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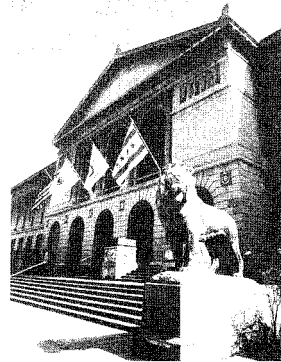
1999 Annual Meeting Spotlight on Chicago

First in a series of articles in anticipation of the
1999 ASA Annual Meeting in Chicago

by R. Stephen Warner,
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Last July, I accepted the invitation of ASA President Alejandro Portes to chair a Chicago Spotlight Committee, to which Portes also appointed Kathleen Crittenden and Nilda Flores-Gonzalez (my colleagues at UIC), Gary Alan Fine (Northwestern University), Robert Newby (Central Michigan University), and Barbara Schneider (University of Chicago). The committee's charge was to plan special sessions and tours that would enhance the experience of those who come to next summer's meetings, and to bring Chicago to the attention of ASA members before then through a series of articles commissioned for *Footnotes*. All the *Footnotes* articles will reflect their authors' own point of view, as does this one, but what I have to say in this first report draws heavily on the committee's work.

In one way our task was a simple matter of mobilizing our collective enthusiasm and civic expertise as residents of the area, old and new. Chicago is a great city and a favored convention site, and we enjoyed thinking up ways to help you appreciate its attractions. But our work also posed the particular challenge of responding to the program theme—"Transitions in World Society at Century's End"—in ways that would not earn the unqualified endorsement of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. For those with resources, Chicago can be a wonderful place to live and visit. But Chicago remains at the end of the twentieth century what it was at the beginning—a site of wrenching changes and glaring inequalities as well as beckoning economic prospects and creative social movements—and we have planned ways to spotlight these features as well.



The Art Institute of Chicago (photo courtesy of the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau/Ron Schramm Photography)

Earlier in the century, when Chicago was new to its role as both headquarters and laboratory for sociology, it was a center of economic growth and economic privation, immigrant settlement and

school reform, labor mobilization and machine politics. Animals were slaughtered in a "jungle," a gold coast sat cheek by jowl with a slum, and immigrants corresponded with loved ones back in old country Europe. At the end of the century, names have changed, places have moved around, and people have new ways to make a living, but much remains the same. The meat-packing and steel industries are gone, and with them thousands of good-paying, unionized blue-collar jobs, and the city's obvious prosperity is now based more on transportation, services, speculative markets, and small-scale industry. Chicago is still segregated, different groups living tightly together often in close proximity to others, but many neighborhoods have new identities. (The port-of-entry Mexican neighborhood, for example, is Pilsen, named for a previous cohort of immigrants.) Some of the best-funded and best-performing public schools in the U.S. are found in Chicago's suburbs, and some of the poorest are in the city. Chicago remains a dynamic place worthy of sociological study and efforts at social change.

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Happy New Year from the ASA Staff . . .

On December 19, 1998, the moving truck parked in front of the ASA Executive Office and was soon filled for the move 10 blocks away. The Executive Office has relocated to 1307 New York Avenue, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-4701. The move provided an opportunity to go through ASA history, to archive much of it for future scholarly use, and to reflect on some great people and great moments.

The ASA staff posed for a final picture on the steps of 1722 N Street. After 27 years at the 1722 N Street site, the Executive Office starts the new year in a new location, lighter in our load, and ready to continue our work on core ASA goals and programs. Below is a list of the current staff. We welcome your communication—and a visit—anytime.

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Photo by Charles Vitav

ASA staff pose on the steps of 1722 N Street:
Row 1, left to right: Stevenson, Valentin,
Cameron-Dominguez, Levine
Row 2: Durkovic, Spalter-Roth, Parker,
Madkins
Row 3: Hartlaub, Danforth, Dixon, Howery
Row 4: Murguia, Kocsis, Asuncion-Reed,
Edwards, Sutter
Row 5: Woolbright, Morrill, Curry, Hoffman
Row 6: Westfield, Astner, Matthews, Efa

New ASA Executive Office Phone Numbers--see page 2!

W.J. Wilson Awarded National Medal of Science

President Clinton has announced that William Julius Wilson, Harvard University, is one of nine renowned scientific researchers to receive the National Medal of Science, citing them for "their creativity, resolve, and a restless spirit of innovation to ensure continued U. S. leadership across the frontiers of scientific knowledge."

Wilson joins Robert K. Merton (1994) as the only sociologists ever to receive the Medal, which were first awarded in 1959. Social and behavioral scientists were included in the awardees in 1986.

Wilson was honored for "pioneering methods of interdisciplinary social science research, advancing understanding of the interaction between the macroeconomic, social structural, cultural and behavioral forces that cause and reproduce inner city poverty."

Wilson is the Malcolm Weiner Professor of Social Policy in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He has been elected to that National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. He is also past President of the American Sociological Association, and is a MacArthur Prize Fellow. He has been awarded 22 honorary doctorates. □



William Julius
Wilson

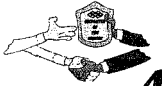
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New Numbers in Place for ASA

The ASA Executive Office has moved to its new location. The address, phone, and fax numbers are listed below. Staff extension numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same. These changes are effective immediately.

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Proposals Due June 15, 1999

Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline ASA/NSF Small Grants Program

Supported by the National Science Foundation and the ASA, the goal of this award is to nurture the development of scientific knowledge by funding small, groundbreaking research initiatives and other important scientific research activities. FAD awards provide scholars with venture capital for innovative research that has the potential for challenging the discipline, stimulating new lines of research, and creating new networks of scientific collaboration. The award is intended to provide opportunities for substantive and methodological breakthroughs, broaden the dissemination of scientific knowledge, and provide leverage for acquisition of additional research funds. Maximum award is \$5,000.

Application Information: Web: <http://www.asanet.org/Funding/fad.htm>
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The Executive Officer's Column

Research, Data Collection, and the Public's Right to Know



A premise of sociology and fields of science like ours is that sound science and sound policymaking require the presence of quality data. Part of our role is to encourage local, state, and federal statistical data collection in order to permit decisionmakers to reach conclusions or press for policies or programs based on verifiable knowledge and to permit researchers to address issues of societal importance. ASA's membership on the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS) and on the Advisory Committee for the Census 2000 are key examples of how we dedicate ASA resources to ensuring the presence of ongoing quality data for public decisionmaking and use.

Unfortunately there are times when agencies or institutions seek to restrict the collection of information that may be essential to the public's need to know or even to these agencies effectively executing their work. Such is the situation in California where in March 1998 then-Governor Pete Wilson forbid the collection of state-level data related to minority and women-owned businesses as part of a broader executive order barring state agencies from engaging in affirmative action in issuing state contracts. In August, ASA learned about this effort to eliminate ongoing data collection on the types of firms receiving contracts and about the actions of a California-based sociologist, Andrew Barlow, to have the courts void the executive order as it pertains to data collection. The case of *Barlow v. Wilson*, filed on April 2, 1998 was pending at the time of Council and is still pending today.

After discussing this situation, ASA Council expressed grave concerns about state-level actions that could interfere with data gathering essential to analyzing policies and programs. ASA Council passed a resolution supporting the position of Barlow, urging the preparation of a story in *Footnotes* from those knowledgeable about the case, and signaling the possibility of ASA pursuing other strategies to affirm ASA's commitment to quality data collection by the public sector. It is not known whether the new Governor might seek to revoke the current executive order; currently the case remains before the Court. To implement Council's interest in informing our members about this situation, I invited a "guest editorial" as the "Open Window" column for January. Jointly authored by Barlow and Troy Duster, it is published below.—Felice J. Levine



Sociologist Sues California Governor Over Bar on Data



A new and serious threat to social scientists' freedom to conduct research has emerged in California. An executive order by California's Governor Pete Wilson has specifically blocked efforts to study the impact of the elimination of affirmative action on the letting of state contracts. The executive order is being challenged in a lawsuit brought by a sociologist and a coalition of minority and women owned businesses.

On March 10, 1998, Governor Pete Wilson issued an executive order barring state agencies from engaging in affirmative action in the letting of state contracts. The order specifically forbids agencies from attempting to meet or maintain state utilization goals, or to require prime contractors to engage in good faith outreach efforts. The executive order followed a federal appellate court decision that invalidated these programs. But Wilson's executive order goes further: It also forbids state agencies from collecting data on the numbers of minority owned business enterprises (MBEs) and women owned business enterprises (WBEs) that apply for or receive contracts, or are hired as subcontractors.

This last provision goes far beyond the issue of affirmative action. By ending the collection of data, Wilson is preventing researchers from analyzing the impact of new policies and programs governing state contracting on MBEs and WBEs. The responsibility of government to monitor the impact of its programs on historically excluded groups has been well recognized ever since the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. This monitoring function is especially important in California in the wake of the passage of Prop. 209, which has ushered in a fundamental change in many government programs and policies. These new and untested programs are especially in need of close scrutiny to ascertain their impact.

There is an implicit connection between this suppression of data and the Governor's anti-affirmative action policies. When the University of California released data in April, 1998 showing sharp declines in minority admissions after the termination of its affirmative action programs, there was a firestorm of protest. Even some long-term opponents of affirmative action, upon reviewing the data, concluded that the new so-called "race and gender neutral" policies were discriminatory.

Prior to the 1980s, California state agencies had a long and well-documented history of "good ol' boy" networking in contract letting. In the absence of government requirements for contractors to make good faith efforts to include WBEs and MBEs, state contracts will likely revert almost entirely to white and male owned businesses. Preventing the collection of data that might reveal the recurrence of barriers to opportunity, while politically expedient (well to do whites are more likely to vote, and are more likely to vote Republican), is a dangerous threat to free research and public scrutiny of government policy.

The harm done by the Governor's executive order is in some ways irreversible. Data collection on contractor performance depends on government requirements for reporting. Consequently, the absence of such requirements means that it will be very difficult to retrospectively collect data on state agencies and contractors' efforts to include MBEs and WBEs as contractors and subcontractors.

For these reasons, the first author, together with a coalition of minority and women business enterprises, have asked the California courts to void the Governor's executive order as it pertains to the collection of data. Barlow joined the lawsuit because he is writing a book on contemporary U.S. race relations, in which assessments of affirmative action programs receive close attention. The litigants are represented by attorneys from the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, the ACLU, the Employment Law Center, and Equal Rights Advocates.

The case, *Barlow v. Wilson*, was filed on April 2, 1998. While initial requests for a temporary and permanent injunction were denied in California Superior Court, the decision has been appealed to the California Court of Appeals, where it will be heard in the coming months. The Society of Professional Journalists is submitting an amicus curiae brief in support of the plaintiffs, as did former Federal Judge (the late) Leon Higginbotham, Mary Frances Berry, and other U.S. Civil Rights Commissioners. Although the plaintiffs have not yet prevailed legally, the case has generated considerable public attention, including a lead editorial in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and articles in the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Associated Press*.

The plaintiffs are hoping for a judicial decision striking down the gag order. But, with a newly elected Democratic governor and Democratic control of the State Legislature taking office in 1999, the lawsuit also increases the chances for executive or legislative action to reverse Wilson's executive order.

Andrew L. Barlow, *Diablo Valley College and University of California, Berkeley*
 Troy Duster, *University of California, Berkeley* □

OBSSR Priorities at NIH

by Norman B. Anderson, PhD

The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) opened in 1995 with a mandate from the U.S. Congress to be a focal point for the advancement of behavioral and social sciences research across the 24 Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The guiding philosophy of the office has been that scientific advances in the understanding, treatment, and prevention of disease will be accelerated and enhanced by greater attention to behavioral and social factors and their interaction with biomedical variables. That is, the ultimate objective of the OBSSR is to improve the effectiveness of the NIH through a greater focus on behavioral and social sciences research.

The OBSSR Strategic Plan, which was developed with the assistance of over twenty scientific societies, outlines three principal goals for the office for the next three to five years: (1) Advancing behavioral and social sciences research and training; (2) Integrating a biobehavioral perspective across NIH; and (3) Improving communication among scientists and with the public. This article provides an update on some of our recent progress toward meeting those goals.

Advancing Behavioral and Social Sciences Research and Training

Developing Funding Initiatives

The office plays a leadership role in developing ideas for initiatives, and in gaining support for them within the NIH Institutes. Although the OBSSR does not have grant-making authority, it has been active in organizing trans-NIH and trans-agency Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PA). To date, the OBSSR has organized RFAs on (1) Research on Violence against Women and Violence within the Family; (2) Educational Workshops in Interdisciplinary Research; and (3) Innovative Approaches to Disease Prevention through Behavior Change. The office has also organized a PA on Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Given our emphasis on interdisciplinary research, the RFA on Educational Workshops in Interdisciplinary Research (described in more detail below) will be reissued in the next fiscal year. Several other funding initiatives are currently being planned. For example, the OBSSR is developing an RFA on mind/body interactions, after receiving \$10 million from Congress to do so. It will likely be released in January. In addition, under the Research Awards Enhancement Program (REAP), OBSSR uses a portion of its limited budget every year to help the institutes support training grants that were not funded, but that had priority scores near the pay line.

Setting Priorities for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the NIH

At the request of NIH Director, Dr. Harold Varmus, the OBSSR has recently begun a process of identifying priorities for research in the behavioral and social sciences at NIH. This request occurs in the context of increased recognition of the importance of behavioral and social factors to health at NIH, as well as recent large increases in the NIH budget. The identification of research priorities in the behavioral and social sciences will help the NIH apply current and future research resources strategically, so as to balance the goals of reducing the burden of disease and capitalizing on scientific opportunities. More specifically, these priorities will be used to guide OBSSR in the development of trans-NIH funding initia-



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tives, workshops, and conferences. The priorities may also be included in the NIH Director's Areas of Research Emphasis activities, and may be used by the NIH Institutes in developing special funding activities.

To accomplish this task, OBSSR will work with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences of the National Research Council at the National Academy of Sciences. A special Working Group will be established to conduct an eight to ten month study and arrive at a set of recommended priorities. The priorities will be developed with consideration of the following three issues: (1) the most pressing national and international health problems; (2) research areas representing the greatest scientific opportunities; and (3) the health concerns of the public for which behavioral and social sciences research may provide solutions.

Training Social Scientists in NIH Grantsmanship

OBSSR staff frequently provide grantsmanship training for social and behavioral scientists. For example, OBSSR staff, along with NIH extramural scientists and administrators, met in FY 1998 with members of the Association of Black Sociologists. Presentations on grant writing and the process of grant funding and review at NIH were provided. In addition, researchers were given the opportunity to receive direct comment on their draft proposals from NIH staff.

Linking Minority Students with Behavioral and Social Sciences Mentors

NIH has long been concerned about the under representation of minority scientists participating in biomedical and behavioral research. Through its Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities Program, investigators with NIH grants may receive research support for under represented minorities on their grants. In order to facilitate the use of this program among behavioral and social scientists, the OBSSR is developing a web page that will link under represented minority students with potential research mentors.

Reorganizing the Review of Behavioral and Social Sciences Grant Applications at NIH

Sociologist Dr. Virginia Cain, Special Assistant to the Director of OBSSR, is leading a trans-institute working group to reexamine the review of all behavioral and social sciences research conducted at the NIH. The goals of this endeavor are to: (1) ensure that the Center for Scientific Review (CSR, the former DRG) study sections in the fields of behavioral and social sciences reflect current state-of-the-science; (2) create a structure that can adapt to future developments in science; and (3) ensure high quality peer review.

The design of the study sections has been completed, and the CSR currently is in the implementation phase of the activity. Study section descriptions have been posted on the CSR web site at <http://www.csr.nih.gov/review/bssupdate.htm>. Researchers submitting applications to the NIH for the February 1 receipt date can read the descriptions of the study sections and request assignment to the most appropriate review group. The first set of grants that will be reviewed by the new study sections will be in June, 1999.

Integrating a Biobehavioral Perspective Across NIH

Funding Educational Workshops in Interdisciplinary Research

In FY 1997 the OBSSR organized a trans-NIH RFA to facilitate the advancement of interdisciplinary research. Specifically, proposals were sought for workshops that



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would provide training for junior investigators interested in the integration of different fields of social and behavioral sciences research, and/or the integration of these areas with more biological levels of analyses. The short-term goal of this initiative was to encourage social, behavioral and biomedical scientists at an early stage of their careers to learn each other's methods, procedures, and/or theoretical perspectives. The long-term goal of this RFA is to enable researchers to develop cross-disciplinary collaborations and to submit high-quality biobehavioral grant applications. Ten workshops were funded under this RFA, and it is anticipated that this initiative will be reissued in FY 1999.

Identifying and Documenting Successful Models Interdisciplinary Research

In collaboration with the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), the OBSSR is organizing a working group to document and understand the factors and circumstances that foster successful collaborations between biomedical researchers and those from the social and behavioral sciences. The working group will examine barriers to such collaboration (e.g., scientific language differences; disincentives for collaboration) and ways in which these difficulties can be overcome. This process will be informed by in-depth case studies of successful interdisciplinary collaborations.

Identifying Interdisciplinary Training Needs in the Neurosciences

The OBSSR is collaborating with the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute on Aging, and the National Institute of Nursing Research to fund an Institute of Medicine (IOM) study on the training of biobehavioral investigators in the neurosciences. The goal of the study is to develop recommendations on the types of training and funding necessary to create scientists who are broadly trained to conduct research at the nexus of the behavioral and brain sciences. The study would also make recommendations on how to overcome barriers to the development and support of interdisciplinary educational programs and research.

Improving Communication Among Scientists and with the Public

Gauging the Views of the Public on Behavioral and Social Science

Although a number of studies have been conducted on scientific literacy and knowledge in the natural and physical sciences, there is limited information on the views of the public on behavioral and social science. To address this, the OBSSR is collaborating with the National Opinion Research Center on a national survey of the public's knowledge and attitudes about behavioral and social sciences research, and its role in health and health care. It is hoped that the survey will help us better ascertain where we stand in the eyes of the public, and provide direction to the OBSSR as it develops communications activities.

Integrating Behavioral Treatments into Medical Care

Understanding the barriers to the integration of empirically validated behavioral treatments into clinical care is essential to ensuring that behavioral research actually serves the public. The OBSSR has organized a working group of scientists to identify these barriers and recommend ways to overcome them, with an emphasis on activities that could be initiated by the OBSSR. The working group, chaired by Drs. Jessie Gruman and Michael Follick, will provide a report based on qualitative and quantitative data to the OBSSR in early January, 1999.

Increasing the Awareness of Sociobehavioral Sciences in the Schools

In collaboration with the Alliance on Health and Behavior (a coalition of science organizations) and the Boston Museum of Science, the OBSSR worked to increase the involvement of behavioral and social scientists in the Science-by-Mail program. Science-by-Mail was started by the Boston Museum of Science to link classrooms around the country with active scientists, who serve as scientific mentors for the classes. Scientists who volunteer to participate are assigned to classes, where the students correspond with them about the science projects they are doing. The kits for the science projects are provided by the Boston Museum.

Highlighting Our Accomplishments in Prevention Research

The OBSSR, in collaboration with the NIH Office of Disease Prevention (ODP), held a conference entitled *Preventive Intervention Research at the Crossroads: Contributions and Opportunities from the Behavioral and Social Sciences*, in November, 1998. This national conference was designed to showcase examples of NIH-supported preventive research; highlight contributions of the behavioral and social sciences in preventive research; and provide recommendations for addressing both the challenges and opportunities in prevention research across the life span. A summary article of the conference is available on the OBSSR web site, and a copy of the conference program and research abstracts may be obtained by contacting Patricia Evans at TASCONE, (301) 315-9000 ext. 516.

Publishing the OBSSR Newsletter

The OBSSR has also recently launched its first newsletter designed to better inform the NIH community, the general public, and policy makers about scientific developments in NIH-supported behavioral and social sciences research. Entitled, *Research and Discovery*, each issue features a research theme that cuts across the boundaries of NIH institutes and scientific disciplines, often highlighting the intersection of sociobehavioral and biomedical research. The theme of the first issue is violence research, and it, too, will be available at the OBSSR web site (www1.od.nih.gov/obssr/obssr.htm).

Organizing Research Seminar Series

Over the past few years, OBSSR has sponsored a seminar series that is organized by the NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Coordinating Committee. These lectures by outstanding researchers have provided a forum where the best of behavioral and social sciences research can be shared and discussed with the larger NIH community. Summaries of these lectures are available on the OBSSR web site (www1.od.nih.gov/obssr/EVENTS.HTM).

The OBSSR is also introducing a new seminar series at NIH that will focus on biobehavioral research. Each seminar will focus on a specific theme, and will consist of an interdisciplinary researcher as the main speaker, and two discussants. One discussant will provide a biological perspective and the other a behavioral or social sciences perspective. A major goal of the seminar series will be to highlight the success and value of multilevel, biobehavioral research for the NIH community.

Organizing Media Briefings

In order to enhance communication between the news media and behavioral and social scientists, the OBSSR has organized two briefings for science writers in collaboration with the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Sociological Association (ASA). The first briefing focused on the latest research addressing the effects of stress on the immune system and physical activity on health. The second briefing focused on recent research findings on families, youth, and the well-being of children. These briefings

Six Receive ASA/NSF Small Grant Awards

The American Sociological Association is pleased to announce six recipients from the latest award round of the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD). Based on a matching grant provided to the ASA by the National Science Foundation (NSF), these awards provide scholars with venture capital for innovative research to challenge the discipline and create new networks of scientific collaboration.

These projects exemplify the FAD program's fundamental purpose of providing seed money for the production of important scientific work that has the potential to advance the discipline. This round of award winners include:

- **Tim Futing Liao** (University of Illinois and Cambridge University) \$4,542 for, "Family Structure, Social Structure, and Social Change: A Study of Household Registers in Tang, China." These funds will be used to investigate the structure of the pre-industrial family in Tang Dynasty China (AD 618-917) through the coding, classifying, collating, and analyzing the Dunhuang Household Registers. In addition to searching for the dominant family structure, conventional statistics such as sex ratio, marital rate, proportions of common types of family members will be computed. All of these should help describe family structure in Tang, China. This research should result in insights into the relationship between family structure, social structure, and social change, thereby enabling a better understanding of micro-macro linkages.
- **John R. Logan** (State University of New York at Albany) and **Lu Haulong** (Shanghai Academy of Social Science) \$5,000 for, "The Future of Chinese Cities: A Research Agenda for the 21st Century." These funds will be used to support a conference to be held in Shanghai in July of 1999 for the purpose of bringing together the most active social science researchers on urban affairs in China along with urban scholars from other countries. The purposes of the conference are to strengthen ties among researchers, identify areas of common interest and potential topics for collaborative research, and increase the visibility of urban social science in China. The conference is timely. Given the economic restructuring currently taking place in China, there has been a growing interest in topics such as: urban growth; rural-urban migration; housing reform; economic investment and infrastructure development; the urban family and social support networks; and the urban environment.
- **Pamela Anne Quiroz** (University of Massachusetts - Amherst) \$4,340 for "School Reform and the Extracurriculum: Structure, Process, and the Development of Social Capital." These funds will be used to support the first longitudinal analysis of extracurricular participation and the impact of such participation for the development of social relationships and educational achievement. The "extracurriculum" is viewed as a potential source of social capital that may assist students by establishing networks of social relations in which the students become embedded. This project will assess the role of the extracurriculum in assisting disadvantaged youth in making connections with peers, adults, and education. The results of this research should provide policy guidance to discussions of urban school reform and the general absence of social resources for disadvantaged students.
- **Larry R. Ridener** (Radford University) \$3,128 for "Women and Minority Scholars of 'The Dead Sociologists' Society." These funds will be used to add the text, charts, and illustrations of original works from women and minority scholars to the Dead Sociologists' Society, an existing website of sociological resources used for teaching and research purposes. The specific works to be digitized include Harriet Martineau's *Society in America*, Jane Addams's *Hull House Maps and Papers by the Resident's of Hull House*, and W.E.B. DuBois's *The Philadelphia Negro*. These works were chosen because of their significant impact on the academic development of sociology in the US from 1830 to 1920, and were considered ideal for digital preservation since they will make historically significant but often out of print works easy to access. This digitized data base should serve as an invaluable resource for multi-investigate use.
- **Margaret R. Somers** (University of Michigan) \$4,000 for "200 Years of Welfare Reform: From Speenhamland (1795) to the Personal Responsibility Act (1966)." These funds will be used to support historical analysis and its application to a contemporary social issue. The research has three aims. The first is to reconsider empirically the findings reached by a Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry, and set the record straight, about what happened as a consequence of the Speenhamland system (a late 18th through early 19th century English wage subsidy program). The second aim is to explain why the "perversity thesis"—that social reforms produce effects opposite to those intended—has been so successful as the basis for attacks on welfare reforms, including the Speenhamland system, the Social Security Act of 1935 and the Great Society Programs of the mid-1960s. A third aim is to provide an alternative thesis for the escalation of poverty, such as policy makers imperfect understanding of the economic transformations they were witnessing.
- **Mary L. Washington** (Lehigh University) \$4,000 for "Who Were the Census Enumerators of 1880? Analyzing

Interviewer Characteristics Using the Integrated Public Use Microdata Samples." These funds will be used to support the creation of a database of 1880 Census enumerators including their demographic characteristics that will be linked with the characteristics of those that they counted (available from the nationally representative Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, IPUMS, for the 1880 census year). The purpose of this project is to examine if the social characteristics of the enumerators affected their judgment of the racial classification of the enumerated. Following contemporary studies evidence that an interviewer's own characteristics may affect perceptions of the racial identity of others, this project aims to address this issue using population statistics collected in the 19th century. □

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provide an opportunity for scientists and representatives of the media to better understand each other, with the goal of increasing the public's awareness of the role that behavioral and social factors play in health, illness, treatment, and disease prevention.

Promoting Technology Transfer in the Behavioral and Social Sciences

A major emphasis for the OBSSR over the next few years will be the development of effective methods for ensuring the findings from NIH-supported discoveries in the behavioral and social sciences are ultimately used to benefit the public. In the behavioral and social sciences, we do not have the luxury of a pharmaceutical industry waiting to turn our discoveries into products that fight disease. Therefore, we must be creative in ensuring that the ultimate aims of our treatment and prevention research are met. To move toward accomplishing this, the office will develop a NIH-wide plan to systematically transfer knowledge from NIH-supported behavioral and social research to public and private organizations whose mission is the dissemination and implementation of intervention programs. Dr. William Gerin of Cornell will be working part-time with OBSSR to coordinate these activities.

Keeping Policymakers Informed on Accomplishments in the Sociobehavioral Sciences

Over the years Congress has expressed strong interest in and consistent support for behavioral and social sciences research. The OBSSR works to keep Congress informed of recent developments in the behavioral and social sciences, as well as the activities of the office.

I meet regularly with members of Congress and their staffs to discuss their particular areas of interest in the behavioral and social sciences. These discussions have frequently led to OBSSR participation in Congressional briefings on a range of topics.

With a clear mission, a strong plan of action, and the guidance and participation of the scientific community, the OBSSR has had a successful beginning, and is well situated to continue to advance behavioral and social science research at NIH and to contribute to the health and well being of the public. □

The product of the briefing for science writers jointly conducted by ASA and the OBSSR is now available in the ASA Issue Series in Social Research and Social Policy. Families, Youth, and Children by Linda Burton, Donald Hernandez, and Sandra Hofferth Stock #604.F98. \$7.00 for ASA members, and \$10.00 non-members. Call (202) 383-9005 x389 to order with a credit card.

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Seven Chicago Spotlight sessions will focus on new developments along these classic lines. One will highlight new immigrants from Asia, Latin America, and Europe. Chicago's Mexican community is the second largest of any city in the U.S., but Chicago also harbors large numbers of new Polish and Irish immigrants, both documented and undocumented. Another session will look at changes in racial/ethnic politics—especially among whites, blacks, and Latinos—in the city and surrounding Cook county (which, with over 5 million residents, is one of the largest in the country). A third will look at one of the most politically active Latino groups, Puerto Ricans. There will be sessions on the most recent efforts to reform Chicago's schools, on the consequences of welfare reform for Chicago's poor, and on initiatives to spread economic opportunity to neighborhoods outside the Loop, where economic power is concentrated. A seventh session will take a retrospective look into Chicago's several schools of sociology.

A dozen tour opportunities include several surveying a century of change and continuity. Sociologist Jack Harkins will take a busload to Pullman, the famed company town on the far south side, architecturally preserved and still spawning social movements. Historian Rima Lunin Schultz will lead a group to

the Hull House museum to learn about feminist movements in Chicago from the time of Jane Addams in the 1890s to the reproductive rights collective JANE in the 1960s. Two tours will highlight the architecture of the Loop, birthplace of the skyscraper, one from the third-story vantage point of the "L" and the other from a tour boat on the Chicago river, one or both of which gave the Loop its name.

There will be several tours into neighborhoods—Chicago is a physically enormous city—including Steven Dubin's survey of public art and Paul Numrich's guided tour of major centers of Chicago's new religious diversity, a mosque and a Buddhist temple, in nearby suburbs. Nilda Flores-Gonzalez will lead a group through Chicago's Puerto Rican community, and we plan tours through Mexican and African American neighborhoods. To keep the entertainment/enlightenment ratio in balance, John Walsh will take a group to the friendly confines of Wrigley Field, where diehard Cubs fans will be well into the next year they're always waiting for, and there will be an opportunity for an evening of Chicago nightlife and blues in sociological company.

Details on these tours and the Chicago Spotlight sessions are being worked out, and they will be published this spring in the *Preliminary Program*. In the months to come, *Footnotes* will feature articles on

Chicago as a place that sociologists can study, critique, and enjoy.

For now, in the dead of winter, let me close by saying that Chicago in August is at its best. For a century, L trains have screeched through the 90 degree turns of the Loop, but we want you also to know that for 50 years Chicago has had subway trains rolling underneath State Street and that now you can take CTA trains, subway or elevated, in from both airports. The meetings begin on a Friday, August 6, which is the best day to pick up your free copy of the *Reader*, a politics-arts-and-entertainment-oriented weekly, and to buy the weekend issues of the *Tribune* or the *Sun-Times*, to get the latest listings. Symphony Hall, the Art Institute, and the Fine Arts cinema are all located along the eight block walk between the Palmer House and the Chicago Hilton, the ASA's two headquarters hotels, and the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Adler Planetarium are within walking distance of the Hilton. Grant Park, across Michigan Avenue, is the site of frequent summer music festivals, and Buckingham Fountain, now closed for the winter, will be in glorious operation. Lake Michigan will be at its warmest, and there is a lively public beach where Michigan Avenue ends at Oak Street, a short subway or cab ride from the hotels. We hope to see you here. □

Corrections

The December 1998 announcement of the ASA Section on Political Economy of the World-System Dissertation Award was incorrect. The correct announcement appears below:

ASA Section on Political Economy of the World System. *Terence K. Hopkins Dissertation Award:* This bi-annual award is intended to recognize important contributions to the development of world-systems studies by graduate students. Research in comparative or international sociology concerned with domestic and global social, economic and political processes are eligible for consideration, as long as the dissertation has been completed during the past two years (i.e., previous and current academic years). Dissertations should normally be nominated by the student's advisor or a scholar most familiar with the student's research. Nomination letters should detail the nature and the merits of the work. Send nominations to: Beverly Silver, Sociology Department, 554 Mergenthaler, 3400 N. Charles Street, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Call for Papers

CONFERENCES

Conference on Gender and Rural Transformations in Europe, October 14-17, 1999, Wageningen, The Netherlands. Theme: "Gender and Rural Transformations in Europe: Past, Present, and Future Prospects." Papers, abstracts for papers (300 words), and proposals for posters, coordinated sessions, panels, workshops are welcome. Papers should not be in excess of 20 double-spaced typewritten pages. Deadline for abstracts and other proposals is February 15, 1999. Deadline for papers is September 1, 1999. Contact: Margreet van der Burg, Conference Coordinator, Wageningen Agricultural University, Gender Studies in Agriculture, Hollandseweg 1, NL-6706 KN Wageningen, The Netherlands; +31 317 483374; fax +31 317 485477; e-mail Gender.Conf@agil.vsl.wau.nl; <http://www.sls.wau.nl/crds/congr_gs.htm>

Gypsy Lore Society Annual Meeting, June 24-25, 1999, University of Florence, Italy. Papers on any aspect of Gypsy Studies are welcome. Send abstracts (100 words) by March 15, 1999 to: Leonardo Piasere, Program Chair, Dipartimento di Studi Sociali, Università di Firenze, via Cavour, 82, 50129 Firenze, Italy; fax +39 055 2757750; e-mail studi_soc@cesit1.unifi.it.

7th Improving Student Learning Symposium, September 6-8, 1999, University of York, England. Theme: "Improving Student Learning Through the Disciplines." Proposals are invited dealing with two themes: (1) Papers Reporting Research Into Learning Within Disciplines; (2) Papers Reporting Attempts To Change and Improve Teaching and Learning Within Disciplines. Contact: Felix Lam, The Oxford Centre for Staff Development, Oxford Brookes University, Helena Kennedy Campus, Headington, Oxford OX3 0BP, England; +44 (0) 1865 484620 or fax +44 (0) 1865 484622; e-mail f.lam@brookes.ac.uk; <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/ocsd/isl/isltop.html>

International Conference on Migration, Culture and Crime, July 5-8, 1999, Kibbutz Maale Hamisha, Jerusalem, Israel. Sponsored by the International Society of Criminology, the World Society of Victimology, the Israeli Ministry of Science, the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Pre-

vention and the Department of Criminology at the Western Galilee College. Contact: Shlomo G. Shoham, Tel Aviv University, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv 69978, Israel; e-mail shoham@post.tau.ac.il.

International Oral History Conference, June 15-19, 2000, Istanbul, Turkey. Theme: "Crossroads of History: Experience, Memory, Orality." Proposals may be for a conference paper (in English or Spanish), workshop session, or thematic panel. Deadline is May 1, 1999. Contact: Organizing Committee, c/o Arzu Öztürkmen, XIth International Oral History Conference, Bogazici Universitesi, Tarih Bölümü Bebek, 80815, Istanbul, Turkey; 00-90-212-2631540 (1544); fax 00-90-212-2570517; e-mail ozturkme@boun.edu.tr. Additional contacts: (Europe) Albert Lichtblau, albert.lichtblau@sbg.ac.at; (North America) Anne Ritchie, a-ritchie@nga.gov; (South America) Marieta de Moraes Ferreira, marieta@fgv.br; (Australasia, jwilson@metz.une.edu.au.

PUBLICATIONS

Contributions in Sociology Series. Scholarly manuscripts are welcome (60,000-85,000 words); monographs/edited volumes on a wide array of subjects in sociology and related disciplines. Submit proposals to the Series Advisor: Dan A. Chekki, Department of Sociology, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2E9, Canada; fax (204) 774-4134; e-mail sociology@uwinnipeg.ca.

Feminist and Anti-Racism: International Struggles seek previously unpublished submissions from feminist anti-racist activists and feminist scholars both locally and globally. The aim of this volume is to bridge feminist anti-racist theorizing and transnational activism by providing empirical studies and analyses of local and global practices that challenge both racial and gender inequalities. Submit 500-word abstracts by February 28, 1999 to: France Winddance Twine, Jackson School of International Studies, Box 35-3650, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195-3650; e-mail windance@u.washington.edu or Kathleen Blee, Sociology, 2003 Forbes Quad, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260; e-mail kblee@pitt.edu.

A Force to be Reckoned With: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities of Color. We are assembling a collection of essays devoted to research on Queer People of Color. By focussing on issues other than AIDS and psychological distress, this collection will contribute a unique understanding of a population which has all too often been represented as a problem in need of a solution rather than as a vibrant and vital community. Communities of Color would not be the same if it were not for the contributions of their lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members. This volume is intended to highlight those contributions. By February 15, 1999, please send 2-4 page abstracts and a short biography to the following address: Juan Battle, Department of Sociology, Hunter College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021; e-mail jbattle@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu.

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, listservers, films, short essays, and any other resources on teaching international sociology and internationalizing sociology in a global age and globalization. Submit two hard copies by February 1, 1999 to: Nathan

Rousseau, Department of Sociology, Muskingum College, New Concord, OH 43762; e-mail rousseau@muskingum.edu.

The Journal of Poverty is designed to provide an outlet for discourse on poverty and inequality. The editorial board welcomes manuscripts which sensitize social scientists and practitioners to the varied forms and patterns of inequalities, new developments in cultural diversity, and interventions promoting equality and social justice. Articles guided by conceptual analyses involving quantitative and qualitative methods are encouraged. The intent is to produce and disseminate information on poverty and social, political, and economic inequalities and to offer a means by which nontraditional strategies for change might be considered. Authors should submit four copies of the manuscript. Manuscripts will be peer reviewed by at least two consulting editors and returned with comments. Additional information is available on the web <http://www.csw.ohio-state.edu/jpov>. Manuscripts should be sent to: *Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political and Economic Inequalities*, P.O. Box 3613, Columbus, OH 43210-3613, (614) 292-7181; fax (614) 292-6940.

A New Generation of Feminist Science Studies. We seek submissions for an anthology that marks and defines a new generation of scholarship in feminist science studies. The volume will offer visions and strategies for science, engineering and women's studies scholars concerned with implementing insights from feminist studies of science and technology, both in theory and in practice. Submissions should include a 1-2 page detailed prospectus and be mailed by February 1, 1999 to: Maralee Mayberry, Department of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV 89154-5033. For more information e-mail mayberry@nevada.edu.

Race, Gender and Class is soliciting papers for a special issue on Marxism and race, gender and class in late capitalist societies. Deadline for completed papers is September 30, 1999. Contact: Mike Grimes, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803; (225) 388-5319; e-mail SOCCGRM@LSU.EDU.

Research In Community Sociology. Volume IX invites papers on various dimensions of communities: discussions of theoretical and methodological issues, empirical research, case studies and analyses of micro-macro linkages, and critical studies on community structure/change, problems, policy-planning and related issues. ASR format, not more than 40 pages, three copies. Submit papers before January 31, 1999. Contact the Editor: Dan A. Chekki, Department of Sociology, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2E9, Canada; fax (204) 774-4134; e-mail sociology@uwinnipeg.ca.

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Sociological Perspectives will be publishing a special issue for Issue #1, Vol. 43, 2000 entitled "Beyond 2000: Sociology and Social Change in the New Millennium." Possible themes to be ad-

ressed are: political power and change; economic development; information technology; changing work patterns; demographic and ecological change; and the possibility of sociology providing a critical perspective in the new millennium. We are equally open to submissions reflecting critical analyses in other relevant areas. Manuscripts must be submitted by May 15, 1999 and should be sent to: Charles F. Hohn, *Sociological Perspectives*, Department of Sociology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182-4423. Please consult a recent issue of the journal for submission guidelines. For further information e-mail chohn@mail.sdsu.edu.

This Bridge Called My Back, Twenty Years Later. Gloria Anzaldua and AnaLouise Keating seek essays, poems, personal narratives, or other writings that explore issues related to *This Bridge Called My Back*. Abstracts by February 1, 1999. Complete papers by May 31, 1999. Send submissions to: AnaLouise Keating, Languages and Literature, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM 88130; (505) 359-1622; e-mail analouise.keating@enmu.edu.

Meetings

February 8-10, 1999. *1999 Symposium on Integrated Justice Information Systems*, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact: Kelly J. Harris, Manager, Technical Assistance Program, SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice, Information and Statistics, 7311 Greenhaven Drive, Suite 145, Sacramento, CA 95831; (916) 392-2550; e-mail kelly.harris@search.org. <http://www.search.org/1999symposium>

February 18-21, 1999. *International Sunbelt Social Network Conference*, Hawthorn Suites Hotel, Charleston, SC. Contact: John Skvorenz, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; (803) 777-4968; e-mail skvorenz-john@sc.edu. Conference information can be found at the INSNA website <http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/project/INSNA/>

March 17-20, 1999. *Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Annual Meeting*, Ramada Downtown Atlanta, Atlanta, GA. Theme: "Refocusing Research and Teaching for Service." Contact: Frank Harold Wilson, ASBS Program Chairman, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201; (414) 229-5820; fax (414) 229-4266; e-mail choccip@uwm.edu.

March 23-26, 1999. *11th National HIV/AIDS Update Conference*, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, CA. Theme: "Partnering Science and Practice." Contact: KREBS Convention Management Services; (415) 920-7000; (415) 920-7001; e-mail krebsconv@aol.com. <http://www.nauc.org.>

March 26-27, 1999. *Conference on the Specialized Scholarly Monograph in Crisis*, Sheraton City Center Hotel, Washington, DC. Theme: "New Challenges for Scholarly Communication in the Digital Era: Changing Roles and Expectations in the Academic Community." Contact: Association of Research Libraries, Mary Jane Brooks-New Challenges, 21 Dupont Circle NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 296-2296; fax (202) 872-0884; e-mail maryjane@arl.org. <http://www.arl.org/scomm/conf.html>

April 6-9, 1999. *British Sociological Association Annual Conference*, University of Glasgow, UK. Theme: "For Sociology." Contact: Nicky Gibson, British Sociological Association, Unit 3F/G, Mountjoy Research Centre, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3UR, UK; 0191 383 0839; fax 0191 383 0782; e-mail britsoc@dia1.pipex.com.

April 11-13, 1999. *National Social Science Association Spring National Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: NSSA-Las Vegas Meeting, 2020 Hills Lake Dr, El Cajon, CA 92020-1018. (619) 448-4709; (619) 258-7636; e-mail natsocss@aol.com.

April 14-15, 1999. *Natsoc Sociology Student Conference*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Theme: "Society at the Turn of the Century: Continuities and Change." Please contact any of the following conference organizers by e-mail: Tony Calabrese, calabres@chass.utoronto.ca; Catherine Kaukinen, kaukinen@chass.utoronto.ca; Andrew McKinnon, amckinnon@chass.utoronto.ca; Daniel Warchow, dwarchow@chass.utoronto.ca.

April 16-18, 1999. *2nd Regional Conference on Social Movements and Change*, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland. Theme: "Social Movements in Transition: Moving Towards the Millennium?" Contact: Linda Connolly, Department of Sociology, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland; (353-21) 902592; fax (353-21) 272004; e-mail l.connolly@ucc.ie; or visit the conference web page <http://www.ucc.ie/ucc/depts/sociology/home.htm>

April 23-24, 1999. *3rd Rutgers Symposium on Self and Social Identity*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Theme: "Social Identity, Intergroup Conflict, and Conflict Reduction." Contact: Richard D. Ashmore, Lee Jessum or David Wilder, Rutgers University, Department of Psychology, 53 Avenue E-Tillett Hall, Piscataway, NJ 08854-8040; (732) 445-4036; e-mail SYMPOSIUM@psych.rutgers.edu; <http://www.psychology.rutgers.edu/symposium>

April 24, 1999. *26th Annual Western Anthropology/Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference*, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. Contact: Shawn Ginwright, Anthropology/Sociology Department, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053.

June 24-27, 1999. *1999 Summer Institute Family Research Consortium III*, Mount Washington Hotel and Resort, Bretton Woods, NH. Theme: "America's Families: Who Are They at Century's End?" Contact: Dee Frisque, Center for Human Development and Family Research in Diverse Contexts, Pennsylvania State University, 106 Henderson Building, University Park, PA 16802-6504; (814) 863-7108; fax (814) 863-7109; e-mail dml10@psu.edu.

June 29-30, 1999. *International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Theme of Citizenship*, University of Leeds, England. Theme: "Rethinking Citizenship: Critical Perspectives For The 21st Century." Contact: Sasha Rosenel, Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, UK; +44 (0) 113 233 4409; fax +44 (0) 113 233 4415; <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/law/conferences/citizenship/homepage.htm>

July 29-31, 1999. *International Symposium on Technology and Society*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Theme: "Women and Technology: Historical, Social and Professional Perspectives." Contact: April Brown, Department of Electrical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332; e-mail april.brown@ee.gatech.edu; or David Morton, IEEE History Center, Rutgers University, 39 Union St, New Brunswick, NJ 08904; e-mail d.morton@ieec.org.

July 31-August 5, 1999. *7th Annual Working Conference for College Faculty*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia. Theme: "Using Cases and Classroom Assessment to Improve Learning and Teaching." Contact: Rita Silverman or Bill Welty, Center for Case

Meetings, continued

Studies in Education, Pace University, 861 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570; (914) 773-3879; fax (914) 773-3878; e-mail rsilverman@ismail.pace.edu; <http://www.pace.edu/CTRCaseStudies>.

August 4-8, 1999. Rural Sociological Society 62nd Annual Meeting, Ambassador West Hotel, Chicago, IL. Theme: "Empowering Communities: Revisiting Democracy and Globalization." Contact: Carolyn Sachs, 1999 RSS Program Chair, Department of Agricultural Economics/Rural Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802; (814) 863-8641; fax (814) 865-3746; e-mail csachs@psu.edu.

August 5-7, 1999. The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) 49th Annual Conference, Swissotel, Chicago, IL. Theme: "Citizenship in an Era of Globalization: Threats to and Struggles for Legal, Political, Social and Cultural Rights." Contact: Joyce Chinen, Division of Social Sciences, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, 96-129 Ala Ike, Pearl City, HI 96782; (808) 454-4720, email chinen@hawaii.edu; Myra Ferrer, Department of Sociology, U-68, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269-2068; (860) 486-4428, email ferrer@uconnvm.uconn.edu.

August 6-10, 1999. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago Hilton and Towers, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, IL. Theme: "Transitions in World Society: At Century's End." Contact: ASA Meeting Services, 1307 New York Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-4701; (202) 383-9005, ext. 305; fax (202) 638-0882; e-mail meetings@asanet.org. Annual Meeting and membership information and forms are also available on the ASA Homepage <http://www.asanet.org>.

November 17-21, 1999. Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, 15th Biennial Conference, Westin William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Danny Calhoun, Program Coordinator, ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105; (202) 393-2580; fax (202) 393-2582; e-mail acsus@nicom.com; <http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu/acsus/acsus99.htm>.

Funding

Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. The Thomas O. Enders Endowment encourages advanced scholarship on Canada and Canadian-U.S. relations with the goal of increasing mutual understanding between the United States and Canada on diverse bilateral issues. The Endowment is intended to fund an annual award of up to \$30,000 for up to nine months and may be made to a doctoral student to conduct research on a dissertation or to a senior scholar whose work will advance the Canada-U.S. relationship. Post-doctoral candidates, professionals in government, the diplomatic service, and senior scholars at research institutions are also encouraged to apply. Recipients of the fellowship must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Contact: ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105; (202) 393-2580; fax (202) 393-2582; e-mail acsus@nicom.com; <http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu>.

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum seeks applications for a program of Summer Research Workshops for Scholars. This program will provide subsidized, collaborative re-

search opportunities and an organized forum for sharing research results for groups of scholars working on similar or closely related research topics in Holocaust studies. A complete application package is required for consideration and must be postmarked no later than January 30, 1999. Contact: Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Attn: Kristy Brosius, Program Coordinator, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126; (202) 314-7803; fax (202) 479-9726; e-mail kbrosius@ushmm.org.

Columbia University. The Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program announces openings for pre and postdoctoral fellows beginning July 1 or September 1, 1999. The program provides social scientists, epidemiologists, psychologists, and psychiatrists with research skills in psychiatric epidemiology. Training involves course work in substantive issues and research methods as well as participation in an affiliated research unit. Postdoctoral stipends range from \$26,253 to \$41,268. Application deadline: March 1, 1999. Contact: Training Coordinator, Division of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, Columbia University, PH18-332, 630 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032 or e-mail pet@columbia.edu. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) is designed to improve the condition of scientific and engineering equipment for research and research training in our Nation's academic institutions. This program seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of research and research training in science and engineering, and to foster the

integration of research and education by providing instrumentation for research-intensive learning environments. Proposals submitted in response to the FY 1999 program solicitation are competing for about \$50 million. The MRI Program assists in the acquisition or development of major research instrumentation by U.S. institutions that is, in general, too costly for support through other NSF programs. The maintenance and technical support associated with these instruments are also supported. Proposals may be for a single instrument, a large system of instruments, or multiple instruments that share a common research focus. Computer systems, clusters of advanced workstations, networks, and other information infrastructure components necessary for research are encouraged. Proposals for computer networks as general purpose equipment will not be reviewed. Awards for instrumentation range from \$100,000 to \$2 million. Lesser amounts are considered in proposals from non-PhD granting institutions, from mathematical sciences, or from the social, behavioral and economic science communities. The due date for proposals in response to this solicitation is February 16, 1998. <http://www.nsf.gov/od/oa/mri/start.htm>.

Midlife in the United States Summer Workshop, May 31 through June 4, 1999, University of Michigan (Institute of Social Research), Ann Arbor, MI. This will be a five-day workshop which brings together renowned researchers in the area of aging and adult development, with graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and assistant professors who are hoping to expand their research in related areas. Participants will be introduced to the newly-released

MIDUS (Midlife in the United States) survey data set, and will be able to discuss their research with senior scholars. The program will accept 10-15 young scholars (persons who have earned their PhDs in the last five years) from a broad array of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, and public health. All travel expenses, including airfare, meals, and lodging will be paid by the MIDMAC Network of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Information on the workshop and on the MIDMAC Network can be found at <http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/midus>. Applications should be sent no later than February 15, 1999 to: Deborah Carr, University of Michigan, 500 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382; (734) 763-1220; e-mail cards@umich.edu. Acceptance letters will be sent out by April 1, 1999.

The Newberry Library is an independent research library with holdings of more than 1.5 million volumes and 5 million manuscript pages. The Newberry's collections concern the civilizations of Western Europe and the Americas from the late Middle Ages to the early twentieth century. The library is offering special awards and fellowships in the Humanities for 1999-2000 to scholars in fields relevant to the library's collections. Interested parties may contact: Committee on Awards, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610-3380; e-mail research@newberry.org; <http://www.newberry.org>.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Applications are now being accepted for the Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research Program. The program challenges investigators from a variety of fields to tackle critical health

policy issues, think creatively about the most important problems affecting the health and health care of Americans, and explore innovative ideas and perspectives that may contribute to the theoretical underpinnings and knowledge base of future health policy. The program provides grants of between \$100,000 and \$250,000, primarily for project salary support for the principal investigator, for up to three years. Up to ten awards will be made annually over the course of this eight-year, \$18 million program. The deadline for receipt of letters of intent is April 9, 1999. Contact: Barbara Kivimae Krimgold, Association for Health Services Research; (202) 223-2477; e-mail INFO@AHRSK.ORG.

Competitions

American Sociological Association Section Awards: (1) *Methodology, Paul Lazarsfeld Memorial Award.* Recognizes an individual's cumulative contributions to sociological methodology. Scholars who are responsible for a single significant innovation are eligible as are scholars who have fostered high methodological standards by their teaching and research. Please send nominations and supporting material by April 30, 1999, to: Robert M. Hauser, Vilas Research Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1180 Observatory Drive, Room 4430, Madison, WI 53706. (2) *Collective Behavior and Social Movements. Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award.* Nominated papers should deal with an important theoretical issue or significant empirical problem in the field of collective behavior and social movements. Paper should be sole authored and written while the author was a student. Papers published during the past two calendar years, recently accepted for publication, or currently under review are eligible for the 1999 award. A cover letter and five copies of the nominated paper should be submitted by April 15, 1999 to: Susan Staggberg, Department of Sociology, McGill University, 855 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec H3A 2T7, Canada. (3) *Sociology of Religion. Book Award.* Self-nominations, nominations by publishers, or Section members are welcome. Only books with copyright dates of 1997 or 1998 will be considered. All award nominees will be notified by the chair of the award committee, and if they are not members of the Religion Section, they must join the Section in order to remain in contention for the award. The deadline is March 15, 1999. Send nominations to: John Wilson, Department of Sociology, Duke University, Box 90088, Durham, NC 27708. *Article Award.* Self-nominations or nominations by Section members are welcome. Articles published during 1997 and 1998 are eligible. All award nominees will be notified by the chair of the award committee, and if they are not members of the Religion Section, they must join the Section in order to remain in contention for the award. The deadline is April 1, 1999. Send nominations to: Pat Wittberg, Department of Sociology, IUPUI, 425 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46202. *Student Paper Award.* Student papers may be nominated by their authors, a publisher or any member of the Section. The only stipulation for the student paper award nomination is that the author must be a student at the time that the nomination is submitted. All award nominees will be notified by the chair of the award committee, and if they are not members of the Religion Section, they must join the Section in order to remain in contention for the award. The deadline is May 1, 1999.

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Send nominations to: Roger Finke, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) has established an annual prize honoring Gabriel G. Rudney, a pioneer researcher in the field of nonprofit organizations and philanthropy. The prize will be known as the Gabriel G. Rudney Memorial Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research. Contact: Anita H. Plotinsky, Executive Director; (317) 684-2120; e-mail aplotin@iupui.edu.

International Sociological Association (ISA). The Research Committee on Housing and the Built Environment invites submissions for the first Jorge E. Hardoy Memorial Prize for Best Paper by a Researcher from a Developing Country. This prize was instituted to honor the late Jorge Hardoy and to recognize current work similarly concerned with improving the living conditions of low-income households in developing countries. Text must be in English. Maximum length is 25 pages, double-spaced, including notes and bibliography. Abstract of no more than 200 words is required. The winner will receive US \$250.00 and a special certificate. The paper will also be published in *Habitat International*, along with other qualifying submissions. To be eligible, papers must be received by June 30, 1999. Please, send four copies to: Willem van Vliet, College of Architecture and Planning, CB 314, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309-0314.

National Council on Family Relations. The Feminism and Family Studies Section is seeking nominations for two awards: (1) The Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award; (2) The Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective. For the complete call for submissions, contact: (765) 494-6026; e-mail shelley@purdue.edu.

Social Science Research Council Program on the Near and Middle East invites applications for a dissertation workshop to be held in summer 1999. Graduate students who are currently writing dissertations in any discipline in the social sciences on topics concerning the interaction of states and societies are welcome to apply. The Council particularly welcomes applications from students using institutional, political economy, and comparative methods, broadly defined. Cross-regional projects that include, but are not limited to, Middle East cases are also eligible. The workshop will be held in the Middle East in July 1999, and will include approximately 12-14 student participants and four faculty who will meet over the course of a week for intensive and critical discussion of students' dissertation projects. To apply for the workshop, students must submit the following: (1) a copy of their dissertation proposal (2) proof that the proposal has been approved by the students' department (3) two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the student's principal advisor (4) a five-page double-spaced summary of the dissertation project. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens, currently enrolled in an accredited PhD program, and be at the stage of writing the dissertation by the time of the deadline for applications. The deadline for receipt of applications at the SSRC is March 15, 1999. Decisions will be announced by May 1999. Please address all questions and correspondence, including applications, to: Near and

Middle East Program, Social Science Research Council, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019; (212) 377-2700; fax (212) 377-2727.

Society for the Study of Social Problems. The Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities Division announces its 1999 graduate student paper competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100.00 plus payment of the winner's SSSP membership fee for the 1999 SSSP meetings. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present his/her paper at the 1999 SSSP meeting. Entries must be postmarked by February 14, 1999. Contact: Lloyd Klein, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Medgar Evers College, 1650 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225.

Sociologists for Women in Society. Cheryl Miller Award. Call for Applications. SWS has established an award for graduate students and recent PhDs working in the area of women and work. The award is supported by a bequest from the family of the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist and feminist who studied women and work. The purpose of the award is to recognize a sociology graduate student or a recent doctorate who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of women and work. This contribution may take the form of scholarly or policy research or activism. It may be completed work or work-in-progress, but should not be a proposal for future work. The award is \$500. The winner will present her or his work at the 1999 August SWS meeting in Chicago. Fare to the meeting will

be paid by SWS. Applicants must be graduate students or have received their PhD in 1998 or 1999 and must belong to SWS. (Applicants may join at the same time they apply for the award. For information on joining, please contact the SWS Executive Office). Submissions must include a two to three page vita, a description of the project or summary of the scholarly work that is no more than 10 double-spaced pages, and an abstract/cover page. The abstract/cover page should include applicant's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and, for applicants with their PhD, the date the PhD was completed. Do not include any nominating letters; these will not be used in consideration for the award. Applications must be received by April 1, 1999. Send four copies of all application materials. Please print on both sides to save paper and mailing costs. Mail to: Judith Lorber, 319 East 24 St., Apt. 27E, NY, NY 10010. Please address any questions via e-mail: jlorber@worldnet.att.net.

In the News

Linda M. Blum, University of New Hampshire, was interviewed by *Asahi Shimbun* and was quoted on October 28, 1998 on the election of Jane Swift to the Lt. Governorship of Massachusetts and what this indicates about the progress of the U.S. toward embracing working mothers.

Craig Calhoun, New York University, was interviewed by CNN on November 13, 1998. The topic was the "persecuted church" movement and the upcoming international day of prayer.

Peter Dreier, Occidental College, was quoted in the *Washington Post* on September 18, 1998 in a story about the impact of the end of rent control in Cambridge, MA; the *Los Angeles Times* on October 4, 1998 in a story reporting on the "Progressive Los Angeles" conference he co-organized in the Occidental College campus; the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on November 8, 1998 on the problems of subsidized rental housing in inner city neighborhoods. He was also interviewed in PBS's *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer* on a story about the Los Angeles housing crisis on July 20, 1998, and in NPR's *All Things Considered* story about insurance redlining on October 26, 1998. He co-authored articles about progressive political activism for the *LA Weekly* on October 2, 1998 and the *Los Angeles Times* in September 27, 1998.

Sandra Hofferth, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, was quoted about her research on changes since 1981 in how children spend their time in the November 9, 1998, *Washington Post, Associated Press*, and *Los Angeles Times*; the November 11 *New York Times*, the November 10 *USA Today*, the November 13 *Christian Science Monitor*, the November 16 *London Daily Telegraph*, the November 17 *Chicago Tribune*, and the November 23 issue of *Time Magazine*. She was interviewed live by CNN Headline News, the British Broadcasting Corporation, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and participated in taped and live interviews with National Public Radio and more than 12 major network affiliates and commercial radio stations across the U.S.

Aliza Kolker, George Mason University, was featured in an article "Films Highlight Romance" in the *Washington Jewish Week*, August 13, 1998. The article

was based on an interview with her discussing a film series that she is leading at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia.

Ross Koppel, Social Research Corporation, had his research featured in the November 11, 1998 *Philadelphia Daily News* in an article on the problems encountered by those who want to implement a job training program in the arts for poor and unemployed people in Philadelphia.

John A. Kovach, Kutztown University, was cited in the November 22, 1998, *Reading Eagle* "County at the Crossroads" series on local suburban development issues.

James W. Loewen, Catholic University of America, had his book, *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong*, mentioned favorably in an essay in the November 1998 issue of *Harper's* magazine about the way high schools teach history.

Kathleen Miller, George Washington University. The November 21, 1998 *Washington City Paper* featured an article on her research showing that high school girls who participate in athletics are much less likely to become pregnant than non-athletes and even are more likely to remain virgins (patterns that do not hold for high school boys).

Robert E. Parker, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, was recently quoted in the *Las Vegas Sun* about the social implications of a proposed upscale master planned community to be located in economically underdeveloped North Las Vegas.

Jill Quadagno, Florida State University, appeared on the PBS show *Think Tank* on September 12, 1998, focusing on the future of the welfare state.

Harold Wenglinsky, a research scientist at Educational Testing Service, has recently received press coverage in newspaper, magazine, television and radio reports across the country as the author of the study "Does It Compute? The Relationship Between Educational Technology and Student Achievement in Mathematics." The study was presented at the National Press Club on September 29th, 1998 and over the next week it was carried by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *LA Times*, *USA Today*, NPR's *All Things Considered*, CNN, CNN Headline News, the BBC, and many other newspapers.

Earl Wyszog, Indiana University-Kokomo, was quoted in a September 27, 1998 *New York Times* article concerning the efficacy of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Awards

Edwin Amenta, New York University, had his book, *Bold Relief: Institutional Politics and the Origins of Modern American Social Policy* named one of *Choice* magazine's Outstanding Academic Books for 1998.

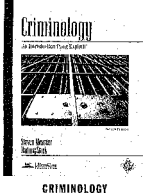
Nicola Beisel, Northwestern University, received the Outstanding Book Award from the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements for *Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America* (Princeton University Press, 1997).

Vern Bengtson, University of Southern California, received the Ernest W. Burgess Award, the National Council on Family Relations' top prize for research.

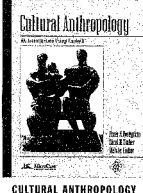
Susan M. Chamble, Baruch College-CUNY, received an award for outstanding article for "Civil Society, Differential Resources, and Organizational De-

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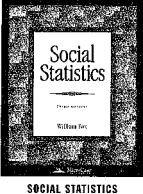


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velopment: HIV/AIDS Organizations," from the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action.

Wendy Chapkis, University of Southern Maine, was recently awarded the 1998 Outstanding Book Award by the Organization for Communication, Language and Gender for her book, *Live Sex Acts: Women Performing Erotic Labor*.

Chandler Davidson, Rice University, was named the 1998 recipient of the George R. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award, the University's top teaching prize.

William A.J. Golomski, W.A. Golomski and Associates, received a Distinguished Service Award from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jon Hendricks, Oregon State University, received the 1998 Kalish Innovative Publication Award from the Gerontological Society of America for his article, "Bridging Contested Terrain: Chaos or Prelude to a Theory."

Akiko S. Hosler, New York State Department of Health and University at Albany, received grants from the Association of Schools of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support her study on diabetes-related health risk behavior among Hispanics in New York City.

Korni Swaroop Kumar, SUNY-Potsdam, received the University's President's Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Endeavors and the Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action Leave for conducting research in the fields of International Police Cooperation, Understanding Violent Behaviors, and Alcohol/Drug Addiction—Rehabilitation Dilemmas.

Scott Long and **Bernice Pescosolido**, Indiana University, were awarded Chancellors' Professorships for outstanding contributions to teaching.

John Myles, Florida State University, was named University Distinguished Professor in April.

Harriet Presser, University of Maryland, was awarded the title of Distinguished University Professor on July 1, 1999.

Mildred Schwartz, University of Illinois-Chicago, is the first recipient of the Thomas O. Enders Fellowship for the 1998-99 academic year. Schwartz will hold the Enders Chair in Canada-U.S. Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Calgary.

People

Christine Bose, SUNY-Albany, is the incoming editor of *Gender and Society*.

John Campbell, Dartmouth College, has been appointed Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Copenhagen University, Denmark.

Mary Frank Fox, Georgia Institute of Technology, **Barbara Reskin**, Harvard University, and **Kimberlee Shauman**, University of California-Davis, spoke at the invitational symposium, "Women in Research Universities," sponsored by The Committee for the Equality of Women at Harvard, Cambridge, MA.

Zai Liang has been promoted to Associate Professor of Sociology with tenure at City University of New York-Queens College.

Beth Rushing has joined the faculty at Georgia College.

New Books

Barry Adam, University of Windsor, **Jan Willem Duyvendak**, and **Andre Krouwel**, Free University of Amsterdam (editors), *The Global Emergence of Gay and Lesbian Politics* (Temple University Press, 1998).

Peter Beilharz, La Trobe University and **Chris Nyland**, Monash University, *The Webbs, Fabianism, and Feminism* (Ashgate, 1998).

Allen Cranz, University of California-Berkeley, *The Chair: Rethinking Culture, Body and Design* (W.W. Norton, 1998).

Cynthia Fuchs Epstein, **Carroll Seron**, **Bonnie Oglensky** and **Robert Saute**, all from the Graduate Center-CUNY (co-authors), *The Part-Time Paradox: Time Norms, Professional Life, Family and Gender*, (Routledge, 1998).

Myra Marx Ferree, University of Connecticut, **Judith Lorber**, Brooklyn College-CUNY, **Beth B. Hess**, County College of Morris, NJ (editors), *Revisiting Gender* (Sage Publications, 1998).

Michael G. Flaherty, *Eckerd College, A Watched Pot: How We Experience Time* (New York University Press, 1998).

Joseph Galaskiewicz and **Wolfgang Bielefeld**, University of Texas-Dallas, *Nonprofit Organizations in an Age of Uncertainty: A Study of Organizational Change* (Aldine de Gruyter, 1998).

Michael Goldman (editor), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *Prioritizing Nature: Political Struggles for the Global Commons* (Rutgers University Press, 1998).

John Hagedorn, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, *People and Folks: Gangs, Crime and the Underclass in a Rustbelt City* (Lake View Press, 1998).

Aliza Kolker, George Mason University, *Prenatal Testing: A Sociological Perspective* (Greenwood Publishers, 1998).

Martha A. Myers, University of Georgia, *Race, Labor, and Punishment in the New South* (Ohio State University Press, 1998).

Donald A. Nielsen, State University of New York-Oneonta, *Three Faces of God: Society, Religion and the Categories of Totality in the Philosophy of Emile Durkheim* (State University of New York Press, 1998).

Dick Pels, Brunels University, *Property and Power in Social Theory: A Study in Intellectual Rivalry* (Routledge, 1998).

Barbara Katz Rothman, Baruch College-CUNY, *Genetic Maps and Human Imaginations: The Limits of Science in Understanding Who We Are* (W.W. Norton, 1998).

Policy and Practice

Joyce Miller Kutovich and **Donald J. Pratt** of Keystone University Research Corporation have completed an assessment of intensive aftercare services provided to delinquent youth released from secure correctional facilities. Based on the final report, policy recommendations were made to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

Gregory D. Squires, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, trained Housing and Urban Development staff and contractors on paired testing of the property/casualty insurance industry at its fair housing conference, "Testing as an Enforcement Tool," in West Palm Beach in October.

Deaths

Shirley Vining Brown died on November 11, 1998.

Philip H. Ennis, Wesleyan University, died on November 13, 1998.

Byron Evans, Dallas, TX, died on March 3, 1998.

Niklas Luhmann (German Sociologist) died at his home in Bielefeld Germany,

November 6, 1998. Luhmann is well known in Europe for his second-order cybernetic social systems theory.

William E. Mays, Adrian, MI, died on March 11, 1998.

Alan S. Meyer, Demarest, NJ, died on January 28, 1998.

Delbert Miller, Indiana University, died on June 23, 1998.

Tonu Farming, 57, University of Maryland-College Park, died on October 30, 1998.

Harold B. Pepinsky died on August 4, 1998.

Obituaries

Rose Helper (1908-1998)

Rose Helper's ground-breaking mid-fifties study of real estate broker's policies and practices continues to be germane and widely cited in analyses of racial discrimination in housing.

Born in Port Arthur, Ontario, she graduated with honors in French and German from the University of Toronto in 1928, and taught those languages in Ontario high schools until 1944. She received an MA in sociology from the University of Toronto in 1945, writing a thesis on the Yukon gold rush. This was followed by a research fellowship in race relations at Fisk University with Charles S. Johnson, a teaching assistantship at Connecticut College for Women, and a 1948 research assistantship at the University of Chicago to a committee chaired by Louis Wirth for which she edited an inventory of research on race relations. In 1951 she became a research associate at NYU's center for Human Relations working

with Morton Deutsch on an HHFA-sponsored planning survey of interracial housing.

In 1955-56, while research associate of a commission on race and housing of the Fund for the Republic, she conducted interviews with 121 real estate brokers in three different sections of Chicago, analyzing these and related data in her doctoral dissertation. Her PhD was awarded in 1958, and she became assistant professor at the University of Toledo in 1959. Her 1964-65 research to follow up the dissertation data showed that real estate brokers' practices and ideology were substantially unchanged. Both studies were incorporated in her *Racial Policies and Practices of Real Estate Brokers* (1969).

From 1968 until her retirement in 1978, she served the national organization of Alpha Kappa Delta either as officer or as its representative to the Association of College Honor Societies. While her research on race relations continued, her energies were poured into teaching and undergraduate advising. As advisor to Lambda chapter of AKD, she directed student and faculty attention to the world beyond the campus, promoting their sponsorship of invited lectures by 15 nationally eminent sociologists and of programs featuring the leaders, music, dancing, and cuisine of local ethnic groups.

So short that she nearly disappeared behind the stacks of books and papers on her desk, Rose was nonetheless vigorous, walking to work in all but icy weather and participating with enthusiasm in a department bowling team. A bulwark of integrity and determination, she was also gracious and fun. Colleagues recall with affection her thoughtful attention to students; her thorough scholarship; her humorous

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A New Year's Resolution . . .

Linking Students to the Profession and ASA

The beginning of the new year is a good time to link students to their national professional association. There are several ways ASA and departments can work together to facilitate this professional socialization. The following reflect student membership dues for the 1999 calendar year.

ASA-Department Subsidized Memberships: To encourage students to join, especially the entering graduate cohort, ASA will subsidize \$5 of the \$37 student dues. Departments are asked to subsidize what they can, and students pay the remainder. Departments should request membership forms from the ASA (call ext. 304) or e-mail membership@asanet.org and distribute them to students with a return date clearly noted. Students should complete the form and a check for their portion of the dues. The department should cut one check for the departments contribution for the number of students responding. The student and department contributions must total \$32 per student. Bundle all the forms and checks into one envelope and mail to ASA, Attn.: Membership Manager, with a note stating that this is a department package. The forms and checks must come in together. ASA will cover the remaining \$5 per student.

Departmental Prize: To honor students in your department who have done something especially well, e.g., a fine paper, thesis, or special service to the department, complete a membership form with a check for \$37 and send it in to the ASA, Attn.: Membership Manager, with a note that this is a department prize. ASA will prepare a certificate honoring the student and will mail it to him/her.

Gift Membership: To give a student a gift membership, complete a membership form with a check for \$37 and send it in to the ASA, Attn.: Membership, with a note that this is a gift, and the name of the giver. ASA will acknowledge the gift. If you wish the gift to be a surprise, you can complete the form without contacting the student.

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Obituaries, continued

reminds; her gesture of exasperation (foot stamp and downswipe fist). Rose worked regularly in her office for more than a decade after retirement until her keen memory began to fade. In 1995 she transferred to a retirement home near her nephew in Pittsford, NY. She died in March, 1998, five days short of her ninetieth birthday.

Ruth Searies, *University of Toledo*

Ann Madalyn Kremers (1955-1998)

Ann Madalyn Kremers, a senior associate editor at PC World Magazine, died on Sunday, November 29, 1998, at her home in Cambridge, MA from colon cancer. She was 43.

She is survived by her husband, Michael P. Massagli, her father, George A. Kremers of Kokomo, IN, and her brothers, Scott Kremers of Charlotte, NC and Mark Kremers of Cornelius, NC, a niece, Kate Kremers, and five nephews, Ross Bailey, Bryan Bailey, Alex Kremers, Adam Kremers, and George Kremers, along with loving aunts, uncles and cousins related through her mother, Elaine (Maggio) Kremers, who died in 1987.

She was born on May 12, 1955 in Kokomo, IN. She received a BA in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1977, where she also studied art history. She then worked on the administrative staff of the College of Letters and Science at UW. In 1979 she joined the Institute for Research on Poverty at UW as a staff assistant. It was there that she met her husband. At the IRP, she began to develop her skills as an editor and interests in publishing, and soon landed a job as managing editor of the *Sociology of Education*, an official publication of the American Sociological Association. The job followed her on moves to Washington, DC in 1984-85, where she helped the ASA develop a membership database and publication management systems for other ASA journals, then to State College, PA in 1985. Between 1985 and 1989 she was managing editor of the journal *Demography*, published by the Population Association of America, and another ASA publication, *Sociological Methodology*.

In 1989, she left academic editing, to the great dismay of authors and readers alike, and joined the staff of Lotus Publishing, in Cambridge as a copy editor with *Lotus Magazine*. Lotus Publishing and the magazine were acquired by International Data Group in the mid-90's, and by then Ann had become a core member of the editorial staff. In 1995 she became a senior associate editor with PC World, an IDG publication with offices in Boston.

In recent years, Ann pursued interests in garden design and shade gardening, while greatly enjoying the company of Luna and Stella, her loving Italian Greyhounds.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angell Memorial Animal Hospital/MSPCA Friends of Angell Memorial, 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130, or the University of Wisconsin Foundation, P.O. Box 8860, Madison, WI 53708-8880.

Michael Massagli, *Harvard University*

Rosalie Hankey Wax (1911-1998)

Born 1911 in a German Lutheran community, DesPlaines, IL, she had an erratic childhood and adolescence, learning to read and cultivating her voice and musicianship, but never completing school. As the oldest child and female, she assumed responsibility for her siblings during familial cri-

ses and the Great Depression. Only after the siblings had been satisfactorily situated in institutions of higher education, did she begin formal schooling. Her abilities were quickly recognized and with the assistance of a Phoebe Hearst scholarship, she enrolled in the University of California-Berkeley, where she was inspired by Alfred Kroeber and Robert Lowie and earned her BA.

During World War II, when the Japanese-Americans were incarcerated in concentration camps, she became a researcher for the University of California evacuation and Resettlement Project, directed by Dorothy Swaine Thomas. She conducted fieldwork in the center at Gila, and then at Tule Lake, where those who had "declared themselves disloyal" were interned. The situation was fraught, and she had abundant troubles not only locally but also with the head of the research project. Eventually, the Department of Interior expelled her from Tule Lake on the grounds that she had transmitted information to the Department of Justice.

She then undertook graduate study at the University of Chicago and wrote her doctoral dissertation and several journal articles upon the events at Tule Lake. Meanwhile, she was recruited by David Riesman to the social science program in the undergraduate College. She was a charismatic teacher and was awarded the Quattrell Prize for outstanding performance. Ultimately she served as Chair, Social Science II. The Dean of the College promised promotion and tenure, but with a new university administration, these promises were abrogated on the ground that, being a woman with a salary-earning spouse, she did not need the faculty position (the spouse, having been blacklisted, was employed in commercial market research).

She (and spouse) were then recruited by Sol Tax to direct the summer workshops (1959 and 1960) for American Indian college students, and thus was launched a career concentration upon Indians and schools. In particular, she participated in fieldwork among the Oglala Sioux, the Oklahoma Cherokee, and the Minnesota Chippewa. The findings of the work among the Sioux were highly influential. *Formal Education in an American Indian Community* (1964) was initially published by the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and then quickly reprinted in the *Congressional Record*. When copies were sent to the Oglala, the authors received enthusiastic responses from their hosts. The monograph is now in print with Waveland.

Rosalie's research experiences were always conducted under political and legal difficulties, and so she was impelled to write her *Doing Fieldwork: Warnings and Advice* (1971); it is one of the earliest reflexive accounts of fieldwork. The frankness of the narratives gave an engagingly humorous quality.

During the periods when fieldwork was difficult because of university responsibilities, Rosalie began intensive study of the Old Scandinavian languages and literatures. The major outcome was *Magic, Fate, and History: The Changing Ethos of the Vikings* (1969).

After vicissitudes, she served as professor at the University of Kansas-Lawrence, and then at Washington University-St. Louis. She entered a nursing home about seven years ago. The staff reported that on November 4th (her birthday), she had started to sing, then lay down on her bed, and passed peacefully away.

Murray L. Wax

Official Reports and Proceedings

1998-99 Council Minutes

August 25-26, 1998

President Alejandro Portes convened the Council meeting on Tuesday, August 25, at 1:00 p.m.

Present were: Catherine White Berheide, William Bielby, Florence Bonner, Paul Burstein, Paula England, Joe R. Feagin, Michael Hout, Nan Lin, Carole Marks, Douglas Massey, Phyllis Moen, Melvin Oliver, Alejandro Portes, Jill S. Quadagno, Patricia A. Roos, Ann Swidler, Linda Waite, Robert Wuthnow. ASA staff: Felice J. Levine, Carla B. Howery, Phoebe H. Stevenson, John M. Kennedy, Roberta Spalter-Roth, Edward Murguia.

Absent: Cora Bagley Marrett

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented, with some additional items carried over from the 1997-98 Council meeting.

2. Report of the President

President Portes outlined the plans for the 1999 Program and the progress on the three plenary sessions. He has invited several public figures as well as distinguished sociologists to participate. He noted the excellent local area committee that is planning sessions both on the city and the Chicago School tradition. R. Stephen Warner is chairing the group of Chicago-area sociologists whose efforts will have a strong presence on the meeting.

3. Report of the Secretary

Secretary Bonner presented a summary of the Committee on Publications meeting. The Committee raised two issues: (1) the suggestion that ASA journals include a statement on data sharing; and (2) a concern that some of ASA's journals contain publisher errors and, if such errors occur, the journal should be reprinted by the printer. Council took no formal action.

The Committee has begun the selection process for new editors for three journals: *Teaching Sociology*, *The American Sociological Review*, and *Sociological Theory*.

She summarized for new Council members the current state of the ASA investment portfolio presented to the 1997-1998 Council on August 24. She also reported on the sale of the Executive Office building.

4. Report of the Executive Officer

Executive Officer Levine described the search process for new space for the Executive Office. The leading site is located in downtown Washington and has other educational associations as owners and tenants. The base rent is fixed for 10 years with increases only for operating costs. As a result, the costs of leasing over a ten-year period of time are extremely competitive.

Levine asked that Deputy Executive Officer Stevenson report on ASA's collaboration with the American Psychological Association (APA) to enhance the ASA website. ASA has an agreement where APA will act as an "invisible" host for the ASA website and will provide additional services such as journal management software and secure online financial transactions where colleagues can join, renew membership, purchase publications, register for the Annual Meeting, and so forth. In the enhanced website, the ASA will introduce a member-only restricted area with member e-mails, department directories, and abstracts of the articles from ASA journals with keyword and text search capacity. We are also discuss-

ing the introduction of SocCrawler, a keyword search engine for ASA members. SocCrawler will make sociologically relevant internet searches more efficient. Finally, ASA and APA are developing a version of PsychINFO (to be called SocINFO) to be called SocINFO for ASA members. Members will have the opportunity to subscribe to this service whereby they will have access to abstracts of sociological and related social science journals with the ability to search this information. Both SocCrawler and SocINFO will be available in spring of 1999.

5. Report of the President-Elect

President-elect Feagin forwarded the following names for the 2000 Annual Meeting Program Committee: Pinar Batur-Vanderlippe, Florence Bonner, Francesca Cancian, Martha E. Gimenez, John M. Goering, Ruth Simms Hamilton, Kenneth C. Land, Nan Lin, Robert Newby, and Gideon Sjøberg.

Motion: To approve the 2000 Program Committee. Carried.

6. Committee and ASA Representative Appointments

Levine reviewed the new process of committee member selection. The President has responsibility for nominating most of the committees specified in the By-Laws and making liaison appointments. The Committee on Awards has responsibility for nominating to Council persons for the award selection committees. The Secretary nominates persons for the Committee on Executive Office and Budget.

Levine also reminded Council that it has responsibility for approving representative appointments to other professional organizations. The President proposes the slate for these appointments.

Motion: To approve the list of committee candidates proposed by the President and the Committee on Awards. Carried.

Bonner advanced candidates for service on the Committee on the Executive Office and Budget (EOB).

Motion: To approve the list of EOB candidates proposed by the Secretary. Carried.

Motion: To approve the list of ASA representatives to other professional organizations. Carried.

7. Committee on Sections


Final language for the *Manual on Sections*. The Committee on Sections brought two topics forward for Council attention. First, as requested by Council last January, the Committee provided new language in the *Manual on Sections* dealing with the "sections formation" portion of the *Manual*. Council wished to review this section before the *Manual* was printed.

Stevenson noted a proposed amendment from the Committee. The Committee reiterated that signing a petition for a section-in-formation is a commitment to paying dues for two years. Council member Burstein, liaison to the Committee, explained the reasons for the recommended change. The Committee wanted a firmer commitment from those who sign in support of a new section, so that sections that have the required number of signatures are more likely to meet the minimum membership level in the start up years.

Motion: To adopt the revised language on sections-in-formation for the *Manual on Sections*, including the amendment from the Committee on Sections. Carried.

Proposed Section on Animals and Society. President Portes provided background on the proposed Section on Animals and Society, noting that the proposal had come to Council in January 1998. At that time, Council adopted a motion that the proposers of this new section "provide justification for the intellectual purposes of this proposed new section, including the scholarly work and ambitions in this subfield." Portes indicated that the Committee on Sections

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recommends approval of this new section.

Council discussed the new materials the group provided and whether there is a strong intellectual and sociological base for this subfield. There was consensus about the desire to support intellectual interests of ASA members, but Council believed that a section is not necessarily the best or only way to proceed.

Motion: To approve the Section on Animals and Society as a section-information field (6-8).

Council suggested that the group hold a meeting at the Annual Meeting under "meetings of other groups" to continue the intellectual exchange. Also, Council suggested that those with this specialty interest consider submitting a proposal for a special session to the 2000 Program Committee.

8. Emeritus Members

President Portes summarized the background for Council's request of the Executive Office to undertake a survey of Emeritus members to learn more about the decline in their membership after the By-Laws change that eliminated a separate Emeritus category. By virtue of the change that went into effect in 1997, former Emeritus members who continued as ASA members selected either the Associate dues category or a Regular member category based on their income.

The survey report made clear that the termination of the Emeritus category had a significant impact on these members allowing their membership to lapse. The report suggests that Council may wish to rethink the possibility of an Emeritus category.

Council discussed the survey findings. Council members noted that the possibility of granting an honorary status such as "senior fellow" does not seem to elicit good support. Council members also noted that these lapsed Emeritus members expressed an interest in receiving *Footnotes* and remaining connected with ASA without necessarily receiving ASA journals. Based on considerable discussion, Council concluded that it made sense to re-establish an Emeritus category on that basis.

Motion: To re-establish the Emeritus membership category for persons who have been ASA members for at least ten years and are retired from their primary employment, with such members receiving *Footnotes* but no journals as part of this membership.

9. Student Forum

Levine described the goals for enhancing the level of attentiveness and engagement of students within the Association. Students are the fastest growing part of the Association's membership. Deputy Executive Officer Howery explained the governance of the current ASA Honors Program and its alumni group, the Honors Program Student Association (HPSA) which is technically not part of ASA. Under this structure, and given that the Honors Program only involves a few students, it is difficult to link all students and get them more involved.

Levine described what the Executive Office had learned from benchmarking with other organizations, particularly the American Psychological Society (APS).

Some Council members questioned the need for creating a "status" group, given there is already healthy student participation, e.g., Annual Meeting sessions, the Honors Program, and the student reception. Discussion ensued about the value of having a formal

structure so students can be connected.

Vice President Roos asked if caucus is the right word for the group. She stated reasons for her support for the group, but suggested a different name. Council member Berheide suggested "Forum." Overall Council thought that this term better captured what such an entity should be; that is, a framework for facilitating students' engagement in ASA and in the discipline. Discussion extended to explain more about the reasons for expanding the group past the HPSA so that students (e.g., juniors, seniors, and new graduate students) can become involved in the Association early on in their careers.

Motion: To approve a new ASA Student Forum as noted in the proposal to Council. Carried (13-2).

10. Committee on Awards

President Portes summarized two issues from the Committee on Awards for Council consideration: the experiment with a new award cycle and the presentation of awards at the Annual Meeting.

Council member Massey, who serves on the Committee on Awards, expressed the concerns of the Committee about the experiment with a new awards cycle that was put in place for 1998. The award selection committees prefer meeting face to face to discuss candidates and making a selection a year in advance. They recommend returning to this procedure. To do this, ASA will need two committees for each award in 1999 (one to select a 1999 winner and one to select a 2000 winner).

Motion: To end the experiment, after one year, of selecting award winners in the same year as the Annual Meeting in which they are presented, and to phase in a year-in-advance system as had been the prior practice. Carried.

At the 1998 Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony, the chair of the Committee on Awards presented all the awards, in an effort to control the length of the presentations and the number of people going back and forth to the podium. The chair of each selection committee played a limited role in the ceremony; they wrote the text and handed the award plaque to the winner. The Committee would like to return to the practice of having each award selection committee chair make the presentation. The Committee suggests having written text submitted in advance to the Executive Office to ensure an appropriate word limit. Chairs will be given samples to guide their work.

Council discussed, in general, the awards ceremony, the pacing of the presentations, and possible improvements. There was consensus on the Committee's recommendations for future operating procedure.

11. Report on Certification

Levine introduced the report on Certification, noting that last August Visiting Sociologist John Kennedy had indicated his willingness to undertake a review of the ASA's Certification Program (which had been suspended for about five years). In addition to the full report in the Council agenda book, Kennedy summarized the history of the ASA Certification Programs, one in the late 1950s, then discontinued; and a second phase in the 1980s. The Certification Program for the PhD-level covered six specialty areas; MA certification was available for social research. Very few members sought certification; indeed, the members of the certification committees comprised the majority of those certified. The program has had little use, and it has been dormant for some time. Council had voted to suspend the program as of 1995. This report suggests an official termination of the cer-

tification program.

Kennedy also addressed the pattern for ASA licensing monitors who were designated to "watch" state-level activity that might affect sociologists. The pattern with these monitors has been similar to the certification activity. Monitors were identified for each state (in the early 1950s) and were active at that time; the program operated at minimum level for a number of years.

Motion: That Council terminate the ASA's Certification Programs and award lifetime certification to those who are currently certified. Carried.

Council asked the Executive Office staff to monitor credentialing activities important to sociology and sociologists and to keep informed about organizations involved in credentialing sociologists.

12. Decade of Behavior Initiative

Levine presented the possibility of ASA joining with other scientific societies and related institutions in the social and behavioral sciences on a Decade of Behavior initiative. The purpose of having the decade from 2000-2010 declared a "decade of behavior" is to call attention to the importance of behavior to societal well-being and to the significance of continued research in the social and behavioral sciences.

Motion: The American Sociological Association endorses the concept of dedicating the first decade of the new century to a concentrated effort on the part of the nation, and particularly the nation's scientists, to greatly advance understanding of human behavior and the application of that knowledge to the betterment of human kind. The Association believes that this focus will be aided by official government recognition of this concentrated effort through legislation that dedicates the years 2000 to 2010 to the study of behavior. To reach this end, the Association is willing to work with other organizations to achieve official recognition of a suitably named decade of behavior and to work for the implementation of research programs to advance understanding of behavior. Carried.

Council urged the Executive Office to encourage regional sociological associations to support the initiative.

13. AAUP Joint Membership

Levine reported on the possibility of having a discounted membership arrangement with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). She reviewed ASA's current joint memberships with American Political Science Association (APSA), American Educational Research Association (AERA), and the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), but felt Council should discuss this offer because AAUP is a somewhat different organization than the other learned societies or disciplinary organizations with which ASA has an interdisciplinary membership dues arrangement. Council raised concerns that AAUP has a significantly different mission than the other groups. Council felt that, while an interdisciplinary membership was not appropriate, that AAUP could purchase ASA's mailing list and could offer ASA members any discounts they wish. Alternatively, ASA can explore the possibility of membership label exchange with AAUP as an outreach tool. However, ASA should not agree to provide endorsement to AAUP or otherwise pursue a joint membership initiative.

14. Incumbent Journal Editors' Role in the Selection of New Editors

Council member England summarized the original concern that journal editors no longer attend the Commit-

tee on Publications and thus would have no input, or vote, on the selection of new editors. She felt that editors bring valuable expertise to the selection process. Bonner noted that the Committee on Publications had agreed to continue to have the editors present for some of the Committee meeting and to seek their input.

15. ASA/AAAS Media Fellowship

Levine summarized the relationship between ASA and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to support a media fellow in their summer program. ASA selects and funds the fellow, but s/he is part of the AAAS' Media Program. AAAS handles the orientation and the placements. In 1998, ASA's second year of participation, the ASA Fellow, Sarah Eichberg, University of Pennsylvania, was placed at the *Detroit Free Press*.

Responding to an article in *Footnotes* about the placement, a member raised concerns about the labor practices at the *Press*. ASA asked AAAS to investigate the matter and they did so; these materials were sent to the member and he was informed that the topic would be placed on Council's agenda. The Fellow was already midway in her placement, and ASA did not ask that she be relocated or that her placement be terminated. ASA did ask AAAS to monitor the appropriateness of placements more closely. Levine explained the ASA policies regarding fair employment generally, and ASA's commitment to that policy in several concrete cases. Levine also indicated that from the outset of receiving this complaint, President Quadagno was consulted and kept informed.

Council received this report and thanked Levine and Quadagno for their handling of this issue.

16. Report on Part-time Work

At its January 1998 meeting, ASA Council considered a report undertaken by a coalition of learned societies about the growing use of part-time and adjunct faculty. At that meeting, Council members discussed whether the social sciences and humanities are facing similar situations and wondered about the use of part-time faculty in sociology and the various purposes for such use. Council asked for more data on the issue and also passed a motion to share the report on part-time work with sociology department chairs and to revisit this agenda item in August.

Howery indicated that the document was sent to the Chair Conference participants. A plenary session was held at this conference where Roberta Spalter-Roth, Director of the ASA Research Program on the Discipline and Profession, presented germane information on sociology departments. Howery reported that the discussion showed a consensus among chairs that: (a) the topic was germane and that departments needed to pay attention to the proportion of part-time appointments; (b) graduate students are in a different category than adjunct faculty and more should be done to make their teaching part of professional preparation; (c) much of the use of adjuncts is market-driven, i.e., whether there are people available and willing to take these positions, and varies by institutional place and type; (d) because some adjuncts do a fine job and there is not a big pool of adjuncts, e.g., in rural areas, the chairs would not like a limit on how long a person can hold an adjunct position; (e) there is some concern about teaching out of field (non sociologists teaching sociology) which happens in small schools and community colleges; and (f) a document on promising practices to integrate part-time and adjunct faculty into the department would be helpful.

Howery indicated that the chairs

found discussion of this topic to be useful but that the chairs did not urge any further action by Council.

Council discussed the data provided by the Research Program and some of the topics discussed by the chairs but framed no motions for action.

17. Resolutions to Council

President Portes outlined the procedures for Council's review of motions from the ASA business meeting. He indicated that resolutions voted on at the business meeting are referred to Council, which can approve them, amend them, or take no action. He described the current policy regarding when ASA Council will endorse a resolution. Council asked for further clarification about when Council acts on resolutions. Levine clarified that Council guidelines state that resolutions need to include information on the sociological foundation for the position or have direct relevance for sociology as a discipline and profession.

Prior to taking up the specific resolutions from the business meeting, Council felt it was important to address the more general issue of ASA taking policy position. Massey summarized the procedures of the Population Association of America (PAA). The PAA does not take stands on political or policy issues, except those that involve the collection or dissemination of demographic data, the funding of scientific research, or academic freedom. Although it participates actively in policy debates, it does so by enlisting members of the profession to summarize the state of scientific knowledge in specific areas and to make this information available to public officials, who then make decisions that factor in social scientific knowledge as well as political considerations.

President-elect Peagin noted that some resolutions coming to Council build on previous policy stands and so it seems reasonable to support the new issues as well.

Council member Hout suggested that ASA might have a higher responsibility to speak out on discrimination if we have data to support it. He encouraged ASA to explore other avenues to enhance the understanding of certain policy issues. For example, the Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy might undertake an issue briefing on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

England suggested that President Portes appoint a subcommittee to propose options about how these types of issues might be handled in Council. This suggestion was favorably received by Council, and Portes indicated his interest in doing so.

Resolution on Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Council turned its attention to a specific resolution dealing with "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policies of the Department of Defense. This resolution was submitted directly to Council by the Sociologists' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus and was accompanied by a background briefing document.

Council discussed the evidence presented in this report. Some members felt the empirical case was not strong enough. Some members felt that there was a moral imperative to take a stand. Vice President-elect Lin urged Council to reaffirm ASA's 1991 resolution and then evaluate the new proposal to extend that position.

Motion: To reaffirm Council's 1991 resolution on gays in the military including specific language on the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policies. Failed (7-7, with 2 abstentions).

Council continued to discuss this topic. Some Council members felt there

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was compelling data on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" issue; others were hesitant. England suggested that Council table the motion on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" until the general policies on resolutions are determined.

Motion: To table the resolution Don't Ask Don't Tell. Carried (13-1).

Resolution on Intellectual Property Rights. Portes presented a resolution from Jim Wood, University of San Diego, about distance education and intellectual property rights. This request for Council consideration came directly from Wood to Council. Levine explained what the National Humanities Alliance (NHA) and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) had done on the issue and what led up to the resolution.

Council affirmed the value of working with NHA and ACLS on this issue and did not feel independent action by ASA was needed at this time. The Council agreed to thank Jim Wood.

Resolution on ASA Policy on Fair Labor Practices. The next resolution passed to Council from the business meeting concerned a proposal on ASA policy on fair labor practices. Burstein asked how this resolution might affect site selection for the Annual Meeting. Levine noted that union practices of hotels and the presence of fair labor practices are criteria considered by Council in electing meeting sites. This proposal is similar to current practices, so approval may reaffirm what is already being done. Council discussed the implications of the resolution and the merits or concerns of making current policy more specific and restrictive. While Council was supportive of the spirit of the proposed resolution, it made some changes to provide clearer guidance to the Association and to ensure that the Association did not delegate to others (in this case unions) decisions that must reside with ASA.

Motion: Be it resolved that, whenever possible, the ASA will prefer to invest its funds, purchase goods and services, participate in sponsorship of programs, and conduct its meetings and other functions in facilities where fair labor practices are in place.

Be it further resolved that ASA will make every effort not to invest funds, purchase goods and services, participate in sponsorship of programs, and conduct any meetings or other functions in facilities where management has a record of abusing work rights or resisting efforts by its employees to be represented by a union or that are being boycotted by local unions or chains boycotted by national unions or the AFL-CIO, whether organized or unorganized, and will communicate its decision to avoid such venues to both the unions and management of the affected facilities.

Be it further resolved that ASA will make every effort not to purchase goods and services, participate in sponsorship of programs, or conduct any meetings or other functions in any facility that is being struck by unions representing employees or by non-union employees in the course of their effort to organize or to resolve disputes with their management unless specific approval is granted by the ASA Council or its designated officers." Carried.

Resolution from the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. The next resolution considered by Council came to the business meeting from the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. The Section expressed concern about perceived lack of consultation about and involvement in the ASA's Race Initiative. Levine explained the process used in the Initiative for maximum outreach and input,

including participation in the working conference. The small number of 40 invitees to the working conference had to cover a number of substantive areas as well as many fields of social science, not just sociology. She highlighted ways in which additional input was used and still is sought by the Initiative.

Council discussed the resolution but did not support its thrust. Council affirmed the Association's desire to be inclusive in working with members and nonmembers on special issues such as the Race Initiative. Council concluded that this matter could be handled informally and no motion was required.

Resolution on Welfare Rights Bill. The next motion dealt with a resolution on welfare recipients' right of access to postsecondary education, asking for ASA's endorsement of Senator Wellstone's Bill.

Council emphasized the importance of resolutions being submitted with background documentation about the sociological research that bears on the topic. Having just decided to appoint a subcommittee to review and determine policies on ASA resolutions, however, Council tabled any action on this specific resolution pending a report from that subcommittee and further action by Council.

Motion: To table this resolution. Carried.

18. Request for ASA Action

Resolution on Barlow V. Wilson. Levine provided a brief overview of materials submitted by Troy Duster about a court case (Barlow v. Wilson) on affirmative action and data collection. The case deals with an Executive Order in California that forbids state agencies from collecting data on the number of minority (MBE) or women (WBE) owned business enterprises receiving state contracts or subcontracts. The plaintiffs maintain that Governor Wilson, the defendant, is preventing researchers from analyzing the impact of new policies and programs governing state contracts on MBEs and WBEs.

Council members expressed concern about the interference in data collection. They discussed possible responses, including the Association taking a general position or the potential filing of an *amicus* brief. Levine reviewed other ASA efforts to prevent restrictions on data collection. She also outlined the considerations involved in ASA determining when to file an *amicus* brief and the process by which Council makes such decisions.

Portes asked the Executive Officer to communicate to Duster the Council's concern and desire to keep abreast of the case. Council suggested that Duster write a story for *Footnotes* to explain the case.

Motion: ASA Council expresses its grave concerns on the restriction on data collection under the Executive Order issued in California barring state agencies from collecting certain forms of data and (1) indicated its support of the position of the plaintiff in *Barlow v. Wilson*, (2) encouraged Troy Duster to prepare a story about the case for *Footnotes* to notify the membership about these issues, and (3) urged the pursuit and exploration of other strategies to make explicit the Association's commitment to quality state-level data collection, including the possibility of the Association filing an *amicus* brief. Carried.

19. ASA Committee Restructuring

Councilmember Waite reviewed the meeting of the Council Subcommittee on Committee Restructuring, which was reconstituted by President Portes and met during the Annual Meeting. The Subcommittee reviewed the re-

sponses they had received from current committees and from members at large. Written reports from continuing committees and any proposals for committees are due September 15, 1998.

The Subcommittee will review the reports and proposals and make recommendations to Council on the first set of Task Forces. The Subcommittee plans to report in time for Council's winter meeting. Council will review the Subcommittee's report and decide on which Task Forces to appoint. Information about these Task Forces will be publicized in *Footnotes* and posted on the ASA homepage; members will be asked to nominate themselves or others for possible service. 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.

Waite indicated that the Subcommittee recommended this schedule so that Task Force members can begin planning activities during the summer and will be able to meet at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. Since typically most Task Forces will work for no more than two years, by June 2000, one-year task forces will submit a report to Council; two-year task forces will submit their reports by June 2001. A similar cycle will be used in future years as new topics emerge and Task Forces are appointed.

Council responded favorably to this approach and looked forward to the Subcommittee's report at its next meeting. Council members reiterated their hope that this committee restructuring would replace 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. Council also recognized that this new model would require the more active interest and involvement of Council.

Council member Moen, liaison to the Committee on Teaching, reported on that Committee's meeting. Committee members feel they have a number of ongoing tasks that speak to keeping the Committee intact, and site listed some of their activities.

Waite contrasted the role of sections to enhance the scholarship and work of sociologists with common interests versus governance committees that work on Association business. If former committees have ongoing tasks, they should note them for Council's consideration.

20. Report from Committee on Sections

Council member Burstein, liaison to the Committee on Sections, indicated that the Committee had a number of topics it wished to present for Council consideration. Stevenson indicated that a number of these issues came from the Committee on Section's meeting with section officers. These topics included: (1) alternative sites for receptions; (2) autonomy on number and nature of awards; (3) consideration of honorable mentions in awards; (4) recommendation that persons cannot run as chair-elect for two sections in one year; (5) adding section officers as members of the Committee on Sections; (6) changing the ASA fiscal year from October 1 to September 30, instead of the present annual year; and (7) consideration of discounts to ASA members for multiple memberships.

Burstein reported that the Committee on Sections had reviewed the motions that came from meeting with section officers and developed a number of recommendations for Council. Council thought these were important issues that required careful deliberation and in some instances, further background research. Accordingly, Council passed a motion to defer consideration of these topics.

Motion: To table the proposals from

the Committee on Sections until the mid-winter Council meeting. Carried.

21. Executive Office Reports

Minority Affairs Program. Edward Murguia, new Director of the Minority Affairs Program, presented the report on the Program. He thanked his predecessor, Havidan Rodriguez, and welcomed his continued involvement in the Program.

The Minority Fellowship Program is celebrating its 25th year, with funding of 385 students of color since it began in 1974. This year, MFP is funding 29 fellows, 26 under the NIMH training grant, and three from contributions made by ASA members and regional associations. In May, the third MFP Proposal Development Workshop was held which was extremely valuable for MFP advanced graduate students. The five-year renewal for the NIMH grant will be submitted this fall and will include substantial data on the accomplishments of past and present cohorts.

Murguia noted that the Ford Foundation has a proposal to extend funding for the MOST program and that we have received favorable signals that it will be funded. The Foundation commissioned an independent evaluation of MOST in the spring, which yielded a highly favorable report.

Academic and Professional Affairs Program. Howery reported on the activities of the Academic and Professional Affairs Program. The three Program priorities are: collaboration with MOST, the production of a book on peer review of teaching in sociology, and initiatives on preparing future faculty (PFF). She noted that ASA is one of the six disciplines involved in a grant proposal to Pew Charitable Trusts for a PFF project. She highlighted other activities under the APAP "umbrella," including the chair conference, CHAIRLINK, departmental consultations, and a review of teaching resource materials.

Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy. Howery described the recent initiatives under the Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy. The Race Initiative held a working conference in late April and the writing of a major report summarizing social science knowledge on race, racism, and race relations is underway.

The first three books in the Issue Series in Social Research and Social Policy are available for purchase at the Annual Meeting and were circulated among the Council members. A new book on *The Realities of Affirmative Action in Employment*, by Barbara Reskin, made its debut at the meeting, including a well-attended press conference.

Howery also noted a successful Congressional briefing on "The Immigration Experience for Families and Children," held in June 1998. The participants in this seminar were: Richard Alba, Douglas Massey, Ruben Rumbaut, and Lisandro Perez, chair.

Research Program on the Discipline and Profession. Levine reported on the activities of the ASA Research Program on the Discipline and Profession. She provided an update on the PhD tracking survey and a brief overview of the early results. She also indicated that the Program has been preparing brief research articles for *Footnotes* and disseminating research reports at the chair conference and to other meetings of chairs.

22. 1998 Budget Report, Analysis, and Review

Secretary Bonner highlighted the 1998 budget and financial analysis. The fiscal picture looks favorable thus far, with a small surplus projected. She noted two budget requests coming from EOB for Council approval: the purchase of new accounting software (\$35,000) and an additional allocation to cover costs

for the relocation of the Executive Office (\$65,000).

Motion: To approve the two additional expenditures for 1998 as recommended by EOB to cover the acquisition of new accounting system software and to cover the costs of the relocation of the Executive Office. Carried.

23. Report from the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline

Massey, a member of the Advisory Panel of the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, reported that 23 proposals had been received and reviewed. Six projects are being recommended for funding. Levine reported on the donation of royalties from Tim Owens and Sheldon Stryker for their book, based on a conference funded by a FAD grant.

24. Follow-up Business

President Portes appointed an ad hoc committee on ASA resolutions. Its members are: Patricia Roos, chair; Michael Hout, Paula England, Felice J. Levine. The subcommittee's charge is to examine current ASA policy on presenting resolutions to be considered by Council and to examine other avenues to reflect member sentiment on possible Association policies. The subcommittee will report to Council at its January meeting and then will seek member input for final recommendations in August.

25. New Business

Council agreed to hold its next meeting on February 5-7, 1999, in Washington, DC.

Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 25.

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