student Paper

For student Papers, any work (published or unpublished, but not previously submitted for the student prize) by someone who is a student at the time of submission is eligible. Authors can submit their own work or nomi-nations can be made by others. This award carries a \$300 in reimbursements for expenses for attending the ASA Annual Meeting. The Committees will need four copies of the work. Send material by March 1,1997 to: Eric Rambo, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201; e-mail E-mail: rambo@csd.wum.edu. The Award will be announced at the Section Business Meeting (winners will be notified in advance).

Science, Knowledge, and Technology

Robert K. Merton Professional Award

This award is given annually in recogni-tion of scholarly achievement, represented by a book or body of work concerning scione should be and technology published during the preceding five years. Self nomi-nations are permitted. The award receipient, who should be a member of SKAT during the year in which the award is given, will be honored at the ASA Annual Meeting. The deadline is April 1, 1998. For each nomination, send a brief letter identifying the work(s) to be considered, their publisher(s) (presses or journals), and any supporting materials that would help the committee understand the contribution (for example, published book reviews). Send nominations to: Edward J. Hackett, STS Program, Room 995, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; e-mail ehackett@nsf.gov.

The Hacker-Mullins Graduate Student

The award is given to a graduate student for a published article or an unpublished paper concerning science, knowledge and technology that was completed during the preceding twelve months. Self Nominations are permitted. Students are especially encouraged to nominate their own papers for this award. The award, which includes a cash prize, will be presented during the SKAT usiness meeting. The deadline is June 1, 1998. For each nomination please send a copy of the work nominated to: Edward J Hackett, STS Program, Room 995, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; e-mail ehackett@nsf.gov.

Sociology and Computers

Outstanding Contributions To Computing For Research

The Outstanding Contributions to Computing for Research Award is for Development of a computing application that provides an outstanding contribution for the advancement of sociologic theory or practice. Send nominations to: Edward Brent, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65201. The deadline is June 15, 1998.

Outstanding Contributions to Instruction

Contributions to Instruction Award is for the development of a computing application or applications that provide innovative developments that enhance instruction in under-graduate sociology. Send nominations to: Kichi Iwamoto, Department of Sociology/ Anthropology, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053. The deadline is June 15, 1998.

Award for a Graduate Student Program

The Award for a Graduate Student Program, or application of existing program, is for an application which addresses a unique problem in sociological analysis, or a paper which provides exceptional analysis of a spe-cific issue related to computing technology and society. Submissions involving new or existing software should include detailed descriptions of the projects and -if possible-copies of the software. Three copies of submissions should be sent to: William E. Feinberg, Department of Sociology, Post Office Box 210378, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221. The deadline is June 15, 1998.

Latina/o Sociology

Graduate Student Paper

The Section requests nominations for the best graduate student paper on the subject of social inequality in its broadest sense. The recipient wins \$100 in travel reimbursement for attending the ASA Annual Meeting. The deadline is April 1, 1998. Submit papers to: Susan Gonzalez-Baker, Department of Sociology, Burdine 336, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712.

Sociology of Children

Student Paper Competition

Faculty and students are invited to nominate student papers that meet the following criteria: the author(s) must have been a stu-dent(s) at the time the paper was written (co-authored papers are acceptable only if all authors were students when the paper was written); and the paper must have made a "public appearance" in 1997 or 1998, e.g., was submitted for a class or seminar, was p sented at a professional meeting, or was sented at a professional meeting, or was accepted for publication or appeared in print in those years. Faculty may submit a paper of one of their students. Students may send in their own papers. Individuals may also nomi-nate particularly outstanding papers that they came across in published form or that were read at professional meetings. Send three copies of the paper to: Donald Hernandez, National Research Council Board on Chil dren, Youth and Families, Harris Building, Room 156, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20418. The deadline is April

Sociology of Law

Student Paper Competition

The Section will award prizes for the best graduate and undergraduate submissions. Papers may address any topic in the Sociology of Law. Papers may be reports of original empirical or theoretical scholarship, or analytic evaluations of existing research or theory. Entries should be double-spaced and not exceed 50 pages in length (including all tables, appendices, and references). All entries should follow ASA style. Papers must have been written while the student was a graduate or under-graduate student. Papers that have been accepted for publication or published at the time of the competition submission are not eligible. The deadline is April 30, 1998. Please encourage students whose work you find prize worthy to send 6 copies of their paper to: Jerry Van Hoy, Department of Sociology, and Anthropology, Purdue University, 1365 Stone Hall, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1365; e-mail vanhoy@sri.soc.purdue.edu; (765) 496-2225

Distinguished Book Award

Nominated books must have a publication date of 1996 or 1997. Nominators should send a brief letter describing the book's contribution and have a copy of the book sent to:

Joachim Savelsberg, Award Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, 909 Social Sciences Tower, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455; Jo Dixon, Department of Sociology, New York University, 269 Mercer Street New York, NY 10003; Wendy Espeland, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, II. 60208-1330; Robert Kidder, Department of Sociology, 713 Gladfelter Hall, Temple University, 12th and Berks Mall, Phil-adelphia, PA 19122. The deadline is March 1,

Sociology of Religion

Book Award

Self nominations, nominations by publishers, or Section members are welcome. Only books with copyright dates of 1996 or 1997 will be considered. All award nominees will be notified by the chair of the award committee, and if they are not members of the Religion Section, they must join the Section in order to remain in contention for the award. The deadline is January 31, 1998. Send three copies to: Lynn Davidman, Book Award Chair, 3 Burr's Lane, Providence, RI

Article Award

Self nominations or nominations by Section members are welcome. Articles published during 1996 and 1997 are eligible. All award nominees will be notified by the chair of the award committee, and if they are not members of the Religion Section, they must join the Section in order to remain in contention for the award. The deadline is January 31, 1998. Send three copies to: Christian Smith, Article award Chair, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, CB#3210 Hamilton Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3210.

Student Paper Award

Student papers may be nominated by their authors, a publisher or any member of the Section. The only stipulation for the student paper award nomination is that the author must be a student at the time that the nomination is submitted. The deadline is January 31, 1998. All award nominees will be notified by the chair of the award committee, and if they are not members of the Religion Section, they must join the Section in order to remain in contention for the award. Send three copies to: Frank Lechner, Student Paper Award Chair, Department of Sociology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

International Migration

William I. Thomas and Florian Znaniecki Distinguished Scholarship Award

The Award is given annually to the out-standing book or research monograph in the sociology of immigration. The Award is for work published in calendar years 1996 and 1997. Please send preliminary nominations to the Committee Chair by February 1,1998 (formal nominations and supporting materials must subsequently be sent to all Committee members, reaching them by March 1, 1998): Marta Tienda, Thomas and Znaniecki Award Committee Chair, Office of Popula-tion Research, Princeton University, 21 Prospect Avenue, Princeton, NJ 08544-2091. Distinguished Student Scholarship Award

The Award is given annually to the outstanding student research paper or dissertation in the sociology of immigration. The Award to be given in August 1998 is for papers published or dissertations completed in calendar years 1996 and 1997. Please send preliminary nominations to the Committee Chair by February 1,1998 (formal nominations and supporting materials must subsequently be sent to all Committee members, reaching them by March 1, 1998): Mary G. Powers, Chair, Distinguished Student Scholarship Award Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Fordham University, Bronx, NY 10458.

Official Reports and Proceedings

1996-97 Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 1997

The meeting was convened at 2:40 p.m. by President Neil J. Smelser. Present were: Janet Abu-Lughod, Paul Burstein, Patricia Hill Collins, Joe R. Feagin, Myra Marx Ferree, Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Maureen T. Halli-nan, Cora B. Marrett, Douglas S. Massey, Phyllis Moen, Aldon Morris, Silvia Pedraza, Jill Quadagno, Neil J. Smelser, David A. Snow, Teresa A. Sullivan, Linda Waite, Doris Wilkinson, Charles V. Willie.

Incoming Council members and officers observing: Florence Bonner, Paula England, Michael Hout, Patricia A. Roos, Ann Swidler, Robert Wuth-now. ASA Staff: Felice J. Levine, Carla B. Howery, Ed Hatcher, Havidan Rod-riguez, Roberta Spalter-Roth, Patricia White, John M. Kennedy

1. Approval of the Agenda The agenda was approved.

2, President's Report

President Smelser gave his overall impression on the 1997 Annual Meeting and its success. He thanked the Program Committee, staff, and all meeting participants for doing such a good job, as well as our Canadian

3. Secretary's Report

Secretary Sullivan highlighted several items on the Council agenda. Regarding Jay Demerath's resolution about the American Sociological Foundation, which was approved at the business meeting, Sullivan reviewed for Council the action it took last January and ASF's decision to dissolve. Further, she said she will be preparing an article for Footnotes that will address the issues raised in the resolution. Smelser concurred that Demerath wanted greater details on the transfer of the ASF to the ASA and that this request can be easily met by publishing these details in Footnotes.

Sullivan also indicated that ASA membership, section memberships, and subscriptions were strong. She briefly reviewed the report on the ASA investments and reserves noting solid returns on investments.

4. Report on the Conference on the Millenium

Janet Abu-Lughod provided the highlights of the conference on "Millennial Milestone: The Heritage and Future of Sociology," convened by the ASA in cooperation with the International Sociological Association (ISA) before the Annual Meeting. She indicated that it went very well, with 35 international participants from different countries including France, Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. In November, she will meet with the other leaders of the regional ISA conferences to talk about the future of sociology. The plan is to publish the proceedings of the meetings including discussants' comments as a book. A complete report with copies of the papers presented will be submitted to the Russell Sage Foundation, which supported this conference. Abu-Lughod indicated that conference costs were within budget.

Council member Feagin, who participated in the event, congratulated Abu-Lughod on her work organizing the conference. Abu-Lughod thanked ASA staff member Chis Hickey who

Motion: To thank Janet Abu-Lughod for excellent work in planning and organizing the confer-ence on "Millennial Milestone" and to Christopher Hickey for his staff support. Carried.

5. International Sociological Associa-

President Smelser reported that Alberto Martinelli of the ISA Program Committee had contacted him about the 1998 ISA Conference in Montreal, Canada. The Program Committee has decided to give interested nations an appropriate opportunity to present the sociological heritages of their nations. Martinelli met with Smelser, President elect Quadagno, Secretary Sullivan, and Executive Officer Levine and asked the ASA to take responsibility for organizing a session on the "American" perspective. Smelser and Levine indicated that this would be a substantive session that did not purport to represent an "ASA view." Smelser noted that Quadagno had already agreed to take responsibility for organizing this session.

6. Report of the Executive Officer

Annual Meeting attendance: Levine reported that the Annual Meeting registration was 4650, the third highest meeting ever and the highest atten-dance in Canada. Levine indicated that this success was due to the effort and commitment of the Program Committee and staff. Smelser noted with pleasure the high participation of Canadian sociologists. He also noted that sessions were very well attended

and quality work was presented.

Highlights of the year: Levine noted other highlights of the year and that the Executive Office has sought to keen Council informed through e-mail and other communications. She noted the importance to ASA membership and the discipline of the Code of Eth-

Staff changes: Levine discussed some important staff changes. Havidan Rod-riguez will return to University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, but will remain as the interim Director of the Minority Affairs Program and will continue to work with Levine and Howery. A search for a new MAP Director has been launched. Roberta Spalter-Roth was hired as a staff sociologist and Director of the Research Program on the Discipline and Profession. Patricia White from NSF is a visitsociologist at ASA through March 1998, John Kennedy, Indiana University and chair of the Committee on Professional Ethics, is also visiting at ASA for a year, through August

ASA Archives: Levine reported that the ASA archive agreement with Penn-sylvania State University is just about finalized. The legal office at Pennsylvania State University is now clarifying responsibilities regarding transportation of documents to Penn State. An important feature of this agreement is the appointment of an ASA Archives Advisory Committee, to be named by Penn State and ASA, to make recommendations regarding the ASA archives and its operations. This Advisory Committee would include poten-

tial scholarly users.

Executive Office Computer Enhancement: Levine also commented on the computer enhancement of the Executive Office Based on recommendations of the Committee on Executive Office and Budget (EOB) and a budgetary allocation by ASA Council in January, new computer equipment was pur-chased and the transition an upgraded system has been made. The electronic system at ASA is now running much more smoothly, although some minor more smoothly, almough some liminor problems remain. The equipment was purchased through ASA's operating revenues: \$110,000 was approved for this transition. To date, the acquisitions

re still under budget.
Update on Grant Support: Levine reported on receiving two grants since the last Council meeting. The Russell Sage Foundation awarded funds for an ASA-ISA conference on Sociology in

the Millenium. The National Science Foundation also renewed its support for the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD), for \$130,000 over three years. In preparation for this proposal, ASA developed a good tracking system of FAD grantees and their perrmance, which will be updated regu-

Levine also noted the need to submit a renewal application for the NIMH predoctoral training program in the sociology of mental health in 1998 and that she and Rodriguez were exploring options for additional funds to facilitate the MOST initiative. She emphasized that, even if funding is not obtained, the MOST project will continue over the next two years.

Department Affiliates:

reported that the number of Department Affiliates is growing slowly, but steadily. This mechanism is one way in which ASA is working closely with departments. Another important activity is the annual chair conference. At the 1996 Annual Meeting, 70 chairs participated in this conference; 90 chairs registered in 1997. Howery has been instrumental in developing a strong and successful chair conference. In addition to the breakout session for PhD. MA. BA. and two-year departments, other small discussion groups allow chairs to discuss specific problems and concerns.

7. Status of sale of 1722 N Street NW Sullivan updated Council on the pos-sible sale of the ASA Executive Office. Limited improvements have been made to the building. Sullivan and Levine discussed the specifics of an ongoing negotiation. Council asked about the timing of the move and the office relocation, were the negotiation to end successfully. Levine affirmed the very strong preference for a DC location and expected that, once a sale of 1722 is near, specified leasing options would be explored. Were an agreement reached, the move would likely occur within the next six

8. Fiscal Reports for 1996

Sullivan presented the 1996 audit and financial analysis for 1996. Thanking the executive officer, she noted that in recent years, despite Council approving deficit budgets, prudent financial management, and conservative spending have led to realizing positive revenue. Vice-president Marrett asked about long-term budget planning; what do we about reasonable assumptions for the future, especially if the favorable investment market shifts? If membership remains steady and if dues do not increase, what are the various scenarios to continue activities? What will changes, such as electronic journals, mean for revenue streams?

Council member Feagin asked about socially responsible investment poli-cies for ASA monies. Sullivan responded that ASA has such a policy to benchmark investments and to ensure good returns. Feagin encour-aged EOB to investigate opportunities to promote certain investments and gave some examples, including the recent actions of the Society for the Study of Social Problems to invest in in a community development hank.

Motion: To ask EOB to look into a more positive set of actions, not only to make socially responsible investments, but also to identify opportunities to invest proactively:

Council member Pedraza asked about the possibility of a higher salary level for the Minority Affairs Program Director in order to attract a senior-level sociologist to the position. Council agreed to meet in Executive Se to discuss this position and recruit-

ment for it.

President-elect Quadagno asked Secretary Sullivan to recap the financial performance of the American Sociological Foundation. Sullivan reported on the favorable growth in recent years that yielded an overall appreciation of the Fund at 12.9 percent. She summarized the various costs associated with running a separate 501c3 organization, including an annual audit and prepar ing separate tax returns. Sullivan indicated that currently the net operating income is modest in light of the amount spent to cover the expenses of the ASF, including a small amount of ASA staff time. She reviewed the decision of the ASF Board to disband and the letter sent to all donors. She noted also that, in "gifting" the ASF assets to ASA and in ASA Council's agreeing in January to receive them, there would be no change in the purposes to which the funds would be put.

9. Travel reimbursement for the ASA

Dissertation Award
The Awards Policy Committee recommended to EOB and EOB subsequently recommended to Council to provide up to \$500 in travel reimburse-ment to defray the costs of the ASA Dissertation Award winner to attend the Annual Meeting and receive the

Motion: To approve an annual budget allocation of up to \$500 for travel reimbursement for the recipi-ent of the ASA Dissertation Award.

10. Section Business

Levine summarized the work of the Committee on Sections (COS) and its recommendation to approve a new section in formation on the History of Sociology. Levine reported that one qualification in COS's recommenda tion concerned mention of the possibil ity of revitalizing the Journal of History of Sociology, COS emphasized that, in recommending approval of the section, it was not recommending approval of the journal and that the group needed to be made aware of ASA policy on Section publications.

Motion: To approve a Section-in formation on the History of Sociology and to convey to the Section organizers the ASA policy on publications. Carried.

Council discussed the implementation plan for the new section guidelines Council focused attention on the recommended change from 200 to 300 in the quantitative criterion for section riability. Levine noted that the increase in size requirements was balanced by the explicit attention to the qualitative aspects of section operations.

Council member Snow emphasized the importance of communicating to sections the rationale for the changes and the ways in which they could qualitatively demonstrate their vitality. Council member Pedraza raised the concern that some sections, such as the Latino/a section, would find it hard to come up with 300 members. In the case of that section, many members are lating/as themselves and the number of ino/as themserves and the number of latino/a PhDs in sociology is still small. She also wondered if this change would be seen as punitive, because sections, which fall below 300, according to the proposed document, will be allocated only one meeting ses-

Levine responded that the Committee on Sections will assess the qualitative performance of all sections. If a section has less than 300 members yet is actively engaged and productive, it was not COS's intent to recommend that a section be eliminated but that their annual meeting sessions would be limited to one.

Council reflected on the importance of sections to ASA. Council members noted that section membership has a positive affect on attendance at the Annual Meeting, generally increase it, Council noted, however, that ASA has more sections and more have small numbers. Council members noted that there are long-term implications to allocating a lot of program space to small sections, because the number of sessions allotted to sections affect the number that the program committee can use for other purposes like the

Council member Hill Collins stressed the importance of making clear to sections any criteria that might eliminate a section. Council discussed the issue of minimum size and the formula for session allocation, reviewing many possible options. The consensus was to retain the two-session minimum for a viable section.

Motion: To approve the report on New Section Guidelines, with one change to Section (8) "Quantitative Criteria," the last sentence to read: Sections that fall between 200 and 300 members, may receive two annual meeting session allocations; sections with fewer than 200 members may receive one session. Car-

Council member Feagin shared concerns from the Community and Urban Section about the limits on sections taking political positions. Levine clarifield the January 1997 Council state-ment that made it clear how sections can recommend policy positions to Council. She noted that Council welcomed input from sections although only Council can craft policy on behalf of the Association.

The Section on the Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) asked if the section could support a member's electronic journal. PEWS also wants to add a sixth member to their council so that a graduate student can be a member. Levine indicated that the section would be briefed on the way to achieve a by-law change.

11. Racial and Ethnic Classification and the OMB Policy Directive 15

The final item for Council discuswas the OMB Policy Directive 15 to permit respondents to identify themselves under multiple racial categories in Federal record and data gathering President Smelser noted that he had set aside some agenda time for an open discussion of this topic. Council discussed the merits and problems with a multi-racial category as well as issues of access and reporting. Marrett stressed the importance of informing the membership about this issue rather than ASA taking action at this time.

Levine noted that, as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Census 2000, ASA has been involved in ongoing discussion of race and ethnicity classification. Gilkes asked how historians responded to the proposed change for multi-racial choice and the implications for comparable data. Levine replied that historians are not on the Census Advisory Committee, but that this concern had been raised.

12. Executive Session

13. Closing remarks

Council thanked Havidan Rod-riguez for his outstanding service to the Association as the Director of the Minority Affairs Program.

Rodriguez reflected on the personal

and professional importance of his two years at ASA and the valuable contribution of the MAP Program during this period. He also clarified some issues about the position

Motion: to thank departing members of Council, Carried.

Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Call for Papers

CONFERENCES

The 11th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women will be held June 4-6, 1998, at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. Theme: "Breaking Boundaries." Deadline for submissions in triplicate is January 31, 1998. Each packet must include (1) panel title or roundable theme; (2) title and one-page abstract of each person or presentation; (3) name and address of contact person; (4) one-page vita for each participant; including contact information; (5) self-addressed, stamped postcard. Contact: U.S. and Canadian topics to Nell Fainter, Department of History, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544-1017; European topics to Sharon Strocchia, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322, African, Latin American; Asian, Pacific, and all comparative topics to Teresa Meade, Department of History, Union College, Schenectady, NY 12308-2365.

Association of Black Sociologists invites submissions for their 28th Annual Meeting, to be held August 20-22,1998, in San Francisco, CA. Theme: "Bridging Difference: Researching Race, Class, and Gender in the 21st Century." Deadline for submissions is February 13, 1998. Contact: Diane R. Brown, Wayne State University, 5221 Gullen Mall, Suite Box 362, Detroit, MI 4820; (313) 577-7811; email aa2212@wayne.edu.

The California Sociological Association invites submissions for their Eighth Annual Meeting, to be held November 7-8, 1998, at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, CA. Theme: "Insecurity in Contemporary Society." Contact: James A. Glynn, Executive Director, California Sociological Association, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA 93305-1299; (805) 871-8878; ix, (805) 872-8093. Paper Sessions: Chuck Powers, Sociology and Anthuropology Department, Santa Clara Anthuropology Department, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053; (408) 554-4514; fax (408) 554-4189.

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The 18th Comparative Education Society in Europe Conference (CESE), hosted by the University of Groningen and the Dutch Speaking Society for Comparative Education, invites submissions for their conference, to be held July 5-10, 1998, at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. Theme: "State Market-Civil Society: Models of Social Order and the Future of European Education." Deadline for submissions is March 1, 1998, Contact: Secretariat of the 18th CESE Conference, Department of Sociology, University of Groningen, Grote Rozenstraat 31, 9712
TG, Groningen, Netherlands; 31-50-363-28-3; fax 31-50-363-62-26; mail cese.org@icc.rug.ni; http://www.icce.rug.nl/

The Global Awareness Society International (GASI) invites submissions for their Seventh Annual Conference, to be held May 28-31, 1998, at the Marmara Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey, Theme: "Globalization at the Crossroads: The Next Millennium." Contact: Shah M. Mehrabi, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD 20830-1195; (301) 279-5138; fax (301) 279-5149; email suerharbi@kumd5 und edu.

The Seventh International Conference on Social Stress Research will be held May 27-29, 1998, at the Korona Hotel in Budapest, Hungary, Deadline for submissions is January 23, 1998. Contact: Margaret McKenna, Conference Coordinator, College of Liberal Arts, Office of the Dean, Murland Hall 112, Durham, NH D8284; (603) 862-2062; fax (603) 862-2443; email m_mckenna@unhf.unh-edu.

The International Visual Sociology Association (IVSA) invites submissions for their conference, to be held on June 24-28, 1998 in Louisville, KY. Theme: "Communicating Images: Defining Social Worlds and Transcending their Boundaries." Deadline for submissions is March 15, 1998. Contact: Nancy Shepardson, Box WAK, Wheaton College, Norton, MA 02766; (508) 286-3669, fax (508) 286-3649, email inshepardson@wheatonma.edu.

The National Social Science Association (NSSA) invites submissions for their spring national meeting, to be held April 1-3, 1998, in San Diego, CA. Contact: NSSA San Diego Meeting, 2020 Hills Lake Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020-1018; (619) 448-4709; (619) 258-7636; email natsocsci@aol.com.

The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America invites submissions for their 56th Annual Meeting, to be held June 12-13, 1998, at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Deadline for submissions is March 31, 1998. Contact: Thaddeus V. Gromada, 208 East 30th Street, New York, NY 10016; fax (212) 545-1130; email tgromada@compuserve.com.

Roosevelt University invites submissions for their meeting, to be held on September 25-26, 1998, at Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL. Theme: "Colorlines in the 21st Century: Multiracialism in a Racially Divided World." Deadline for submissions is January 15, 1998. Contact: Heather Dalmage, Roosevelt University, School of Policy Studies, 430 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605-1394; email hdalmadg@acfsysv:noosevelt.edu.

The 25th Western Anthropology/Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference will be held April 25, 1998, at Santa Clara University. Deadline for submissions is February 17, 1998. Contact: Kichi Iwamoto, Anthropology/Sociology Department, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 59053.

University of Wiscomsin Joint Center for International Studies at Milwawkee and Madison, in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Center for Urban Initiatives and Research, Center for Economic Development, Center for Latin America, and U.S. Latino Studies Program invites submissions for their conference, to be held May 1-2, 1998, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Theme: "Impact of Migration Urban Life in Developed and Developing Countries." Deadline for submissions is December 15, 1997. Contact: Center for International Studies, Garland 102, P.O. Box 413, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI 53201; (414) 229-3757; fax (414-) 229-3626; enail uwmissed universed universed

PUBLICATIONS

American Behavioral Scientist invites submissions for a study of bioethical issues. Topics may include, but are not limited to, decisions about the beginning and end of life and about the allocation of scarce medical resources. Deadline for initial submissions is March 1, 1998; completed papers will be due by October 1, 1998. Contact: Aliza Kolker, Department of Sociology, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030; (703) 993-1444; fax (703) 993-1464; enail akolkeer@gmu.edu.

Battle Cries on the Home Front: Violence in the Military Family invites submissions for a collection of social science research on domestic violence in the military. Contact: Peter J. Mercier, Old Dominion University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Norfolk, VA 23508.

Clinical Sociological Review invites submissions of manuscripts. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 1998. Contact: John G. Bruhn, Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg. 777 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4898; (717) 948-6101; email jgb5@psu.edu.

Northwestern University, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, invites submissions for a collection of reflective essays on teaching. Manuscript should address questions such as: "What do you expect your students to be able to do—intellectually, emotionally, or physically—As a result of having taken your courses?" "How do you construct and conduct your courses to help and encourage your students to obtain that knowledge or develop those abilities?" Deadline for submissions is July 15, 1998. Contact: James M. Lang or Kenneth R. Dain, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University, 627 Dartmouth Place, Evanston, II. 60208-4181; (847) 46-72273; email langim@nwu.edu or bainkr@nwu.edu.

Qualitative Sociology invites submissions for a special issue on "Identity and the New Immigration—the Second-Geneation." We invite papers that examine the dynamics of identity (race, ethnicity, class, and gender) among post-1965 immigrants, in particular the U.S.-born and/or raised second generation. Send papers to Nazii Kibria, Department of Sociology, Boston University, Boston, MA 02215. Deadline: May 1, 1998.

Research in Community Sociology invites submissions on various dimensions of communities, including discussions of theoretical and methodological issues, and empirical research, case studies, and analyses of micro-macro linkages, and critical studies on community structure/change, problems, policy-planning, and related issues. Deadline for submissions in ASR format is February 5, 1998. Contact: Dan A. Chekki, Department of Sociology, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2E9, Canada; fax (204) 774-4134; email sociology@uwinnipeg.ca.

Social Networks and Henlth will focus on emergent and cutting-edge issues in the field of social network analysis. Papers are sought that examine the influence of social networks on medical and health issues. Deadline for submission of a two-page abstract is January 15, 1998. Contact: Judith A. Levy, School of Public Health, University of Illinois-Chicago, 2121 West Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60612-7260. Inquires: Bernice Pescosolido, (812) 855-3841; email pescosol@indiana.edu; or Judith Levy, (312) 996-7825; email judlevy@uic.edu.

Sociological Research Online invites submissions of articles from sociologists who would like their submissions refereed and published in a sensibly short period of time. As an electronic journal SRO can publish in excess of usual article length, as well as publish video and sound clips, and can attach other relevant material to an article by hypertext link. Contact: Liz Stanley Department of Sociology, University of Surrey, Guldford, Surrey GU2 SKH, United Kingdom; (444) (0)1483-259292; fax (+44) (0)1483-259551; email mailtosocres@ec.surreyac.uk; http://www.socresonline.org.uk/socresonline/

Meetings

February 20-21, 1998. Georgia Political Science Association Annual Meeting, DeSoto Hilton, Savannah, GA. Contact: Harold Cline, hcline@warrior.mgc.peachnet.edu.

February 26-March 1, 1998. Society for Research on Adolescence 1998 Biennial Conference, Hotel del Cromado, San Diego, CA. Contact: Darwin Eakins or Belinda Conrad, EC Enterprises, Inc., PO. Box 1793, 835 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, K5 66044-8793; (913) 832-0737; fax (913) 832-2843; email sra@cce.lawrence ks.)

March 19-22, 1998. Eustern Sociological Society 68th Annual Meeting, Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. Theme:
"American Diversity: Past, Present, Future." Contact: Ted Mills, Eastern Sociological Society, Department of Sociological Society, Department of Sociological Society, Department of Sociological Society, Department of Sociology, 402 Park Hall, State University of New York, Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260-4140; (716) 645-365; fax (716) 645-394; email essoci@listserv.buffalo.edu; http://www.ucc.uco.edu/80/~eeS.

April 2-5, 1998. 15th Annual National Preventive Medicine Meeting, sponsored by the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine and the American College of Preventive Medicine, San Francisco, CA. Theme: "Translating Science into Action." Contact: Prevention 98, 1660 L Street NW, Suite 206, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 466-2569; fax (202) 466-2662; email prevention@acpm.org: http://www.prevention-neeting.org/

April 4, 1998. Fourth Annual Conference: Update on Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias, sponsored by the John Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, MD. Contact: John Hopkins Medial Institutions, Office of Continuing Medical Education, Tumer 20, 720 Rutland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205; (410) 995-2959; fax (410) 955-0807; email cmenet@som.adm.jhu.edu; http://www.med.jhu.edu/cme.

April 18-19, 1998. 1998 Siena College Multidisciplinary Conference on Theodore Robsevelt and the Dawn of the "American Century," Siena College, Loudonville, NY. Contact: Thomas O. Kelly, II, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211-1462; (518) 785-2595; Rx (518) 786-5052; email kelly@siena.edu.

April 25, 1998. 25th Western Anthropology/ Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. Contact: Kichi Iwamoto, Anthropology/ Sociology Department, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053.

May 3-6, 1998. National Conference on Environmental Decision Making (NCEDR), Knoxville, TN. Contact: UT: Conferences, NCEDR Conferences, P.O. Box 2648, 600 Henley Street, Suite 212, Knoxville, TN 37901-2648; (423) 974-0280; fax (423) 974-0290; email; conferences@gateway-ceutik.edu.

May 7-9, 1998. University of Toronto Symposium, Toronto, Canada. Theme: "Restructuring Work and the Life Course." Contact: Victor Marshall, Institute for Human Development, Life Course and Aging, University of Toronto, Suite 106, 222 College Street, Toronto, Canada MST 3JI; (416) 978-4723; fax (416) 978-4771; email victor.marshall@utoronto.ca.

May 28-31, 1998. International Conference on Social Networks, Gran Stiges Hotel, Stiges, Spain. Contact: Department de Sociologia, Universitat de Barcelona, Diagonal, 690, 08034. Barcelona; 34-3-4021804; fax 34-3-2802378; nagar@iscd2.ecoub.es; http:// www.heinz.cmu.edu/project/insna/.

June 4-5, 1998. 13th Siena College Symposium, "World War II - Dual Perspective Aftermath," Siena College, Loudonville, NY, Contact: Thomas O. Kelly, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211-1462; (18) 785-2995; fax (518) 786-5052; cmail kelly@sienae.edu.

August 16-21, 1998. XVI Congress of the World Association for Social Psychiatry, Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Theme: The Global Information Network and the Future of Psychiatry and Medicine." Contact: World Association for Social Psychiatry, Venue West Conference Services Ltd., 645-375 Water Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V68 5CG; (649) 681-8208.

October 2-6, 1998. American Psychiatric Services, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. Theme: "Kaleidoscope of Care: Clinical Advances and Research and Educational Excellence." Contact: American Psychiatric Association, 1400 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 682-6237; fax (202) 682-6345.

November 7-8, 1998. California Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, CA.. Theme: Tinsecurity in Contemporary Society: Contact James A. Glynn, Executive Director, California Sociological Association, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA 93305-1299; (805) 871-8378, fax (805) 872-8093.

Funding

American Philosophical Society is accepting applications for their 1998 Research Programs: General Research Grant Programs: General Research Grant Program, Henry Phillips Grants in Jurisprudence, Daland Fellowships for Research in Clinical Medicine, Phillips Fund Grants for North Native American Research, Slater Fellowship in the History of Twentieth-century Physical Sciences, and Mellon Resident Research Fellowships. Deadline for submission is March 1 for a June decision. Contact: Committee on Research, American Philosophical Society, 104 South 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3387; (215) 440-3429: email eroach@amphilsoc.org

Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies, is accepting applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in the area of international and comparative political economy. The University seeks a recent PhD who wishes to combine reduced teaching with his/her research and to participate actively in the University. The two-year appointment will commence July 1, 1998, and will have a \$32,500 annual stipend plus individual health benefits, Deadline for submissions is January 30,1998. Contact: Postdoctoral Search Committee, International and Comparative Political Economy, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2 Stimson Avenue, Box 1970, Providence, RI (2912.

University of California-Los Angeles, Institute of American Cultures, is accepting applications for their 198-99 Postdoctoral/Visiting Scholar Fellowship Program in Ethnic Studies in support of research on African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, or Chicanas) os. Awards range from \$23,000 \$28,000 per year plus health benefits and up to \$3,000 in research support. These fellowships can be awarded for less than a year in which case the stipend is adjusted to the length of the award, and can be used to supplement sabbatical salaries. Please consult the application form or the appropriate Center for specific details. Deadline for submissions is December 31, 1997. Contact: Center for American Studies, 160 Haines Hall, Box 951548, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1545; (310) 205-8267; American Indian Studies Center, 3220 Campbell Hall, Box 951548, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546; (310) 825-7315; Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, Box 951546, Chicano Studies Research Center, 180 Haines Hall, Box 951544, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546; (310) 825-5406; Chicano Studies Research Center, 180 Haines Hall, Box 951544, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546; (310) 825-5436; (310) 825-5436; (310) 825-3633; and for general information, Institute of

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Columbia University Ph.D. in Sociology and Public Health

A combined Ph.D. program in sociology and public health is offered by the Division of Sociomedical Sciences in the Columbia School of Public Health and the Department of Sociology. Coursework is divided evenly between sociology and public health.

The faculty represents a broad spectrum of expertise in regard to diverse health issues and methods. Students also enjoy access to the full range of courses, faculty, and researchers at Columbia University, including the Health Sciences Campus.

The program offers many research opportunities in contemporary and urban health issues. Field experience, research placements, and internships relevant to dissertation research are available. Students receive the Ph.D. in Sociomedical Sciences.

Funding is available through fellowships and GRAs. Applications accepted throughout the academic year.

For further information, contact: Rosalic Acinapura, Coordinator Sociomedical Sciences Columbia School of Public Health 600 West 168th Street New York, New York 10032 Tel: 212 305 5656 E-mail: sms.sph@columbia.edu

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American Cultures, 1237 Murphy Hall, Box 951419, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1419; (310) 206-2557; http://www.gnet.ucla.edu/iacweb/iachome.htm.

Cornell University is accepting applications for Graduate Research Assistantships in The Cornell Program in Ecological and Social Science Challenges of Conservation. Major fields include Agricultural and Biological Engineering; Agricultural and Biological Engineering; Agricultural and Resources Economics; Antinial Science; Development Sociology; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Natural Resources; Plant Biology; and Soil, Crop, and Atmospheric Sciences. Research must be carried out at one of several sites in Latin America. Contact: John Schelhas, Department of Natural Resources, 10 Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14943-3001; email juvs13@cornell.edu.

The German-American Center for Visiting Scholars (CVS), established by the American Institute of Contemporary German Studies, the German-American Academic Council Foundation, and the German Historical Institute, is accepting applications. CVS will enable eight young German and American scientists and scholars, especially from the humantities and social sciences, to do research in Washington, DC for up to six months. Selections will be made twice a year. Contact: German-American Center for Visiting Scholars (CVS), 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Suite 2020, Washington, DC 20007; (202) 296-2991; fax (202) 833-8514; email gaax@pop.access.digex.net/paac/gaachun.html.

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) is accepting applications for their 1988-1999 Grant Opportunities for International Scholars in the New Independent States, specifically the Special Projects in Library and Information Science. Deadline for submissions is March 31, 1998. Contact: IREX, 1616 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; (202) 628-8188 fax (202) 628-8189; email irex@irex.org, http://wwwirex.org.

The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission is accepting research proposals with a policy orientation on international competition codes in the context of U.S.-Japan trade issues; and social change and trends in Japan. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 1998. Contact: Eric; J. Gangloff, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NIW. Suite 925, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 275-7712; fax (202) 275-7413; email justGe@computserve.com; http://wwwZ.dgsys.com/-jusfc.

Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research announces its Small Grants program for researchers who study the causes and consequences of poverty, and the effects of programs designed to reduce poverty. Untenured or jusion scholars are particularly encouraged to apply. The maximum award will be \$20,000. Deadline for submissions is February 13, 1998. Contact: Kara Foethkolb, The Joint Center for Poverty Research, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, 116, 60637; (773) 702-926; email kara@cicero.spc.uchica-so.edu.

The Population Reference Bureau is accepting applications for their fellowship and internship programs (International Program, Academic Year and Summer) during the 1998-99 year Deadlines for submissions are February 27, 1998, for the International Program and Academic Year; and January 30, 1998, for the Summer Internship, Contact: Population Reference Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20093-5728; (202) 483-1100; fax (202) 328-3937; email kelvinp@prb.org; http://www.prb.org.

Princeton University, Program in Hellenic Studies, is accepting applications for two postdoctoral fellowships. The Hannah Seeger Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship in Hellenic Studies is for one academic

year, The Mary Seeger O'Boyle Postdoctoral Fellowship in Hellenic Studies is for one semester or academic year. The stipends will be \$33,000 for the academic year with the term beginning September 1, 1998, and ending Janc 30, 1999; and \$16,500 for one semester with the term beginning September 1, 1998, and ending January 31, 1999, or February I, to June 30, 1999. The program may offer up two new fellowships. Deadline for submissions is January 1, 1998. The Committee will announce its decision by early June 1998. Contact: Princeton University, Committee on Hellenic Studies-HSD, Joseph Henry House, Princeton, NJ 08544-1019; (609) 258-3339; fax (609) 258-2137; email gondicas@princeton.edu.

Social Science Research Council (SSRC). Program on International Migration, is accepting applications for their 1998-99 fellowships for the study of immigration to the U.S. The Dissertation Fellowship will be a stipend of \$12,000 and up to \$3,000 in research expenses funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The Post-doctoral Fellowships will be awarded \$20,000 for research expenses and salary. Minority Summer Dissertation Workshop will offer intensive training to students of minority backgrounds in developing dissertation and funding proposals. Deadlern for submissions is January 9, 1998. Awards will be announced by the end of April 1998. Contact: International Migration Program, Social Science Research Council, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019, (212) 377-2700 x604; fax (212) 377-2727; email migration@ssrc.org. http://www.ssrc.org.

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), is accepting applications for their 1998 Minority Scholarship. Persons accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or the \$100,000 scholarship. Deadline for submissions is March 16, 1998. Contact: Michele Smith Koontz, P.O. Box \$14, Douglasville, GA 30133-0814; (770) 947-1378; fax (770) 947-1379; email mkoontz@ut-kux.utc.utkedu.

University of Washington, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE), offers a Mellon postdoctoral fellowship for the 1998-99 academic year, with possible continuation to 1999-2000. Applicants must have interest in international demographic issues or anthropological demography, and a PhD before the start of the appointment. Written sponsorship from a CSDE faculty affiliate with congruent interest must be obtained prior to applying, Salary will be comparable to salaries offered at other population centers. Appointment begins September 16, 1998. Deadline for submissions is February 15, 1998. Applications must include vitae, a statement of purpose and research interests, a sample of recent scholarly writing, and three letters of reference. Contact: Robert Plotnick, CSDE, University of Washington, Box 3533401, Seattle, WA 98195-3340, email plotnick@u.washington.edu.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE), invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in the demography of aging and the life course, funded by the National Institute on Aging. The CDE program is intended to support and develop the research and professional skills of recent PhDs in sociology, economics, or complementary disciplines, and to focus those skills on significant theoretical, methodological, and policy issues in the demography of aging and the life course. The NIA fellow will be encouraged to affiliate with one of the major research projects in the Center. OED provides a research and training environment that is strong in colleagueship, data and library resources, computing, and administrative support. The fellowship will be for one year with likely renewal for a second year, and carries a stipend of \$20,300 to \$32,300. Deadline for submission is January 31, 1998. Contact: Robert M. Hauser, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin 53706; email hauses@8ex.wisc.edu.

Competitions

North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) invites for nominations for the 1998 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching. This award may be presented to an individual, a department, a program, or an institution. Individuals nominated for the award must be a member of NCSA. Departments, programs, or institutions nominated for the award must be located in the NCSA region. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 1998. Contact Jay Howard, Department of Sociology. Indiana University, 4601 Central Avenue, Columbus, IN 47203; (312) 348-7270; email jhoward@npuiedu.

Awards

Linda Aiken, University of Pennsylvania, was honored as a distinguished fellow by the Association of Health Service Research and received an honorary doctorate of science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Arnold Arluke, Northeastern University, and Clinton R. Sanders, University of Connecticut, received the 1997 Charles Horton Cooley Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction for their book, Regarding Animals (Temple University Press).

Mary Blair-Loy, University of Chicago, received the Eastern Sociological Society's Candace Rogers Award for an outstanding graduate student paper.

Steven M. Buechler, Mankato State University, received the 1997 Distinguished Sociologist Award from the Sociologists of Minnesota.

Rebecca Erickson, University of Akron, has received the 1996-1997 Phi Eta Sigma freshman Honor Society 'Students Choice Award' for teaching within the College of Arts and Science for the second consecutive year.

Melanie Heron, Pennsylvania State University, was awarded a 1997-1998 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for the National Science Foundation and a dissertation fellowship from the International Migration Program of the Social Science Research Council.

Marion R. Hughes, University of North Carolina, and Jay Cross, Columbia University, shared the Eastern Sociological Society's Rose Laub Cose Award for the best dissertation proposal in the area of society and gender or the family.

Charles E. Perrow, Yale University, received the Eastern Sociological Society's Merit Award for outstanding scholarly contributions.

Sally Raskoff, Pitzer College, and Richard Sundeen, University of Southern California, were recently awarded a 950,000 grant from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation in Los Angeles for their study. "Youth Socialization and Civic Participation through Community Service among High School Students in Los Angeles Countv."

Shulamit Reinharz, Brandeis University, was named the Eastern Sociological Society's Robin E. Williams Distinguished Lecturer for 1997-98.

People

Charles Bonjean, University of Texas-Austin, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Council on Foundations.

Stanley Cohen, London School of Economics, has been elected as a Fellow of the British Academy.

Don A. Dillman, Washington State University, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) Directorate of the National Science Foundation. He will serve on the subcommittee for the

Division of Science Resource Studies.

Amitai Etzioni, George Washington University, was introduced by former President Richard van Weizacker in September at a presentation during a seminar about the German edition of his new book, The New Golden Rule In Berlin. The book was also a subject of a conference in Bonn chaired by Rudolf Schoarping, chairman of the Social Democratic Party.

Peter Etzkorn, University of Missouri-St Louis, was an invited lecturer for the 25th anniversary of the Institute on Sociology of Music in Vienna, Austria, in November.

Frank Falk, University of Akron, has been elected as acting chair of the Department of Sociology.

Kathryn Feltey, University of Akron, has been appointed Director of the Women's Studies Program.

Stephen Fielding, formerly of State University of New York-Genesco, joined the Sutherland Group, Ltd. as a Senior Research Analyst specializing in health care delivery.

Donna Gaines, Bernard College of Columbia University, received a writer's residency in Northern Arizona on the Navajo reservation in Kayenta.

Brian Pendelton, University of Akron, is the Associate Editor of Social Insights and has been elected Treasurer for the Society for Applied Sociology.

Baffour Takyi, formerly of State University of New York-Albany, has recently joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Akron.

Diane Taub, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, has been selected as Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Sociologists in the News

Wendell Bell, Yale University, appeared on CNN's Future Watch.

Linda M. Blum, University of New Hampshire, was interviewed for the November/December issue of Harvard Magazine on feminist perspectives on assisted reproductive technology.

Meda Chesney-Lind, University of Hawaii-Manoa, and Joyce N. Chinen, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, were quoted in the October 5, 6, and 7, 1997 editions of the Handialu Advertiser in a three-part article entitled "A Woman's Wage."

Anthony Cortese, Southern Methodist University, served as a guest on the People's Agenda, KIERA radio, on anti-smoking sentiments and was interviewed on KOPFW-TV in Dallas evening news on race relations on June 13, 1997. He was quoted in the Dallas Morning News on nach about tragedies.

Scott Cotrane, University of California-Riverside, was quoted in the October 1997 issue of *Parenting* in an article entitled "Do you really want him to be a good dad?".

Riley E. Dunlap, Washington State University, was interviewed on NPR's "Morning Edition" concerning the Clinton Administration's strategy for building support for U.S. participation in a global warming treaty.

Mark G. Field, Harvard University, was quoted on October 15, 1997 in the China Daily, an English-language newspaper from Beijing.

James H. Frey, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, was interviewed by Norway television TV-2 and by a correspondent for various London, England news outlets on the impact of gambling on communities.

Donna Gaines, Barnard College of Columbia University, was published in the Rolling Stone Book of Women in Rock (Random House) and in the November 1997 Rolling Stone Magazine. She was interviewed on July 19, 1997, for Westchester Courty Weetly and quoted in the October 1997 issue of Cultar World.

Al Gedicks, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, was quoted in the *La Crosse Tri*bune on the mining industry's waste disposal problems.

Michael Givant, Adelphi University, authored an article in the on June 10, 1997 Irish Times. His article entitled "A Much Less Painful Case."

Randy Hodson, Ohio State University, was quoted in the Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, and USA Today.

Carole Joffe, University of California-Davis, was quoted in the November 1997 Glamour in an article entitled "The Truth about Abortion and Women's Health."

Jack Levin, Northeastern University, has received exposure since July 1997 on Larry King Live, NBC Nightly News, ABC World News Tonight, Crossfire, MSNBC, Court TV, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Rivera Live, CBS radio, WGN, KMOX, WABC, WGR, Minnesota Public Radio, Wisconsin Public Radio, WBUR, KGO, AP radio, A&E Biography, Montle Williams, History Charnel, and NPR. He was quoted or an op-ed was published in The New York Times. AP, Knight Rider, San Francisco Chronicle, Clicago Tibune, Readers, USA Today, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Time, Boston Herald, Bergen Country Record, San Diego Union Tribune, Boston Globe, and Neusweek.

John Macionis, Kenyon University, and Herbert Gans, Columbia University, were quoted in the Miumi Herald in an article entitled "Tailer Trasts: Why Can You Still Call People That in 1997."

Clark McPhail, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, and John McCarthy, Catholic University of America, were quoted on October 4, 1997 in USA Today in an article on the Promise Keepers. They were also quoted in the Washington Post, Boston Globe, Chicago Tirbune, St. Louis Post Dispatch, and the Phoenix Arraon Republic.

Jodi O'Brien, Seattle University, Dan Chirot, University of Washington, and Paul Burstein, University of Washington, appeared on a PBS Town Meeting in Seattle, Washington, on October 22, 1997. The Town Meeting focused on the relationship between private citizens and politicians, as well as citizen's perceptions of politicians' responsiveness.

Robert E. Parker, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, was interviewed by the French news agency AFP, for a story on corporate

Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan, was quoted in the April 6, 1997, issue of The New York Times on the social and demographic changes taking place in the city of Miami due to immigration. She was also a guest on the radio talk show "Talk of the Nation" on a program devoted to immigrant assimilation on August 28, 1997.

James D. Preston, University of Memphis, was interviewed on October 4, 1997, on Black Entertainment Television (BET) on "The Regressive Nature of Casino Gambling on the Poor."

Zhenchao Qian, Arizona State University, was quoted in USA Today on November 3, 1997 on interracial dating.

Sally Raskoff, Pitzer College, was quoted on May 13, 1997, in *The Los Angeles Times*, in an article entitled "Schools Take 'Voluntary' Out of Community Service".

Barbara Risman, North Carolina State University, was quoted on October 27, 1997 in the Raleigh, NC News and Observer.

Barbara Katz Rothman, City University of New York-Baruch College, appeared on the premier episode of Bryant Gumbel's "Public Eye" on sex selection.

Murray A. Straus, University of New Hampshire-Durham, was quoted on August 20, 1997, in an article entitled "Two Spanking Studies Indicate Parents Should Be Cautious" and on September 8, 1997 in The Weekly Standard in "Spanking the Anti-Soankers."

Julia Sudbury, Mills College, was interviewed on transracial adoption by BBC

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In the News, continued

Radio 3, London, England on July 30, 1997.

John Torpey, University of California-Irvine, was featured in the September 19, 1997, "Hot Type" column of the Chronicle of Higher Education for his book-in-progress on the origins of the modern passport system.

Charles V. Willie, Harvard University, authored an article entitled "Give Boston students more of what they want" in the September 18, 1997, Boston Globe.

Robert Wuthnow, Princeton University, was quoted on August 23, 1997 in The New York Times.

New Books

Michael Patrick Allen, Washington State University, Understanding Regression Analysis (Plenum Press, 1997).

Barbara Arrighis, Northern Kentucky University, America's Shame: Women and Children in Shelter and the Degradation of Family Roles (Greenwood Publishing Group, 1997).

Jacques Coenen-Huther, Universite De Geneve, Encyclopaedical series "Que sais-je?" (Presses Universitaires de France, 1997).

Angela D. Danzi, State University of New York-Farmingdale, From Home to Hospital: Jewish and Italian American Women and Childbirth, 1920-1940 (University Press of America 1997).

John Foran, University of California-Santa Barbara, Theorizing Revolutions (Routledge, 1997).

Lee Freese, Washington State University, Advances in Human Ecology, Supplement 1, Part A and B 1997, Evolutionary Connections (JAI Press, Inc., 1997).

John R. Hall, University of California-Davis, *Reworking Class* (Cornell University Press, 1997).

Muriel Jolivet, Japan: The Childless Society (Routledge, 1997).

Pat Lauderdale, Arizona State University, Lives in the Balance: Perspectives on Global Injustice and Inequality (Brill Publishing, The Netherlands, 1997).

Rene Levy, University of Lausanne, Oliver Guye, University of Lausanne, Dominique Joye, Federal Polytechnical High School, and Vincent Kaufmann, Federal Polytechnical High School, Tous equaz? De la stratification aux representations (Seismo, 1997).

Stanford Lyman, Florida Atlantic University, Post-modernism and a Sociology of the Absurd and Other Essays on the "Novelle Vaute" in American Social Science (University of Arkansas Press, 1997).

Kyriakos S. Markides, University of Texas-Galveston, and Manuel R. Miranda, National Institute on Aging. Minorities, Aging, and Health (Sage Publications, 1997).

Edward J. McCaughan, Loyola University, Reinventing Revolution: The Renovation of Left Discourse in Cuba and Mexico (Westview, 1997).

Laura L. O'Toole, Guilford College and Jessica R. Schiffman, University of Delaware, Gender Violence: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (New York University Press, 1997).

Ira L. Reiss, University of Minnesota, Solving America's Sexual Crises (Prometheus Books, 1997).

Virginia Rutter, University of Washington, and Pepper Schwartz, University of Washington, The Gender of Sexuality (Pine Forge Press, 1998)

Amy S. Wharton, Washington State University, Working in America: Continuity, Conflict, and Change (Mayfield Publishing Company, 1998).

William Foote Whyte, Cornell University, Creative Solutions to Field Problems: Reflections on a Career (Altamira Press).

Richard W. Wilsnack and Sharon C. Wilsnack, University of North Dakota, Gender and Alcohol: Individual and Social Perspectives (Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, 1997).

Dale E. Yeatts, University of North Texas, High-Performing Self-Managed Work Teams: A Comparison of Theory to Practice (Sage Publications, 1997).

Summer Programs

Association for Institutional Research (AIR) announces a new Institute for graduate students on the Uses of National Science Foundation (NSF) Data to be held June 21-26, 1998 in the Washington, DC area. Scholarships to cover all Institute expenses (including travel, lodging, meals, and incidentals) are available to 30 graduate students in the social sci-ences through a competitive proposal process. The primary purposes of the Institute are to provide promising gradu-ate students in the social sciences with: an awareness of the range of national data available through NSF; training in the use of these national sample data sets; and access to the data sets in order to improve the quality of dissertation work studying the conduct and financing of science, the conduct and financing of science, mathematics and engineering in the context of higher education. In addition, NCES Data Institute scholarships are offered for a second institute planned for faculty members, institutional researchers, and planners. This AIR/NCES Institute is exheluted for law 413, 130, 100. tute is scheduled for June 14-19, 1998 in the Washington, DC area. The 1998 AIR/ NCES/NSF grant program will also fund about six research grants in the \$20,000 range to study institutional research in post-secondary education. Awards made under this program will be announced in early April for attendance at the Institute in June 21-26, 1998. Deadline for submissions is January 15, 1998. Contact: Ann T. Macmillan, Coordinator of Grants and Publications, The Association for Institutional Research, 114 Stone Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4462; (850) 644-4470; fax (850) 644-8824-wnail attentional State University Tallahassee, FL 32306-4462; (850) 644-470; fax (850) 644-6824-wnail attention State Control of the atm0087@mailer.fsu.edu; http://www.fsu.edu/~air/home.htm

The Center for Advanced Study in Behavloral Science will conduct a Summer Institute, Violence and the Life Course' from July 6-August 14, 1998 in Stanford, CA. Deadline for submissions is January 9, 1998. For an application contacts: Summer Institute, Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Science, 75 Alta Road, Stanford, CA 94305; email info@casbs.stanford.edu.

The Center for Development Studies is sponsoring two programs in Cuba from May 31-June 27, 1998, and July 5-July 28, 1998. For more information contact: Charles McKelvey, Center for Development Studies, 210 Belmont Stakes, Clinton, SC 29325; (864) 833-8385; fax (864) 833-1018; email cemck@cs1.presbyedu.

The Keizai Koho Center is accepting applications for their 1998 Summer Fellowships to visit Japan from June 21-July 7, 1998. U.S. and Canadtan educators involved in K-12 social studies, history, social sciences, economics, and business education are eligible to apply and are restricted to those who have never been to Japan. Contact: Program Coordinator, Keizai Koho Center Fellowships, 6628 Frost Lake Lane, Kingstowne, VA 22315; (703) 921-0824, fax (703) 924-9162.

NEH Summer Institute for College Teachers will be held on June B-July 3, 1998, at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy, Charlottes-ville, VA. Theme: 'African Background of American Culture Thought the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.' Dealline for applications is March 2, 1998. Contact: Jerome S. Handler, the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, 145 Ednam Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903-4629; (804) 924-3296; fax (804) 926-4714; email jh3v@virginia.edu/htf/roots.helinist.

Caught in the Web

International Rural Sociological Association has a new web site under construction, http://www.ag.auburn.edu/irsa/.

Contact

The ASA Committee on Society and Persons with Disabilities seeks concerns and suggestions from individuals with disabilities regarding their experiences at the Annual Meeting, Please forward comments to Diane E. Taub, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Carbondale, It. 62901-4524; (618) 453-7628; email datab@Sin.edu.

Obituaries

Orrin Edgar Klapp (1915-1997)

Orrin E. Klapp, often referred to as "the gentle scholar," died on September 14, 1997 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. Orrin was professor emeritus of sociology at San Diego State University, where he served on the faculty from 1949-1969. In 1969, he accepted a post at the University of Western Ontario, serving there until his retirement and return to San Diego in 1983, where he completed the last of his many scholarly works, a book entitled Overload and Boradom. His first teaching post was at Carleton College in Northfeld, MY.

Born in the former home of Albion W. Small, founder of the University of Chicago's Department of Sociology, Klapp earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees there. In addition to his scholarly career, he pursued a lifelong interest in music, being an accomplished perfomer on guitar and bass. In fact, he paid for his education in part by playing with various jazz bands in the Chicago area. Later, after coming to San Deigo, he helped form a group of talented musicians called "The Ivory Tower Five," which in later years became "The Ivory Tower Five Plus Two."

Orrin served in the U.S. Navy's Hydography Office during World War II. While there he wrote a history of that office and for a time published Scuttle Buth Magazine for the U.S. Fleet, a publication which was discontinued because its irreverent content offended some of the top brass. In the 1960s, he served for two years as cultural attache in Athens, Greece, for the U.S. Information Agency. His job was to assist in the introduction of American culture to Greece, involving, for instance, bringing a large symphony orchestra and pianist Van Cilburn to Greece. At one point, he helped a falented young Greek pianist to win a scholarship to the Julliard School in New York.

Klapp is well remembered by the discipline of sociology and by his colleagues and students for his contribution to the study of social types and of contemporary cultures. His scholarly accomplishments include publication of many articles in American Sociological Review and American Journal of Sociology as well as his many books, including Heroes, Villains, Fools (a study of American character, 1962), Symbolic Leaders (a study of Celebrity, 1964), Collective Search for Identity (1969), Currents of Unrest (1972), Models of Social Order (1973), and Opening and Closing (ASA Rose Monograph Series; 1978). In Operioad and Boredom (1986), he argued that "A large amount of behavior is motivated by boredom. We have a satiated society. A good part of this is due to information overfload—a race in which the fast horse of information outstrips the slow horse of meaning" (From an interview in the San Diego Tribune in 1986).

Orrin Klapp is survived by his wife, Evelyn and his son, Curtis. His colleagues and friends will miss this modest and gentle man. We keep him bright in memory.

C. Dale Johnson, San Diego State University

Marion Theo (Red) Loftin (1915-1997)

Marion Theo Loftin, former Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies at Mississipp State University, died July 14, 1997 in Starkville, MS. Born in Coushatta, in the Red Rive Parish, LA on September 10, 1915, Dr. Loftin joined the faculty in the Department of Sociology and Rural Life at Mississipp State in 1949.

After earning his undergraduate degree in English at Northwestern Sate University in Natchitoches, LA in 1939, Dr. Loftin moved to Louisiana Sate University in Baton Rouge where he majored in sociology and earned his MA degree in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army in the American and Pacific Theaters form 1941 through 1945, achieving the rank of Master Sargent.

After serving one year as Associate Professor at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond during 1946-47, he continued his graduate studies at Vanderbilt University where he was awarded his PhD degree in 1952.

Dr. Loftin joined the faculty at Mississippi State University in 1949 as an Assistant Professor with a combined teaching-research appointment. In 1953, he was promoted to Associate Professor and to Professor in 1956. With the departure of the then department head, Harold F. Kaufman for overseas experience, Dr. Loftin was appointed to the Thomas L. Bailey (former Governor of Mississippi with a strong interest in rural society) Chair of Sociology and Rural Life, an honorary position attached to the department headship. He served in this capacity from 1961-67, but began part-time work as Assistant Dean of the Graduate School in 1977, and Vice-President for Graduate Studies and Research in 1979.

Dr. Loftin retired in 1985, but remained in Starkville until his death in 1997. He was buried near his Louisiana home in Clear Springs Cemetery in Martin, LA. Dr. Loftin was a member of three honor-

Dr. Loftin was a member of three honorary societies—Phi. Kappa Phi. Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership), and Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology). He was also an active member of the Starkille-MSU Symphony Association, holding position of Member, President, and member of the Board of Directors. He supported the local public library as a member of the Steering Committee of the Friends of the Library. His civic club was the Rotary Club.

Professional society affiliations include the American Sociological Association, Southern Sociological Society, Rural Sociological Society, Population Association of American, American Association of University Professors, and the Population Reference Bureau.

erence Bureau. While at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Loftin received a Simon Bolivar Fellowship for Study in Brazil. His primary research interest was is the area of rural health, and received several supporting grants. His publications included papers in professional journals, chapters in books, monographs, and numerous research reports.

Known affectionately on the local scene as "Red," Dr. Loftin leaves behind memories of a man admired and respected by colleagues, students, and townspeople. His willingness to share his time, his talents, and his resources will be missed.

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Daniel R. Miller (1917-1997)

Daniel R. Miller, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at Wesleyan University, died of cancer on September 4, 1997. Dan had been a member of the American Sociological Association since 1959. A psychologist by training, list thinking was truly interdisciplinary in nature, combining concepts from throughout the social sciences with those of his own discipline, and his work on the psychological mechanisms of defense, personality, family dynamics and social interaction was well know by academicians and practitioners in

know by academicians and practitioners in psychology and sociology. His first academic appointment was at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he began teaching in 1948. His interest were shared by another assistant professor of sociology at Michigan, Guy E. Swanson, and together they collaborated, with a number of students, on the Detroit Area Study of child rearing practices, defense mechanisms, and social class. Their thinking and empirical results were summarized in two highly influential books, The Changing American Parent (1958), which won the EA Burgess Award for the most influential moorgraph in family psychology, and Inner Conflict and Defense (1960).

During the 1950s and 1960s, Dan authored and co-authored a number of authored and chapters in which he attempted to explain the development and derangement of personality through the internalization of social interaction processes. Primary examples of his conceptual work are contained in chapters written for Kaplan's (1961) volume on cross-cultural personality theory, and Koch's (1963) fifth volume in the series on the science of psychology. He was also keenly interested in understanding the family as a system and along with Jack Westman, co-authored articles on the function of childhood psychopathology within the family context. His interest in international contents.

His interest in interpersonal concepts within psychoanalytic theory led Dan to take a sabbatical the Tavistock Center in London, England (1958-59). He was professor and chair of the Department of Psychology at Brunel University in Usbridge, Middlesse, England (1968-76). While at Brunel, Dan worked on problems associated with bureaucracies, management, and social interactions, and continued to develop his perspective on personality. He collaborated with Elliott Jacques in the development of a social interaction position on the nature of psychopathology. Although he was clearly influenced by the English psychoanalyst, Dan made psychoanalytic concepts such as "projective identification" his own by re-interpreting them in the terms of social interaction. In this regard, he drew attention to the striking parallels between some of the concepts of the English psychoanalyst Melanie Klein and the American sociologist/pragmatist philosopher George Herbert Mead.

Dan returned to the United States in 1976 to leach at Wesleyan, where he completed his academic career in 1987. In 1988, along with this author and Morton Wiener, Dan organized an international conference about the concept of schizophrenia. The result, What is Schizophrenia? (1991), is an unusual look at the assumptions underlying some major schools of thought on the topic.

Dan believed strongly that the purely empirical, theoretical approach taken by framers of the current psychiatric nosology is wrong-headed and, ultimately, untestable. He also thought that the movement toward ever-increasing reductionism in the study of psychopathology had resulted in a myopic view of clinical phenomena placing in meaning. His alternative is to understand the meaning of pathology at the level of the group, in the give-and-take of everyday social interactions, where abnormal behavior makes a difference by causing the disruption of interpersonal encounters. This thinking is summarized in Dan's contribution to the festschrift for Herbert Hyman (1988).

He is survived by his wife, Jan, a son, John, two daughters, Celia and Emily, and three grandchildren who were the apple of his eye.

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how the financial support would be used, c) describe the expected benefits of the project—including systemic impacts, and d) indicate how the project might have lasting benefit.

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