

## 2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Peace, War, and Social Conflict

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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.

Peace, War, and Social Conflict Business Meeting Agenda  
August 19, 2023, 26 people attended

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Introduce new chair (Ori Swed) and chair-elect (Selina Gallo-Cruz); past chair Laura Heidman
3. Membership: 231 as of September 2022, data will be updated after this meeting
4. Finances (Tom Maher)
5. **Council members**  
Ori Swed, chair  
Thomas Maher, secretary/treasurer  
Eric Schoon  
Marie Berry  
Dana Moss  
Ashley Reichelman  
Nicole Fox  
Lea David  
Sehrazat Mart, grad student rep
6. VIRTUAL COFFEE HOURS organized by Kristin Foringer

#### 7. Committees

NOMINATIONS

Lynne Woehrle, chair  
Daniel Karell  
Yuval Feinstein

#### MENTORING

Leslie MacColman, chair  
Ashley Reichelmann  
Ann Mische  
Laura Acosta, grad student  
Seth Behrends, grad student

#### MEMBERSHIP

Ana Velitchkova, chair  
Sharon Quinsaas  
Andrew Davis

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Ori Swed  
Lisa Leitz  
Anjuli Fahlberg

### 8. **Awards** were given (see below)

#### **Council Meeting**

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#### **Meeting 8/19/2023**

*Attend: Lisa Hajjar, Selina Gallo-Cruz, Jon Samuel, Eric Schoon, Tom Maher, Ori Swed, Andrew Davis, Laura Halcomb (student rep)*

1. Membership
  - a. As of last count, we are at 231 members. This is about 25 more than last year.
    - i. This current figure does not include recent gift memberships.
    - ii. We can only do gift memberships through the end of July.
2. Finances: Tom
3. Bylaws: the bylaw amendment goes into effect in September 2023
  - a. by-law change for nominations committee from 5 members to 3 members.
4. ASA Connect is over, listserv resumes after meeting
5. Communications committee: Ori
6. Mentoring: Laura

## 7. Report on Mini-Conference

### Awards

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

#### **Elise Boulding Best Student Paper Award**

María Ximena Dávila, University of Texas at Austin, “Longing for the State: Women’s Grassroots Activism and Local State-Building in Colombia.”

Committee: Lea David, Haley Duschinski, and Jamie Shenk

#### **Best Article Award**

Lauren Acosta and Robert Braun, “War Commemoration and Nationalism in Belgium, 1914–1945: The Role of Military Networks,” *Social Forces* 100/4 (June 2022). <https://academic.oup.com/sf/article-abstract/100/4/1884/6272878>

Honorable Mention: Stephanie Bonnes, “Femininity Anchors: Heterosexual Relationships and Pregnancy as Sites of Harassment for U.S. Servicewomen,” *American Sociological Review* 87/4 (July 2022). <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00031224221110535>

Committee: Dana Moss, Ashley Reichelmann, Minwoo Jung, and Kangsan Lee

#### **Outstanding Book Award**

Siniša Malešević, *Why Humans Fight: The Social Dynamics of Close-range Violence* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

Honorable Mention: Nicole Iturriaga, *Exhuming Violent Histories: Forensics, Memory and Rewriting Spain’s Past* (Columbia University Press, 2022).

Honorable Mention: Benjamin Case, *Street Rebellion: Resistance beyond Violence and Non-violence* (AK Press, 2022).

Committee: Marie Berry, Danilo Mandić, and Jeff Hass

#### **Robin M. Williams, Jr. Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching, and Service**

Siniša Malešević, University College Dublin

Committee: Laura Heideman, Lisa Hajjar, and Ori Swed

### 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 2023 budget largely aligned with the actual expenses and income from the budget. We did not conduct a mentoring event, and so those allocated funds were not used. We were under budget for the section reception by \$500, but, by council approval, we contributed the surplus to the PWSC mini-conference for its expenses. We slightly underspent on award expenses (\$136 compared to \$200 allocated), and we did not spend the allocated money for the website. So, overall, we underspent our budget. Nonetheless, our projected income for the following year is less than our projected costs and so the surplus will help us be more sustainable as a section in the long term.

### **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 has been using multiple mediums and platforms to communicate and engage with its members. Those include ASA Connect, the members' listserv, ASA section's website, ASA announcements, the section own webpage, the section's blog, the section's YouTube Channel, the section's Twitter account, and the section's Virtual Coffee Hour. We use those platforms to maximize our outreach and to make sure that we communicate with members that may prefer specific ways of communication. The platforms we created (our website, blog, and the Virtual Coffee Hour) are inclusive and offer a stage and visibility to all members that are interested in sharing their work or participate. There are no barriers for participation, in line with the ASA values.

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

The goal of PWSC is to serve as a vibrant intellectual home for scholars from a wide range of backgrounds who work in the fields of peace, war, and social conflict. Because of the international nature of PWSC's work, diversity for our section includes diversity of national backgrounds, diversity of countries scholars are currently living in, and intellectual diversity in research methods, case studies, and theoretical orientations. This year, we had members currently living in at least 14 different countries. Our main focus this year, beyond recruiting new members using the methods outlined in the membership section, was to provide value for our members even if they were not able to make it to ASA in person. To this end, we planned year-round activities for the section (see 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).

The section had one panel and four roundtables at this year's conference. The panel was an open session on Issues in Peace, War, and Social Conflict. The roundtables were grouped thematically: 1) Postwar: Commemoration and Conflict; 2) Military: Veterans and Soldiers; 3) Conflict and Identity; and 4) Causes and Consequences of Violence.

In addition, the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section held its regular Council meeting and the Section Business meeting, which also served as our awards ceremony. We also co-hosted a

reception at the Marriott with three other sections: Human Rights; Political Sociology; and Collective Behavior and Social Movements.

## Open Session on Issues in Peace, War and Social Conflict

Sat, August 19, 8:00 to 9:30am, Pennsylvania Convention Center

Session organizer: Eric Schoon, Ohio State University

Presider: Taylor Winston, Princeton University

### Individual Presentations

Coercion, Capital, and Warlord Protostates: An analysis of variation in war engagement among Chinese warlords, 1912-1928 - *Jingyuan Qian; Siying Fu*, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Pedagogy of Fear: Folklore and the Radical Right in Weimar Germany - *Elena Marilin Amaya*, University of California, Berkeley; *Robert Braun*, University of California-Berkeley

From Boots to Bytes: Explaining Cross-National Variation in Digital Repression, 2001-2021 - *Thomas V. Maher*, Clemson University; *Jennifer Earl*, University of Delaware

Challenging Autocracy: How State Organization Impacts Variation in Sexual Violence in Authoritarian Regimes - *Joelle Marie Rosenberg*, University of California, Los Angeles

The Sequencing of Cultural Violence and Civilian Fatalities: Spatial-temporal analysis in the Syrian War - *Fiona Greenland*, University of Virginia; *Michelle D. Fabiani*, University of New Haven

### Discussant

*Ann Mische*, University of Notre Dame

## Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section Roundtable Sessions

Sat, August 19, 12:00 to 1:00pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 103B

Session Organizer: Robert Braun, University of California Berkeley

## Table 1 Postwar: Commemoration and conflict

Presider: Laura Acosta, Northwestern University

### Individual Presentations

Commissioning Truth in the U.S. Context: Truth Commissions for Racial Healing and Transformation - *Michelle I. Gawerc*, Loyola University Maryland

Memorialization of Lynching Victims: Its Effects on Intra- and Inter-Group Attitudes of Implicated Subjects - *Ashley Veronica Reichelmann*, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; *James E. Hawdon*, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Symbolic Reparations and Collective Memory in Post-Conflict Colombia - *Kristin Foringer*, University of Michigan

Class, Integration, and Northern Ireland's Two-Tiered Peace Process Twenty-Five Years After the Good Friday Agreement - *Curtis Carl Holland*, SUNY-Old Westbury

The associational bases of the political incorporation of the Colombian left, 1990-2022 - *Nicolas Torres-Echeverry*, University of Chicago

## Table 2 Military: Veterans & Soldiers

Presider: Thomas Gepts, University of California Berkeley

### Individual Presentations

Disability identity work among student veterans with service-connected injury - <i>Heather Powers Albanesi</i> , University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
Historical Change in Political Attitudes of Veterans, 1970s to 2010s - <i>Alair MacLean</i> , Washington State University; <i>Steven Paul Cassidy</i> , Washington State University
Who's Fit to Serve? Unpacking Soldiers' Gendered Perceptions of the U.S. Army Combat Fitness Test - <i>Caroline Carter</i>
Who Joined the Military in the Post-9/11 Era?: Military Enlistment, Timing, and Combat Duty - <i>Amy Lutz</i> , Syracuse University; <i>Andrew S. London</i> , Syracuse University
"I Don't Give Off a Gay Vibe": Navigating Sexuality in a Post-DADT Military - <i>Whitney Elizabeth O'Connell</i>
Terrorists, Mercenaries, or Something Else Entirely? Redefining Foreign Fighters for Sociology - <i>Cameron Hughes</i> , UC Santa Cruz

### Table 3 Conflict and identity

President: Elena Amaya, University of California Berkeley

#### Individual Presentations

Fighting to Belong: Diaspora Soldiers, Immigration, and National Identity in Israel - <i>Lior Yohanani</i> , Tel Aviv University
National reconciliation and social solidarity in the promotion of organ donation in Spain (1954-2019) - <i>Rebeca Herrero Saenz</i> , Molloy College
Expanding the Fringe, Hollowing Out the Middle: Social Identity and Racial Threat in Within-Party Social Control - <i>Jon Overton</i> , University of North Carolina-Charlotte
In-Group/Out-Group Sentiments, Identities, Interactions and Barriers to Peace - <i>Benjamin Fields</i> , University of California, Riverside; <i>Justin Huft</i> , University of California-Riverside
Omwashing Yoga: The Weaponization of Spirituality Toward Ethnonationalism (in India, Israel, & the U.S.) - <i>Sheena Sood</i> , Delaware Valley University

### Table 4 Causes and consequence of violence

President: Robert Braun, University of California Berkeley

#### Individual Presentations

Unintended Consequences of State Action: A Network Analysis of Mexico's Drug Violence - <i>Oscar Fernando Contreras Velasco</i> , UCLA
Does criminal violence pay? The effect of mafia-related violence upon the mobilization of antimafia movements - <i>Salvatore Sberna</i>
Massive Rebellion and Reform of Government Personnel: A Case from the Late Qing Dynasty - <i>Junliang Xu</i> , Stanford University
A Movement/Counter-movement Analysis of the Lebanese Civil War - <i>Toni Rouhana</i> , University of York
The Strange Career of Judge Lynch: How Newspapers Covered Lynching in the United States 1880-1950 - <i>Charles F. Seguin</i> , Pennsylvania State University; <i>Marjan Davoodi</i> , Pennsylvania State University

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.

The section's communication team regularly shared professional information on ASA connect, including job opportunities, conference information, professional development opportunities, recent publications, awards, and research calls.

Furthermore, the communication team has been organizing several online lectures and presentations under the umbrella of the Virtual Coffee Hours (see below). It also invited scholars engagement in the section's Blog Conflict(ed) (see below).

#### **Virtual Coffee Hours:**

Fighting Better: A Constructive Conflict Approach to Improving American Democracy  
Dr. Louis Kriesberg, Syracuse University

Outsourcing Repression: Everyday State Power in Contemporary China  
Dr. Lynette Ong, University of Toronto

Decolonising the Sociology of Peace and War: Exigency and Future Directions  
Dr. Lea David, University College Dublin  
Dr. James Fenelon, California State University, San Bernardino  
Dr. Fatma Müge Göçek, University of Michigan  
Dr. Yaejoon Kwon, Reed College  
moderated by Syeda Masood, Ph.D. Candidate at Brown University

#### **Conflict(ed) Blog:**

Outsourcing Repression: Everyday State Power in Contemporary China  
Dr. Lynette Ong University of Toronto

A Case for Calling Russian Actions in Ukraine Genocide  
Anneliese Schenk-Day, Ohio State University

Systems vs Siloed Approaches to Forced Migration  
Dr. Rawan Arar, University of Washington  
Dr. David Scott FitzGerald, University of California San Diego

Consequences of drinking from a poisoned well: violence, right-wing populism, and the complexities of worldviews  
Dr. Daniel Jaster, Texas Tech University

#### **War and Society Mini-Conference**

August 17, 2023 (44 participants and attendees)

Sponsor: Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association

Location: Friends Center, the Quaker Hub for Peace and Justice, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 Cherry Street Room

## Schedule

9:00 – 9:30	Coffee and meet-and-greet
9:30 – 11:00	Panel 1: A discussion on <i>Why Humans Fight</i> by Siniša Malešević
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:45	Panel 2: Communication, Radicalization, and Violence
12:45 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	Panel 3: Civilians and Communities in Conflicts
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:45	Roundtables (simultaneous)

## Program Details

9:30 – 11:00

**Panel 1: War & Society-** A discussion on Siniša Malešević’s *Why Humans Fight: The Social Dynamics of Close-Range Violence* (winner of the 2023 PWSC Book Award)

Panelists: Siniša Malešević, Lisa Hajjar, Jeffery Hass, Andrew P. Davis, Anne Kane

11:15 – 12:45

### **Panel 2: Communication, Radicalization, and Violence**

- “Radicalization and Partisanship in Online Conspiracist Spaces: The Case of Qanon on Reddit” *Jeff Patterson*
- “Folklore and the Spread of Racist Violence: Evidence from Kristallnacht” *Elena Amaya*
- “Who Controls the Code Controls the System: Algorithmically Amplified Bullshit, Social Inequality, and the Ubiquitous Surveillance of Everyday Life” *Jessica Dawson*
- “Antisemitic Conspiracy Narratives as Recruitment and Radicalization Pathways” *Meyer Levy (presenter), Dana Weinberg, April Edwards*
- “Imperial Tentacles and the Framing of Tweets: Informal Frame Convergence between NGOs within and Outside Ukraine” *Michael Lengefeld, Julian Torelli*
- “How the Russian Influence Operation on Twitter Weaponized Military Narratives and Profiles” *Dana Weinberg (presenter), Jessica Dawson, April Edwards*

1:30 – 3:00

### **Panel 3: Civilians and Communities in Conflicts**

- “Resilience under Duress: War, Political Authority, and the Blockade of Leningrad” *Jeffrey Hass*
- “Caught in the cross-hairs, not the cross-fire: Civilians in War” *Christopher Ankersen*
- “Surviving a Criminal Insurgency in Mexico: How Communities Participate In, Oppose, and Survive a Multilateral Armed Conflict” *Dolores Trevizo*
- “Uneven Counting: The Legal Economy of Death, Sacrifice and Compassion in Pakistan” *Salman Hussain*

## **3:15 - 4:45 ROUND TABLES**

### **Round Table 1: Civil - Military Relations**

- “Army Spouses, Separations, and War” *Morten G. Ender*
- “Power, Privilege and the Ponytail: How Male Officers Understand New Changes to Army Uniform Standards” *Carrie Carter*
- “Model Marines and ‘Shit-Bag’ Servicemembers: How Prosecutors use Military Discourse in Sexual Assault Cases” *Stephanie Bonnes, Samantha Tosto*



- “Intersectionality in Attitudes toward War and Conflict: An Update” *David E. Rohall, Morten G. Ender, Michael D. Matthews, Karin DeAngelis, Ryan Kelty*
- “Who is a Veteran? Veterans’ Identity among Israel Defense Force” *Itamar Rickover*

**Round Table 2: Law, Policy, and Human Rights**

- “Accounts of State Violence and Culpability: Special Commissions in Greensboro and Philadelphia” *Christian Maddox, David Cunningham*
- “The Guantánamo Phenomenon: Exposing the Fragility of the Rule of Law” *Lisa Hajjar*
- “Mano Dura or Mano Suave? A comparison of how tough-on-crime and social development models impact urban violence in Central America” *Anjuli Fahlberg*
- “Collateral Damage and International Law: A Necropolitics Case of Civilian Death Making during the War on Terror” *Brittney Rose*
- “‘Rape as genocide’ and the international political economy of sexual violence” *Jenny Logan*

**Round Table 3: State Violence, Case Studies**

- “The Organizational Infrastructure of Pro-Government Mobilization: Evidence from Iran 2015-2019” *Saber Khani, Mohammad Ali Kadivar*
- “Conflict, counterterrorism, and state power in Spain” *Laura Fernández de Mosteyrín*
- “Global Counterinsurgency and Institutional Change in Cold War Turkey” *Harun Ercan*

**Round Table 4: Conflict Macro Perspective**

- “Financialization and the End of “Military Keynesianism”: The Transformation of Global Capitalism and the Social Bases of Endless War” *Corey R. Payne*
- “If Not War, Then What?” *Lester R. Kurtz, Benjamin K. Adjei*
- “Role of Social and Political Actors in ending Internal Armed Conflicts” *Mainpal Singh*
- “Past is prologue: Examining the role of colonialism, militarization, and human rights” *Andrew P. Davis*
- “Repression Management in the Twenty-first Century” *Lee A. Smithey, Lester R. Kurtz*
- “Can Mathematical Models Predict Terrorist Acts?” *Trevor Jones and Jack Porter*

**Round Table 5: Conflict, Community, and Identity**

- “War that hasn’t ended yet: understanding violence as an outcome of nation-building project” *Hasan Mahmud*
- “What do the Kurds in Turkey want now? Public and Private Perceptions on Assimilation and Secession” *Aslam Kakar*
- “Motivated to Fight: Examining Foreign Fighters Motivation to Join the Ukrainian Legion” *Ori Swed, Aria Stiefelmaier*
- “Revolution, Imperialism, Geopolitics: Rojava and Precarity of Revolutionary Struggle” *Huseyin Rasit*