

## **2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Global and Transnational Sociology (GATS)**

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### **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.

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### **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.

Please see the attached business meeting notes

#### **Council Meeting**

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Please see the attached business meeting notes

### **Awards**

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

2023 Best Graduate Student Paper Award in the Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association

- Winner: Jorge Daniel Vasquez
- Article: WEB Du Bois's Global Sociology and the Anti-Racist Struggle for Democracy in Cuba, 1931-1941.
- Committee Chair: Zophia Edwards

2023 Global and Transnational Sociology Best Publication (Book) by an International Scholar Award

- Winner: Jieh-Min Wu, Book: *Rival Partners: How Taiwanese Entrepreneurs and Guangdong Officials Forged the China Development Model*
- Honorable Mention: Anju Paul, Book: *Asian Scientists on the Move: Changing Science in a Changing Asia*
- Committee Chair: Kristin Surak

#### 2023 Global and Transnational Sociology Best Scholarly Article Award

- Winner: Katrina Quisumbing King, Article: “The Structural Sources of Ambiguity in the Modern State: Race, Empire, and Conflicts Over Membership”
- Honorable Mention: Annie Hikido, Article: “Making South Africa Safe: The Gendered Production of Black Place on the Global Stage”
- Committee Chair: Gowri Vijayakumar

#### 2023 Global and Transnational Sociology Best Scholarly Book Award

- Winner: Kimberly Kay Hoang
- Book: *Spiderweb Capitalism: How Global Elites Exploit Frontier Markets*
- Committee Chair: Cihan Tugal

#### 2023 Finances

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

The section had a budget of 10,936 USD. The section spent 223 on Award Plaques. The section also paid 500 USD out of the 1000 USD for Honoraria for our virtual events. We didn't spend the whole 1000 USD, since some council members didn't follow through with the request for honoraria. We also spent the 800 USD dollars approved by council through gift cards to our three co-editors for the newsletter and our webmaster. We paid 2000 USD for our co-hosted event with Sex & Gender and 700 USD for the mentorship event. This left us with 6,713 USD, compared to last year, we have 2949 USD less, due to extra expenses including our honoraria (500 USD) and the 1000 USD (for grad students), and more money for the reception.

#### 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.

We used ASA Connect for all of our communications. The fact that members could post announcements on their own was welcome, but no one really used the discussion section features, and I think people found the system less satisfactory than the list-serves. But we were able to communicate effectively with all of our section members on a regular basis. We also maintain a website, where our 3 newsletters from this past year are also posted. They were also announced and posted on ASA Connect. Our website is available here: <https://asa-gats.netlify.app>

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

The GATS Council was very thoughtful about expanding and sustaining diversity of section members in a number of ways. First, the council collectively decided on the ASA program, with council members volunteering to chair sections on themes that would attract diverse participants (as presenters and audience members), including one on racial capitalism, one co-hosted with Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations, and one on global feminisms. We also hosted two zoom panels before ASA (in March and April 2023), which featured not only diverse panelists but people from outside of the academy and people from institutions outside of the US. Our election committee was also chosen by the council and a list of very diverse scholars was generated from council members. As a result, our elected members are diverse demographically and in terms of their global area of expertise. We also co-hosted our reception with the ASA section on sex and gender, in an attempt to broaden our membership across these diverse areas of scholarship.

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).

Our panels at ASA included the following

- Decolonial Womanisms and Feminisms of the Global South and Its Diasporas
- Transnational Migration, Borders, and Temporality
- Contemporary Colonization, Occupied Land, and Indigenous Peoples in Global Perspective (co-hosted with Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations)
- How Categories Travel (co-hosted with Science, Knowledge and Technology)
- Racial Capitalism, Emancipation, and Global Solidarity

Each of our panel discussions was incredibly well-attended, with 30-50 people in the audience of each. We were very intentional, as a section council, in making sure to cover a wide range of global topics, include a diverse pool of participants (as speakers, discussants, and organizers), and co-sponsor panels with other sections, to increase our visibility and the topics covered. We also ensured that graduate students from diverse backgrounds and people at different kinds of academic institutions were well-represented on our panels.

We also co-hosted a mentoring session with Comparative Historical Sociology, and a reception with Sex and Gender. These two events also entailed intellectual and professional exchange among diverse attendees at 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.

We engaged in two webinar sessions this year. Our first session, Epistemic Erasures and the Geopolitics of Knowledge Production in Sociology was organized by Gowri Vijayakumar and Veda Kim. It was held on April 16. Areej Sabbagh-Khoury, Srila Roy, Vrushali Patil and Jorge Daniel Vásquez were

the speakers. Thirty-three people attended and at least a dozen more asked for the virtual link to watch the recording. This panel asked critical questions about the kinds of epistemic suppression that has occurred in the sociological production of knowledge and methods in the West of non-Western voices and practices, and the ways in which institutional and material inequalities shape the circulation of sociological knowledge globally.

Our second virtual panel was held on May 8. It was titled, *Solidarity: Diaspora Activism and Struggles Across Borders* and was organized by Zophia Edwards and Ricarda Hammer. Panelists included Mahder Habtemariam, Julialynne Walker, Joy Sales, and Banafsheh Ranji. This panel discussed how collective solidarity from the diaspora can be sustained transnationally. There were only 12 participants live, but several people wrote to ask for links to the recorded version.

## GATS Business Meeting

August 21, 2023

Those in attendance (30) included most council members and award winners.

- Thank you to Council Members and Chair ending terms
- New Council Members
  - Smitha Radhakrishnan: New Chair
  - Poulami and Minwoo: New Council Members
  - Kristen Shorette: New Secretary/Treasurer
- Thanks to newsletter editors
- Two virtual panels this year--we would like to continue the practice
- Budget--\$6500 cushion for next year--income of \$3000, spent \$4000 this year
- Awards
  - Best Publication by an International Scholar
    - Committee members with non-US PhDs--this could be a lesson for the section
    - Two awards--Anju Paul, Wu Jieh-min
  - Best Scholarly Article Award
    - Honorable Mention to Annie Hikido
    - Award to Katrina Quisumbing King
  - Best Graduate Student Paper Award
    - Jorge Daniel Vasquez
  - Best Scholarly Book Award
    - Kimberly Kay Hoang
- Cihan Tugal's presentation
  - Looking for ideas for next year's panels (both at ASA and virtual) (no immediate suggestions)

**Council Meeting- GATS, Nov 9, 2022 on zoom at 2pm (CST)**

Present: Claire, Ghassan, Katrina, Ricki, Cihan, Gowri, Atef, Veda

In our meeting, we met to discuss the budget for next year. Sec Treasurer, Ghassan Moussawi presented the budget and it was approved.

Council discussed the idea of having three webinars during the Spring term. Council voted on 1000 USD to cover all honoraria for speakers who are not part of ASA.

Council also agreed on 2000 USD for the reception.

In addition, we agreed on 200 USD dollars to give (through gift cards) to our webmaster, and our three newsletter co-editors.

Council discussed zoom talks/webinars for Spring 2023, these were the tentative titles and themes:

Social Movements and Politics (Zihan and Atef)- was postponed  
Epistemic injustice and knowledge production (Gowri and Veda)  
Social Movements and Politics II (Ricarda, Zophia, and Katrina)

Meeting adjourned at 3pm CST.

## Council Meeting- GATS, Dec 9, 2022 on Zoom at 11am (CST)

**Present:** Cihan, Atef, Ghassan, Claire, Katrina, Zophia, Ricarda, Veda, Gowri

Chair, Claire Decoteau emailed with agenda, including list of names for potential inviting to our Spring panels.

Council discussed co-partnering with Sex & Gender and possibly a third Section for our reception- we decided to ask SKAT and invite IPNN- the other backups would be: International Migration and Political Sociology.

Council approved co-partnering with Sex & Gender, since they approached the section. Still looking for a third.

Council discussed the topics and timelines for Spring sessions and the updates were presented and agreed upon by Council:

Cihan and Atef (possibly) will organize "Towards a Transnational Movement of Movements: Building a Bloc of Labor, Racial&National, Gender&Sexual, and Ecological Liberation"

Gowri and Veda will organize "Epistemic and Academic Challenges in Transnational Solidarity Building"

Rici, Katrina, Zophia will organize "Global solidarities/Land and Global Racialization"

### Timeline:

Feb first session- Cihan and Atef's session

Early April- Gowri and Veda's session

First week of May- Ricarda, Katrina, Zophia's session

Council discussed how to best advertise these sessions, especially given ASAconnect. Council decided to put the announcements on ASAconnect and through personal and academic networks.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm (CST).

### **Virtual Session Ideas – GATS**

We will conduct three virtual sessions under the general theme of "Global Transnational Solidarity Building." There will be three thematic sessions. Loosely, we came up with:

- 1) Epistemic and Academic Challenges in Transnational Solidarity Building
- 2) Movement and Political Considerations in Transnational Solidarity Building (*perhaps focusing on Occupied Lands or Struggles?*)
- 3) Building Race, Gender, Sexuality and Labor Solidarities (*or something like this – this one was the least fleshed out during the meeting*)

We decided that each of the award winners could speak on one of the panels. Dana Moss could perhaps speak on #2, Gowri Vijayakumar could perhaps speak on # 1 or #3, and Mishal Khan could speak to global, racial abolition movements (likely #3).

We will offer a \$200 honorarium to speakers who are not ASA members.

We were having a hard time concretizing the themes, so then we switched to brainstorming possible panelists, which we thought might help clarify the themes. Here are the people we mentioned collectively:

- Sahan Karatasli, UNC Greensboro (linking movements and instances of social unrest across geopolitical spaces and national contexts)
- Andy Clarno, University of Illinois at Chicago, on Palestine Solidarity
- Someone who can speak to the Iranian revolution, perhaps someone who could speak to decolonial feminism and Iran.
- Ather Zia (Center for Asian Studies Colorado) on Kashmir
- Rekha Raj on Daalit exclusion in Indian academy
- Someone who could speak on Global BLM and slavery reparations (see Rici suggestions below)
- Someone who could speak to martial law and democracy in the Philippines (suggestions given by Katrina:
  - Marco Garrido, U of C -- some of you probably have a better idea of what Marco's been up to lately. But I know he was presenting a lot on democracy and authoritarianism in the recent past
  - Joy Sales, Cal State LA – Joy is a historian who's worked on transnational Philippine anti-martial law movements with a focus more in the US. She's also been a part of transnational Filipinx activist groups
  - Mark Sanchez (Vanderbilt)– also a historian who does similar work to Joy, but including the Netherlands as well.
- Nadine Naber (UIC, Gender Studies) on linkages between mothers of gun violence in Chicago with mothers involved in struggles in Egypt and Palestine
- I didn't fully clarify this during the meeting, but I think it would be interesting to have someone speak about struggles over care work (which was given more political valence during the pandemic) – something about global care work networks and struggles. Perhaps Anna Guevarra at UIC or Rhacel Parreñas?
- Veda suggested: For the epistemic challenges panel: Shari Stone-Mediatore at Ohio Wesleyan. She's a philosopher scholar/activist, and has been very vocal about the ways in which theoretical epistemic justice concern can be actualized in real-world activism.

Rici added these names:

On Iran:

- Mona Tajali (Agnes Scott College) - Her 2022 book is on women's representation in Iran and Turkey

- Homa Hoodfar (Concordia University) - She's more senior/well-known and could also speak to questions of scholarly persecution

- Hoda Katebi - She's Iranian-American and an activist, and generally very good at walking the line between activist against the Islamic Republic while calling out interventionist moves/white feminism; could speak to solidarities with Palestine

On Palestine:

- Anaheed Al Hardan (Howard U) - She's written on Palestine and memory and her recent project is recovering anticolonial thought of the 50s/60s across Africa and Asia, so could speak to historical solidarities

- Areej Sabbagh-Khoury (Hebrew U of Jerusalem) - Areej is Palestinian and a Sociologist working on settler colonialism

On Global Racial Justice:

- Joy James (Williams) - She's wonderful and a very powerful speaker on solidarity, on the complicity of the academy, on abolitionist thinking

- Charisse Burden-Stelly (Wayne State U) - Scholar/activist, she's written lots on solidarity within the frame of racial capitalism, esp drawing on Walter Rodney's work

- Jovan Lewis (Berkeley) - Jovan has written on reparations; and we could potentially also try to link with Verene Shepherd at UWI to get someone to speak directly on the reparations effort

From Katrina:

For #3 (Building Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Labor Solidarities):

- Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, UC-Davis – sociologist, Asian American studies, and activist. She very involved in organizing work with Fil-Am community and cross racial solidarity in the Bay area. I'm not on top of things lately, but in the recent past, the Fil-Am and Palestinian communities have supported each other a lot in protests and actions.
- Jinah Kim, Cal State Northridge (maybe also for #2) – Jinah is an Asian Americanist with a degree in cultural studies. She works on war and migration and looks at transpacific organizing against gender-based and militarized violence.

## **ASA GATS COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, 21 August

7-7:45am

### **Attendees:**

Council: Claire, Cihan, katrina, Smitha, Gowri, Archana, Veda

Newsletter editor: Eylem

### Updates:

- Ghassan is stepping down as Treasurer and Kristen Shorette has agreed to take over for the year (Thank you!), then there will be an election of Treasurer
- Newsletter editors Mona and Miguel are stepping down, Eylem is staying on
- Durgesh is staying on as website editor
- By 1 September, ASA Connect will no longer be active and we will return to Listservs
- Cihan will get many emails, it is possible to have other people (council or not) collect these updates
- The website could potentially be updated; our virtual events, for example, were not on the website
- The event recordings still exist – Claire will have to download them, and we could potentially archive them on the website
- NB: Some sections have someone designated to just send out the announcements (a grad student can manage the listserv), ASA can add someone else to be designated to do this

### Budget:

- We spent a bit of extra money on plaques: we have plaques for honorable mentions – that was a slightly higher expense (\$250)
- Newsletter editors/website editors: \$200 in amazon gift cards because it's a lot of work (gift cards because they are not US citizens)
- We also spent money on honoraria for the virtual panels
- Reception cost \$2000, but even though we ordered food for 80-100 people, there was very little food. Claire talked to Heather not to get charged for this
- It was good to co-host the reception (see more below)
- GATS/CHS mentoring event was good – we gave them \$700 (instead of \$500)
- We still have an ending balance of around \$6500
- All sections have a cushion because of COVID (no receptions)

### Reception:

- It was well attended, it's possible that more folks from the Sex & Gender section were there
- Claire had to plan the reception by herself
- Discussion on onsite/offsite reception: Offsite is more fun, onsite is more convenient. But perhaps Montreal is a walkable city so it should be easy to get to
- This year, our reception was Friday, but our panels were on Monday, so that might explain the fact that fewer GATS folks might have attended
- For next year, we could again co-sponsor with a section; it is nice to pair up with another section and it might be good to see who is on an adjacent day
- Options: Political, environmental... see if we can find a section of a similar size

#### Nominations committee:

- Veda, Hajar and Lisa got the most votes, so these are the possible committee members
- Think about who wants to chair?
- Ask the previous year's chair (Vrushali Patil) for the list!

#### Mentoring event:

- There was some feedback that there was no food and people were hungry (it was dinner time) [usually they ask faculty to give a bit of money for food]
- There were some undergrads who were applying for Phd positions, so potentially the mentoring event could include PhD student mentors to mentor interested undergrads who come because of the ASA Honors Program
- Last year, we invited one of the organizers of the Mentoring Event to the council meeting to talk to them and discuss feedback
- Time might not have been ideal because everyone was tired, perhaps lunch next year?

#### Virtual events:

- Lots of people emailed Claire for the link
- Good experience to have events throughout the year
- Participation probably depends on whether the participants bring a following
- The May panel was not as well attended, potentially not a convenient time in the year
- It was Claire's uni zoom link (must download file before it expires)
- Cihan will try to put on the panel that was cancelled, potentially with other speakers
- Poulami and Min-woo (new council members) to see if they have panel ideas
- We could also go back to the brainstorm we did last year to see which other panels we could organize

#### By-laws:

- Potential bylaw change: New council members become new the day after ASA right now; but should they go to September 1? Because payments for ASA need to be signed off by September 1, so that would be a good deadline – then the loose ends for outgoing members are tied up and the new ones have a clean start
- By-law changes are due by October or November, and we need to request those and then we vote on them at the next election
- International scholar award – too complicated to change the bylaws

#### Awards:

- The chair-elect chairs the book award committee – Smitha has agreed to do this
- Best publication by an international scholar award (this year, it's an article) – Gowri will chair
- Grad student committee – perhaps Minwoo/Poulami?
- Best article – katrina will chair