

## 2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Sociology of Body & Embodiment

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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.

Sociology of Body and Embodiment Business Meeting  
ASA Annual Meeting 2023  
Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9-9:30am ET  
Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 103A

#### I. Introductions, Thanks to Outgoing Members, Welcome to new Council Members

##### Current Council 2022-2023

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Angela Jones, SUNY-Farmingdale

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Sonny Nordmarken, University of Houston  
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Miranda Waggoner, Rice University

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#### **Student Council Member, Student (1-year term begins in 2023)**

Lacey Bobier, University of Michigan  
Jinsun Yang, University of Oregon

## **II. 2022-2023 Committee Reports (Brief)**

- a) **Summary of Finances + Membership (Piper Sledge)**
- b) **Program Committee (Michelle Smirnova)**
- c) **Nominations (Asia Friedman)**
- d) **Communications Committee (Natalie Ingraham)**
- e) **Membership Committee (Kemi Balogun)**

## **III. Awards**

### **a. Best Publication Award, Article (Miranda Waggoner)**

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**IV. 2023-24 Committee Sign Ups (Michelle Smirnova & Asia Friedman)**

- a. Google Form will be circulated via the listserv for section members to (1) indicate preferences for serving in different capacities, (2) to suggest topics for next year's ASA as well as (3) provide input on other issues (mentorship, social media, rubrics, etc.)

**V. ASA 2024: Intersectional Solidarities: Building Communities of Hope, Justice, and Joy: Montreal, CA August 9-13<sup>th</sup> 2024.** Our section day is Day 4, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2024. As a result, we will have two allotted sessions and have agreed to share one with Collective Behavior and Social Movements as they agreed to cohost one with us this year.

- a. Thematic vs Open Session?

**VI. Installation of new officers – Passing M. Bodiment to Asia Friedman**

**VII. Thanks to those outgoing!**

**VIII. Any other announcements or new business?**

B&E Business meeting minutes

Michelle:

great sessions so far. Stimulating roundtable  
thanks everyone for service. Section is wonderful and supportive in valuing and including people.  
Carrying on institutional knowledge through leadership transitions.  
Welcome incoming council members, chair elect, student council members  
Round of applause

Segue into conversations about awards and communications

Piper:

Brief update. Section is in good financial shape

Michelle:

Lots of great papers and sessions  
Post Dobbs panel with Collective Action  
Krystale Littlejohn new work is incredible

Next year. We get one session, but get an extra for being on the last day. Sharing session with Collective Action and Social Movements. We get to design the session with their input.

After the meeting today, Asia (incoming chair) will send email about joining committees, nominating self or others for committee work. Will also solicit people's rec's for panels.

2 sessions and will ask for opinions on that

Great reception with Sexualities section. Thanks to Moon (sp) for helping to put together a great reception.

Asia (update on nominations)

Will meet with Kate to pass on learning from last year, who we reached out to, responses received. Thanks to the committee. Start early by necessity (October) to nail down slate by November. To get people to agree, need to get in front of other obligations. Trying to help improve diversity, will have a place to submit ideas for nominations committee for people to nominate.

Natalie Ingram

Rotating off communications. Moving back to a listserv. Trying to figure about best way to keep info flowing. Ginger did great job with grad student and council profiles. Big update is ASA connect is going away. Will have a longer conversation later about this and adding other social media.

Kemi Balgoun Membership committee  
212 members, might increase during ASA  
Pass around buttons

Michelle:

Discuss combining membership and mentorship

Awards:

Inaugural year to give awards for both book and publication. Want to recognize amazing scholarship with these awards and not alternate

Miranda Best publication [ask Miranda for text of what she said]

Brief shoutout to committee since this is voluntary service and great work. Delightful committee with a great pool of papers

Start with honorable mention: SL Crawley and Ashley Green

Best article award: Ellis Monk, Michael Esposito, and Hedwig Lee (not in attendance)

Angela: Best Book Award  
Kelly, Kate, Tara Gonzales, Trent {Last name}

Significant number of submissions, work was challenging

2 honorable mentions (both not here)\*\*ask Angela for her text for the awards

Nadia Kim  
stef shuster

winner: Esra Sarioglu

Grad student paper award Jane Pryma (committee member standing in for Andrea Miller)

So many fabulous and brilliant papers to read and evaluate

Honorable mention: Yuchen Yang

Winner: (not present, teaching first class tomorrow) Eldad Levy Guerrero

Michelle:

What are the things we want to advance and cultivate in our section?

Pass M. Bodiment to Asia. Excited to have section under her leadership. Presentation of virtual M Bodiment to Asia

Google forms: offer list of things we would like highlighted in the work, how intersectional is the work, how accessible is the writing, how teachable.

Asia: big google form with a lot of fields, does it make sense to collect from section membership what values we want to center as we develop rubrics for the awards.

Madeleine: what if there's a proposal sent out based on council conversations and then people can comment on what they'd like to see

Michelle: are you suggesting we send out the rubrics we have?

Madeliene, Yes maybe we'd move along quicker

Asia: might work to collect general values and have committees develop rubrics and see how they work

Michelle: survey design, people will choose what's offered but we might want to catch other things

Asia: Intersectionality, centering of b&e both empirical and advancing scholarship. B&E literature is very interdisciplinary, should we have an idea of what a core b&e literature is?

Michelle: if anyone has strong opinions about our social media presence, stay on twitter, try new ones

Asia: done with ASA connect, had been doing biweekly digest, do we want to do something different, go back to digest? Newsletter, individual messages, communications committee will contend with this but there may be another question on the form to get feedback. Other creative ideas that we may not be thinking of because that may be the real best answer.

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#### **Sociology of Body and Embodiment Council Meeting**

ASA Annual Meeting 2023

Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am PT / 11am MT / 12pm CT / 1pm ET

Meeting Link: <https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/99828833967?pwd=RndZOGsrZXB4a2RaQmpLQkNBcTBvdz09>

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**X. 2022-2023 Committee Reports / Points of Discussion**

**f) Summary of Finances + Membership (Piper)**

a. Summary of Finances

- i. We have \$XXX remaining in our account as of July 31, 2023.
- ii. Our total spending is consistent with spending in years past.
- iii. Our end-of-year balance for 2022-2023 should be approximately \$XXX. Our expected 2023-2024 expenditures are \$XXX.

b. Summary of Membership:

- i. Presently: 212.
- ii. One year ago at this time: 216.
- iii. Two years ago at this time: 233.

**g) Program Committee (Michelle)**

a. Summary Info:

- i. Despite having only one allotted session because our #s fell below 300, we have one free standing session and one with Collective Behavior and Social Movements on post-Roe as they agreed to cohost one with us this year in exchange for cohosting with them next year.
- ii. **Educating, Disciplining, and/or Empowering Bodies**  
Sun, August 20, 2:00 to 3:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia  
Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 5
- iii. **Post Roe: Learning from the past, living in the present and planning for the future**  
Sun, August 20, 8:00 to 9:30am, Marriott Philadelphia  
Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 8
- iii. **Body & Embodiment Roundtables**  
Sun, August 20, 8:00 to 9:00am, Pennsylvania Convention  
Center, Floor: 100 Level, 103A
- iv. **Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Sexualities, Section on Body and Embodiment**  
(Sponsored by Spelman College Institute of Gender and Sexualities Studies)  
Sat, August 19, 7:00 to 10:00pm, Offsite, City Winery  
Philadelphia (907-937A Market Street)
- v. Next year's ASA: Montreal, CA August 9-13<sup>th</sup> 2024. Our section day should be on day 4, August 13<sup>th</sup>. As a result, we will have two allotted sessions and have agreed to share one with Collective

Behavior and Social Movements as they agreed to cohost one with us this year.

- b. Updates / For Discussion:
  - i. Plaques for all from here on out. Cost ~\$250 for 9 plaques
  - ii. We will need a local arrangements committee in Montreal to locate 2024 ASA Reception venue

**h) Nominations (Asia)**

- a. Summary Info:
  - i. Nominations committee successfully filled the ballot, despite challenges. Suggestions for future focus on how to pass along institutional knowledge and gain commitments from people to run in a few years out.
- b. Updates / For Discussion
  - i. Next year we will need to elect 2 grad reps, 3 council members, and 1 Chair-Elect

**i) Best Publication Award, Article (Michelle if Miranda not present)**

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- b. Updates / For Discussion: NONE

**j) Best Publication Award, Book (Michelle if Angela not present)**

- a. Summary Info: The Distinguished Book Award committee received ten books We used the ranking system in the appendix to guide the discussion in our first meeting. The committee used an adapted rubric from the section on sexualities.
  - i. Winner:

The Body Unburdened: Violence, Emotions, and the New Woman in Turkey by Esra Sarioglu
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- b. Updates / For Discussion:
  - i. Does the body and embodiment section want to create standardized rubrics and guidelines used across its award committees? Second, even if the section does not wish to use a rubric, it would be very helpful to have language and guidance about what the section believes it means to advance scholarship on embodiment. What are the sections' values? What do they prioritize? As a final example, how intersectional should work be?

**k) Grad Student Paper Award Committee (Andrea)**

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  - ii. Honorable Mention: Yuchen Yang's "The Artworlds of Gender Performance: Cosplay, Embodiment, and the Collective Accomplishment of Gender."
- b. Updates / For Discussion: NONE

**l) Communications Committee (Natalie)**

- a. Summary info:
  - i. *Website*: Torisha kept the website updated throughout the year.
  - ii. *Blog*: We sunsetted the blog in 2022 in favor of working on increasing social media presence.
  - iii. *Bi-weekly digest/ASA Connect*: We transitioned from a bi-weekly digest using our own email submissions to the use of ASA Connect, as ASA no longer supported listserv management. ASA Connect had its own management team, so it was mostly self-managing in terms of posting for job ads, RFPs, and other posts by members. It was decently active during job season, but did not have very consistent conversations.
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- b. Updates / Discussion
  - i. RIP ASA Connect → Transitioning back to biweekly digest Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Rayanne has graciously agreed to field the emails and post jobs, RFPs, grad student profiles, conference updates. Ginger has also offered to serve on the committee to help with social media.

- ii. Web site: The website has its usual updates each year for new council members, but possibly has potential for more content, if that is a direction we want to pursue. We would likely need a team of volunteers so that Torisha is not doing it alone if we wanted to add more routine, new content.
- iii. We used social media for grad student profiles this year rather than the bi-weekly digest/ASA Connect. It might be a good idea to poll the students' profiled to see what they thought of the reach of these?
- iv. We may want to consider adding another social media site in lieu of Twitter, given its issues. Is there another site that the majority of members are also using e.g. Bluesky? Threads?

**m) Membership Committee (Kemi)**

- a. Summary Info: The section includes 212 members (10 low-income, 66 students, 136 regular). This is a lower membership count than in previous years, with an all-time high of 321 in 2015, though membership numbers are down across many ASA Sections. We will have pins to distribute during the ASA Business Meetings to encourage community building and help publicize the section.
- b. Updates / For Discussion: The committee recommends continuing to focus on programming that will appeal across the section membership. Suggestions include a works in progress virtual meeting and publications workshop hosted by a senior scholar. We suggest that given the historically high numbers of grad students in the section, we invite one or two graduate students to be on the membership committee to encourage the participation of new and emerging scholars.

**n) Mentorship Committee (Dana)**

- a. Summary Info: TBD
- b. Updates / For Discussion: Should we combine mentorship & membership?

**XI. 2022-23 Committee Sign Ups (Michelle and Asia)**

- a. Council members assignments be finalized via email.
- b. Non-council committee membership to be recruited at 2023 Business Meeting and through an emailed poll.

**Section Committees**

- Chair of Program Committee: Asia (2023-2024 Chair)
- Roundtable Organization: (TBD Grad Student Rep)
- Chair of Nominations Committee: Kate (2023-24 Incoming Chair)
- Chair of Awards Committee: Michelle (2023-24 outgoing chair)
- Chair of Membership/Mentorship Committee:
  - Grad Student Mentorship Committee Member: (TBD Grad Student Rep)
- Chair of Communications Committee: Rayanne Streeter

- Will need to run listserv
- Virginia Berndt

#### Award Committees

- Chair of Best Article Award Committee:
- Committee Members (?):
  - Ellis Monk
  - Michael H. Esposito
  - Hedwig Lee
  - S.L. Crawley
  - Ashley Green
- Chair of Best Book Award Committee:
- Committee Members (?):
  - Esra Sarioglu (Award winner)
  - Nadia Kim (former honorable mention)
  - stef shuster (former honorable mention)
- Chair of Best Graduate Student Paper Award: Miranda Waggoner
- Committee Members:
  - Eldad J. Levy Guerrero's (former winner)
  - Yuchen Yang (former honorable mention)

#### V. Any other announcements or new business?

##### Minutes

Miranda: following Angela's advice, create some institutional memory

##### Membership and money:

- Awards key to recognize work
- Reception also important, consider having another joint reception for money
- Membership down but this is happening across ASA
- ASA connect has made stipends for comm and media moot. If stipend awarded, should go to Ginger for social media. (this might change with shift back to listserv)

##### Publication awards:

- Kate- key question is this best book or is this best book about the body? How to divvy labor
  - this year everyone read intro and conclusion and made a short list that everyone read in full
- published v unpublished
- rubric (andrea has one, angela)
- madeline: reco's about dividing labor? Is this typical for the session? How many times should each submission be read?

##### Convo about awards rubric

- Michelle: standard rubric/ policies for how we approach awards
  - Intersectionality and embodiment, etc
  - What is important to the section

- Guidance for when everyone reads and when it's divided
- In chat: how rooted in body and embodiment literature? Theorizing the body from other literature
- Danya- entry point may come from outside the B&E literature. If outside field but rooted in literature, would want to read that too.
- Andrea: consider some queer theory as art of B&E
- Madeline chat: making an original contributions to body and embodiment. May not be rooted in b&e but brings in new concepts and expands the field
  - "I think it's about making original contributions to body & embodiment, which may not mean that the literature review is rooted in b&e... it may be that the author is bringing new concepts/theories from outside of b&e and showing how it can expand our field" much agreement to this point
- Andrea: language matters and can signal that it's not grounded in B&E lit (examples include "obesity" "BMI")

#### Comm Committee (Natalie)

- ASA connect out. How do we want to keep up with communication with membership?
  - Biweekly digest, newsletter, both?
  - Rayanne , Ginger stays on
  - Check in with grad students who were profiled? Did this help build connections/networks?
  - Do we want to consider other social media sites (Twitter in decline?) Academics seem to be staying on
  - Feelings about other social media?
  - Website hard to handle
- Ginger:
  - Facebook posts from 2022 not 2021
  - Shout out to everyone who participated in meet your council. Will keep this up this year. Questions will be shorter and more manageable. Name, pronouns, headshot, what you're excited about serving, publications(?)
  - Engaging on social media keeps section relevant and meaningful to wider audience
  - Open to suggestions about app formerly known as Twitter. Could cross post with new social media platforms
- Miranda: email comm committee with suggestions
- Asia: website hard to handle, felt like we should do less or do more with website. Some content old and stagnant. Is there stuff we should remove or should the comm committee be tasked with engaging with website and updating?
- Andrea (chat): Is ASA website standardized
  - Asia- ASA is standardized but we also have a weebly site
- Miranda: related to stipend, if we want to update, then we should use some funds to support that
- Torisha: we used to have an ask a mentor sections. Are we still doing those? We've mentioned the blog, but I haven't seen it. Has it been retired.
  - Had a \$200 stipend to keep this up

- Get emails and update when I'm told to.
- Willing to do more, especially since there's a stipend involved (Asia says don't feel bad. Only meant to focus on the web presence and where we might want to go)
- Madeline: Ask a mentor was part of mentoring committee
- Madeline (chat) we need to identify role of website, who we want it to serve, and how. Different audience in social media.
- Ginger (chat): Jinsun volunteered, need to follow up
- Andrea: tweet weebly cite, how many views has it had?
- Torisha (chat) s the website helpful as a archive for people to link to on their own websites/social media?
- maybe add member publications to the front page? or explicit contact information for various folks?

#### Membership Kemi

- Latest report 212
- 10 low income, 66 grad students
- Historically have had higher percentage of grad students (30%) in past around 50%
- In past have done membership drive to get to 300 threshold. Benefits include extra session and financial support from ASA
- Previous meetings, talked about not focusing on membership drive. Should this fold in with mentorship committee?
- Buttons to distribute at ASA meeting and at the B&E panel for panelists and those that attend. Increase visibility for the section
- Ideas for future: workshop on publications, works in progress, do we fold this in with mentorship

#### Michelle:

- Use google form not just for committee volunteers but also to ask some of these questions to get input
- Grad reps: one serves as part of program committee one on mentorship committee. Michelle will reach out directly.
- Saved chat

#### Awards

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#### 2023 Finances

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The section is in good financial shape. Our membership was 222 as of September 1, 2023. This count is an increase of 2 members since 2022. Section spending increased slightly over budget projections due to a greater number of awards being dispersed. The increase in the number of

awards included providing plaques to at least one honorable mention publication in each category and to some publications having multiple authors. 11 award plaques were ordered (this includes an extra plaque that was replaced due to a misspelling).

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### **Committee membership:**

Rayanne Streeter (Co-chair)  
Natalie Ingraham (Co-chair)  
Virginia Berndt (social media)  
Torisha Stone (webmaster)

### **Overview of Committee Activities:**

#### *Website*

Torisha kept the website ( <http://sectionbodyembodiment.weebly.com/> ) updated throughout the year.

#### *Bi-weekly digest/ASA Connect*

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

Our sections seeks to maintain a diverse membership and highlight research that emphasizes diverse bodies and embodiments. We have a relatively robust diversity of membership. We have higher rates of Black members than ASA overall (9.5% of our members are Black as compared to 6.7% of overall ASA membership) and multiple (5.5% vs 5%), but we have a lower proportion of Asian (7.7 vs 10.7%), Hispanic/Latinx members (3.2% vs. 5.6%) and Native American (0.8% vs 0.0%). These offer some areas for growth in the section. We may invest in more programming specifically focused transnational bodies and the impact of bodies across borders as this may broaden the appeal of our section to Hispanic/Latinx and Asian members, and engage in more discussion of indigenous bodies and embodiments. We have higher rates of women (61% vs 44%) and non-binary (4.1% vs 1.3%) members. We attribute this diversity to the focus of our research areas, which focus specifically upon social, political, and economic structures that shape bodies and their associated treatment in an unequal society. The focus of our section’s research upon diversity of bodies and embodiments is one of the reasons we believe we attract a relatively diverse membership and we hope that expanding our mentorship efforts we will work to further those goals. We are aiming to restart our mentorship program in 2024, which will also hopefully attract and retain first-generation members and other members from underrepresented 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).

At the 2023 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, our section engaged in the following programming:

**Sociology of the Body: Bodily Capital and Aesthetic Epistemologies**

Sat, August 19, 2:00 to 3:30pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 109B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 min)

Session Organizer & Presider: Oluwakemi M. Balogun

Putting on Baby Weight the "Right" Way: Bodily Capital, Beauty, and Pregnancy as a Bourdieusian Field-  
David J. Hutson, Pennsylvania State University-Abington

Sex testing is a national shame!: Localization of international sex testing in South Korean women's  
soccer - Jinsun Yang, University of Oregon

"Too Good to be Black:" Texturism and Colorism in the Affective Lives of Black Women-  
Angelica Loblack, University of Maryland; Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman, University of South Florida

We Eat What We Are: A Case for Fad Diets as Epistemological Archives- Jaclyn Carroll, Boston College

**Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Sexualities, Section on Body and Embodiment** (Sponsored by  
Spelman College Institute of Gender and Sexualities Studies)

**Sat, August 19, 7:00 to 10:00pm, Offsite, City Winery Philadelphia (907-937A Market Street)**

**Body & Embodiment Roundtables**

**Sun, August 20, 8:00 to 9:00am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 103A**

**Body & Embodiment Business Meeting**

**Sun, August 20, 9:00 to 9:30am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 103A**

**Educating, Disciplining, and/or Empowering Bodies**

Sun, August 20, 2:00 to 3:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 5

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 min)

Session Organizer & Presider : Maxine Leeds Craig, University of California Davis

Discomforting Surplus: Gender, Sexualization, and Omissions in Ethnographic Fieldwork - Phung N Su,  
University of California, San Diego; Phi Hong Su, Williams College

Skilled Vision in Body Pedagogics – Kelly Underman, Drexel University

Stripping the Senses: Examining Black Women's Experiences within Gentrification – Endia Louise Hayes,  
Rutgers University; Ashley Hollingshead, Rutgers University

**Post Roe: Learning from the past, living in the present and planning for the future**

Sun, August 20, 8:00-9:30am, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 5

Session Submission Type: Invited Session (90 minute)

Session Organizer & Presider: Jo Reger, Oakland University

Panelists:

Krystale E. Littlejohn, University of Oregon;  
Nik M. Lampe, University of South Florida;  
Suzanne Staggenborg, University of Pittsburgh;  
Deana Rohlinger, Florida State University

The programming enumerated above met the goal of the section in terms of highlighting the relevance of this scholarship to contemporary events, such as the recent Supreme Court Dobb's decision, as well as the ways that embodiment is both a research subject and reflexive praxis. Each of these papers centered intersectionality and standpoint theory, which helps group the work of our section in diverse bodies and embodiments. The roundtables offer a place for members to share developing ideas and connect over shared research. We are hopeful to restart our mentoring program in the following year to assist in those efforts as well. Finally, our reception was held in conjunction with the sexualities section in an open-air accessible space that fostered both the exchange of ideas as well as conviviality and joy, which are central in maintaining strong relationships and support between our members.

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.

Given our small size, we do not offer extensive programming outside of the annual meeting. However, we do have robust social media presence and discussion which serve to highlight the important work of our section members and connect the members in important dialogue.