

**2023 Annual Report: Part 1
for the Section on Disability in Society**

2022-2023 Council Members

Chair: Robyn Lewis Brown, University of Kentucky (term ends August 2023)

Chair-Elect: Dara Shifter, Portland State University, (Chair for 2023-2024)

Past Chair: Linda Blum, Northeastern University (term ends August 2023)

Secretary/Treasurer: Kenzie Latham-Mintus, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (term ends 2023)

Secretary/Treasurer-Elect: Michelle Maroto, University of Alberta (term ends in 2025)

Program Committee Chair: Kerry Dobransky, James Madison University (term ends 2024)

Awards Committee Chair: Catherine Voulgarides, CUNY-Hunter College (term ends 2023)

Membership Committee Chair: Alan Santinele Martino, University of Calgary (term ends 2024)

Nominations Committee Chair: Allison Carey, Shippensburg University (term ends 2023)

Publicity Committee Chair: Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Utah State University (term ends 2024)

Student Representative: Jordan Foster, University of Toronto (term ends 2024)

Council Member-at-Large: Jayanti Owens, Yale University (terms ends 2023)

Introduction

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

a. Business Meeting Agenda

AGENDA
2023 Business Meeting of the
ASA Section on Disability in Society
Saturday, August 19, 1-1:30 p.m. EST, Philadelphia, PA

In attendance: 31 members

1. **Welcome:** Robyn Lewis Brown (Outgoing Chair)
 - **Appreciation of Outgoing Council Members*:** Immediate Past Chair: Linda Blum**, Northeastern University; Secretary-Treasurer: Kenzie Latham-Mintus**, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Awards Committee Chair: Catherine Voulgarides**, City University of New York-Hunter College; Nominations Committee Chair: Allison Carey, Shippensburg University; Council Member-at-Large: Jayanti Owens, Yale University
 - **Recognition of Other Current and Newly-Elected Council Members*:**
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 - Incoming Members:
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*(*See page 2 for a complete list of the 2022-2023 Council; ** Unable to attend)*
2. **Invitation to join committees** (for 2023-24), **for council nominations** (for election for 2024-2026), **and to serve as website administrator** (for 2023-2024, \$250 stipend). See signup sheet.
3. **Section Committee Reports:**
 - Awards Committee (Committee members: Catherine Voulgarides, Chair, Angela Frederick, Radosveta Dimitrova, Alan Santinele Martino, and Allison Carey)
 - Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Robyn Lewis Brown for Kenzie Latham Mintus
 - Membership and Mentorship Committee Chair Report: Alan S. Martino
 - Publicity Chair Report: Gabriele Ciciurkaite
 - Program Chair Report: Kerry Dobransky
 - Nominations Chair Report: Allison Carey
4. **Other Business**
 - Input sought on nominations process and criteria for Distinguished Career Award and Best Graduate Student Paper Award
 - Input sought on section dues
5. **New Business**
6. **Passing of the Gavel to Incoming Chair Dara Shifrer**

7. Adjournment

b. Meeting Minutes

ASA Disability Section Business Meeting August 19, 2023 Approved Minutes

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2. Announcements

- Brown noted signups for opportunities to be involved in the section. Also noted the section is looking for a website administrator, who will receive a \$250 stipend.
- Brown and Pettinicchio had book raffle for handbook. Kerry won the raffle for the book.

3. Section Committee Reports

-**Awards Committee** presented annual awards.

a. *Outstanding Publication in the Sociology of Disability Award 2023:* Laura Mauldin and Robyn Lewis Brown for “Missing pieces: Engaging sociology of disability in medical sociology.” Published in the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2021), 62(4), 477-492.

b. *Honorable mention:* Landes, S. D., Stevens, J. D., & Turk, M. A. (2022). “Postmortem diagnostic overshadowing: reporting cerebral palsy on death certificates.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 63(4), 525-542.

c. *Outstanding Student Paper in the Sociology of Disability Award 2023:* Helene Grogan, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and her co-authors.

d. *Honorable mention:* Emily Ruppel, Berkeley University.

-**Treasurer Report from Kenzie Latham Mintus (communicated by Brown):** The section is in good financial standing. As of July 30, we have \$6000 of net assets. This doesn't reflect RSSD donations which will be deposited in the next few weeks and doesn't reflect expenses for ASA

conference. The reception is typically expensive but this year we partnered with CITAMS. We are only paying about 1/3 of what usually pay ~\$1000. Please come to section reception (level 5 grand ballroom in Marriot salon E at 6:30p on Aug 19). Also note a change in procedure – we need to complete a form for when we receive donations – ASA council has to give approval for large donations (\$5000) but they only meet at certain times.

-Membership Committee Report from Alan Santinele Martino: Due to life events, some things were delayed. We have tried to gauge from folks what their perception is, and there are lots of concerns about pandemic and accessibility – people have not renewed memberships – that’s why remote jamborees happened – need to have a more formal way to hear people’s concerns about this. Also co-chair in disability council of SSSP – there’s room for collaboration That section has a webinar on mentoring grad students – used social media to get a sense of what topics people wanted to hear about. That’s the strategy we will use for this year. Students find these three, four days of conferencing energizing but then feel isolated after – want a way to stay in touch more regularly – webinar could be one way and then mentoring too

-Robyn Brown: Alan is being humble because our section has grown and importantly, we’re over 200 now.

-Brian Gran asked whether ASA will play with SSSP. Robyn responded that we looked into logistics of having a combined reception and noted ASA’s responsiveness – meeting services indicated they are willing if we assert that this is what we’re doing – they will provide space where people with SSSP badge can come to an ASA event

-Publicity Committee Report from Gabriele Ciciurkaite: I led the move away from listserv to ASA connect and will be leading the move back, probably early September will be the first listerv email and will do it every two weeks. Noted section has a very active twitter/x account: 1136 followers. We also have an Instagram, facebook accounts but twitter is the most engaged... very much looking for an interested grad student who loves tweeting.

-Program Committee Report from Kerry Dobransky: I was fortunate to have met with Michelle Maroto when took over – great at providing tips – were able to get four sessions for this year by partnering with CITAMS for both sessions and receptions. We were also able to partner with race, gender, and class for the session tomorrow at 8a – there are some exciting possibilities for some similar collaborations for next year.

-Nominations Committee Report from Allison Carey: Robyn already went over outgoing and incoming council members. Thanks for all who ran. Upcoming positions are: incoming chair, program committee, publicity, membership, and student representative. We need two people to run for every position - it’s an ASA requirement - so sign up even if you see someone else expressed interest. You may also want to just serve on a committee – the awards committee is a fabulous one to serve on. There’s a sheet going around for interest in being nominated.

4. Other business

-Brown noted expression of need for criteria for distinguished career award. The awards committee will be tasked with this – they welcome your input at this point.

-Dobransky noted we could also revise criteria for best graduate student paper award (co-authorship, required to present at ASA)

-Brown noted ASA Council recently passed new law/ordinance that permits sections can raise dues, though we are doing well as a section (b/c of RSSD) but input is requested on your perceptions of whether we should raise dues. Referred to Dara Shifrer.

-Sara Green noted RSSD is a book series that Sharon Barnartt and Barbara Altman started many years ago. We are transitioning book editors: Sara Green & Allison Carey are taking over. This series has been connected to the section all along. Sharon/Barbara negotiated that their royalties go to the section; now it’s a little more than \$1500 per volume. Volume editors, many from this section, don’t get paid but it helps to fund receptions. Please support RSSD by asking your library to buy volumes, citing the articles, submitting, and reviewing. It comes back to help the section. We: 1) want to

honor the outgoing founding editors who served for over two decades: Sharon Barnartt and Barbara Altman 2) We want to announce volume news: V. 13 was published in January, edited by Allison, Sara, and Laura. Encourage your library to purchase it because it's expensive. V. 14, edited by Heather Dillaway, Carrie Shandra, and Alexis Bender on the lifecourse, is out online. Volume 15 is under construction by Robyn & Gabby; they are anticipating 11 chapters and intro. And we now have the call out for volume 16, about the future of work(ers) and disability. The call is active and October 1, 2023 is the due date. In the future, Alan is doing a sexuality volume and that call will come out about this time next year. 3) From V. 13 Kimberly Fernandes and Tanushree Sarkar received both the Editor's Best Chapter Award and the Emerald Outstanding Author Contribution Award for their co-authored chapter.

5. New business

-None

6. Leadership of section passed to new chair, Dara Shifrer

7. Meeting adjourned.

Council Meeting

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2023 DISABILITY IN SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 10

2 to 3 p.m. EDT

<https://uky.zoom.us/j/88559098281>

Meeting ID: 885 5909 8281

1. Welcome and introductions – Robyn Lewis Brown
2. Review of 2023 agenda – Robyn Lewis Brown
3. Report from Chair – Robyn Lewis Brown
4. Schedule of Section activities – Robyn Lewis Brown
5. Committee Reports (written reports)
 - a. Membership Committee – Alan Santinele Martino
 - b. Nominations Committee – Allison Carey
 - c. Awards Committee – Catherine Voulgarides
 - d. Program Committee – Kerry Dobransky
 - e. Publicity Committee – Gabriele Ciciurkaite
 - f. Student Representative – Jordan Foster
6. Chair-Elect report – Dara Shifrer
7. Report from Secretary/Treasurer – Michelle Maroto (Kenzie Latham Mintus)
 - a. RSSD funds update
 - b. Update on Section expenses and income
8. Other business:

- a. Possible bylaws amendment to align the start and end dates for section offices with ASA leadership terms
- b. Possible guidelines for section honorary awards and sponsored events/initiatives
- c. Section dues
- d. Recruitment of webmaster and social media manager

9. Adjournment

b. Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Robyn Lewis Brown, Dara Shifrer, Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Kerry Dobransky, David Pettinicchio, Michelle Maroto

1. Welcome and introductions – Robyn Lewis Brown

- Those in attendance introduce themselves

2. Review of 2023 agenda – Robyn Lewis Brown

3. Report from Chair – Robyn Lewis Brown

I have completed the following activities in my capacity as Chair of the Section on Disability in Society from 2022 to 2023:

- Completed facilitator training and participated in beta testing for launch of ASA Connect platform. Shared announcements and postings to the section through ASA Connect on a regular basis. The section presence on the platform was expertly managed by Gabriele Ciciurkaite, who will transition section announcements back to the listserv format in her continued role as Publicity Chair.
- Worked with other council members in maintaining Facebook and Twitter sites, and posting regular announcements on sites.
- Served as liaison with ASA (meeting services, Council on Sections), Section Council Committee chairs, and Section listserv.
- Maintained documents for the Section on Disability in Society.
- Monitored the Section membership throughout the year and assisted Membership Committee with membership campaign.
- Announced section award winners in consultation with the Awards Committee.
- Started planning joint reception with the Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology for the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- Facilitated partnerships with sections to enhance conference experience and DEI. This was nicely orchestrated by Kerry Dobransky, who will continue in the Programming Chair role in the coming year.

4. Schedule of Section activities

Disability in Society Business Meeting

Sat, August 19, 1:00 to 1:30pm,
Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 9

Joint Reception: Section on Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology; Section on Disability in Society

Sat, August 19, 6:30 to 7:30pm,
Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 5, Grand Ballroom Salon E

Disability in Society Sponsored Sessions

30673. Disability in Society Roundtable Session

Saturday, August 19, 12:00-1:00PM

Session Organizer:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Table 1: Due to presenters canceling their submissions, Table 1 was cancelled and papers were redistributed

Table 2: Professional Conceptions

Table President: Catherine Kramarczuk Voulgarides, CUNY-Hunter College

Presentations:

Is Dis-Ability a Foregone Conclusion? How Equity and Disproportionality Are Conceptualized in Research - Rebecca A Cruz, Johns Hopkins University; Catherine Kramarczuk Voulgarides, CUNY-Hunter College; Allison Firestone; Logan McDermott, Johns Hopkins University

Prevention of What? Competing Biological Citizenship Claims and the Biopolitics of Autism

Prevention - Helene Grogan, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

The Meaning of Disability and Family: A Critical Content Analysis of the AMA's Proceedings - Kevin Hans Waitkuweit, National Coalition of Independent Scholars

Table 3: Health and Healthcare

Table President:

Nastassia Vaitsiakhovich, Syracuse University

Presentations:

"Exploring Food Insecurity among Adults with Disabilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic" - Darcy Sullivan, University of Kansas; Noelle Kurth, University of Kansas; Jean Hall, University of Kansas; Kelsey Goddard, University of Kansas

Health Disparities among US Adults with Intellectual Disability: Findings from the NHIS, 1997 to 2018.- Nastassia Vaitsiakhovich, Syracuse University

The Influence of Healthcare Providers on Reproductive Trajectories for Women with Type 1 Diabetes - Justin T. Maietta, University of Maryland, College Park

Table 4: Experiencing Disability

Table President: Allison Carey, Shippensburg University

Presentations:

Masking and Unmasking The Spectrum: The Consequences of Camouflaging Neurodiverse Identities - Esperanza Teresa, Guadalupe Padilla, University of California, Berkeley

Representations of Intellectual Disability and Friendship in American Films - Allison C. Carey, Shippensburg University; Katie Spengler, Shippensburg University

Disabling Spaces: The Sociospatial Production of Impairment Among Midwestern Older Adults With Spinal Cord Injury - Levity Smith, The University of Michigan

30874. Section on Disability in Society. Technologies of Disability Representation and Identification I

Saturday, August 19, 2:00-3:30pm

Session Organizer:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Presider:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Presentations:

Forced to Linger, Forced to Lie: The Consequences of Coordinated Entry Systems - Stacey Bryley Livingstone, UC San Diego

Opportunities and Obstacles in Researching Disability Issues using Quantitative Content Analyses of Communications - Sharon N. Barnartt, Gallaudet University

Toward More Inclusive Structural Intersectionality: Contextual Measurement of Structural Ableism - Diane S. Shinberg, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Discussant:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

40274. Section on Race, Gender, and Class. Disability in Society: How and Why Race, Class, and Gender Matter

Sunday, August 20, 8:00-9:30am

Session Organizer:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Presider:

Katrinell Davis, Florida State University

Presentations:

Education and Perceived Need for Future ADL Assistance – Julia Margaret Finan, Syracuse University

How Race, Gender, and Class Influence Spinal Cord Injury Recovery: an Intersectional Approach Employing fsQCA - Brian Gran, Case Western Reserve University; Susan W. Hinze, Case Western Reserve University; Anne Bryden, Case Western Reserve University; Kim D Anderson, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, MetroHealth Center for Rehabilitation Research

Intersectional Inequalities: Considering Trends in Socioeconomic Well-being at the Intersection of Disability, Race-Ethnicity, and Gender - Laurin Elizabeth Bixby, University of Pennsylvania

The Role of Social Security Disability Programs in Facilitating Economic Transition - Ryan James Parsons, University of Mississippi; Emily EN Miller, Princeton University; Sam Kosai

Discussant:

Lauren Rivera, Northwestern University

40474. Section on Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology. Technologies of Disability Representation and Identification II

Sunday, August 20, 10:00-11:30am

Session Organizer:

Dustin Kidd, Temple University

Presider:

Dustin Kidd, Temple University

Presentations:

Performing and Exploiting Disability for Profit? On the Spectacularization of Disability in User-Generated TikTok Dance Content - Bettine Josties

Crip Aesthetics in Online Spaces: How the SAD Fair Embodies the Rhetoric of Disability Justice - Jaggar DeMarco

"Feeling like somebody else gets it:" Building imagined community through mental health representation in video games - Jeff Nicklas

Disability Media Studies and the Sociology of Culture – Dustin Kidd, Temple University

Other Disability-related Sessions

30474. Regular Session. Disability and Society

Sunday, August 19, 10:00-11:30am

Session Organizer:

Rachel Elizabeth Fish, New York University

Presider:

Rachel Elizabeth Fish, New York University

Presentations:

Administrative Burden For Whom? Pathways for Receiving Disability Assistance in Two Rural Counties – Christine Jang-Trettien, Princeton University; Daniel Bolger, Princeton University

A Legacy of Revision: Historical Changes in the Professional Diagnosis and Classification of Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities - Elise Wolff, Penn State University

From Recession to Pandemic: Displacement among Workers with Disabilities from 2007 through 2021 - Michelle Lee Maroto, University of Alberta; David Nicholas Pettinicchio, University of Toronto

Undiagnosed: Relational characteristics of mental health disability self-identification. - Gabriel Varela, Duke University

Discussant:

Allison C. Carey, Shippensburg University

50674. Section on Children and Youth. (Dis)Abilities in Childhood

Monday, August 21, 12:00-1:30pm

Session Organizer:

Ashley Larsen Gibby, Brigham Young University-Provo

Presider:

Jake J. Hays, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Presentations:

Disability and College Academic Success: New Evidence from a Mediation Analysis - Andrew Myers; Andrew Halpern- Manners, Indiana University-Bloomington; Jane D. McLeod, Indiana University-Bloomington

"I Didn't Know I Had a Choice": Disabled Students' Experiences in China's National College Entrance Exam - Shixin Huang, Lingnan University

"Only Americans Really Volunteer to Adopt Special Needs Children": Using Disability to Defend U.S. Exceptionalism - Lisa Gulya, Macalester College

The Landscape of (Dis)Abilities: Organizational Contexts of Neurodiversity - Patricia Snell Herzog, Indiana University- Purdue University Indianapolis; Francesco Cafaro; Erin Brady, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis; Karen Jacobs, Boston University

Where Care and Violence Merge: The Neurochemical Taming of a Child in Poverty - Ekedji Mpondo-Dika, University of California-Berkeley

Discussant:

Hillary Steinberg, Drexel University

5. Committee Reports

-Brown discussed need for committee chairs to submit reports for use in annual reporting.

-Program and Publicity Committees further discussed.

-Program Committee – Kerry Dobransky

- Reiterated ASA program details noted above

- Noting the importance of collaborating with other sections – worked with CITMS and RCG to co-sponsor two sessions this year, which meant that we had three sessions and the roundtables
- There will also be a joint reception
- Suggestions to think more about co-sponsoring in the future and how to work with other sections in different ways to promote our section and disability research

-Publicity Committee – Gabriele Ciciurkaite

- Noting the upcoming transition from ASA Connect back to a listserv
 - Will now need to send announcements to Gabriele to then post on the listserv
- Discussion of social media activity
 - Trying to reach a wider audience, but it has been hard without a webmaster
 - Section has been mostly active on Twitter, but there are concerns regarding whether it's the best platform anymore
 - Also, questions regarding whether the section needs a presence on all the different social media platforms

6. Chair-Elect report – Dara Shifrer

- Working to learn about the chair role and past chairs
- Potential for the section to plan out ways to pass along key information for different positions
 - Could think about creating a Memorandum of Understanding that describes the different roles and what the expectations are

7. Report from Secretary/Treasurer – Michelle Maroto (Kenzie Latham Mintus)

- a. RSSD funds update
- b. Update on Section expenses and income
 - As of June 30th, net assets = \$6,967
 - This number does not reflect the Volume 13 and 14 donations from RSSD (total: \$3,114), which should be deposited in the next few weeks
 - Additionally, this amount does not reflect any expenses for the ASA conference including the reception (estimated to be \$2,000-2,500)

8. Other business:

- a. Possible bylaws amendment to align the start and end dates for section offices with ASA leadership terms
 - ASA council has changed start/end data for leadership positions and sections may do the same
 - In our case, our bylaws state that offices take effect after the conference and roles begin in September
 - Likely, don't need to update in this case
- b. Possible guidelines for section honorary awards and sponsored events/initiatives
 - Questions regarding the perceived fairness of different awards
 - Could open this up for feedback and discussion with section members
 - Could also discuss updating criteria
 - Most relevant for our section in relation to the Distinguished Career Award, which currently does not have a nomination process

- Discussion of options for creating a nomination process similar to other sections

c. Section dues

- There is an option to raise section dues
- General agreement around not raising dues – funds are still sufficient and we also get extra support from RSSD
- Could ask for additional comments from members at the meeting

d. Recruitment of webmaster and social media manager

- Will send around a sign-up sheet at the conference again to hopefully find someone for this position
- Acknowledgement that it's hard to find people for these roles even in the larger sections – it's a lot of work and not always much reward
- Further discussion of which social media platforms are the best for representing the section and whether it's useful to try and maintain so many

9. Adjournment

Awards

Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Awards Committee Report

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2023 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2023 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2023. Please account for any substantive differences.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Kenzie Latham Mintus

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for the ASA conference including the reception. The reception is typically our largest expense. I am unsure of this year's budget, but in the past it has ranged from \$2,000-2,500.

One thing to note that is a change in procedure is that we must complete a fundraising proposal (see attached for example) for each set of donations from RSSD. Donations over \$5,000 must be approved by the full ASA council and are accepted only during specific times, so completing a proposal for each donation allows us to receive funds on a rolling basis without the full council approval.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

Publicity Committee Report

Gabriele Ciciurkaite

In 2022-2023, the section used five platforms for communicating with section membership.

1. The section Listserv used to be our primary means of disseminating section-related announcements (circulated twice-monthly) until ASA changed their communication system to ASA Connect in the Fall of 2022. Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Communications chair, continued to curate the Listserv after taking over this position from Tara Fannon in August, 2022. Additionally, Gabriele Ciciurkaite oversaw the transition to ASA Connect in September, 2022, and continued to disseminate section-related announcements there. Given that ASA will discontinue using ASA Connect as the main communication platform, the section will be going back to primarily using the Listserv to communicate regarding the following: 1) Member accomplishments; 2) New disability research; 3) ASA-related announcements; 4) Funding and mentoring opportunities; 4) External events of relevance.
2. The section also has an active Twitter/X account, which is overseen by our section's student representative Jordan Foster. Twitter activities include following section members, tweeting and retweeting member accomplishments, and announcing ASA deadlines. As of August 9, 2023, the account follows 611 other accounts, has 1,136 [up from 1,128 followers]. The account can be found here: <https://twitter.com/ASADisability>
3. The section's also maintains a Facebook account. It is a public account largely populated by content from contributing section members. It currently has 218 members [up from 208],

even though it is not being very actively used. Our account can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ASADisabilitySociety>

4. The section also created an Instagram account primarily administered by section member Jordan Foster. The account has 53 followers (up from 29) but it hasn't been as active as we would have liked. It could be a rich resource going forward with some dedication to updating content and consistent posting. The account can be found here:
https://www.instagram.com/soc_disability/?hl=en

5. The section website hosted on ASA's website includes information about current officers and awards. The current updated account can be found here:

https://www.asanet.org/asa_sections/disability-in-society/. In addition, the section has an external website for archival materials and other disability-related resources, however, it hasn't been updated since 2021 due to difficulty in finding a web master:

<https://asadisability.wixsite.com/section>.

DEI goals: Communication with section members and potential members to increase involvement and diversity has been and will continue to be a major priority for the Publicity Committee. The committee currently consists of the chair and one graduate student (of different genders and nativity statuses). Even though we advertised a position for a graduate student social media/web representative and circulated it widely (including information about the \$250 stipend with the goal of increasing DEI) across our communication channels, we could not fill this position. The committee will continue to work on the goal of increasing diversity and participation of graduate students in 2023-2024.

Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

For the period between September 2022 and August 2023, the Disability in Society section's organizing goal was to maintain strides made in recent years regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, while (1) facilitating ties with other sections in order to advance the exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints within the organization more broadly, and (2) exploring additional ways of enhancing section members' inclusion and sense of belonging. The section leadership shared an understanding that diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts work best when they are based on consensus and collaborative work, and support a group dynamic based upon a common collective vision. To this point, section goals were pursued collaboratively through the section's major activities in conference programming, organizing additional opportunities for engagement, and membership communication.

Specifically, toward the goal of facilitating ties and encouraging more diverse disciplinary discourse, we successfully pursued new conference programming collaborations with two sections: the Race, Gender, Class (RGC) section and the Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS) section, as noted. Expanding on scholarly exchanges at the annual meeting, section members who are involved in the co-sponsored session with CITAMS had an opportunity to publish their research in a special issue of the journal *Information, Communications & Society*. Additionally, we co-sponsored our conference reception with the CITAMS section this year in order to further encourage cross-disciplinary discussions.

Addressing the inclusion of section members in the ASA remained a priority and a key concern to the section, but it is also bigger than the section and connected to organizational policies and practices concerning accessibility. Thus, section leadership maintained their unique advocacy role within the organization through well-established working relationships with ASA leadership and the Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities in Sociology, while additionally offering opportunities for engagement through section activities and channels of communication.

To address the diverse interests of section members, the membership & mentorship chair developed and implemented a survey to identify priorities for section activities. The membership chair remained a constant source of information and support to section members building on these findings. Also, we are mindful that section members may continue to temporarily transition into and out of formal (paid) ASA membership due to ongoing budget restrictions at many universities and colleges. This is an equity issue, and one that we have addressed by maintaining the section's active social media presence to support a sense of community inclusive of those whose membership may be temporarily paused.

Finally, the section's utilization of the ASA Connect platform was an important component of our DEI plan because it sought to engage all section members in direct communication with one another rather than relying on a newsletter administrator to deliver information. The section council will continue to evaluate the DEI goals to inform future efforts, and particularly in terms of communication failing the retiring of the ASA Connect platform.

Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

Program Chair Report
Kerry Dobransky

The Educative Power of Sociology – ASA 2023 Conference Sessions

Disability in Society Sponsored Sessions

For the 2023 ASA Conference, the Disability in Society section cosponsored three sessions, (two with the Section on Communication and Information Technologies and Media Sociology and one with the Section on Race, Gender, and Class) and held a set of roundtables. Session information is below.

30673. Disability in Society Roundtable Session

Saturday, August 19, 12:00-1:00PM, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 9

Session Organizer:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Table 1: Due to presenters canceling their submissions, Table 1 was cancelled and papers were redistributed

Table 2: Professional Conceptions

Table Presider: Catherine Kramarczuk Voulgarides, CUNY-Hunter College

Presentations:

Is Dis-Ability a Foregone Conclusion? How Equity and Disproportionality Are Conceptualized in Research - Rebecca A Cruz, Johns Hopkins University; Catherine Kramarczuk Voulgarides, CUNY-Hunter College; Allison Firestone; Logan McDermott, Johns Hopkins University

Prevention of What? Competing Biological Citizenship Claims and the Biopolitics of Autism Prevention - Helene Grogan, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

The Meaning of Disability and Family: A Critical Content Analysis of the AMA's Proceedings - Kevin Hans Waitkuweit, National Coalition of Independent Scholars

Table 3: Health and Healthcare

Table Presider:

Nastassia Vaitsiakhovich, Syracuse University

Presentations:

"Exploring Food Insecurity among Adults with Disabilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic" - Darcy Sullivan, University of Kansas; Noelle Kurth, University of Kansas; Jean Hall, University of Kansas; Kelsey Goddard, University of Kansas

Health Disparities among US Adults with Intellectual Disability: Findings from the NHIS, 1997 to 2018.- Nastassia Vaitsiakhovich, Syracuse University

The Influence of Healthcare Providers on Reproductive Trajectories for Women with Type 1 Diabetes - Justin T. Maietta, University of Maryland, College Park

Table 4: Experiencing Disability

Table Presider: Allison Carey, Shippensburg University

Presentations:

Masking and Unmasking The Spectrum: The Consequences of Camouflaging Neurodiverse Identities - Esperanza Teresa, Guadalupe Padilla, University of California, Berkeley

Representations of Intellectual Disability and Friendship in American Films - Allison C. Carey, Shippensburg University; Katie Spengler, Shippensburg University

Disabling Spaces: The Sociospatial Production of Impairment Among Midwestern Older Adults With Spinal Cord Injury - Levity Smith, The University of Michigan

30874. Section on Disability in Society. Technologies of Disability Representation and Identification I

Saturday, August 19, 2:00-3:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 10

Session Organizer:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Presider:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Presentations:

Forced to Linger, Forced to Lie: The Consequences of Coordinated Entry Systems - Stacey Bryley
Livingstone, UC San Diego

Opportunities and Obstacles in Researching Disability Issues using Quantitative Content Analyses of
Communications - Sharon N. Barnartt, Gallaudet University

Toward More Inclusive Structural Intersectionality: Contextual Measurement of Structural Ableism
- Diane S. Shinberg, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Discussant:

Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

40274. Section on Race, Gender, and Class. Disability in Society: How and Why Race, Class, and Gender
Matter

Sunday, August 20, 8:00-9:30am Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin
Hall 10

Session Organizer: Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

Presider:

Katrinell Davis, Florida State University

Presentations:

Education and Perceived Need for Future ADL Assistance – Julia Margaret Finan, Syracuse
University

How Race, Gender, and Class Influence Spinal Cord Injury Recovery: an Intersectional Approach
Employing fsQCA - Brian Gran, Case Western Reserve University; Susan W. Hinze, Case
Western Reserve University; Anne Bryden, Case Western Reserve University; Kim D
Anderson, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Case Western Reserve
University School of Medicine, MetroHealth Center for Rehabilitation Research

Intersectional Inequalities: Considering Trends in Socioeconomic Well-being at the Intersection of
Disability, Race-Ethnicity, and Gender - Laurin Elizabeth Bixby, University of Pennsylvania

The Role of Social Security Disability Programs in Facilitating Economic Transition - Ryan James
Parsons, University of Mississippi; Emily EN Miller, Princeton University; Sam Kosai

Discussant:

Lauren Rivera, Northwestern University

40474. Section on Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology. Technologies of
Disability Representation and Identification II

Sunday, August 20, 10:00-11:30am, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 10

Session Organizer:

Dustin Kidd, Temple University

Presider:

Dustin Kidd, Temple University

Presentations:

Performing and Exploiting Disability for Profit? On the Spectacularization of Disability in User-Generated TikTok Dance Content - Bettine Josties
Crip Aesthetics in Online Spaces: How the SAD Fair Embodies the Rhetoric of Disability Justice - Jaggard DeMarco
"Feeling like somebody else gets it:" Building imagined community through mental health representation in video games - Jeff Nicklas
Disability Media Studies and the Sociology of Culture – Dustin Kidd, Temple University

Other Disability-related Sessions

30474. Regular Session. Disability and Society

Sunday, August 19, 10:00-11:30am. Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 10,

Session Organizer:

Rachel Elizabeth Fish, New York University

Presider:

Rachel Elizabeth Fish, New York University

Presentations:

Administrative Burden For Whom? Pathways for Receiving Disability Assistance in Two Rural Counties – Christine Jang-Trettien, Princeton University; Daniel Bolger, Princeton University
A Legacy of Revision: Historical Changes in the Professional Diagnosis and Classification of Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities - Elise Wolff, Penn State University
From Recession to Pandemic: Displacement among Workers with Disabilities from 2007 through 2021 - Michelle Lee Maroto, University of Alberta; David Nicholas Pettinicchio, University of Toronto
Undiagnosed: Relational characteristics of mental health disability self-identification. - Gabriel Varela, Duke University

Discussant:

Allison C. Carey, Shippensburg University

50674. Section on Children and Youth. (Dis)Abilities in Childhood

Monday, August 21, 12:00-1:30pm Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 10

Session Organizer:

Ashley Larsen Gibby, Brigham Young University-Provo

Presider:

Jake J. Hays, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Presentations:

Disability and College Academic Success: New Evidence from a Mediation Analysis - Andrew Myers; Andrew Halpern- Manners, Indiana University-Bloomington; Jane D. McLeod, Indiana University-Bloomington
"I Didn't Know I Had a Choice": Disabled Students' Experiences in China's National College Entrance Exam - Shixin Huang, Lingnan University

“Only Americans Really Volunteer to Adopt Special Needs Children”: Using Disability to Defend U.S. Exceptionalism - Lisa Gulya, Macalester College
The Landscape of (Dis)Abilities: Organizational Contexts of Neurodiversity - Patricia Snell Herzog, Indiana University- Purdue University Indianapolis; Francesco Cafaro; Erin Brady, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis; Karen Jacobs, Boston University
Where Care and Violence Merge: The Neurochemical Taming of a Child in Poverty - Ekedi Mpondo-Dika, University of California-Berkeley

Discussant:

Hillary Steinberg, Drexel University

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

In programming for this year’s conference centered EDI in at least a couple of ways. First, the section’s cosponsoring sessions with other ASA sections not only expanded the overall amount of disability-related content, but it also promoted diverse perspectives within that content. Second, in lieu of Association-wide decision-making and communication regarding accessibility concerns for in-person conferences, the section decided to communicate early – in our call for papers – that we were committed to making the conference accessible and would work with those participating to do so. The goal was to signal inclusion BEFORE the submission deadline so prospective participants could make informed decisions regarding participation in the conference.

With the success of this year’s programming collaborations with other sections, the section will continue to explore opportunities for cross-fertilization and networking with other sections of ASA.

Provide an overview of the Section’s programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

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We will continue the practice of administering a survey of section members to identify priorities for section activities, as also noted previously. Supplementary involvement this year focused on engagement through social media platforms and the ASA Connect platform.