

**2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Latina/o Sociology**

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.

Latina/o Sociology Business Meeting
Friday, August 18, 2023
5:00-5:30 pm
Agenda and Minutes

(Minutes in Blue, no official actions taken). Approximately 65 members present, plus council members

Greetings, request for volunteers (Lorena Garcia – Past Chair filling in for Cynthia Feliciano who could not attend)

Awards presentations (student paper, article, book)

Update on finances/membership (Lorena Garcia)

- Membership at 380, will have one less panel in 2024
- Doing really well financially-grants from SSRC and LPPI at UCLA + commitment for next year's reception in Montreal
- \$6200 in account + ASA Money that will come in

Chair-Elect (Salvador) asks for program ideas for 2024

Summary of Discussion: There were several great ideas and they seemed to coalesce around a few possible themes that I organized here as someone would make a suggestion and then someone else built on that suggestion.

- Latinos and the Life Course: young adulthood, aging
- Latinos are not a monolith: don't vote the same, not all immigrants, Latino as a race
- Add—intersectionality of race and ethnicity and class, looking at heterogeneity within the Latino group
- 2020 Census
- Amend the census suggestion with a suggestion to broaden to measuring Latino identity
- Something around politics, voting and the upcoming election (The Latino Sleeping Giant?)
- Joy and intersectionality
- Intersectionality—something that involves hope, joy, resilience, persistence
- Amend hope & joy theme-structures of joy and systems that debilitate joy
- Also consider in relation to joy, to reflect on what needs to shift in the broader system that can facilitate joy
- The theme of the future in Latino studies & Latino sociology

Turn over to Vilma Ortiz as new Chair to close

Reception connection suggestion:

- McGill University, Sociology Department (a specific person that people knew made this suggestion and Vilma will follow up with them)

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.

Latino/s Section Council Meeting – September, 19 2022 (over Zoom)

Council members in attendance: Cynthia Feliciano, Vilma Ortiz, Lorena Garcia, Edelina Burciaga, Stephanie Canizales, Katie Duarte, Veronica Valencia Gonzalez, Cassandra Salgado, Ariana Valle, Sylvia Zamora. **Absent:** Andrea Gomez Cervantes, Heidy Sarabia

AGENDA/MINUTES

Discussion of Transition to ASA Connect

- Pluses with new system
- Ideas of items to add to library? Webinar links, Past Notas issues
 - o NOTAS Google Drive items owned by "ASA Latino Sociology" should be migrated to ASA Connect
- Current administrators: Chair, Chair-Elect, Past-Chair

Committees for 2022-23

- Local Arrangements Committee (ask local members at U Penn, Temple)
- Reception Planning Committee: need chair
- Mentoring Committee: Casandra Salgado will chair this year. Sylvia Zamora and Stephanie Canizales members. Norma Williams Workshop main activity (Mentoring Cafecitos for years when we are not having workshop)

- Committee members will reach out to past chairs Laura Enriquez and Juanita Garcia re: planning already begun
- Nominations: Lorena Garcia will Chair
- Publications/Outreach: Veronica Valencia Gonzalez & Katie Duarte co-chairs, newsletter editor.
- Awards (four sub-committees) (Edelina Burciaga will Chair)
 - Suggestion for alternative to standard plaques
 - Quick vote to confirm intent In by-laws (current by-laws have typo): Career award will now be annual
- Program Committee (Chair-Elect Vilma Ortiz will Chair). Volunteer list from business meeting will be shared.
- Syllabi working group will continue with Lorena Garcia as Chair

Update on section finances

- Possibility for future funding: LPPI. \$5000 provided funds last year for reception. SSRC provided \$2000 to be used for Mentoring Workshop.

End of Meeting Minutes

ASA Latino Sociology Section Council Meeting Minutes – in person at ASA Marriott August 18, 2023, 11:30am-12:30pm

In attendance: Vilma Ortiz (Chair-elect, filling in to chair meeting for Cynthia Feliciano), Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, Edelina Burciaga, Lorena Garcia, Ariana Valle, Cassandra Salgado, Veronica Valencia Gonzalez, Andrea Gomez Cervantes, Katie Duarte, Sylvia Zamora

Absent: Cynthia Feliciano, Heidy Sarabia

Discussion of Budget:

Budget \$4,000 from social science research council
 10k from LPPI (6k for reception; 4k for grad student travel grants)
 \$16,594 - expected expenses for ASA meeting this year.
 Leaves us with \$6,261.

Approve Preliminary Budget

Next year: \$6,261 + 1760 (from ASA) = about \$8,000
 Award plaques (typically about \$700)
 Will SSRC and LPPI give us funds next year?

Membership report:

Down to 380 members as of 8/7/23
 We will have two sessions plus roundtables for ASA 2024
 Need to discuss whether in the award nominations call it should indicate you must be a member of the section to submit nominations.

Norma Williams Workshop was a success.

From now on, we will organize the workshop when our section has meetings on the first day, so the workshop preconference can be held the day before ASA begins.

Ideas for next year:

Mentoring - Other ideas for mentoring? Mentoring cafecito or lunch? “Breakfast with Scholars”? Also virtual workshops for grad students on non-academic career paths (Rodrigo from LPPI), demystifying book publishing, etc.

Membership incentives for grad students? Can we offer travel grants for students?

Reception in Montreal for ASA 2024: who do we know in Montreal?

Preliminary discussion of **committee assignments** for next year

1. Award Committee Chair - Sylvia Zamora? (will talk w/ Edelina, last year's Chair)
2. ASA Reception Chair - ?
3. Nominations Committee Chair - Michael Muniz Rodriguez (incoming council member)?
4. Professionalization and Mentoring Chair - Edelina Burciaga & Katie Duarte
5. Publicity Chair (newsletter/email listserv): graduate student reps will continue as newsletter editors

Discussion: Institutional memory: create a one drive or other way to pass down section info

End of Meeting Minutes

Awards

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

Latina/o Sociology Section's Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award

Co-winners:

Katherine L. Maldonado, "In and Out of Crisis: Life Course Criminalization for Jefas in the Barrio"

Karina Santellano, "We are the Children of Immigrants: Entrepreneurial Pivots Towards Market Strategies Of Belonging"

Honorable mention:

Katie M. Duarte, "Romance During COVID-19: How Young Dominican-American Women's Dating Strategies Changed During Unsettled Times"

Latina/o Sociology Section Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award

Yader Lanuza, Nick Petersen, and Marisa Omori. (2023). "Colorism in Punishment Among Hispanics in the Criminal Justice System." *Social Problems* (70)2, 275-96. *Online first May 2021*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spab044>

Latina/o Sociology Section Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award

Co-winners:

Anthony Ocampo, *Brown and Gay in LA: The Lives of Immigrant Sons*

Sylvia Zamora, *Racial Baggage: Mexican Immigrants and Race Across the Border*

2023 Finances

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

For 2023, our council had approved a budget of \$625 for award plaques, \$6000 for the 2023 ASA reception, and \$1000 for the Norma Williams workshop. Council had also approved fundraising \$1500 towards the 2023 reception - through section members contributions for entry to the reception, which would have left us with funds of \$4600.

Our actual expenses did not differ much from the budgeted amounts (\$5693 for reception, \$596 for awards plaques, and \$387 for Norma Williams Workshop main expenses). However, we were fortunate to receive additional income totaling \$14,000 from outside sources (\$10,000 from the UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute, and \$4000 from Social Science Research Council). Therefore, we did not need to charge for the reception. We used \$6000 from UCLA LPPI to cover the ASA 2023 reception. With the additional \$8000 (\$4000 from UCLA LPPI and \$4000 from SSRC), we funded travel grants to graduate students to help offset travel costs to attend the Norma Williams Workshop the day before the ASA meetings (as well as the ASA meeting). We funded 17 graduate students through a competitive application process with recipients decided upon by a subcommittee of council members. Including our annual budget allocation of \$1860, our current balance is \$10,039 (as of the latest financial statement dated 10/31/2023).

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.

The section leadership regularly communicated with its members through ASA Connect. This included job and fellowship opportunities, and information/reminders about section and ASA-related deadlines and activities. We also created and circulated the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 issues of NOTAS, our section newsletter, co-edited by our section graduate student representatives. The section also communicates occasionally via social media, mainly Twitter. ASA Connect was a particularly valuable mechanism for communicating with section members, as it allowed section members to post resources and opportunities themselves, as well as share news. We had also used ASA Connect's library to share past newsletters and other section information (e.g. links to past webinars). Unfortunately, with ASA deciding to eliminate this resource, we do not currently have a place to share such information so easily with members.

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

A major impetus for the formation of our section was to address gaps in diversity, equity, and inclusion within the broader ASA organization. In that spirit, according to the section bylaws, the purpose of the section is to "encourage and promote empirical research, theoretical development, and the teaching of issues relating to the Latina and Latino population, particularly in but not only the United States." Steps to achieve our diversity, equity, and inclusion goals as a section are reflected in our programming at the 2023 annual meeting. Details on this can be found in each of the sections below.

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).

1. **Paper Sessions:** The Latina/o Sociology section had 4 paper sessions at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Session topics were decided on by the section Chair-Elect at that time, Vilma Ortiz and program committee members, who were volunteers from the general membership. The Program Committee chair received ideas from the general membership at the ASA business meeting the prior year.
 - Latinx Communities in Local and Regional Contexts (Session Organizer: Gabriela León-Pérez, Virginia Commonwealth University)
 - Latinx Communities and Public Sociology (Session Organizer: Celia Lacayo, UCLA)
 - Race and Gender in Latinx Communities (Session Organizer: Michelle Gomez Parra, University of California, Santa Cruz)
 - Latina/o Sociology Round Tables (Session Organizer: Karen Tejada, University of Hartford)

Explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Latina/o/x Sociology Section: Paper sessions are a key mechanism by which our section facilitates intellectual exchange among section members and development of scholarship in Latina/o Sociology, more broadly. These sessions also serve as opportunities for panelists to network with each other, as well as for those in the audience to network with each other and/or panelists. And in our efforts to be attentive to issues of inclusion, we consider input from section members on possible topics to focus on for these paper sessions. Finally, we always aim to organize paper session panels that include grad students, faculty at all ranks, and representation from various institutional contexts (i.e., R1, small liberal arts colleges, community colleges, etc.).

2. Section Reception : We held a Latina/o/x S Sociology 30th Anniversary Reception at Taller Puertorriqueño in Philadelphia. This was sponsored by UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute (LPPI).

Explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Latina/o/x Sociology Section: We hold a section reception each year in which we recognize and celebrate the various accomplishments of our section members. Our reception is also a time and space for section members to engage in professional networking and more broadly, the reception helps us to continue to cultivate a sense of community in our section.

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 held the Norma Williams Mentoring Workshop, from 12-6pm at Temple University on August 17, 2023, just prior to the 2023 ASA Annual Meetings in Philadelphia.

Explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Latina/o/x Sociology Section:

The Norma Williams Workshop is held every 4-5 years one day prior to the official start of the ASA meetings. In honor of Norma Williams, the workshop serves to close the gaps in educational knowledge and professional networks among Latina/o/x social scientists in order to advance their careers. As such, it is dedicated to teaching the hidden curriculum, or the unwritten lessons, values, and perspectives in higher education, to support rising Latina/o/x scholars. The 2023 workshop included three panels: "Getting Published"; "Surviving the Job Market"; and "Well-being in the Academy". The "Getting Published"

panel engaged in conversations about how to publish in academic and non-academic venues, managing expectations of the publication pipeline, approaches to receiving/providing feedback, and how to negotiate co-authorship. “Surviving the job market” engaged in conversations about job statement and interview preparation, and emerging policy decisions about DEI statements. The “Well-being in the Academy” panel engaged in conversations about how to set and manage work-life balance goals. Between panels, graduate students, early career scholars and established scholars connected with one another. Attendees included 25 graduate students, six postdoctoral fellows, ten assistant professors, and seven tenured professors (associate or full).