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ASA Office to Relocate

After 21 years at 1722 N Street NW, the ASA Executive Office is moving to a new location. Moving date is December 5, to new quarters at 1307 New York Avenue NW in downtown Washington, DC.

The current Executive Office is housed in a red brick rowhouse, over 100 years old. The building was originally a single-family residence before becoming a rooming house and now office space. While the building has charm—with original woodwork, stained glass windows, and tiled fireplaces in almost every room—the building had a number of drawbacks as office space. The staff of twenty-five are spread over five floors (no elevator) which limits effective communication. The building is inaccessible to persons with disabilities and very costly to remodel to make it accessible. Space built as a residence is not as functional as office space. And the costs of maintaining an old building and keeping it secure were escalating.

ASA owns the building at 1722 N, and has sold it to another non-profit association.

With the proceeds from the sale, ASA will enter into a long-term lease in a newly remodeled building in downtown Washington, close to the Metro Center subway stop. The landmark building, the former home of the Washington Times-Herald newspaper, has four educational associations as owners. "Sharing facilities with groups with which we have common commitments is a real plus," says ASA Executive Officer, Felice J. Levine. "We are eager to make the most of the opportunity to collaborate that such proximity provides."

Last August, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the American Association for Teacher Education

(AACTE), the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) moved into the building. All of these associations were previously located at One Dupont Circle. With their leases coming due at the same time, they considered a number of options. A new influx of low interest industrial revenue bonds for the District of Columbia made it possible for the four groups to buy and renovate this building.

The ASA offices will be located on the seventh floor, using most of the floor. The space is currently being built to suit, with a conference room, work stations, an order fulfillment center, and other features that will be welcome additions for ASA staff. The building has unusually large windows that overlook a major intersection, near the International Monetary Fund, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and a lovely Presbyterian Church. The area is one of the fastest growing parts of Washington, DC, located near the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Rand Corporation. ASA was committed to remaining in the District, to enhance working with other associations, Federal agencies, and relevant groups and to support a vital capital city.

"These new facilities will provide an accessible and functional environment for ASA to do its work. We hope to have Council and other committees meet in our new location and we will welcome members to visit when they come to Washington," says Levine. "In the meantime, the challenges of sorting through over twenty years of files and materials and making the move are foremost on our minds." □

Ford Awards \$485,000 More for MOST

The American Sociological Association has received an additional grant of \$485,000 from The Ford Foundation as a further investment in the Minority Opportunities through School Transformation (MOST) Program. Launched in 1994, MOST works with sociology departments on promoting diversity and excellence. Key to MOST is both working with selected departments on long-term, sustainable change and developing transportable models that can be used by other departments and other disciplines in the arts and sciences. The additional funds from The Ford Foundation will help make both goals a reality.

"We are simply thrilled by this major allocation of additional resources from Ford," said Executive Officer, Felice J. Levine. "The money is essential as is the confidence in this project that this further investment reflects."

Based on a competitive selection process, the MOST Program chose 18 departments (including six PhD-conferring) as "experimental" sites. The project focuses on five of the most critical elements affecting excellence and diversity in higher education: curriculum, research training, mentoring, climate, and outreach (i.e., pipeline). While systemic change does not come easily, MOST departments are deeply engaged in a process of reflection, redesign, and reform to enhance the education and training of all undergraduate majors and, in the case of PhD-conferring departments, all graduate students as well.

The MOST Program is a joint effort of ASA's Minority Affairs Program and Academic and Professional Affairs Program,

both of which aim to promote quality education that is inclusive. ASA combines leadership, technical guidance, and support to help departments reach their goals. Currently MOST departments are engaged in testing new strategies of outreach, implementing mentoring systems to better guide and support all students (not just those who connect more readily to faculty), and broadening the base of undergraduate research training to impart skills and attract more students to research and teaching careers. "The challenge of engaging all faculty members in department-wide change is formidable, says Levine. "Over the remaining two years of the project, we will use the Ford resources to help departments institutionalize change."

Prior to committing additional funds, The Ford Foundation commissioned an external evaluation of ASA's MOST Program conducted by anthropologist Dr. Robert Ibarra, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ibarra's report conveyed his enthusiasm for MOST, working with departments instead of targeting individual students in order to achieve more pervasive and lasting change. As he put it, "The MOST Program is one-of-a-kind in higher education. . . . It is in a class by itself—thorough, complex, extensive, and aimed in the right direction."

Editor's Note. Most recently, the March 1998 issue of Footnotes included two articles on the MOST Program. Future issues will share further innovations in the MOST departments.

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Council Advances Restructuring from Annual Meeting Discussions

The Annual Meeting provided many opportunities for Council, committee members past and present, and interested members to comment on the recently enacted changes in the ASA Committee Structure.

In January 1998, ASA Council, on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Committee Restructuring, reorganized the ASA committee structure. In place of a system where ASA had a very large and ever-growing number of committees, the Subcommittee proposed reconstituting the committee structure into: (1) By-laws Committees (those that did the governance work of the Association); (2) Award Selection Committees (to select winners of ASA awards); (3) Status Committees (those that address issues of sociologists who by virtue of their backgrounds have experienced discrimination in the larger society); and (4) Advisory Panels (those that advise the Executive Office on ASA Programs). Those committees that did not fall within one of these categories were retired. Instead, Council introduced a new system of Task Forces.

Much of the new dynamic of the restructuring rests on the Task Force model. The purpose of the Task Force system is to allow for a set of flexible and focused activities that reflect the needs of the discipline at any point in time. They would be created to perform specific tasks designated by Council and to have short (typically no longer than two years) terms. Task Forces are intended to avoid the bureaucratization that comes with a large number of standing committees.

Last spring, a series of letters from then-ASA President Jill Quadagno to committee members explained the committee restructuring and the role of Task Forces. Committees were invited to propose Task Forces. Most committees met during the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco to discuss the possibility of recommending a Task Force. The deadline for Task Force proposals was September. The expectation is that

these proposals will show the creative ideas of the membership about what the important challenges the ASA and the discipline face.

At the August meeting of Council, President Alex Portes reconstituted the Subcommittee on Committee Restructuring to review the incoming Task Force proposals. Linda Waite, chair of the Subcommittee that proposed the committee restructuring continued as chair. Other Subcommittee members are Past President Quadagno, Vice President Patricia A. Roos, Council member Melvin Oliver, Executive Officer Felice Levine, and former ASA Visiting Sociologist John Kennedy. The subcommittee met at the annual meeting to begin the discussion on developing the procedures for evaluating Task Force proposals.

The proposals will be evaluated in the Fall. The Subcommittee will make recommendations to Council on the first set of Task Forces. It plans to report in time for consideration by Council at its mid-winter meeting.

In February, Council will review the Subcommittee's report and decide on which Task Forces to appoint. Notice of the Task Force appointments will appear in the March *Footnotes* with a request that ASA members recommend appointments (including self-nominations) to the Task Forces. In May, the Subcommittee will review the nominees and prepare a ranked list of potential appointees to Council. The Task Forces will be appointed in early June. Task Force members will begin planning activities during the summer and will be able to meet at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. A similar cycle will be used in future years as new topics emerge and Task Forces are appointed. Replacing a fixed set of committees which had not always had a clear charge with a system of task forces with specific, timely, and tangible missions, and active Council involvement, should better use the time and talents of ASA members to achieve the discipline's common goals. □

Nominations Sought for 1999 Major ASA Awards

The American Sociological Association annually confers eight major awards for outstanding sociological work. Nominations are encouraged as soon as possible. The deadline for all award nominations is January 15, 1999. Award selection committees, appointed by ASA Council, are constituted to receive and review nominees and make a final decision by June 1, 1999.

Dissertation Award

The ASA Dissertation Award honors the best PhD dissertation from among those submitted by advisors and mentors in the discipline. Nominations must be received from the student's advisor or the scholar most familiar with the student's research. Nominations should explain the precise nature and merits of the work. Dissertations defended in the 1998 calendar year will be eligible. Send nominating letters, six copies of the dissertation, and nominee's curriculum vita (with current address) to: William

Finlay, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; e-mail wfinlay@arches.uga.edu; (706) 542-3207. The deadline is January 15, 1999.

Jessie Bernard Award

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

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The Executive Officer's Column

Reorganizing NIH Peer Review for Social and Behavioral Science



The title of my "Open Window" column might provoke a big yawn. While the peer review procedures used by Federal agencies is "near and dear" to some of our hearts, others may see it as too specialized and technical a topic that is only germane to those who apply for funding to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Whatever your view, I urge you to read on because the peer review process at NIH is as much about public understanding of health and wellbeing as about how specific allocative decisions are made.

The American Sociological Association (ASA) recently weighed in on this topic during a month-long comment period that concluded on October 9. In collaboration with the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) and the American Anthropological Association (AAA), we undertook an assessment of a draft plan to reorganize the review of behavioral and social science grant applications at NIH. While not the only object of our attention, we were especially interested in ensuring that the plan fully considered important research on health and illness from *all* of the social and behavioral sciences. Although in recent years NIH has been more attentive to social and behavioral aspects of health, we were mindful that this has been much more from the vantage of the psychological sciences (and the individual) than from other of the social sciences.

The process of restructuring the review of behavioral and social science at NIH began in August 1997. Dr. Ellie Ehrenfeld, Director of the NIH Center for Scientific Review (formerly the Division of Research Grants) seized the opportunity to rethink the review of the social and behavioral sciences as part of a requirement to integrate the three agencies that previously comprised the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration into NIH. The charge to develop a plan was delegated to an NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Review Integration Working Group chaired by Dr. Virginia Cain, sociologist and Special Assistant to the Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). The goal was to develop peer review groups that reflect the current state-of-the-science, anticipate future developments in science, and identify the most meritorious projects. The process involved consultation with two panels of extramural scientists. The panels (numbering some 100 scientists) were primarily comprised of psychologists and psychiatrists, with about five sociologists.

The proposed restructuring has much strength, and considerable work went into its preparation. The comment period provided an additional opportunity to offer recommendations that could further assist NIH in reaching its goals. We quickly publicized the proposed draft and the request for comments to our members, department chairs, and ASA Council. Also, on October 2, 1998, COSSA, ASA, and AAA jointly held a one-day working session for a small group of researchers who have served as both NIH grantees and reviewers. (Edward Laumann, University of Chicago, and Bernice Pescosolido, Indiana University, said "yes" under short notice and admirably participated on this reviewing team.)

The result of this meeting was specific language changes for the draft and a set of recommendations for a revised study section structure. The complete submission to NIH submitted jointly by ASA, COSSA, and AAA is available from the Executive Office (levine@asanet.org). The following highlights our key recommendations:

- **Recommendation 1: Revise Study Section Clusters.** We recommended an alteration in the proposed overall framework from "Basic Behavioral Sciences Study Sections" and "Risk, Health and Social Sciences Study Sections" to "Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences Study Sections" and "Risk, Health, Intervention, and Prevention Study Sections." We thought this new framework and the realignment of study sections within it (1) better captures the interactions of basic science study sections; (2) avoids false distinctions between the social and behavioral sciences as basic sciences; and (3) strengthens the connections between risk, disorder, and intervention study sections.
- **Recommendation 2: Revise "Examples of Expertise."** We thought that the "Examples of Expertise" in the study section draft oddly mixed methodological expertise, disciplinary background, and substantive arenas of specialization. Although we recognize the desire to convey a great deal of information, we believed that the mixed approach confuses forms of expertise and may suggest that certain fields of science or disciplines are excluded from some study sections.
- **Recommendation 3: Inclusion of Race and Ethnicity.** We recommended that the descriptions of study sections specifically address the health and wellbeing of racial and ethnic minorities. Given the limited attention in research to the diverse populations that comprise the United States, study section narratives and examples need to highlight where basic and applied research on racial and ethnic minorities fits.
- **Recommendation 4: Attention to Comparative and non-U.S. Research.** There needs to be more explicit consideration of the importance of comparative designs and, where appropriate, non-U.S. samples and study sites. Scientific research on social and behavioral aspects of health and wellbeing needs to be pursued in settings and on populations that are most appropriate for addressing the scientific issues being examined. Also, we emphasized that knowledge about health would be advanced by comparative designs that permit more explicit testing of contextual effects and identifying generalizable patterns.
- **Recommendation 5: Composition of Review Panels.** We emphasized that that the composition of the peer review panels is critical to effective merit review. We noted the importance of drawing widely from across the social and behavioral science community in creating study sections. Absent a critical mass of persons with similar disciplinary training or expertise on review panels, it is unlikely that NIH-funded research can fully reflect the breadth and depth of opportunity within the social and behavioral sciences. Also, in composing truly qualified review panels, special efforts must be made to recruit and include more racially and ethnically diverse scientists.
- **Recommendation 6: Evaluation of New Structure.** As with any major structural or institutional change, it is important to track its implementation and assess both its intended and unintended consequences. Therefore, we recommended evaluation of the new model that is designed and implemented with the benefit of social science expertise in evaluation research.

The next step is for the NIH Integration Working Group to consider the comments they received. We have heard informally that our submission is very useful and fully appreciated. NIH is still planning to use the new structure for proposals that are submitted in February 1999. If over time our recommendations broaden the signal sent to reviewers and to researchers as to what NIH considers to be important science, then our effort will have been worthwhile. We hope for a future where sociologists doing high quality work on health and wellbeing apply to NIH and are funded in greater number. This is a measure of the success we seek.—Felice Levine □



Congressional Fellow's Report

Veterans Losing in the Tobacco Wars

The fourth and final report from ASA Congressional Fellow Lois Monteiro about her experiences as a staff member on the House Committee on Veteran's Affairs. Monteiro has returned to the faculty in the Medical School at Brown University

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The Congress has devoted considerable attention to anti-tobacco legislation. Under Senate Commerce Chairman McCain's (R-AZ) leadership, a tobacco bill aimed to punish tobacco companies for addicting millions of Americans did not pass, yet generated substantial support. In contrast, in the Veteran's Affairs arena, other proposed legislation would punish veterans for becoming addicted to tobacco. The Administration's proposed 1999 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical programs included a recommendation to amend Title 38, the veterans benefits section of the U.S. Code of Laws, to preclude service connection for certain smoking related disabilities. "This provision would amend title 38 to prohibit service connection of disabilities acquired after service and based solely on its being attributable, in whole or in part, to use of tobacco products during service". The proposal was anticipated to save \$17 billion over the next five years (1999-2003). These possible savings were immediately seized upon by the President and Congress eager to find funds for transportation and other purposes.

Based on a legal opinion of the Veteran's Affairs (VA) General Counsel in 1993, veterans have been eligible under current law to apply for service connected disability compensation for illnesses related to tobacco use on the grounds that the veteran became addicted to nicotine while in the service. A successful claim requires that the veteran show that he or she first began to smoke while in the military. Often these compensation claims arise some years after the veteran has left the military, for example aging World War II veterans who are now being diagnosed with smoking related lung and heart disease.

Following the 1993 opinion there were 7,000 claims pending of which about 400 have been approved. If the veteran's claim is approved they receive some monetary compensation depending on the determined percentage of disability, as well as become eligible for medical treatment of the condition. Even if not approved for compensation, a veteran without other means can receive medical care from a VA hospital as a non-service connected indigent patient. Also if the condition is approved as service connected, and the veteran dies because of the condition, then the veteran's surviving spouse and dependents may be eligible for some compensation. Thus, there are high economic ramifications if a condition is determined to be service connected.

Promotion of Smoking in the Military

Anyone who has seen a 1940's war movie can recall the emphasis on cigarettes in the culture of the fighting men. Congressman Lane Evans of Illinois, Ranking Member of the House Veterans Affairs committee issued a press release noting that total cigarette sales soared in the 1940s. "During what a 1949 *Fortune Magazine* article called the war boom in cigarette demand, tobacco giant Phillip Morris posted record sales in the fiscal

year ending March 31, 1945. Nearly one third went to our nation's armed forces." Cigarettes were a part of the freely distributed field ration food package known as "C Rations," and such cigarettes sometimes became items of barter among the soldiers.

During World War II, Korea and Vietnam, five-minute smoking breaks frequently were used as rewards for good performance, and "smoke 'em if you got 'em," is a phrase that servicemen remember well. One veteran observed that when the choice was a cigarette break or continuing to clean the latrines, smoking became very popular. Military base post exchanges and veterans hospital canteens sold cigarettes at substantially discounted prices, and servicemen often bought cartons of cigarettes for civilian friends as well as for themselves. From the Civil War until 1956 the US Code 10, section 4623, governing the Army, directed that tobacco "be furnished to the enlisted men of the army at cost prices, exclusive of the cost of transportation, in such quantities as they may require, not exceeding sixteen ounces per month." Finally, Code 38 still contains a section, section 1715, on "Tobacco for Hospitalized Veterans" which states that "the Secretary may furnish tobacco to veterans receiving hospital or domiciliary care".²

Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Togo D. West Jr., has defended the decision to end the compensation for smoking related illnesses saying, "Like the consumption of alcohol, the use of tobacco products is not a requirement of military service".³ Others have argued that, even if the veteran began smoking in the military, it is the many years of continued smoking after discharge that results in the eventual illness. The position in this case, that veterans should have known better and stopped smoking, is contrary to the government's position in the tobacco settlement where the individual smoker is seen as not responsible, and the tobacco company is at fault.

Under pressure from the veterans service organizations, Speaker Gingrich, on the day before the final vote agreed to set aside two billion of the anticipated 17 billion dollar offset (saved by not compensating smoking-related illness) to be used for vocational rehabilitation and college benefits for veterans and for smoking cessation programs for veterans. While the veterans lost the battle for compensation for smoking related illness, they were able to salvage a small victory for other benefits.

The sociological eye can see the major shifts in public opinion regarding smoking, and whether responsibility lies with the smoker or the tobacco companies.⁴ Veterans who face smoking-related illness will not be compensated except through the channels open to any citizen, even in light of the fairly straightforward way in which the military promoted smoking and used cigarettes as currency.

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¹Department of Veterans Affairs, FY 1999 Budget Submission, vol.5, p.3-7.

²Alan Greenblatt, "Road Bill Conferees May Grab Money From Ill Veterans Who Smoked" *Congressional Quarterly Weekly*, May 9, 1998, p. 1205.

³Title 38, US Code, Veterans Benefits, Chapter 17, Section 1715, p. 153.

⁴Karlyn Bowman, "POLitics," *Roll Call*, May 21, 1998. □



PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

✓ **Prewitt Confirmed for Census** . . . On October 21, the Senate voted to confirm Kenneth Prewitt's appointment as Director of the Census Bureau. Prewitt (political scientist and until recently President of the Social Science Research Council) has a formidable job before him in working with Congress to navigate as accurate and complete a Census possible for 2000.

✓ **Marrett heads SSRC Search** . . . Sociologist Cora Marrett who sits on the Board of the Social Science Research Council is chairing the committee to search for Prewitt's replacement. For nominations and further information, contact Presidential Search Committee, SSRC, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019.

✓ **Stevenson to OSTP** . . . Sociologist David Stevenson (Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Education, Department of Education) is on his way to a detail at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) as Assistant Director for Social and Behavioral Sciences. Succeeding sociologist Judith Auerbach (who just returned to the NIH Office of AIDS Research), Stevenson has already taken hold through briefings with Arthur Bienenstock (OSTP Director for Science) and Auerbach.

✓ **Levine to Serve Second Term as COSSA Chair** . . . On October 5, ASA Executive Officer Felice Levine was elected to serve a second term as chair of the Executive Committee of the Consortium of Social Science Associations. In this role, Levine works closely with COSSA's Executive Director Howard Silver and the other executive directors of the scientific societies that comprise COSSA.

✓ **ASA's Race Project Briefs President's Writing Team** . . . On October 9, Levine and senior staff sociologist Roberta Spalter-Roth briefed Christopher Edley and about a dozen other members of the team writing the President's report to the nation on race. Edley (Policy Advisory to President Clinton and professor at Harvard Law School) heads the team preparing this report, expected to be out this winter. The briefing focused on the ASA initiative, key research issues, and core trends and findings based on social and behavioral science.

✓ **Science Policy Report Released by House** . . . On September 24, The House Science Committee under the leadership of Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) released its long awaited report, *Unlocking Our Future: Toward a New National Science Policy*. The report emphasizes the important of federal investments in basic research across sciences, including the social sciences, though ranking Democrat George Brown (D-CA) notes the lack of sufficient attention to social science. Ehlers' hopes the report will be adopted by resolutions in the House and the Senate. The report is available at http://www.house.gov/science/science_policy_report.htm.

January 15 Deadline

NSF Sociology Program Welcomes Submissions

The 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 of social structures.

Proposal Submission Target Dates

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

Program Address

Sociology Program, Suite 995, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; (703) 306-1756; fax (703) 306-0485.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send e-mail to Barry Markovskoy at bmarkovs@nsf.gov. □

March 1, 1999 Deadline (expected)

Enhancing Infrastructure for the Social and Behavioral Sciences: NSF Call for Proposals

The Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Science (SBE) of the National Science Foundation expects to issue a call for proposals to increase and improve infrastructure in the social and behavioral sciences. Projects of scientific significance that involve large-scale data gathering, data base construction from records or collections, or the development of archival systems are expected to be within the scope of this initiative. Also this Special Focus area will invite proposals for center programs that facilitate cross-fertilization of research

(either centers in one place or those virtually organized) and for web-based initiatives that foster research and collaboration. At *Footnotes* press time, the announcement had not yet been issued, but it is expected to be released shortly. Questions may be directed to William Butz, Director, Division of Social, Behavioral and Economic Research (wbutz@nsf.gov) or Hilleary Eberist, Deputy Director (heverist@nsf.gov). When issued, the announcement will be available electronically at the SBE web-site (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/start.html>). □

The ASA Honors Program

Engaging Students at the Annual Meeting 26 Years and Running

The ASA Honors Program is currently accepting applications for its 26th annual gathering, to be held at the 1999 ASA Annual Meetings in Chicago, IL, from August 5-10. The Honors Program allows talented undergraduate and graduate students to attend the Annual Meeting as a learning laboratory where they have the opportunity to attend both general sessions and those crafted especially for the Program. Participants in the program often remark that it is an excellent way to meet professional sociologists and other students. Norah Peters, who enrolled in the program in 1984 and is now chair of the Department of Sociology at Beaver College, commented that her experience was "extremely positive! I am still in contact with some of my Honors Program cohort...I acquired a greater sensitivity to the meetings and increased my level of professionalism...the experience also made me much less fearful of the big names."

The ASA Honors Program began in 1974 as a teaching demonstration for introductory sociology. At the 1981 Annual Meeting at Toronto, William Foote Whyte, then ASA President, suggested that the Honors students become participant-observers of ASA meetings, and this has continued to be an activity of the Program to this day. The Honors Program became an official ASA program in 1992. Dr. Duane Dukes of John Carroll University currently serves as the fifth Director of the Honors Program.

By participating in the ASA Annual Meeting through the Honors Program, undergraduate and graduate students in sociology can become an integral part of the meeting environment with a cohort of other students. Most share hotel rooms and develop lasting

friendships with other sociologists at early stages in their careers. A 1998 Honors Program participant, Mary Nell Trautner, Southwestern University, felt the experience helped her and the other students in the program acquire a sense of place at the meetings. She reflected that "it gave us some kind of distinction. There were so many thousands of people there...We were able to recognize each other very easily, and other people could recognize us as well." This sense of place and recognition worked to her benefit in speaking to faculty from prospective graduate departments: "I think that some people may have taken me more seriously and spent more time talking with me because of my involvement with the Program."

All sessions listed in the ASA's *Call for Papers* (available via the homepage at www.asanet.org and by request from the Executive Office) are open to submissions from students. However, there are also special paper and roundtable sessions sponsored by the Honors Program and organized by student members. In addition to these professional opportunities, participants enjoy social events and a Business Meeting the final day of the meeting.

A full description and electronic application form for the 26th Annual Honors Program will be available at <http://www1.jcu.edu/SOCIO/asahonor.htm> soon. For more information on the Honors Program or the application procedure and fees, interested students and supporting faculty are invited to contact: Duane Dukes, Director, ASA Honors Program, Department of Sociology, John Carroll University, University Heights, OH 44118-4581; (216) 397-4381; fax (216) 397-4376; e-mail: dukes@jcu.edu.

Don't forget, the deadline is February 1, 1999! □

New ASA Student Forum Promotes Future Sociologists

ASA Council extended its commitment to student members by approving the creation of a Student Forum at the 1998 ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The purpose of the Forum is to provide a mechanism to integrate students into the discipline and the life of the Association.

Drawing on the student programs of other social science associations, this innovation offers students a more formalized place within ASA. It seeks to:

- strengthen students' connection to their profession and their national professional association;
- serve as a vehicle to solicit input from students and to communicate directly to students on a variety of topics pertinent to sociology;
- widen the service to and involvement of all students.

All students who join ASA as student members automatically become members of the Student Forum, receive the mailings, and have access to the

programming. The Forum will include undergraduate and graduate students. No additional dues assessment is planned.

In approving the Forum, the Council indicated that an annual budget will be provided, starting in 1999. The officers will prepare an annual budget proposal and work within that budget each year. Also, the Forum can make proposals to the Program Committee. Five such student sessions are planned for the 1999 Annual Meeting and will appear in the *Call for Papers*.

The first set of officers are as follows:
 Chair: Patrick Mc Ginty, University of Missouri-Columbia
 Chair-elect: Lisa Geason, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
 Advisory Board: Alex Gunz, University of Toronto; Alexandra Marin, University of Toronto; Katherine Clegg, University of Nottingham; Diane Bessel, SUNY-Buffalo; Lisa Dobransky, Case Western Reserve; Benjamin Bolger, Oxford University □

ASA Welcomes Students to the 1999 Annual Meeting

The ASA welcomes the full participation of undergraduate and graduate students at the Annual Meeting. In addition to the ASA Honors Program, students can participate in the Annual Meeting by submitting papers to any sessions in the Call for Papers as well as one of four special Student Sessions. The Student Sessions are listed on pages 18-19 in the 1999 Call for Papers, now The new Student Forum will coordinate many of the students events and will identify session topics and organizers for future meetings.

The ASA always provides a Student Hospitality Room with coffee each morning. All students are invited to the Student Reception in their honor. For the fourth year, ASA will sponsor a poster session on graduate programs in sociology to acquaint students and their advisers with the special offerings at departments around the country.

Advisers, please encourage your students to participate in the Annual Meeting! Students, please join in the many activities at the Annual Meeting that make will further hook you on the sociological enterprise!

December 31 Deadline

Applications for Minority Fellowship Program Invited

The ASA's Minority Affairs Program announces its competition for the pre-doctoral fellowship training program for the 1999-2000 academic year. The MFP fellowship is intended primarily for minority students committed to mental health issues and research. This program is funded by a research training grant to the ASA from the Division of Epidemiology and Services Research Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Sociological research on mental health and mental illness is germane to core areas of emphasis within the National Institute of Mental Health specifically, and the National Institutes of Health more generally.

In addition to the NIMH supported fellowships, one or two non-mental health fellowships are funded by contributions made by ASA members and sister and regional associations. These fellowships do not stipulate a specific area of focus.

Applicants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States or have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence and have in their possession an Alien Registration Card, and must be accepted and/or enrolled in a full-time sociology doctoral program in the

United States. In addition, applicants must be members of a racial and ethnic group, including Blacks/African American, Latinos/as (e.g., Chicano/a, Cuban, Puerto Rican), American Indians or Alaskan Natives, and Asians (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Southeast Asian) or Pacific Islanders (e.g., Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, Filipino).

Fellows are selected on the basis of their commitment to research in mental health and mental illness, academic achievement, scholarship, writing ability, research potential, financial need, and racial and ethnic minority background. Only a limited number of highly qualified students are selected for the program. An annual stipend of \$11,496 is provided. Also, arrangements for the payment of tuition will be made with the Fellows university or department.

The deadline for applications is December 31, 1998. For application forms or additional information, contact ASA Minority Fellowship Program, 1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-3410, ext. 322; fax (202)785-0146; e-mail minority.affairs@asanet.org. □

Minority Fellowship Program Announces New Fellows

The American Sociological Association is pleased to announce that its Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) is providing financial support to 11 new Fellows for the 1998-99 academic year. The MFP is cur-

rently funding 29 Fellows.

The 11 new MFP Fellows, their university affiliations, and selected demographic characteristics are as follows:

Fellow	Race/Ethnicity/Gender	Graduate Institution
Brooks, Jacqueline	African American/Female	Ohio State University
Canady, Renee	African American/Female	Michigan State University
Choi, Sung Hak	Asian/Male	UCLA
Cruz-Caraballo, Cruz	Latino/Male	Pennsylvania State
Henry, Kirk	African American/Male	Howard University
Irons, Jennifer	African American/Female	Loyola University-Chicago
Jimenez, Antonio	Latino/Male	Northwestern University
Lopez, Lorena	Latina/Female	Pennsylvania State
Marshall, Monica	African American/Female	American University
Rangel-Wrono, Kathi	Latina/Female	University of Nebraska
Wynn, Lenard	African American/Male	Loyola University-Chicago

Like Phoenix from the Ashes: Cuban Sociology is Back

by Alejandro Portes
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Cuban sociology is staging a remarkable comeback. After being suppressed for many years and eliminated from university curricula as a bourgeois discipline, it was reinstated again in the early nineties as the ideological certainties of the past gave way to a much more challenging world. When Cuba was firmly Marxist-Leninist and a staunch ally of the Soviet Union, there was little need for an empirical social science since solutions to problems and questions could be deduced from theory. With the collapse of the Communist block, the old doctrinal verities lost much of their power and the revolutionary leadership decided to allow Sociology and its practitioners to come back from the shadows. As it turned out, one of the last studies conducted in Cuba before the discipline fell into disfavor had been quite skeptical of some of the rosiest claims by Castro and other leaders concerning achievement of revolutionary goals in the field of agriculture. The predictions of the study turned out to be right and this was not forgotten in the new and more sober climate.

Unfortunately, the early nineties also marked the "Special Period" in the Cuban economy in which the end of Soviet subsidies coincided with the tightening of the U. S. trade embargo, approved by the United States Congress after extensive lobbying by Miami exile organizations. As a result, the Cuban national product plummeted, losing a third of its value between 1989 and 1992. Sociology was reborn under these inauspicious circumstances and, as a result, the state-provided infrastructure for teaching and research was quite inadequate. Still, the reborn discipline came back with some promising features. Most important among these is its strong empirical bent. Having experienced first-hand the pitfalls of trying to fit facts to theory rather than vice versa, Cuban sociologists are very committed to tackling social problems on the basis of empirical research. In certain areas and within the constraints of a still-authoritarian regime, they have started producing a valuable literature. This new sociological production includes studies of unemployment and the informal economy, the class structure of Cuban society, gender inequalities, youth attitudes, and even determinants of clandestine emigration.

Understandably, the scientific quality of these reports vary. Some are little more than justifications of the official party line and the language of most is carefully hedged to avoid trespassing the currently permitted space for investigation. But that space seems to be growing and the results are a series of studies that, when interpreted within the limitations under which they were produced, yield valuable information about Cuban society. (I include some representative titles at the end.) These studies are mostly mimeographed or published abroad. Given the present economic conditions, it would be unrealistic to try to start a national sociology journal. For this reason, even the best studies seldom circulate between narrow local circles and are generally unknown abroad.

During a recent visit to the island, I met with Cuban sociologists to discuss the state of development of the discipline and seek ways to improve it. There appear to be at present three main university-level units for research and teaching: the departments of Sociology of the University of Havana and University of Oriente and the Center for Sociological and Psychological Research of the Ministry of Science. In addition, the Center for Demographic Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Havana is conducting an active program of research on population issues. Finally, the Latin American School of Social Science (FLACSO) has a program at the University of

Havana under the direction of sociologist Elena Diaz.

The University of Havana offers a Master's degree in Sociology. Doctorates in Sociology are awarded by the National Commission on Scientific Degrees upon presentation and evaluation of a thesis. The Sociology board of the Commission is currently chaired by Professor Jorge Hernandez. Despite the recency of their careers and the current economic difficulties, the number of young sociologists is growing. During our meeting, several Cuban colleagues described vividly the difficulties of practicing their profession. Predictably, the dearth of up-to-date literature and of computing equipment were paramount on their list. Being familiar with the strong theoretical orientation of Latin American sociology, I was impressed by the keen interest in materials on research methodology, statistical analysis, and research handbooks in areas such as sociology of education, economic sociology, and criminology. Take Francisco Ibarra, professor of methodology at the University of Havana, who approached me to see how he could get his hands on "those little green books" published by Sage on various statistical techniques.

Even if they get the books, Cuban sociologists will have a hard time putting them to use because the computer equipment at their disposal is primitive, to say the least. The U.S. trade embargo against the island hits them in two different ways. First, the heavy austerity that it imposes on state spending reduces resources for research and education; second, it makes it difficult for Cuban academics to acquire U. S.-made machines and software, even if they had the resources to do so. In this environment, studies are conducted on small samples, analyzed by hand or with basic computer assistance, and seldom published. Despite these limitations, the existence and growth of Sociology is a positive development as it encourages a critical look at different aspects of Cuban society and weakens the sway of rigid doctrinaire interpretations as in the past. Having been born in Cuba, I am particularly interested in furthering this trend, and I suspect that many North American colleagues also sympathize with the idea. For this reason, I list below four concrete areas in which help to Cuban sociology can be provided. Books can be donated by sending them to the U. S. - Cuba Liaison Committee of the American Council of Learned Societies and Social Science Research Council. The Committee has established regular channels for donations of bibliographic materials which are legal under present regulations. Consider, in particular, sending handbooks in specific fields, texts on methodology and statistics, and research reports. The address of the Committee is: Social Science Research Council, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019.

Those visiting the island or who know some one travelling there may also consider bringing a few books along. Provided that their number is not large, this has not created so far any difficulty with U. S. authorities. A visit to the Sociology department of the University of Havana or University of Oriente in Santiago would be a suitable time to make this donation and, in the process, learn first-hand what colleagues there are doing.

Those with the means to do so may consider inviting a Cuban sociologist to their university. Several whom I met speak English fluently and will be able to offer lectures and communicate with their American colleagues. Such visits are immensely valuable to scholars who seldom go abroad and who must work without access to recent developments in their profession. Sociologists with knowledge of Spanish may also consider translating and reproducing research reports coming from the island as a way of disseminating results from the remarkable comeback stage by the

discipline.

Finally, donations of used computer equipment or software would be most valuable, although they are also the most difficult. Current U. S. law makes it illegal to make such gifts without a special license from the Commerce Department. The ACLS/SSRC Liaison Committee has been active in this area and, along with it, we will be investigating legal options for American scholars interested in donating machines and other research equipment to Cuban universities. For the time being, two observations are in order. First, even older equipment and older versions of SPSS and similar statistical software are welcome since what is available at present is mostly ancient. Second, Canadian sociologists and those based in Canadian universities are not subject to legal limitations and are free to provide such professional aid to their colleagues in the island. This can be done through the Cuban embassy or through a number of Canadian non-governmental organizations working on the island.



Spotlight on Departments

An occasional column showcasing accomplishments and innovations in sociology departments

Seven in One Go!

by David J. Pratto
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Publishing scholarly books, be they research monographs, textbooks, books of readings, even workbooks, is not uncommon in academe. What is unusual is an event happening at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro Sociology Department. This department has thirteen tenure-track faculty members consisting of three professors, four associate professors, and six assistant professors. It is a department which offers BA and MA degrees. In the Fall of 1998, the department will begin to offer a concentration in criminology as part of their sociology degrees at both the BA and MA levels. It does not offer a PhD and it generally supports only about a half dozen graduate assistants each year. Nevertheless, beginning in the summer of 1997 and going through the fall of 1998, this department will have produced seven books by the faculty! A quick perusal of other sociology departments and other sociology departments reveals that seven books in a seven or eight year period, by departments which grant the PhD, is closer to the norm! There is great variety in the books ranging from research monographs based on qualitative data to quantitative research methods books. Collectively they present a rich mixture of sociological theory, methods, and substance that contribute both student learning and to the progression of the sociological enterprise. A brief description of the books follows:

Saundra Westervelt (assistant professor) is author of *Shifting the Blame. How Victimization Became a Criminal Defense*, Rutgers University Press, 1998. This monograph examines the new approach used recently by attorneys to defend wives who have killed their abusive husbands. This is not sensationalism. It is a careful examination of the development and social contexts of this emergent defense strategy.

David F. Mitchell (assistant professor) is co-author with Bert A. Goldman and Paula E. Egelson of Volume 7 of the *Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures*, American Psychological Association, 1997. Mitchell and Goldman are the series editors of these volumes. In the Preface to the 501 pages of Volume 7, the authors define their work as filling "a need for reference tools in behavioral and social science research." "This is to enable researchers to determine what types of noncommercial experimental test instruments are currently in use."

A Sample of Recent Cuban Sociological Titles (Translated from Spanish)

- Elena Diaz Gonzalez et al. 1997. "Cuba, Impact of the Economic Crisis on its Most Vulnerable Groups: Women, Family, Infants." FLACSO Program, University of Havana.
- Mayra Espina Prieto. 1997. "Recent Transformations of the Cuban Class Structure." *Papers #52*, University of Barcelona, Spain.
- Marta Diaz Fernandez. 1998. "Identity and Politics: The New Generations of Cuban Emigrés." School of Psychology, University of Havana.
- Yoimy Castañeda and Alain Basail. 1998. "Religious Identity and Social Change in Cuba." Department of Sociology, University of Havana.
- Mayra Espina Prieto, Lucy Martin Posada, Licia Nuñez Moreno. 1998. "Components and Structural Tendencies of Present Cuban Society." Center for Psychological and Sociological Research, Ministry of Science, Cuba. □

William T. Markham (professor) is author of a revised edition of *A Consumer's Guide to Social Research*, Kendall-Hunt, 1997. As discernable from the title, this book is a research methods book for introducing students to sociological research. It was written in part because, "Today's students are tomorrow's public officials and public and corporate managers, so we have only ourselves to blame when they choose economists and psychologists to conduct research that sociologists could do better."

Paul Luebke (associate professor) is author of the revised edition of *Tiered Politics*, University of North Carolina Press, 1998. This book describes the two major forces in the political economy of North Carolina and other southern states in the last two decades of the twentieth century. It is an examination of how the Traditionalists and Modernizers conflict but interact in a region of the country which historically has been guided by traditionalists and populists.

Mary Patrice Erdmans (assistant professor) is author of *Opposite Poles: Immigrants and Ethnicity in Polish Chicago, 1976-1990*, Penn State University Press, 1998. This book examines the political infighting of the Polish community of Chicago caught up with the development and successes of the Solidarity movement. Using resources from both Poland and the U.S. and data from extensive interviewing of both the people and the leaders, the book provides a classic examination of both materialistic (economic) and ideological (political) dimensions of a successful social movement.

Kenneth D. Allan (assistant professor) is author of *The Meaning of Culture: Moving the Postmodern Critique into the Twenty-First Century*, Greenwood Press, 1998. This theory book is an attempt to bring culture back into modern manifestations of sociological theory. It also is an attempt to bring theory to culture. The book provides an agenda for theorists and students of theory as we move into the next millennium.

Rebecca G. Adams (associate professor) is co-editor, with Graham Allan, of *Placing Friendship in Context*, Cambridge University Press, 1998. These authors have been at the forefront of research on friendship as a specialty within sociology. The authors have brought together as series of articles by cutting edge scholars in this field as an attempt to add more coherence to friendship research by establishing the boundaries and subsets of the specialty.

Sociology Holds Its Own in Climate of Retrenchment and Restructuring

While many graduate departments across disciplines are facing retrenchment and restructuring, this is not the case in sociology. In this chilly climate, graduate departments of sociology not only appear to be holding their own but are experiencing full-time faculty growth, despite widespread use of adjunct faculty, according to newly available data from the 1998 Survey of Graduate Departments of Sociology.

Three measures of retrenchment and restructuring are used in this analysis. The first is a measure of growth or decline in full-time faculty in graduate sociology departments. The second is a measure of the use of part-time or adjunct faculty. The third is a measure of whether departments experiencing decline in full-time faculty are witnessing their replacement by part-time or adjunct faculty.

Department Growth Rather than Retrenchment

Table 1 shows a sizeable increase in graduate departments that experienced faculty growth and a dramatic decrease in those that experienced faculty decline. The largest group of graduate departments in each academic year remained in a steady state, suggesting a lack of retrenchment.

Faculty growth is defined as when the number of full-time faculty hired was more than the number of faculty that departed in the previous academic year. Faculty decline is defined as when fewer full-time faculty were hired than faculty that departed in the prior academic year. Steady state is defined as when the number of full-time faculty stayed the same. It should be noted that this measurement of change is limited to one year and may not fully capture faculty growth. In the next year, for example, departments that lost a faculty member may well be allowed to hire. Based on this measure, findings from the 1998 survey are contrasted with those from the 1995 Survey of Graduate Departments using information for the 133 departments that

reported in both years. This file was created in order to control for fluctuations in departmental reporting and measure true change.¹ The data show that:

- The share of departments that experienced growth in full-time faculty during the academic year prior to the survey increased by seven percentage points. In 1994-95, 23 percent (or 29 departments) of the departments reported an increase in their faculty during the prior year. By 1997-98, 30 percent (or 39) of these same department reported such growth.
- In 1994-95 more than one-third of departments (46 departments) reported losing faculty in the prior academic year. In contrast, in 1997-98, the share of departments reporting a loss of faculty in the prior year decreased by 16 percentage points to only one out of five (27) departments. The usual reason for departures was assistant professors leaving because they did not get tenure or full professors leaving due to retirement.
- The percentage point increase in departments that experienced growth was not substantially different in MA/MS-only departments and in PhD-granting departments. In contrast, the percentage point decrease was substantially higher in MA/MS-only departments compared to PhD-granting departments (22 percentage points compared to 13 percentage points). In both years, the largest share of MA/MS and PhD-granting departments reported a steady state of affairs, suggesting the general lack of retrenchment in graduate sociology departments.
- MA/MS-only departments were more likely to hire new faculty at the assistant professor rank only, while PhD-granting departments were somewhat more likely to hire full professors and associate professors. Fully 94 percent of new faculty hired

in MA/MS departments were assistant professors in contrast to only eight out of 10 faculty hired in PhD-granting departments (data not shown).

Use of Part-time and Adjunct Faculty Widely Dispersed

A new set of questions concerning the use of part-time and adjunct faculty were added to the 1998 Survey of Graduate Departments. For this analysis we used all 158 responding departments. (This number represents a 62 percent response rate.) The data from these questions show that:

- Employment of adjunct faculty is a widespread practice among reporting graduate degree-granting sociology departments. Eight out of 10 of reporting departments reported doing so in 1997-98. MA/MS-only departments were more likely to hire adjuncts than PhD-granting departments. More than nine out of 10 (93 percent) of departments whose highest degree offered was an MA/MS and 73 percent of PhD-granting departments employed faculty in this category (data not shown).
- The use of adjunct faculty is notably higher in MA/MS-only departments than in PhD-granting departments. Graduate degree-granting departments reported employing an average of 5.7 adjunct faculty in 1997-98, with MA/MS-only departments employing an average of 7.6 adjunct faculty and PhD-granting departments employing an average of 4.6 adjunct faculty (data not shown).

Adjunct Use Not Part of a Single Restructuring Process

Although most departments use part-time and adjunct faculty, if these faculty are being used to replace full-time faculty we would expect a greater use of adjunct by departments with a declining number

of full-time faculty than in departments experiencing faculty growth. Table 2 shows that in fact, there did not appear to be significant differences in the use of adjunct faculty between departments who experienced growth in full-time faculty and those that experienced a decline. The findings show that:

- About 81 percent of "growth" departments compared to about 84 percent of "decline" departments report using adjunct faculty. This finding suggests that the use of adjunct faculty is not limited to a single process of restructuring whereby these "contingent" faculty are substituted for full-time faculty leaving departments. The dispersed use of adjuncts in departments experiencing faculty growth suggests a more complex phenomenon.
- The departments least likely to use adjunct faculty were steady state departments (in which the number of hires and departures of full-time faculty balanced out or there were neither hires nor departures during the prior year). About 78 percent of these departments employed adjunct faculty, but here again the differences were not dramatic.

In the current climate of retrenchment and restructuring across many disciplines, graduate departments of sociology appear to either be experiencing growth in full-time faculty positions, or holding steady. While there is widespread use of part-time or adjunct faculty, these positions do not appear to be at the direct expense of full-time tenure-track positions. No significant difference was found between "growth" departments and "decline" departments in their use.

Footnotes

¹This matched file is somewhat biased toward PhD-granting departments. □

Table 1: Percent of Departments Experiencing Types of Faculty Growth by Department Type: 1994-95 and 1997-98

	1994-95			1997-98			Percentage Point Change 1994-95 to 1997-98
	MA/MS	PHD	Total	MA/MS	PHD	Total	
Faculty Growth	18.4 (7)	25.3 (22)	23.2 (29)	27.5 (11)	31.5 (28)	30.2 (39)	+7.0
Steady State	44.7 (17)	37.9 (33)	40.0 (50)	57.5 (23)	44.9 (40)	48.8 (63)	+8.8
Faculty Decline	36.8 (14)	36.8 (32)	36.8 (46)	15.0 (6)	23.6 (21)	20.9 (27)	-15.9

Note: Data are included only on departments responding to both the 1995 and 1998 surveys. Valid N=133.

Source: American Sociological Association, Survey of Graduate Departments of Sociology (same sample file), 1995 and 1998.

Table 2: Percent of Departments Using Part-Time or Adjunct Faculty by Growth or Decline in Number of Full-Time Faculty, 1997-98

	Departments Use of Adjunct/Part-Time Faculty		Total
	Yes	No	
Faculty Growth	81.3 (39)	18.8 (9)	100.0 (48)
No Change	77.8 (56)	22.2 (16)	100.0 (32)
Faculty Decline	84.4 (27)	15.6 (5)	100.0 (32)
Total	80.3 (122)	19.7 (30)	100.0 (152)

Valid N=152

Source: American Sociological Association, 1998 Survey of Graduate Departments of Sociology
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"It's In the ASR . . ." Cars, Carpets, and Transports

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Would you prefer to buy a used car from a friend or from a car dealer? Based on data from the 1996 General Social Survey economic module — the first publicly available national survey that asks about respondents' relationships to those from whom they have made such purchases — almost half of used car purchases from individuals are between relatives, friends, or acquaintances. Asked about their preferences, only 20% prefer to sell a used car to someone they know, yet fully half prefer to buy a used car from someone they know.

The same patterns hold for many other consumer purchases. From the purchase of home maintenance to the purchase of used furniture, many economic transactions in the U.S. are socially embedded; and—for buyers anyway—people often prefer it that way.

In the lead article in the October issue of the *American Sociological Review* ("Socially Embedded Consumer Transactions: For What Kinds of Purchases do People Use Networks Most?"), Paul DiMaggio and Hugh Louch document the ubiquity of socially-embedded transactions in the U.S. and argue that "transacting with social contacts is effective because it embeds commercial exchanges in a web of obligations, holding the seller's network hostage to appropriate role performance in

the economic transaction." From this "hostage hypothesis" DiMaggio and Louch infer that socially-embedded transactions will be more common in "risky transactions that are unlikely to be repeated and where uncertainty is high." Buyers in particular will be keen to embed risky purchases in a web of social obligation, since that provides them with a form of (social) insurance for their purchases.

These arguments are testable with the GSS economic module because the module includes goods and services that can be ordered along the key dimensions of riskiness and frequency. DiMaggio and Louch find broad support for their hostage hypothesis. When exchanges are more laden with risk, people are more likely to prefer sellers to whom they have noncommercial ties.

Also in the October issue

In addition to the DiMaggio-Louch study, the October issue of ASR contains two comparative studies of the welfare state, two case studies of gender stratification (in law firms, and in savings and loans associations), a cross-national study of sex differences in suicide rates, and a computer simulation analysis of how trust between strangers emerges. There is also a lively exchange over whether there is empirical support for the view that competitive religious economies tend to spur greater levels of religious commitment. □

Datasets for Exploring Aspects of Disability

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Social science research and policy regarding disability will depend increasingly on the availability and usability of relevant, high quality, national databases. The purpose of the *Research Archive on Disability in the U.S. (RADIUS)* is to facilitate access to, and analysis of, outstanding data and documentation on the prevalence, correlates, and consequences of disability in the U.S. All archived studies have undergone substantial file processing and improvements by RADIUS staff, such as merging related data files and enhancing variable-level and study-level documentation to facilitate their use by social scientists, health researchers, policy-makers, educators, and students. Studies were selected with the help of a National Advisory Panel of experts using scientific criteria of technical quality, substantive utility, policy relevance, and potential for secondary data analysis.

Sociologists and other researchers have become increasingly interested in performing secondary analysis of existing large databases as a result of: (1) the often prohibitive expense and time required to conduct original population studies, (2) the availability of relevant large scale databases, and (3) improvements in desktop computing, such as fast CPUs, large drives/storage devices, and CD-ROMs, as well as networked computer technology (e.g., LANs, intranets, and the Internet) that facilitate access to more and larger files than was ever possible.

RADIUS integrates three kinds of machine readable materials: (1) technically and substantively outstanding datasets (raw data, SPSS and SAS statistical program command files, and documentation); (2) original measurement instruments and questionnaires (corresponding to the archived datasets); and (3) search & retrieval and extract software to facilitate retrieval of user-defined portions of the datasets and measurement instruments.

RADIUS 1st Edition includes 16 studies comprising nearly 16,000 variables (over 1.3 million cases). Several of these studies are not available from any other source. RADIUS 2nd Edition will include several additional large studies. RADIUS datasets facilitate analyses on topics such as: the prevalence of specific diseases, disorders, and impairments; disabilities in relation to major life roles and activities, such as work, parenting, education, and recreation; societal limitations including physical, attitudinal, and economical barriers that restrict full participation in society; psychosocial and interpersonal factors such as coping with stress, sexuality, feelings of control and productivity, quality of life, and family relations and support; as well as a variety of basic demographic factors on respondents such as age, race, sex, income, occupation, marital status, family size, and living arrangements.

RADIUS Datasets

- 1994 *National Survey on Sexuality Issues among Women with Physical Disabilities*
- 1994-1995 *National Health Interview Survey on Disability (Phase I, 1994)*
- 1994 *NOD Survey of Americans with Disabilities: The Next Generation of Upper-Limb Prostheses, 1994*
- *National Longitudinal Transition Study of Special Education Students, 1987-1991*
- 1991 *NOD Survey of Public Attitudes Toward People with Disabilities*
- *Annual Survey of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Youth, 1975-1994*
- *School to Work Transition Survey of Deaf Youth, 1986-1992*
- 1991 *National Maternal and Infant Health Follow-up Survey*
- 1988 *National Maternal and Infant Health Survey*
- *National Pediatric Trauma Registry, 1988-1994*
- *Survey of Income and Program Participation Core and Disability Modules, 1992/1993*
- 1986 *ICD Survey: Employing Disabled Americans*

- 1986 *Survey of Disabled Americans: Bringing Disabled Americans into the Mainstream*
- *Rehabilitation Services Administration-Social Security Administration Data Link, 1980-1988*
- 1991 *Study of Outpatient Physical Therapy Practices*

RADIUS 2nd Edition will include:

- *The Medical Outcome Study, 1986-1992*
- 1994-1995 *National Health Interview Survey on Disability (Phase I and Phase II)*

Original Measurement Instruments

RADIUS also contains a collection of original measurement instruments corresponding to the archived datasets. The instrument archive is linked to the data archive so that an archive user who has identified a set of variables for further inspection can, for any variable of interest, immediately view the page of the original questionnaire/instrument containing the corresponding question as asked of respondents. Printed User's Guides for all studies, and supplementary documentation for some studies, are available as well.

Search & Retrieval and Extract Software

Search & retrieval software allows the user to retrieve information about the Archive's contents, both at the level of the

individual variable and at the study level. At the variable level, this is possible through the classification of all study variables in the data archive by substantive "Topic" and analytic "Type" codes, which include several standard categories from the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities, and Handicap. The search software allows: (1) full-text keyword searches across all variables in the data archive, including variable names and words in variable labels and value labels; (2) searches by the primary or secondary Topic or Type codes assigned to variables; and (3) searches by study name or assigned dataset number. Within each of these three search dimensions, standard boolean operators (and, or, not) can be used to create more specific and powerful search strategies. The "extract" software allows the user to efficiently create customized program files, from search sets of variables, that are compatible with several statistical packages such as SPSS-mainframe, SPSS/PC, SPSS/Windows, SAS-mainframe, and SAS/PC. Thus, the search & retrieval and extract software allows RADIUS users to efficiently search for and evaluate variables of interest and then move directly to statistical analysis of those variables on any of several computer platforms and statistical packages.

Is RADIUS important to social science? "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" (Gary Albrecht, *ASA Footnotes*, December 1997). RADIUS is an invitation to participate in that forum.

Footnotes

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may be submitted only by members of the Association. Nominations for scholarly works should include a one to two page statement explaining the importance of the work. Nominations for career achievement should include a letter of nomination, two copies of the vita of the nominee, and examples of relevant scholarship or other materials. Nominations should be submitted to: Shirley Hill, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, 722 Fraser Hall, Lawrence, Kansas 66045. For further information contact Hill at E-mail: hill@falcon.cc.ukans.edu; (785) 864-9405. The deadline is January 15, 1999.

DuBois-Johnson-Frazier Award

Created in 1971, this award honors the intellectual traditions and contributions of W.E.B. DuBois, Charles S. Johnson, and E. Franklin Frazier. The award is given either to a sociologist for a lifetime of research, teaching, and service to the community or to an academic institution for its work in assisting the development of scholarly efforts in this tradition. A nomination should include a summary of nominee's career or achievement, and the way in which they are consistent with the traditions of these outstanding African-American scholars and educators. Nominations should include a one-to-two page statement and a vita, if applicable, and be submitted to: Bonnie Thornton Dill, Women's Studies Department, 2101 Woods Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; e-mail bd36@umail.umd.edu; (301) 405-6878. The deadline is January 15, 1999.

Award for Public Understanding of Sociology

This award is given annually to a person or persons who have made exemplary contributions to advance the public understanding of sociology, sociological research, and scholarship among the general public. The award may recognize a contribution in the preceding year or for a longer career of such contributions. Please submit nominee's name and vita, and a detailed one-to-two page nomination statement that describes how the person's work has contributed to increasing the public understanding and knowledge of sociology to: Leon Anderson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lindley Hall, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701; e-mail landerson1@ohio.edu; (740) 593-1350. The deadline is January 15, 1999.

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Call for Papers

CONFERENCES

1999 Conference on Recent Trends and Methods of Social Stratification Research, April 30-May 2, 1999, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany. Sponsored by the Methodology section of the German Sociological Society, in collaboration with the Berlin-Brandenburg network of longitudinal researchers and the ISA Research Committees on Logic and Methodology and Social Stratification and Social Mobility. Abstracts of papers are due December 31, 1998. Contact: Uwe Engel, Department of Sociology, University of Potsdam, P.O. Box 90 03 27, D-14439 Potsdam, Germany; (49-331) 977-3419; fax (49-331) 977-3216; e-mail engel@rz.uni-potsdam.de / <http://enterprise.rz.uni-potsdam.de/soziologie/sozialstruktur/lehstuh.htm>.

Human Rights: Changes and Challenges, April 29-May 1, 1999, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. An interdisciplinary symposium exploring the theory, definition, and contestation of human rights, in both past and present, co-sponsored by the Atlanta History Center and Georgia Tech. The symposium invites new scholarly perspectives on the intersection of culture, government policy, and technology in human rights discourses. Send one-page proposal and short curriculum vitae by December 15, 1998 to: Alice Bullard and Gregory Nobles, Symposium Co-Chairs, School of History, Technology, and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332-0345.

International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment (formerly SASH), Eighth Annual Conference, August, 1999, Chicago, IL. Theme: "Creating Change: Sexual Harassment Research, Training, and Advocacy for the 21st Century." Papers, workshops, panels, and discussion groups on all aspects of sexual harassment are sought. Those with expertise on the following topics are especially welcomed: Men who are, or are likely to be, sexual harassers; racial or ethnic minorities; gay men and lesbians; K-12 students; women in male-dominated occupations; nations or geographic areas outside North America. ICASH is a multi-discipline, international group of professionals (academics, researchers, human resource personnel, trainers, attorneys, clinicians/therapists). Proposal deadline: February 22, 1999. Contact: James Gruber; (313) 593-5611; e-mail jgruber@umd.umich.edu; or Susan Fineran, e-mail sfineran@bu.edu.

International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, February 18-21, 1999, Hawthorn Suites Hotel, Charleston, SC. Sponsored by the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) and the Department of Sociology at the University of South Carolina, the conference is major forum for social scientists, mathematicians, computer scientists, and others interested in theory, methods, or applications of social networks. Abstracts are due no later than December 15, 1998. Contact: John Skvorentz, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; (803) 777-4968; e-mail skvorentz-john@sc.edu. Conference information can be found at the INSNA website <http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/project/INSNA/>.

International Thorstein Veblen Association Third Conference, in honor of the 100th anniversary of *The Theory of the Leisure Class*, April 17-18, 1999, New School for Social Research, New York, NY. Papers on any topic pertaining to Veblen are welcome and may proceed from any disciplinary (or interdisciplinary) perspective. Submit a one-page abstract and curriculum vitae no later than December 1, 1998 to: Clare Eby, University of Connecticut-Hartford, 85 Lawler Road, W. Hartford, CT 06117; e-mail eby@uconnvm.uconn.edu.

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, XXVI Annual Conference, April 28-May 1, 1999, San Antonio, TX. Theme: "Missionary Positions: Post-Colonialism to Pre-Sexto Sol." Submission packets must include four copies of the completed proposal form and 250-

word abstract along with two legal sized, self-addressed, stamped envelopes. Deadline is November 13, 1998. Contact: Alex Vega, Conference Coordinator, (210) 458-2619, e-mail AVega@usta.edu; or Juan Rodriguez and Vida Mia Garcia, Panel Review Committee Chairs, (830) 372-6083.

Organization for the Protection of Children's Rights, Fourth International Conference, October 13-15, 1999, Montreal, Canada. Theme: "Children and Violence: Our Individual, Family and Collective Responsibilities." Proposals must be submitted in writing and should include: title of the paper, name, address, phone and fax numbers of the speaker, a typed summary (200-300 words) of the paper and a short description (50 words) of the program. Papers must be received by January 15, 1999. Contact: Organization for the Protection of Children's Rights, 5167, Jean-Talon est, Suite 370, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H1S 1K8; (514) 593-4303; fax (514) 593-4659; websites <http://www.osde.ca> or <http://www.oprc.ca>.

Siena College, 15th Annual Conference on the 60th Anniversary of World War II, June 1-2, 2000, Siena College, Loudonville, NY. The focus will be 1940, though papers dealing with broad issues of earlier years are welcome. Send a 1-3 page outline or abstract of the proposal with sources and archive materials consulted, and a recent curriculum vitae or brief current biographical sketch by November 15, 1999 to: Thomas O. Kelly, II, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211-1462; (518) 783-2512; fax (518) 786-5052; e-mail legendziev@siena.edu.

Third World Conference Foundation, 25th Annual Conference Silver Anniversary Celebration, March 17-20, 1999, Swissotel, Chicago, IL. Theme: "Third World and Global Development: Reconstruction and Redefinition." People from all backgrounds, including universities, international organizations, government, NGO's, education and business are invited to participate. Deadline to send completed application form with three copies of an abstract is December 4, 1998. Contact: Roger K. Oden and Winberg Chai, Program Committee Co-Chairs, 1507 E. 53rd Street, Suite 305, Chicago, IL 60615-4509; (773) 241-6688; fax (773) 241-7898; e-mail 25thconference@twcf.org or TWCFUSA@aol.com.

PUBLICATIONS

The AHANA Project, a series on multicultural media for Greenwood Press, invites contributions that focus on the structure and operation of mass media that are controlled, significantly influenced and owned by AHANA (African, Hispanic/Latin, Asian and Native Americans). Items to be considered include reports of original research including case studies, critical essays, and professional profiles. Contact: Editors, The AHANA Project, Department of Journalism, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859; fax (517) 774-7114; e-mail guyt.meiss@cmich.edu.

Current Perspectives in Social Theory invites submissions for Volume 20, 2000. *Current Perspectives in Social Theory* is an annual publication dedicated to publishing significant articles across the spectrum of perspectives within social theory, conceived of in a broad and interdisciplinary way. To submit a manuscript, send five copies and a one-page abstract by January 31, 1999. Contact the Editor: Jennifer M. Lehmann, Department of Sociology, 741 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0324.

ASA Demography Teaching Resource Guide invites syllabi submissions for the third edition. If you have an interesting syllabus for an introductory or advanced demography course, or if you have additional teaching materials that may be of interest to other professors, please submit them to the Editor: Loretta Bass, U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Room 2353-3, Washington, DC 20233-8800; e-mail lbass@census.gov.

Ethics and Justice is an interdisciplinary public affairs journal covering current is-

suess in social and criminal justice, ethics, and society. The journal is currently seeking manuscripts of up to 1000 words for publication in future issues. Please e-mail manuscripts or inquiries to ethical_98@yahoo.com. Visit the journal's website at <http://www.nvo.com/eticjustice>.

Internationalizing Sociology in the Age of Globalization: A Curriculum Guide, set to be published in 1999 by the ASA Teaching Resources Center, invites submissions for syllabi, course outlines, instructional assignments and materials, lists of websites, professional organizations, journals, listservs, films, short essays, and any other resources on teaching internationalizing sociology and internationalizing sociology in a global age and globalization. Submit two hard copies by November 15, 1998 to: Nathan Rousseau, Department of Sociology, Muskingum College, New Concord, OH 43762; e-mail ousseau@muskingum.edu.

Radical Pedagogy, a new online journal, publishes materials related to instructional theory and practice. We accept theoretical and practical papers, articles outlining unique pedagogical strategies, and multi-media materials constructed by the authors for instructional use. Contact: Timothy McGettigan, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University, Box 7808, Winston-Salem, NC 27109; (336) 758-5447; e-mail mcgett@wfu.edu; <http://www.wfu.edu/~mcgett/rpindex.html>.

Research in the Sociology of Health Care. Papers are being sought for Volume 17 to be published by JAI Press. The major theme is "Health Care Providers, Institutions, and Patients: Changing Patterns of

Care Provision and Care Delivery." Send completed manuscripts, abstracts, or outlines by February 15, 1999 to: Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, School of Health Administration and Policy, Box 874506, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-4506; (602) 965-7099; fax (602) 965-6654; e-mail JENNIE.KRONENFELD@asu.edu.

Sexuality and Culture, an interdisciplinary annual published by Transaction Publishers, invites submissions for its third volume (1999). Theme: "The Repression of Sexual Expression." Manuscripts should be double-spaced and should include a summary of approximately 200 words. Four copies should be sent by January 8, 1999 to the Managing Editor: Roberto Refinetti, Sexuality and Culture, 504 Lake Colony Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242; e-mail refinetti@msn.com. For further information contact the Editor in Chief, Barry M. Dank; e-mail case@csulb.edu; <http://www.csulb.edu/~asc/journal.html>.

Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society, invites submissions for a special issue to be published Fall, 1999. Theme: "Gendering Middle East Politics." Deadline for submissions is November 30, 1998. For more information and a copy of guidelines for submissions contact: Valentine Moghadam, e-mail vmogha@rs6000.com.ilstu.edu or Nitzia Berkovitch, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva 84105, Israel; (07) 647-2064; fax (07) 647-2932; e-mail nberko@bgumail.bgu.ac.il.

Wesleyan Graduate Review is soliciting original and unpublished manuscripts addressing issues related to: (1) contem-

porary educational concerns and problems; (2) current issues, concerns and problems related to race and education; (3) Paulo Freire's works. Submit three typewritten copies with a 3 1/4" ASCII formatted disk. Due date March 1, 1999. Contact: Carlos Martinez, Managing Editor, Wesleyan Graduate Review, Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105-1536; (817) 531-4959; fax (817) 531-4814; e-mail martinec@twes.edu or carlostwu@aol.com.

Meetings

November 11, 1998. District of Columbia Sociological Society Meeting, University of Maryland, College Park, Marriott Conference Center, College Park, MD. Theme: "Women, Men, Work and Time." Contact: DCSS, 8202 Kenfield Court, Bethesda, MD 20817.

November 12-13, 1998. The Healthy People Consortium Meeting, Capital Hilton, Washington, DC. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Theme: "Building the Next Generation of Healthy People." Contact: Miryam Grantham, (202) 690-6245; <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>.

December 6-8, 1998. Third Annual Conference on Millennialism, Boston University, presented by the Center for Millennial Studies. Theme: "Knowing of a Time; Knowing the Time." Contact: (617) 358-0226; fax (617) 358-0225; e-mail cms@millie.org; <http://www.mille.org>.

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February 10-11, 1999, International Council for Caring Communities Conference, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY. Theme: "Caring Communities for the 21st Century: Villages and Cities for All Generations." Contact: Nancy Lewis; fax (212) 759-5893; e-mail iccc@undp.org.

March 9-13, 1999, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL) 33rd Annual Convention and Exposition, New York Hilton and Towers, New York, NY. For more information contact: TESOL Conventions Department, 1600 Cameron Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314-2751; (703) 836-0774; fax (703) 836-7864; fax-on-demand (800) 329-4469; #999; e-mail convn@tesol.org; <http://www.tesol.edu/>.

April 7-10, 1999, Race in 21st Century America: A National Conference, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Sponsored by James Madison College and The Black History Committee at Michigan State University. For more information contact: (517) 353-3372; e-mail raceconf@jmi.msu.edu; <http://www.jmi.msu.edu/raceconf/>.

Funding

Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies is offering postdoctoral fellowships in alcohol abuse treatment/intervention research. NIAAA-supported stipends range from \$21,000 to \$33,012 per year for training pharmacologic, behavioral, social and health care scientists for a career in alcohol abuse/alcoholism research. Applications received by February 15, 1999 will receive full consideration. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. For further information and application write: Richard Longabaugh, Director, Brown University, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Box G-BH, Providence, RI 02912; (401) 444-1837; fax (401) 444-1888.

Dartmouth College, Summer Humanities Institute on "The Question of Privacy," June 24-August 21, 1999. Applications for resident fellowships are invited from junior and senior faculty in the hu-

manities and related disciplines; external (non-Dartmouth) fellows will receive a \$5,000 stipend. Application deadline: January 30, 1999. Contact: Sandra Gregg, Assistant Dean of the Faculty, Dartmouth College; (603) 646-3756; e-mail sandra.gregg@dartmouth.edu; <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~hri/>.

Family Research Consortium, a National Institute of Mental Health sponsored program, announces the availability of six, three-year postdoctoral positions beginning June 1, 1999. The program provides research training in theoretical, methodological, and substantive issues concerning family processes and child/adolescent mental health in ethnic/racial and socioeconomically diverse populations. To apply applicants must have completed all requirements for the PhD, including the dissertation defense, by the time of appointment and must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applications close January 15, 1999. Contact: Dee Frisque, Research Center Coordinator, Center for Human Development and Family Research in Diverse Contexts, 106 Henderson Building, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802; (814) 863-7106; e-mail dmrl10@psu.edu. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Irving S. Harris Fellowship in Child Development and Public Policy. The Harris School at the University of Chicago seeks applicants for one-year AM training program in childhood development and policy research and analysis. Full tuition and \$10,000 stipend awarded. Applicants must hold graduate degree in early childhood development or related area. Apply by January 15, 1999. Contact: Ellen Cohen, Director of Admissions, (773) 834-2576; e-mail eb-cohen@uchicago.edu.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellowships. Several Rockefeller Visiting Fellowships will be awarded by the Princeton University Center for Human Values for the academic year 1999-2000. Applicants invited from outstanding teachers and scholars who are interested in devoting a year in residence at Princeton to write about ethics and human values. Applicants are expected to have a doctorate or a professional post-graduate degree

and cannot be in the process of writing a dissertation. The deadline for application materials is December 16, 1998 for fellowships beginning September 1999. For further information contact: Stephanie Resko, University Center for Human Values, Louis Marx Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544; (609) 258-4798; e-mail sresko@princeton.edu; <http://www.princeton.edu/~uchv/>.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Professorship. The University Center for Human Values invites applications from distinguished scholars of any discipline whose teaching and scholarship is devoted explicitly and in significant measure to ethical and evaluative issues. Interested scholars should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a list of potential referees who may be contacted. Applications are due by November 1, 1998, but will be considered until the position is filled. Contact: Director, University Center for Human Values, Louis Marx Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544.

University of Minnesota is pleased to announce a postdoctoral position, a National Research Service Award, sponsored by the NIMH, on the psychosocial determinants of mental health and adjustment in childhood, adolescence, and the transition to adulthood. Full-time, 12-month research training will be provided for a two-year period. U.S. citizens or residents are eligible. The award provides an annual stipend in accordance with NRSA guidelines, tuition, fees and medical insurance. Postdoctoral candidates, who have received a PhD in a social science discipline or an equivalent degree, such as an MD, public health, or nursing degree by September 1999, should provide a letter describing current research interest, a complete vita, university transcript, three letters of recommendation, and samples of written work. For full consideration, send postdoctoral application materials by January 5, 1999 for admission in September, 1999. Contact: Candace Kruttschnitt, Life Course Center, Department of Sociology, 1014 Social Sciences Building, 267 1st Avenue South, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

National Science Foundation will award approximately 1,000 new Graduate Research Fellowships to support graduate

study in science, mathematics, and engineering. The NSF contracts with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) to provide the support services for this prestigious fellowship program. Applicants must be citizens, nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the United States at the time of application. Each three-year fellowship provides a stipend of \$15,000 for 12-month tenure, and a cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 per tenure year. Graduate Research Fellowships are awarded on the basis of ability. Applications are evaluated based on all available evidence of ability, including academic records, recommendations, and Graduate record Examinations (GRE) scores. The deadline for applying in the 1999 competition is November 5, 1998. Contact: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, ORAU, P.O. Box 3010, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-3010; (423) 241-4300; fax (423) 241-4513; e-mail nsfgrfp@orau.gov.

Remarque Institute invites applicants for fellowships tenable in the academic year 1998-99. The Institute's program during the years 1997-2000 will emphasize "Europe in Question: An Uncertain Continent." Applications are invited from candidates with relevant interests in contemporary Europe. The one-year postdoctoral fellowship carries a stipend of \$25,000, together with support for housing and travel. Senior fellowships are for one semester (non-stipendiary); assistance with travel and housing will be provided. Deadline for applications is January 15, 1998. Contact: Tony Judt, Director, Remarque Institute, New York University, 53 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012; e-mail remarque.institute@nyu.edu. It would be helpful if applicants could specify for which fellowship they wish to apply.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Substance Abuse Policy Research Program 1998. This program is intended to identify and assess policies that can reduce the harm caused by substance abuse; to analyze their feasibility, effectiveness, and likely consequences; and to help ensure that the understanding gained through these analyses will be used by decision makers in the public and private sectors. Experts in public health, law, political science, medicine, sociology, criminal justice, economics, and other behavioral and policy sciences are encouraged to conduct research in four areas: tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, and combinations of multiple substances. Approximately \$6 million will be made available. Total project awards will be funded up to \$350,000 and may extend up to three years. Letters of intent for projects requesting under \$100,000 may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed as they are received. The deadline for receipt of letters of intent for projects requesting \$100,000-\$350,000 is December 16, 1998. Contact: Andrea L. Ebbers, Substance Abuse Policy Research Program, Department of Public Health Sciences, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1063; (336) 716-9714; e-mail aebers@rc.phs.wfu.edu. For an abstract or the full text of the Call for Proposals, visit the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation web site <http://www.rwjf.org>. Once on the site, click on "Applying for a grant," then "List of Open Calls for Proposals."

Social Science Research Council. The International Migration Program announces a competition for fellowships to research international migration to the United States during 1999-2000. The goal is to foster innovative research that will advance theoretical and interdisciplinary understandings of a wide range of subjects including, but not limited to, the causes, processes, and patterns of migration and refugee flight; economic, political, social and cultural outcomes of immigration and refugee settlement; and the transformative impact of migration on both immigrants, refugees, and native-born Americans. Fellowships are available to support 12 months of dissertation or postdoctoral research and a summer dissertation workshop for students from minority backgrounds to develop research topics, methods, and proposals. Deadline: January 13, 1999. Contact: International Migration Program, Social

Science Research Council, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019; e-mail migration@ssrc.org; <http://www.ssrc.org>.

Competitions

Modern Language Association invites editors to compete for the third MLA Prize for a Distinguished Scholarly Edition. For the 1999 competition, the committee solicits submissions of editions published in 1997 or 1998. The prize, which consists of a \$1,000 check and a certificate, will be presented to the winning editor at the association's annual convention in December 1999. Entries must be received by May 1, 1999. For further information contact: Richard Brod, Director of Special Projects, Modern Language Association, 10 Astor Place, New York, NY 10003-6981; (212) 614-6406; e-mail awards@mmla.org.

Modern Language Association Martin N. Cohen Award for a Distinguished Edition of Letters. The committee solicits entries of important collections of letters published in 1997 or 1998. The prize, which consists of a \$1,000 check and a certificate, will be presented to the winning editor at the association's annual convention in December 1999. Entries must be received by May 1, 1999. For further information contact: Richard Brod, Director of Special Projects, Modern Language Association, 10 Astor Place, New York, NY 10003-6981; (212) 614-6406; e-mail awards@mmla.org.

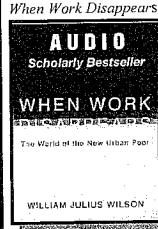
Modern Language Association requests submissions for its annual prizes for books published in 1998. (1) James Russell Lowell Prize. For an outstanding literary or linguistic study, a critical edition of an important work, or a critical biography. Open to studies dealing with literary theory, media, cultural history, or interdisciplinary topics. Deadline March 1, 1999. (2) MLA Prize for a First Book. Criteria is the same as for the James Russell Lowell Prize. Deadline April 1, 1999. (3) MLA Prize for Independent Scholars. For a scholarly book in the field of English or other modern languages and literatures. Deadline May 1, 1999. (4) Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize. For an outstanding book published in English in the field of Latin American and Spanish literatures and cultures. Should be broadly interpretive works that enhance understanding of the interrelations among literature, the other arts, and society. Deadline May 1, 1999. (5) Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies. For an outstanding scholarly work in comparative literary studies involving at least two literatures. Deadline May 1, 1999. (6) Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Linguistic or literary studies. Deadline May 1, 1999. (7) Kenneth W. Mildenberger Prize. For a research article in the field of teaching foreign languages and literatures. Deadline May 1, 1999. (8) Mina P. Shaughnessy Prize. For a research publication in the field of teaching English language, literature, rhetoric, and composition. Deadline May 1, 1999. (9) Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures. For an outstanding scholarly work on the linguistics or literatures of the Slavic languages. Deadline May 1, 1999. (10) Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Scholarly Study of Literature. For an outstanding translation into English of a book-length work of literary history, literary criticism, philology, or literary theory. Deadline May 1, 1999. (11) Lois Roth Award for a Translation of a Literary Work. For an outstanding translation into English of a book-length literary work. Deadline April 1, 1999. For all awards contact: Richard Brod, Director of Special Projects, Modern Language Association, 10 Astor Place, New York, NY 10003-6981; (212) 614-6406; fax (212) 533-0680; e-mail awards@mmla.org.

North Central Sociological Association is accepting nominations for the 1999 Scholarly Achievement Award. This award is given to authors of published research monographs that make an outstanding contribution to the field of sociology. The award is presented at the annual meeting of the association, which is held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. The award is presented to the author of the monograph. For more information contact: Richard Brod, Director of Special Projects, Modern Language Association, 10 Astor Place, New York, NY 10003-6981; (212) 614-6406; fax (212) 533-0680; e-mail awards@mmla.org.

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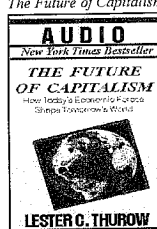
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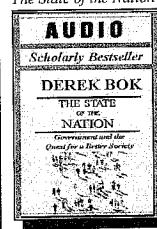
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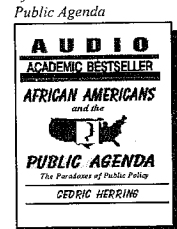
This *New York Times Bestseller* by Lester Thurow (Lemelson Professor of Economics and Former Dean of the Sloan School of Management at MIT) identifies the many factors responsible for the enormous economic changes occurring around the globe. This provocative work helps to chart a course for survival and success in years to come.
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This perceptive and timely *Academic Bestseller* edited by Cedric Herring (Professor of Sociology and Public Policy and Former President of the Association of Black Sociologists) examines several paradoxical issues surrounding race and public policy, including affirmative action, welfare, education, and crime and punishment.
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standing contribution to the advancement of sociological knowledge. Deadline for nominations is November 15, 1998. For further information contact: Rebecca Bordt, NCSA Scholarly Achievement Award Committee, Department of Sociology, 325 O'Shaughnessy Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556; (219) 631-7619; e-mail bordt.1@nd.edu.

Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research invites applications for the Rabin-Peres Peace Award. The award will be used to fund scholarships in fields related to the Middle East Peace Process in order to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Israel. The Center invites: (1) Joint research proposals from senior American and Israeli scholars on topics concerning the Middle East Peace process. A limited number of grants, each between \$10,000 and \$20,000, will be awarded for the conduct of this research. (2) PhD dissertation research proposals to support the completion of dissertations on topics concerning the Middle East Peace Process. Applicants will be considered for grants of \$5,000-\$10,000. For further information contact: Eliya Ribak, The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel Aviv University, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv 69978, Israel, fax (972-3) 640-7489; e-mail steinmet@ccsg.tau.ac.il.

In the News

Scott Applerouth, a graduate student in New York University, was referred to in an article in the *New York Times* on August 29, 1998 about the sociology of jazz musicians.

Tony Cortese, Southern Methodist University, was interviewed for and quoted in two separate articles in the *Dallas Morning News*. One was in co-housing in Dallas. The second was on the 25-year anniversary of the Julio Rodriguez case where an 11-year old boy was shot and killed while under custody of the Dallas police.

Cedric Herring, University of Illinois-Chicago, was interviewed in June by the British Broadcast Company (BBC) Radio for a series on African American politics, class, and public policy. In addition, he was quoted in a June article in the *Chicago Reporter* about racial segregation in the suburbs. Herring was also interviewed in July by National Public Radio affiliate WBEZ about "color blindness" in race relations. And in August, he was again interviewed by WBEZ Radio concerning an upcoming hate crime trial.

Jerry A. Jacobs, University of Pennsylvania, and **Kathleen Gerson**, New York University, were quoted in the August 31, 1998 issue of *USA Today*. Their research on working time and work-family conflict was discussed.

Hermann Kurthen, State University of New York at Stony Brook, participated as an expert speaker on immigrant life and community incorporation on Long Island at a live town hall meeting on public television WLJW21 (Channel 21, Plainview, New York) on September 22, 1998.

Lora Lempert, University of Michigan-DeARBorn, was quoted in the *The Detroit News* on July 17, 1998, in an article on women's educational attainment.

Steven J. Taylor, Syracuse University, was quoted in an August 31, 1998 *Wall Street Journal* article on the emergence of Disability Studies as an area of academic inquiry.

Hannah Wartenberg, Southampton College, was interviewed in *The East Hampton Star* in July 23, 1998 about her life as Jewish woman born in Germany.

Charles Willie, Harvard University, was featured in the *Harvard University Gazette* on September 17, 1998 about his new book *Black Power/White Power in Public Education*. He was also quoted in a news story on school desegregation in the August 25, 1998 *Seattle Post-Intelligence*.

Sarah Susannah Willie, Swarthmore College, was quoted in the September 23, 1998 *Christian Science Monitor* news story about **Hillary Clinton**.

James L. Wood, San Diego State University, was interviewed on August 13, 1998 by Channel 10 (ABC) about San Diego's gated communities. He was also interviewed on September 2, 1998 by CBS Evening News about distance learning in conjunction with the official opening of the Western Governors University.

Awards

Jane Collins, University of Wisconsin-Madison, received the 1998 Citation for Excellence in Teaching. **Andrew Schrank** and **Buffy Smith** received similar awards for outstanding work as a Lecturer and a Teaching Assistant respectively.

Mareyjoyce Green, Cleveland State University, received the Pauline Bart Feminist Activism Award from the Sociologists for Women in Society.

Terry R. Kandal, California State University-Los Angeles, received the University's 1996-97 Outstanding Professor Award.

Rhonda F. Levine, Colgate University, received a grant from the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation for her research, "Replanted Lives: German Jewish Immigrants in Rural New York, 1935-1980."

Peggy Levitt, Assistant Professor at Wellesley College and Associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, received a Ford Foundation grant to support her study, "Comparative and Historical Perspectives on Transnational Migration."

Eleanor Miller, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, received the Mentoring Award from the Sociologists for Women in Society.

Louise Roth, a PhD candidate in Sociology at New York University, was awarded a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant beginning this August. Her research will examine career patterns in Wall Street investment banks, and will focus on gender differences in salary and mobility.

Vicki Smith, University of California, Davis, received the university's 1998-99 Outstanding Mentor Award from the Consortium for Women and Research.

David Wagner, University of Southern Maine, has won the Northeast Popular Culture Association's 1998 book award for *The New Temperance: The American Obsession with Sin and Vice*.

Erik Olin Wright, University of Wisconsin-Madison, received the 1998 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching. The Board of Regents named him the Vilas Professor.

People

Ronald Abeles, National Institutes of Health, is on a temporary assignment as a Special Assistant to Norman Anderson, the Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR).

Michael S. Bassis is now Dean of the University of South Florida at Saratoga-Manatee and warden of the University's New College.

Mary Blair-Loy, Washington State University, was awarded a grant by Radcliffe Research Support Program of Radcliffe College to study the careers of African-American female attorneys.

Kim Blankenship has assumed the position of Associate Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University.

Karen Cook has joined the Department of Sociology at Stanford University.

Vaneta D'Andrea has been appointed University Lecturer in Higher Education at Kellogg College, University of Oxford, England.

Ivan Ermakoff has joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Wisconsin.

Barry Feld, University of Minnesota, is being reinstated at the Law School as a

Centennial Professor of Law.

Stephen Fielding has joined the faculty at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in the Department of Family Medicine.

Bettina J. Huber is the new Director for Institutional Research at California State University-San Marcos.

Hagen Koo, University of Hawaii, has been invited to spend a year at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences as a fellow-in-residence.

Doug McAdam has joined the Department of Sociology at Stanford University.

Lauri L. Perman, Pennsylvania State University, is now Assistant Dean of the Honors College with principal responsibilities in the areas of curriculum and advising.

Gene Rosa, Washington State University, will have a one-person exhibit of his sculpture/assemblages in the Museum of Fine Arts at WSU, November 10 to December 11, 1998. A visual display of the exhibit will be available after it opens via a hyperlink <http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~facrosa/>.

Mark Suchman, University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

Gail E. Thomas was appointed Professor of Sociology in Soka University in Aliso Viejo, California.

New Books

Karen A. Cerulo, Rutgers University, *Deciphering Violence: The Cognitive Structure of Right and Wrong*, (Routledge, 1998).

Marjorie Donovan, Pittsburg State University, **Juan L. Gonzales Jr.**, California State University-Hayward, **Harry Humphries**, Pittsburg State University, *Sociology: Relationships that Make a World* (Kendall/Hunt, 1998).

Nina Eliasoph, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *Avoiding Politics: How Americans Produce Apathy in Everyday Life* (Cambridge University Press, 1998).

Juan L. Gonzales Jr., California State University-Hayward, *Racial and Ethnic Families in America, 3rd Edition* (Kendall/Hunt, 1998).

Juan L. Gonzales Jr., California State University-Hayward, *Racial and Ethnic Groups in America: A Collection of Readings* (Kendall/Hunt, 1998).

Michael I. Harrison, Bar Ilan University, and **Arie Shihom**, Tel Aviv University, *Organizational Diagnosis and Assessment: Bridging Theory and Practice* (Sage, 1998).

Robert Max Jackson, New York University, *Destined for Equality* (Harvard University Press, 1998).

Augustine J. Kposawa, University of California-Riverside, *The Impact of Immigration on the United States Economy* (University Press of America, 1998).

Jan Lin, Occidental College, *Reconstructing Chinatown: Ethnic Enclave, Global Change* (University of Minnesota Press, 1998).

Martin Patchen, Purdue University, *Diversity and Unity: Relations Between Ethnic and Racial Groups* (Nelson-Hall, 1998).

Leland T. Saito, University of California-San Diego, *Race and Politics: Asian Americans, Latinos, and Whites in a Los Angeles Suburb* (University of Illinois Press, 1998).

Steven P. Schacht, State University of New York-Plattsburgh, and **Doris W. Ewing**, Southwest Missouri State University, *Feminism and Men: Reconstructing Gender Relations* (New York University Press, 1998).

Andrew G. Walder, Stanford University, *Zooming in Transition: The Process of Reform in Rural North China* (Harvard University Press, 1998).

Susan Walzer, Skidmore College, *Thinking About the Baby: Gender and Transitions Into Parenthood* (Temple University Press, 1998).

Other Organizations

Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed is an organization which evolved from a conference on the work of Paulo Freire and Augusto Boal in their efforts to help oppressed people of the world develop critical literacies to overcome social systems of oppression. New members are sought for this national organization which will be holding conferences in New York in 1999 and Minneapolis in 2000. Contact: Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed, P.O. Box 31623, Omaha, NE 68131-0623; (402) 554-3471; e-mail cloyd@unomaha.edu.

Contact

ASA Committee on Society and Persons with Disabilities seeks concerns and suggestions from individuals with disabilities regarding their experiences at ASA Annual Meetings. Forward comments to: Diane E. Taub, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4524; (618) 453-7628.

International Sociological Association seeks an outstanding sociologist with wide intellectual interests to be the new editor for the *Sage Studies in International Sociology*. The Editor of the series is expected to ensure that all published chapters meet the highest standards of linguistic accuracy (in either English or French). A modest degree of financial or material support from the Editor's institution is also required. The Editor will also serve as a member of the ISA's Publications Committee. The Editor will be appointed for an initial period of four years, but the appointment may be extended with the approval of the ISA's Publications Committee. Applications, containing (1) a statement of plans for the series (2) a full curriculum vitae, and (3) a note about institutional support, should reach the Chair of the selection committee no later than January 15, 1999. Inquiries should be addressed to the Chair of the Selection Committee: Christine Inglis, Department

of Demography and Sociology, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra ACT 0200, Australia; fax 61-2-62493031; email cinglis@coombs.anu.edu.au.

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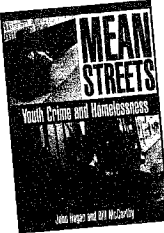
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Policy and Practice

Fernando Henrique Cardoso, the incumbent Brazilian President and a sociologist, was re-elected by a majority vote, the first Brazilian President ever to be re-elected in a democratic election.

Cedric Herring, University of Illinois at Chicago, is currently working with the City of Cicero, IL, to understand the impact of residency requirements for public safety officers (fire and police) on community economic development, "social distance" and public safety, costs, maintenance of the city's population base, and community pride. Herring is also working on a project with the Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL, to provide training to judges in order to help reduce bias in the courts.

Penelope Herdiden, Northeastern University, will be working in the State House in Boston for the Fall semester of 1998. She was appointed by State Senator Moore to be part of the Citizens' Legislative Program. She will be learning policymaking firsthand from senators and state representatives.

Joyce Miller Iutovich, President of Keystone University Research Corporation, has worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare for the past 10 years in the design, administration, and evaluation of the state's training system for childcare providers. In 1997 she completed an assessment of the training system and evaluated the relationship between training, organizational climate of centers, and the quality of childcare. Based on the final report, "Investing in Our Children's Future: The Path to Quality Child Care through the Pennsylvania Child Care/Early Childhood Development Training System," a number of policy recommendations were made to DPW's Bureau of Child Day Care regarding training needs and various state regulations for child care. These data have been instrumental in providing input and direction for the training system as it evolves into a career development system for childcare providers.

Deaths

John Wardwell died September 20, 1998.

Obituaries

Robert Bierstedt
(1913-1998)

Robert Bierstedt, an author and emeritus professor of sociology at the University of Virginia, died on September 8, 1998 in Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, VA. He was 85 and lived in Charlottesville.

He began teaching at the University of Virginia in 1972 and became a professor emeritus in 1983. Previously, he headed the department of sociology at City College in New York and the New York University.

Dr. Bierstedt, who combined abiding interests in sociology and constitutional law, was a longtime director of the American Civil Liberties Union, serving as chairman of its academic freedom committee and the church-state committee in the 1960's and 1970's.

Dr. Bierstedt wrote several books, including, *The Social Order* (1957), *Power and*

Progress: Essays on Sociological Theory (1974), and *American Sociological Theory* (1981).

He was a former director of the American Council of Learned Societies, a federation of scholarly groups focused on the humanities, and president of the Eastern Sociological Society. He also held Fulbright Senior Lectureships at Edinburgh University and the London School of Economics.

Dr. Bierstedt, a native of Burlington, IA, graduated in philosophy from the University of Iowa in 1934. He received a master's degree in philosophy in 1935 and a doctorate in sociology in 1946 from Columbia University.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; three children from his first marriage, Peter, of Los Angeles; Karen, of Ramona, CA; and Robin of New York City, and two grandsons.

His first wife, the former Betty MacIver, died in 1993.

Addendum

Dr. Bierstedt also served in the American Sociological Association for many years as an administrator and was embroiled in controversies over liberalism and academic freedom when he worked in the University of Illinois.

Reprinted from the *New York Times*, September 17, 1998 (addendum by William Silverman)

Solomon Davis
(1949-1998)

Solomon Davis, Associate Professor of Sociology at Holy Names College in Oakland, California, died on August 17 after brief and sudden illness. He was highly respected by his peers, colleagues and students, and his presence will be greatly missed.

Solomon was born in Lane, South Carolina, the eldest son of Fannie McClorin and Bonus Miller. He was the oldest of ten children in the family and he spent much of his early years caretaking his younger siblings. Solomon very much wanted to be a role model and a positive influence in their lives. After high school, Solomon attended St. Augustine's College, a small historically black college. At St. Augustine's Solomon met his first sociology professor, a native of India. The sociology professor was about to take a position at Morgan State University in Baltimore and encouraged Solomon to transfer to Morgan State. Solomon did follow the professor and graduated from Morgan State in 1970 with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Cultural Anthropology.

Solomon continued his education, earning a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1971) and his PhD in Sociology at the University of California, San Francisco (1989). During his academic career, Solomon was a recipient of numerous honors and awards, including: a Ford Foundation University Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1970-71); a Gerontology Fellowship, UCSF (1978-80); a National Institute on Aging, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Hampton College (1991-92); and a NIA/PEW Postdoctoral Fellowship, UCSF (1993-94).

Solomon joined the faculty of Holy Names College in 1995. He was a gifted instructor who served as a role model for students from diverse backgrounds. He recognized the unique potential of each of his students and challenged them to become all that they were capable of becoming. He made sociology more than an intellectual exercise; he made it a tool for illuminating the way we see our world and for making it a better place.

Solomon formed the Sociology/Human Services Club at Holy Names College and worked closely with the Office of Campus Ministry to organize community service projects and campus-wide activities. Service projects included visits to Mercy Retirement Center (Oakland), construction work with Habitat for Humanity, tutoring and mentoring youths in the Oakland Public Schools,

and serving meals at the Community Center for the Homeless (Oakland). Service learning, volunteering and mentoring were not mere words to Solomon—they were a way of life. He never seemed to tire of thinking of new ways to promote the spirit of service and outreach.

Solomon cherished family and friends. One of his greatest joys was spending time with those he loved and cared about. His capacity for embracing cultural diversity and including in his circle of life and love many friends and extended family. The gift of love and the ability to reach out to all persons unconditionally is a quality that Solomon modeled.

A special service in Solomon's honor was held in the chapel at Holy Names College on August 26, 1998. Solomon's laughter will forever ring in the hearts of family, friends, colleagues, and students. Solomon touched each of our lives in powerful and significant ways. He recently received an award from The Humanist Society in the area of mentoring. He considered this one of his most cherished accomplishments. Solomon's spirit will remain with us, and his gift for mentoring each of us will continue in new and unexpected ways.

For the gift of the life of Dr. Solomon Davis, we are grateful.

A scholarship fund in memory of Solomon Davis has been established. Donations may be made to Holy Names College in memory of Solomon Davis c/o Holy Names College 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619

Timothy Fong, Holy Names College

Harriet Holter
(1922-1997)

Harriet Holter, a pioneering Norwegian feminist sociologist, died after a long illness on December 18, 1997.

Holter studied social economics and received her PhD in 1970 from University of Oslo, where she worked for her entire professional life, until her retirement as Professor of Social Psychology. In her early research, she was deeply influenced by Robert Merton's interpretations of structural-functionalism, and her first book *Sex Roles and Social Structure* (University Press, Oslo, 1970; Swedish edition, 1973), based on her dissertation, applied Merton's ideas to the study of gender in innovative ways, utilizing work from family studies in the 1950s to make a case for women's increased public participation. Although she claimed that she had modest ambitions for the book, owing to the general opposition to thinking about gender equality at all, the book became a classic in the study of gender roles, and a touchstone text for the generation of feminist sociologists in the 1960s and 1970s.

Her second major work, *The Family in Class Society* (Pax, Oslo, 1975), was a major co-authored text that incorporated historical and Marxist ideas into the study of the family. In this work, Holter's notion of gender shifted from the static conception of "role" to a more fluid, conflict-ridden, and historically changing set of relationships. She and co-author Lars Hem formulated a theory of individuation that is both historical and class-based.

Between these now-classic books, Holter published a number of significant papers, incorporating her historical sensibility with a political vision of gender equality. These works included a theoretical paper on political rulership and male power, an analysis of organizational resistance to change, and papers on child sexual abuse and qualitative methodology. Her edited book *Patriarchy in a Welfare State* (University Press, Oslo, 1984) is still widely cited and used by scholars seeking to understand the political economy of gender inequality. Consistently, Holter maintained a clear distinction between gender difference and gender stratification, and argued that what might be seen as intractable gender difference might actually be the consequence, not the cause, of gender inequality.

Holter was not only a scholar, but a mentor to an entire generation of academic Scandinavian women. She fought tirelessly to hire and promote Scandinavian women in the university system. And, as Norway overhauled its archaic patriarchal university system, Holter was called upon to be the examiner of virtually every PhD thesis presented by a woman in the social sciences. Theory and practice were inseparable.

Though I only came to know Harriet towards the end of her life, her reputation as a warm, creative and generous intellectual was amply demonstrated in our acquaintance. She was among the most significant of a generation of feminist sociological foremothers, who paved the way—both in their scholarship and in their lives—for gender researchers today.

Michael Kimmel, State University of New York at Stony Brook

Adam Podgórecki
(1925-1998)

Adam Podgórecki, who did pioneering work in the field of sociology of the law and was a uniquely creative intellectual, died of a heart attack at his home in Ottawa on August 18, 1998.

Born in Cracow, where he received his MA in Sociology and a PhD in Law at Jagiellonian University, he eventually joined the Faculty of Warsaw University in 1956.

He was inspired by Leon Petrzycki's ideas on law and society and Maria Ossowska's pioneering work in the sociology of morality. An independent thinker, Podgórecki soon came into conflict with the academic guardians for the Polish Communist Party devoted to maintaining political orthodoxy.

Recognized internationally for his original ideas, he received many invitations from abroad such as the Law School of Northwestern University, All Souls College, Oxford, the University of Pennsylvania, the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, and the Center for Socio-Legal Studies at Wolfson College, Oxford.

In 1972, Podgórecki co-founded the first university department in Poland devoted to socio-legal and criminological research. When the university authorities expelled him and a group of his close associates for "anti-state academic activity," he reluctantly left Poland and, after one and half years at the University of Oxford, he accepted a professorship in sociology at Carleton University in Canada. This finally enabled him to pursue his scholarly work free of the political constraints in his homeland.

During two decades of his exile from Warsaw, Podgórecki conducted an extensive program of scholarly research in Polish as well as in English. Among his 12 books published in Polish, especially noteworthy are his 1962 *Sociology of Law* and *A Sociological Theory of Law*, published earlier this year.

Among his 14 books published in English, I would like to mention his 1973 *Knowledge and Opinion about Law*, which he initiated as a collaborative research project with colleagues from various European countries, his 1991 *A Theory in the Sociology of Law*, and his *Multidimensional Sociology*, co-authored with his intellectual companion and wife, Maria Los.

The most recent of his books are *Social Oppression* (1993), *Polish Society*, (1994), and *Higher Faculties: A Cross-National Study of University* (1997).

I had the good fortune of meeting Adam in 1961 on his first visit to the United States. In the course of a wide-ranging conversation on the problems and challenges of the sociology of law, we decided to submit a proposal to the Secretariat of the International Sociological Association to establish a Research Committee on the Sociology of the Law. Fortunately, our proposal was accepted. Together with colleagues from around the world we initiated a program of con-

ferences and comparative research projects, which are continuing to this day.

A sociologist steeped in law, philosophy and literature, Podgórecki had a long-standing concern with problems of ethics. Given the diversity of social and political systems, there is a need for a set of transcending moral standards, which Podgórecki refers to as "global ethics". In his multi-volume portrait of a Chinese thinker he calls Si-tien, Podgórecki sums up his theory of global ethics with some of the following propositions:

(1) Those who belong to the category of human beings have a duty to be reliable sponsors for all other living creatures.

(2) All living creatures are responsible for the whole environment and universe, which they share.

(3) According to global ethics a human being is not the "lord of other living creatures," but a cohabitant on the same planet. Human beings have a double responsibility because of their ability to diagnose the present and forecast the process of decomposition and destruction (Podgórecki, Si-Tien: *The Unknown Chinese Thinker*, Ottawa: Carleton University Press, 1993, pp. 77-79).

The core of Podgórecki's theory of "global ethics" was developed more than 30 years ago when his idea of human beings as custodians of the Earth, rather than its masters, was a radical departure from occidental conceptions. Podgórecki's scholarly work evoked the admiration of social scientists throughout the world. We will miss his brilliance, his wit and his integrity.

William M. Evans, University of Pennsylvania

Dietrich C. Reitzes
(1916-1998)

My father, Dietrich C. Reitzes, died on May 22, 1998 from complications of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, a degenerative neurological disease. I am a sociologist, in large part, because as a boy I was impressed with the pleasure and excitement my father derived from his work. He immigrated to the United States in 1935 from Berlin, completed his MA at the University of Chicago in 1941, served as Captain in the U.S. Army during World War II, and completed his doctoral studies in sociology at the University of Chicago in 1950.

Dietrich's scholarly activities centered on three sets of projects. In his dissertation and a series of published articles in the 1950s and early 1960s, Reitzes explored the intersection of macro and micro processes which he pursued together with Joseph D. Lohman and under the Dissertation direction of Herbert Blumer. Studying a Chicago working class neighborhood in the late 1940s, Reitzes proposed that acceptance of blacks by whites is less the result of personality or generalized attitudes towards blacks than the shared social meanings of potentially diverse situations generated by key social organizations. Thus, his case study revealed that the key community organization, the Civic Club, was able to project a definition of the situation that portrayed blacks as a threat to stability of the neighborhood. He found that the greater the involvement in the community the greater the rejection of blacks in the neighborhood. However, these same white men and women were members of a union that was strongly committed to a policy of racial equality on the job that the greater their involvement in union activities the greater their acceptance of blacks at work. In his second major research project that culminated in *Negroes and Medicine* (1958), Reitzes provided a comprehensive summary of the experiences of blacks in medicine at mid-century by assembling an impressive array of data on black medical students, interns and residents, and practicing physicians in 14 cities across the U.S. He concluded that in addition to social structural factors, integration in

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medicine was affected by interactional factors such as the presence of influential persons and groups actively interested in integration and the strategies used by black physicians in obtaining hospital appointments. Finally, in *The Alinsky Legacy* (1987), and in a series of articles, we argued that a key to Alinsky's success was his sociological insights that: community-level involvement is particularly difficult to sustain; instrumental community organizations may serve as catalysts for community cohesiveness; and that nonviolent conflict with external antagonists can be used to establish the legitimate interest of the community in pluralist city politics.

Dietrich C. Reitze's passion was teaching. He taught his first course at Indiana University, Calumet Center while still a graduate student in 1946, rose to the rank of Professor of Sociology at George Williams College (Director of the Division of Social Science, 1964-1970) and at Roosevelt University (Chair of Sociology and Anthropology, 1970-1977), retiring in 1987. While some of his students went on to pursue doctoral studies, most of his graduate students went on to careers in a wide variety of social service and criminal justice professions in the Chicago area. He was impatient with committee work and administrative details, so he found it truly ironic when for a short time in the late 1970s, he was simultaneously Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Director of the Urban Studies Program, and Acting Chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies at Roosevelt University.

Service for Dietrich Reitze was another opportunity to apply his sociology. In the early 1960s he was Research Director and later deputy Director of the City of Chicago's Commission on Youth Welfare and throughout his academic career he served as a consultant and advisor to the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago Boys Clubs, Chicago Youth Centers, and Hull House of Chicago. In recognition of life-long service to the community he was inducted in 1989 into the City of Chicago's Seniors Hall of Fame.

Donald C. Reitze, Georgia State University

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1997-98 Council Minutes

Monday, August 24, 1998

President Quadagno convened the Council meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Present were: Florence Bonner; Paul Burstein, Paula England, Joe R. Feagin, Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Michael Hout, Cora Bagley Marrett, Douglas Massey, Phyllis Moen, Silvia Pedraza, Alejandro Portes, Patricia A. Roos, Neil J. Smelser, David A. Snow, Teresa A. Sullivan, Ann Swidler, Charles V. Willie, Robert Wuthnow. Incoming Council members attending ex officio: Catherine White Berheide, Carole Marks, William Bielby. ASA staff: Felice J. Levine, Carla B. Howey, Phoebe H. Stevenson, John M. Kennedy, Roberta Spalter-Roth, Edward Margulid.

Absent: Linda Waite

1. Introductions and Orienting Documents

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Report of the President

President Quadagno thanked the outgoing members of Council: Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Silvia Pedraza, Neil J. Smelser, David A. Snow, Teresa A. Sullivan, and Charles V. Willie. She welcomed new Council members Catherine White Berheide, William Bielby, and Carole Marks, whose terms commence with the first meeting of the 1998-99 Council. She noted as well that Joe R. Feagin is completing his term as Council member and is continuing on the 1998-99

Council as President-elect.

Quadagno added an item of new business to the Council agenda. She had received a request from Troy Duster for the Association to take action in the case of *Barlow v. Wilson*, concerning proposed limits on data collection in the state of California.

Quadagno summarized a few of the highlights of the Annual Meeting. Close to 5000 attendees comprise a new record. The plenary sessions were very well attended. The media coverage throughout the meeting was substantial, including interviews by Ben Wattenberg of PBS on the welfare state and considerable coverage of ASA's new book, *The Realities of Affirmative Action in Employment*, which was released at the Annual Meeting. The press conference on "Children in Immigration Families: What We Know" was also well attended. Past President Smelser complimented Quadagno on her Presidential Address.

3. Report of the President-elect

President-elect Portes noted that his major task is shaping the 1999 Annual Meeting Program with the Program Committee. The Committee has identified topics for two plenary sessions: one on immigration, and one on transitions in world societies. The invitations for most of the speakers have been sent, and some have confirmed their participation. Other invitations are pending, for example, to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Secretary General of the United Nations.

He noted that he prepared a slate of nominees for ASA representatives and Committee members. His nominations will be discussed and voted on by the Council at the 1998-1999 Council meeting the next day.

4. Report of the Secretary

Secretary Sullivan summarized the reports on memberships and subscriptions, noting that the final membership total for 1998 should again be over 15,000 members. The high attendance at the Annual Meeting is important for the intellectual vitality of sociology and the Association and also for budgetary reasons.

She noted that EOB had a longer meeting than usual in July, in order to work with the Executive Office on strategic planning. The Executive Officer presented an overview of ASA programs and plans that was very well received by EOB. The group spent a morning talking about the future of sociology and where ASA should be headed in the short- and long-term. EOB was pleased with the alignment between Executive Office activities and these goals.

Sullivan noted that EOB has undertaken the lengthy process of benchmarking to evaluate whether we have the best financial arrangements with our major vendors. EOB has asked current and potential vendors to submit proposals for their services. Such a process of review was just completed for ASA's investment manager.

5. Report of the Executive Officer

Executive Officer Levine welcomed Ed Margulid to the staff, as the new Director of the Minority Affairs Program (MAP). She added that Havidan Rodriguez, former MAP Director, would still be involved in the MOST Program and has been very helpful in the transition. She summarized the recent contacts with the Ford Foundation and the strong positive signals she has received about ASA's request for additional funding (\$450,000).

She noted that the Race Initiative continues to be a major project within the Executive Office. A successful research "working" conference was held in April, with invited social scientists examining key research findings, trends, and patterns. In addition to support from the Ford Foundation for the Race Initiative (\$54,000), ASA has also received \$85,000 from the Kellogg Foundation for publishing and dissemination activities.

The Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) five-year renewal will be submitted this fall. This year marks the 25th year of this successful program, and ASA expects to celebrate this important event in

1998-99.

Levine noted that this is the largest ASA Annual Meeting to date, with a rich program of regular sessions and special events. She pointed out that the plenary sessions were held in the late afternoon, to provide meeting attendees free time in the evenings for other activities. This new schedule seemed to be well received.

Levine highlighted ASA's new "Issue Series in Social Research and Social Policy." These publications are based on activities undertaken by the ASA Spivack Program. Three products were released at the Annual Meeting and a fourth will be published in the fall. In addition, ASA has just published *The Realities of Affirmative Action in Employment* by Barbara Reskin. This book examines social science research on affirmative action and its impact. It is a Spivack project that, much like the Race Initiative, also included an invitational research conference. Reskin served as team leader of this initiative and authored the report. Levine noted that all of these publications were for sale at the ASA Bookstore, another innovation at this year's Annual Meeting.

In conclusion, Levine thanked Teresa Sullivan and Jill Quadagno for their service to the Association and added her personal thanks for the opportunity to work with them over the past years.

6. Update on the Sale of the Executive Office Building and Relocation

Levine announced that ASA has found a buyer for the Executive Office building at 1722 N Street NW. The buyer, a smaller association than ASA, will take occupancy on December 7, 1998. The final selling price was close to the asking price. Levine emphasized that the key factor is that the net proceeds from the sale permit a long-term lease in a suitable building.

The investigation of sites for the Executive Office has begun, and Levine is working closely with Secretary-elect Bonner to consider various possibilities in the Washington, DC area. The leading possibility is a building purchased by four higher education groups, which has space for two tenants. The building, located in the Metro Center area of Washington, has been remodeled, and ASA could lease most of one floor. Levine spoke to a number of attractive features of this site, including the other associations in the building with whom we would have much in common and the availability of conference space in the building for use at cost. She also highlighted other real estate options under consideration.

Council discussed the financing of the move, finishing new space, buying some new furniture, the disruption of work associated with a move, and paying moving costs. Sullivan summarized how the sale proceeds will be invested and how they will be used to underwrite a portion of the expenses related to a long-term lease arrangement. She reminded Council that the building had been for sale for three years and would require some major repairs if ASA remained on N Street.

7. Subcommittee Report on Potential New Journal

Sullivan noted that the idea of a new ASA journal was first raised during Herbert Gans' presidency in 1988. She described the history of the proposed new journal, which is to share sociological research in a generally readable and accessible manner, similar to the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. The primary audience would be sociologists and other social and behavioral scientists in aligned disciplines. Because of the readability of the journal and the broad appeal of articles, a readership including policy makers, the media, and others is expected over time. She summarized the input of the various groups within ASA who have been working on the proposal: EOB, the Committee on Publications, and Subcommittee. The decision to launch such a publication rests with Council.

Council discussed the idea and some possible directions at the January 1998 meeting. Their concerns and ideas were transmitted to the Subcommittee, which discussed these issues extensively over the spring and summer.

Some members of the Subcommittee suggested that the new journal be given free to all members, at least initially; EOB did not support this recommendation, given its fiscal implications. Some Subcommittee members felt that having the new journal as part of the cafeteria plan of publications was ill-advised and could take away subscribers from other journals.

Council discussed at length the qualities sought in an editor for such a journal and whether the recruitment and selection process for this journal's editor should be different from other ASA journal editors. Some felt that the pool for possible editors is small and that candidates must be personally recruited and not be asked to go through the usual Committee on Publications' proposal and selection process. Others felt that the normal process was adequate and equitable.

Sullivan reviewed the proposal for a ten-year business plan for the journal. Council discussed the assumptions underlying the plan, including projected subscription rates for individuals and institutions, the editorial office costs, and projections for income and expenses.

Several Council members felt it was important to either move ahead or abandon the idea, but not to take any more time to study the viability of the journal, which has already had extensive discussion. Several members felt such a journal would be an asset to ASA's publication portfolio. It could provide a more vivid presentation of sociological ideas. At least at the outset, the journal may need to rely on solicited manuscripts from leading sociologists. The journal would be useful in teaching, and for making sociology visible to the public.

Some Council members felt that this is a sufficiently different journal so that it must attract a top-notch editor, receive significant Association support, and should go to all members. There was substantial discussion about the type of editor sought, the feasibility of finding such people, and the expectation of the inaugural editor. Several Council members felt that the usual selection process would not work in this case and that competition among possible candidates would be defeating.

Council asked for more comments from the EOB discussions, additional clarification of the business plan, and the assumptions used for subscriptions in the plan. Sullivan and Quadagno reviewed the materials developed for EOB and Council, and noted that the business plan projects a break-even point in eight years. The Ross Fund would provide the initial funds to launch the journal.

Sullivan noted that the assumptions are conservative, given library retrenchment. In making these projections, ASA consulted with the American Psychological Association and Blackwell Publishers to make sure our figures are reasonable. Blackwell also conducted a small market survey, which was not as definitive as hoped. Several Council members suggested that more member input would be helpful. An article about the journal will appear in the September-October issue of *Footnotes* asking for input.

Motion: To table the decision about the new journal until January, to gather more information on the business plan, and more input from members and EOB. Failed 3-8.

Substantial discussion ensues about when and whether to launch the new journal, what input is needed, what feedback would be sufficient to change what has been planned. Sullivan posed the possibility of a planning grant from the Rose Fund, including a full marketing survey.

Procedurally, several Council members suggested a vote in support of the new journal, in concept, and a separate vote on the business plan and the mode of selecting an editor. Other members of Council spoke in favor of the full plan as developed and set forth in documents for Council. A number of Council members expressed concern that any further delays might adversely affect the project and that Council had already given a general motion of support last January.

Several compromise proposals were discussed to start the journal and then assess the response from members and subscribers.

Motion: To endorse the launch of the new journal with budget for year 0 as per the business plan, with the assumption of continuing in future years if the journal is successful, and to solicit feedback from the members. Failed 6-10.

Motion: To approve the launching of the new journal and the business plan as presented in the memo of August 21, 1998 with full funding. Carried (10-3).

Motion: To solicit input from the membership about the content and nature of the new journal. Carried unanimously.

Motion: To thank the Subcommittee on the New Journal for its work and turn over the implementation to the Committee on Publications to follow the standard procedures of selecting editors.

Council members discussed the differences between current journals and the proposed journal. Some felt that the Committee on Publications is set up to deal with routine issues and that its practices for selection of editors may work best for established journals and not for this new one. Others felt that, because the Committee on Publications had been involved in deliberations on the new journal, it could assume this responsibility. Sullivan noted that the Subcommittee was formed to move more quickly in conceptualizing the new journal and developing a business plan. That work is now complete and the Committee on Publications can handle the next steps.

Substitute Motion: The Committee on Publications, with input from the former Subcommittee on the New Journal, will develop a list of names and identify a new editor to recommend to Council. This process will be concurrent with a call for nominations for the editor of the new journal in *Footnotes*. Carried unanimously.

8. Financial Investments

Sullivan reviewed the ASA's policy on socially responsive investment which favors organizations with good labor practices and which do not primarily produce war materials. In the past, the ASA joined the boycott against investment in South African firms. Council had asked EOB to explore the feasibility of adopting a more proactive stance of investing in companies that are actively engaged in social justice.

Members of EOB interviewed financial advisors and investment managers specializing in socially responsible investments two years ago as part of the benchmarking process. During the past year, EOB and the Executive Office examined a variety of options, including the TIAA-CREF social choice fund. EOB discussed these options extensively at its June meeting. One of the best performing investment vehicle in recent years currently comes from index funds, which cannot guarantee socially responsible investments. EOB felt that there may be little consensus among the membership about what "socially responsible" means, except for a very few cases. Sullivan reported, however, that EOB did decide to vote proxies for the companies in which ASA owns stock, so that ASA can speak to social issues as stockholders. EOB is not recommending any further changes in ASA's investment policy or strategy. Council discussed EOB's recommendation and decided to take no further action.

9. Adjournment

The Council added a special thank you to Teresa A. Sullivan for her three years of service as ASA Secretary. Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Regional Meeting Schedule

Eastern Sociological Society, Marriott Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, March 4-7, 1999. Theme: "Restructuring Society: Changing Life Chances and Social Justice." Contact: Edgar W. (Ted) Mills, Department of Sociology, 402 Park Hall, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260-4140; (716) 645-3665; fax (716) 645-3934; e-mail: ess-ub@acsu.buffalo.edu.

Mid-South Sociological Association, Lafayette Hilton Hotel, Lafayette, Louisiana, October 28-31, 1998. Theme: "Diversity in Action: Applying Sociology to Community Issues." Contact: Dennis R. McSeveney, Associate Provost, Office of Academic Affairs, 2011 Administration Building, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148-2005, (504) 280-6726; fax (504) 280-6020; e-mail: drmla@uno.edu.

Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 8-11, 1999. Contact: Joel Best, Department of Sociology Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901; (618) 453-7615; fax (618) 453-3253 e-mail: ga4103@siucvmb.siu.edu.

North Central Sociological Association, Troy, Michigan, April 15-18, 1999. Contact: Marcia Texler Segal, Office of Academic Affairs, Indiana University Southeast, 4201 Grantline Road, New Albany, IN 47150; (812) 941-2210; fax (812) 941-2475; e-mail: msegal@iusmail.ius.indiana.edu.

Pacific Sociological Association, Marriott Hotel, Portland, Oregon, April 15-18, 1999. Contact: Dean S. Dorn, Department of Sociology, California State University, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6005; (916) 278-5254; fax (916) 278-6281; e-mail: PSA@cscsus.edu.

Southern Sociological Society, Loews Vanderbilt Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee, April 8-11, 1999. Contact: Lynn Smith-Lovin, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721; (520) 621-3531; fax (520) 621-9875; e-mail: smithlov@u.arizona.edu.

Southwestern Sociological Association, St. Anthony and Gunther Hotels, San Antonio, Texas, March 31-April 3, 1999. Theme: "Small Planet and a Changing World." Contact: Rosario Torres Raines, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Department of Sociology, Campus Box 177, Kingsville, TX 78363; (512) 593-2369; e-mail: rraines@tatu.edu

**Editors Sought for
ASA Journals**

The ASA Committee on Publications invites nominations, including self-nominations, for the next editors of the *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Theory*, and *Teaching Sociology*.

The editor-designates will take over responsibility for the editorial offices in mid-1999 and will be responsible for issues beginning in 2000. The new *American Sociological Review* editor will serve a three-year term (2000-2002). The new editors for *Sociological Theory* and *Teaching Sociology* will serve four year terms (2000-2003).

The Committee plans on making its recommendations in early December 1998. (ASA Council will approve the new editors by February 1999; all candidates will be contacted soon after.)

Traditionally, ASA journals have had single editors, but the Committee welcomes joint or collective editorships, as long as those proposals address potential problems that could occur.

Nominations should include:

- ♦ a current vita;
- ♦ a brief sketch of the *intellectual* support in the candidate's department, university, or other easily accessible institutions that could be called on in meeting editorial responsibilities; and
- ♦ a brief statement of the candidate's sense of the journal, its past accomplishments, its problems, and, in particular, its future possibilities.

All materials should be sent as soon as possible, but no later than November 15, 1998, to: Karen Gray Edwards, Director of Publications, ASA Executive Office, 1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2981.

**Editor Sought for New "Perspectives"
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The Committee on Publications also seeks nominations for the inaugural editor of the new general perspectives journal. See article in September/October *Footnotes* (page 1) for additional information. The extended deadline for this editorship is December 15, 1998.

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