

## 2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Medical Sociology

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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 files.

#### 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.

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### Awards

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

**Reeder Award:** Dr. Troy Duster

**Friedson Award:** Sanyu A. Mojola, Nicole Angotti, Enid Schatz, and Brian Houle. "A Nowadays Disease': HIV/AIDS and Social Change in a Rural South African Community." Winner.

Michaela DeSoucey and Miranda Waggoner. "Another Person's Peril: Peanut Allergy, Risk Perceptions, and Responsible Sociality." Honorable mention.

**Simmons Award:** Mia Brantley. Winner.  
Alexis Dennis. Honorable mention.

**Kaplan Award:** Lawrence Stacey. Winner.  
Wayne Rivera-Cuadrado. Honorable mention.

**Light Book Award:** Krystale Littlejohn. (2021). Just get on the pill: The uneven burden of reproductive politics. Univ of California Press. Winner.

stef shuster. (2021). Trans medicine: The emergence and practice of treating gender. NYU Press. Honorable mention.

**Light Article Award:** Cruz, T. M., & Paine, E. A. (2021). Capturing patients, missing inequities: Data standardization on sexual orientation and gender identity across unequal clinical contexts. *Social Science & Medicine*, 285, 114295. Winner.

Vuolo, M., Frizzell, L. C., & Kelly, B. C. (2022). Surveillance, Self-Governance, and Mortality: The Impact of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs on US Overdose Mortality, 2000–2016. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 63(3), 337-356. Honorable mention.

The **Louise Johnson Scholar Award** was not given out this year because we did not receive any submissions.

## 2023 Finances

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

In 2021, the section made the decision to do certificates only for all awards, where as previously the certificates were for the runners up. We did this in 2022. After some discussion among awardees and members, we decided to return to the certificates for 2023. These added several hundred dollars of additional expenses than were planned for in 2023. However, because the section paid less in student-related expenses than planned (as of this date, we received no requests for reimbursement for Student Council Member travel, and the Kaplan winner refused the funds), we ultimately did not end up spending over the budgeted amount.

Going forward, we will have to anticipate budgeting for plaques. Due to the character count of our award templates, we regularly go over the quoted prices in award websites, so future S/T will need to educate members on why the costs seem so much higher than the listed starting prices of many vendors.

Our Section Chair was excellent at budgeting for the reception, so we didn't have any additional spending there. During the summer meeting, there was a discussion about a couple of carry over line items from previous budgets—the SHI sponsorship and the US-UK subsidy—that have not been used for several years, and may be eliminated in future budgets, unless the section decides to participate in these partnerships again. As of our October 2023 ASA-provided report, we have modest net assets, \$335. Membership has stayed mostly steady over the past year.

## 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 Council distributed all Section communications through ASA Connect this year. Postings were made by the Section Chair, Cynthia Colen, or Fizza Raza, who previously was in charge of our listserv. Additionally, Section members were able to directly post messages to ASA Connect. Several did so, with the majority of these being job announcements.

The Medical Sociology Section also produced four newsletters during the course of 2022-2023. These are expertly crafted, contain a wealth of information for members, and are easy to access. PJ Pettis took over this important task this year and has brought a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to them. The newsletters were distributed to Section members through ASA Connect and were posted to the ASA website here:

<https://www.asanet.org/newsletters-4/>

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

This past year, the Medical Sociology Section continued to push forward on our DEI goals. Most notably, we voted to change our bylaws to allow the official creation of a permanent DEI committee that will function like all other standing committees. The past and current Chairs of the Section, Drs. Rin Reczek and Cynthia Colen, rewrote the bylaws to reflect this change after meeting with Council members to collectively decide on the structure and function of the proposed committee. The following is an excerpt from our revised bylaws that describes the new DEI committee:

“The DEI Committee will be composed of an Elected Chair (who will also hold a position on Council), the Chair of the Nominations Committee, both elected student council members, and two section members at large chosen by the DEI Chair. The DEI Chair and two at-large members will serve for a two-year term. The Nominations Chair and student members will serve on the DEI committee for their term specified by their primary appointments. We include the Nominations Committee Chair in the DEI committee because this committee requires exceptional attention to DEI. The two members-at-large will be included to increase representation of our section on this committee, chosen by the committee Chair.”

Additionally, the Section worked diligently to increase the diversity of our membership as well as who participates on Council. To further these efforts, we recruited one of the most diverse slates of candidates to run for Council positions next year. The Chair-Elect of the Nominations Committee, Joe Harris, led this effort with assistance from past and current Chairs, Rin Reczek and Cynthia Colen. The Membership Committee Chair, Stef Shuster, also conducted a survey among our current members to better assess how (1) we can better serve the needs of a rapidly diversifying membership and (2) to recruit potential new members from underrepresented groups. Finally, one of the explicit goals of our new Newsletter Editor, PJ Pettis, is to increase contributions from section members, with special attention to elevating the voices of scholars whose work is underrepresented and those who come from underrepresented/marginalized groups.

***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).***

**Medical Sociology Roundtables**

Sun, August 20, 8:00 to 9:30am, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 5, Grand Ballroom, Salon F

**Medical Mistrust, Misinformation, and Health**

Sun, August 20, 10:00 to 11:30am, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 12

**Racism, Discrimination, and Impacts on Health and Wellbeing**

Sun, August 20, 4:00 to 5:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 12

**Reproductive Justice, Health, and Health Care**

Mon, August 21, 10:00 to 11:30am, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 8

**Structural Inequalities, Medicine, and Health**

Mon, August 21, 12:00 to 1:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 8

**Medical Sociology Council Meeting**

Sun, August 20, 7:00 to 7:45am, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 5, Grand Ballroom Salon F

**2023 Reeder Award Address and Award Ceremony**

Sun, August 20, 2:00 to 3:00pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 12

**Medical Sociology Business Meeting**

Sun, August 20, 3:00 to 3:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 12

**Medical Sociology Reception**

Sat, August 19, 6:30 to 8:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 5, Grand Ballroom Salon H

***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.***

As previously stated, most of our networking and mentorship occurs at ASA and through the publication of our quarterly newsletters. We are in the process of reinstating our mentorship program and deciding how to better structure it to meet the needs of our diversifying membership. We also disseminate research findings and other Section business through our social media presence.

ASA'S MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, 2023  
Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 3:30 pm EST  
Franklin Hall 12, Level 4, Marriott Downtown

1. Welcome
2. Approve minutes from 2022 business meeting
3. Incoming & outgoing Council members
4. Report from Secretary/Treasurer: LaShaune Johnson
5. Section updates
  - Membership Chair: stef shuster
  - Publications Chair: Danielle Bessett
  - Teaching Chair: Magdalena Szaflarski
  - Career & Employment Chair: Tania Jenkins
  - Policy & Research Chair: Daniel Dohan
  - Nominations Chair & Chair-Elect: Ali Sewell & Joe Harris
6. Section Awards
7. Chair-Elect plans for 2024
8. New business
9. Passing of the gavel & adjournment

Medical Sociology Section Business Meeting  
August 20, 2023

1. Welcome—Cindy Colen (Chair)
2. Review of Medical Sociology sessions and events at annual meeting (Chair)
  - a. Reception on Saturday evening
  - b. Council meeting on Sunday
  - c. Reeder award address and awards ceremony on Sunday, followed immediately by the business meeting.
  - d. Medical Soc Roundtables on Sunday
    - i. Abortion
    - ii. Crime and Health
    - iii. Discrimination
    - iv. Gender, Gender Minorities, and Health
    - v. Health, Healthcare, and Health Research During COVID-19
    - vi. Health, Healthcare, and Medical Innovations
    - vii. Legitimacy and Medicalization
    - viii. Life Course
    - ix. Maternal and Infant Healthcare
    - x. Medical Education and Training
    - xi. Medical Profession and Medical Authority
    - xii. Neurological Health
    - xiii. Sexual and Gender Minority Health
    - xiv. Patient-Provider Interactions
    - xv. Policy, Politics, and Health
    - xvi. Race, Ethnicity and Intersectionality
    - xvii. Social Status and Health
    - xviii. Support and Social Networks
    - xix. Stigma and Health
    - xx. Vaccines and Vaccine Hesitancy
  - e. Four regular paper sessions: Medical Mistrust and Health; Racism, Discrimination, and Impacts on Health and Wellbeing; Reproductive Justice, Health and Healthcare; Structural Inequalities Medicine and Health
3. Acknowledgements of Incoming and Outgoing Members (Chair)
4. Reports from chairs of standing committees:
  - a. stef shuster (Membership Committee). Committee is working on bringing back programing from before pandemic:
    - i. mentoring program (faculty to students, faculty to faculty).
    - ii. membership drive. Will announce via the listserv on Sept 1.

- b. Danielle Bessette (Publication Committee). Lucky to have such great folks on publication committee this past year. Also worked hard to select winner of the Friedson award.
  - c. Magda Szaflarski (Teaching Committee). Not present. No update given.
  - d. Tania Jenkins (Careers and Employment). Hopefully, columns in quarterly newsletter hopefully were useful. Looking forward to working with stef on reestablishing mentorship program.
  - e. Daniel Dohan (Health Policy & Research Committee). Participated in Light Award selection committee. Hopes to lean into areas re: grants/research funding. Currently has grant to support other people to write and submit more grants.
  - f. Joseph Harris and Ali Sewell (Nominations Committee). Busy year, great slate of individuals who ran for Council positions. Call for nominations for next year starts now. Bring your ideas and energy to this.
5. Section awards announcements
6. Susan Short. Announced plans for coming year.
- a. Express thanks to everyone and Cindy for all your hard work.
  - b. Will be sending out form for input/advice (nominations, ideas for sessions, ways members want to engage in the section)
7. Announcement about ASA Connect
- a. ASA Connect is being sunsetted.
  - b. Going back to listservs. Working on archiving content from ASA Connect.
  - c. September 1 will be when our listserv is back up and running.

ASA'S MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, 2023  
Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am EST

1. Welcome and introductions – Cindy Colen
2. Review of the 2023 meeting agenda – Cindy Colen
3. Report from Chair – Cindy Colen
4. Schedule of Section activities – Cindy Colen
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership –stef shuster
  - b. Nominations Committee – Joe Harris & Ali Sewell
  - c. Teaching Committee – Magdalena Szaflarski
  - d. Health Policy and Research Committee – Daniel Dohan
  - e. Career and Employment – Tania Jenkins
  - f. Publications Committee & Freidson Outstanding Publication Award – Danielle Bessett
  - g. Student representatives report – Felicia Casanova & Shana LaScala
  - h. Leo G. Reeder Award (process not outcome) – Susan Short
  - i. Roberta Simmons Award – Staci Young for Kammi Schmeer
  - j. Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award – Staci Young
  - k. Louise Johnson Scholar – Staci Young
  - l. Donald W. Light Award for Applied or Public Practice of Medical Sociology – Rin Reczek and Daniel Dohan
  - m. Newsletter Editor's Report – PJ Pettis
  - n. Webmaster's Report – Jason D'Amours
  - o. JHSB report: Debby Carr
6. Plans for 2023 from Chair-Elect – Susan Short
7. Report from Secretary/Treasurer – LaShaune Johnson
  - a. Endowment funds update
  - b. Update on Section expenses and income
  - c. Carryover Commitments to Graduate Student Award Winners and Council Members
8. Other business
  - a. Transitioning back to listservs for communication. ASA Connect will be shut down as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Create and staff DEI standing committee
  - c. Reestablish our social media and internet presence
  - d. Anything else?
9. Adjournment

**Voting members are the following individuals:**

<u>Section Officers</u>	<u>Committee Chairs</u>	<u>Members at Large</u>
Chair: Cindy Colen	Career/Employ: Tania Jenkins	Second Year: Staci Young
Chair-Elect: Susan Short	Health Policy: Daniel Dohan	First Year: Kammi Schmeer
Past Chair: Rin Reczek	Membership: stef shuster	
S/T: LaShaune Johnson	Nominations: Ali Sewell	
S/T- Elect: Kelly MacArthur	Publications: Danielle Bessett	
	Teaching: Magdalena Szaflarski	



ASA Medical Sociology Council Minutes  
August 20, 2023

Attendees: Cindy Colen, LaShaune Johnson, Ali Sewell, Staci Young, Christy Irving, Rin Reczek, stef shuster, Tania Jenkins, Laura Hirshfield, Joe Harris, Debbie Carr, Jason D'Amours, Danielle Bessett, Dan Dohan, PJ Pettis

1. Welcome and Introductions by Cindy Colen, Chair
  - a. Susan Short is not able to be present
2. Announcements from Chair:
  - a. ASA Connect is shutting down—going back to listservs. Fizza Raza will stay on to administer Section listserv. Working with Susan to download documents and announcements for historical purposes.
  - b. We have some great sessions at the meeting. Thanks to stef, we were able to conduct membership survey to hear what needs of Section members are post-covid. We are also putting together a webinar about how to apply to an NIH grant when you think your research doesn't fit the mold.
  - c. After this meeting, we have a group of roundtables.
  - d. We have two sessions today and two sessions tomorrow as well as awards ceremony/Reeder address. Business meeting will be right after the Reeder address.
3. Committee reports:
  - a. **stef shuster (Membership Committee)**. Sent out survey to members. Want to kickstart some things from the past. Will work to bring back mentoring program. Also thinking about professionalization workshop, panels around special issues, reading groups, etc. Membership numbers slow declining but on track with overall ASA membership trends. Membership drive rolled out late. Faculty who are willing to sponsor students should do so.
    - i. We had been over 900 but we are up in the upper 800s, ASA requires 1000 for an extra session, advocating for ASA to lower that since there are so few groups that meet that benchmark.
  - b. **Ali Sewell and Joe Harris (Nominations Committee)**. Normally recruitment happens during the annual meeting. Last year was an exception due to unforeseen circumstances. We were working on compressed timeline. Thanks to Rin and Cindy for their active support. We are actively working on recruitment for this year. Please send suggested names if you have them.
  - c. **LaShaune Johnson (Sect/treasurer)**. Took a vote to set policy for if people can use rollover funds. Allow funds to roll over for 2 years. VOTED yes.
  - d. **Cynthia Colen (Chair)**. We are working on establishing a DEI committee. Bylaws change passed and now we can have an election for a chair for a standing committee. Will contain two student members, membership chair, two regular members at large, and DEI chair.

- e. **Discussion.** In the past, the Section relied on student members to oversee social media. With the ASA Connect issues, social media became even more important to communicate effectively with membership. Want to come up with better way to organize social media presence. How can we move forward with this?