

## **2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Sociology of Development**

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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**

Since the section communicated with its members regularly through the year and considering that the business meeting lasted 30-40 minutes to updated members about the section finances and membership levels, announced award winners, and introduced newly elected officials. The newly elected Chair also laid out her vision and some of the key activities and initiatives she planned during her tenure. Members were encouraged to recruit new members and the advantages of growing the section were discussed.

### **Council Meeting**

In 2022-2023 the Sociology of Development Section Council held regular Zoom meetings, on Fridays every 4-6 weeks during the semester. Usually, the quorum for taking decisions was reached. The meetings always began by approving the minutes from the previous meeting. This was followed by a report from the treasurer/secretary and updates from the section Chair. Then, discussion of specific issues such as the program for the annual meeting, the recruitment of new members, or the section awards took place. The section governance structure was decentralized and council members had an opportunity to share ideas and bring issues of concern.

### **Awards**

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Samuel Cohn, Texas A&M

#### **Samuel Cohn Distinguished Service Award**

Alaka Basu, Cornell University

### **Sociology of Development's Book Award**

Rina Agarwala, Johns Hopkins University, *The Migration-Development Regime: How Class Shapes Indian Emigration*. Oxford University Press, 2022.

#### **Honorable Mentions**

Jordanna Matlon, American University, *A Man among Other Men: The Crisis of Black Masculinity in Racial Capitalism*. Cornell University Press, 2022.

Akshay Mangla, University of Oxford, *Making Bureaucracy Work: Norms, Education, and Public Service Delivery in Rural India*. Cambridge University Press, 2022.

### **Sociology of Development's Faculty Article Award**

Bradlow, Benjamin H., Princeton University, "Embeddedness and Cohesion: Regimes of Urban Public Goods Distribution." *Theory and Society*, Vol. 51(1): 117–144. 2022.

#### **Honorable Mention**

Parreñas, Rhacel S., University of Southern California, "Discipline and Empower: The State Governance of Migrant Domestic Workers." *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 86(6): 1043–1065. 2021.

### **Sociology of Development's Graduate Student Paper Award**

#### **Co-Winners**

Skye Niles, University of Colorado Boulder, "Colorblind Racism and Market-Based Development."

Sophia Boutilier, Stony Brook University, "'What do you mean by that?': Meanings of Solidarity for Canadian International Development Workers."

### **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 2023 the Sociology of Development section received all its revenues from the ASA.

During the reporting year, our expenses (\$1239) are expected to be significantly lower than our income (\$1770). We spent \$124 on website maintenance, and \$422 on award plaques, which was more or less expected and budgeted for. The main reason for our relatively low expenses in 2023 is that Council decided to try out a different model for facilitating informal interaction among members. Rather than co-hosting a section reception, we invited members to join for coffee and cookies (\$693) during and after the Sociology of Development roundtables and the section's business meeting at the ASA meetings in Philadelphia.

Accordingly, we expect our net assets to increase by \$531, and the net assets ending balance to be \$4211 by December 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.

One of the section’s main communication channels were the monthly announcements. Written by section chair Enrique S. Pumar, these announcements provide section members with an update on section news during the previous month, including election results, section awards, new officers, and activities of the different Sociology of Development subsections. The monthly announcements also serve to communicate upcoming section activities, like the webinar, call for contributions to Sectors, our newsletter, but also other events and issues of potential interest, for example new job openings, recent publications by members, calls for papers, etc. A copy of a sample monthly announcement is attached in the appendix.

Sectors, the section’s newsletter is another major mode of communication. It appears about twice a year and includes less time-sensitive information on relevant events, but also symposia on topical issues, notes from field, and new publications by members in a bundled form.

The Sociology of Development section also maintains a website that is curated and regularly updated by our webmaster. Section members also makes active use of the recently introduced ASA Connect tool, mostly to inform about issues and/or events of interest to others or to inquire about teaching-related matters (e.g., textbooks or syllabi on a particular theme), and less so as a medium of debate.

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

Our section by-laws codify our intension to support DEIA activities in our field. Since our field is international and is supported by academics from abroad, we feel that our section is more diverse than most. In addition, we make a point to recruit a very diverse group of section leaders and volunteers. The section also actively engages with graduate students. For instance, one of our newsletter editors was a Chinese national and the other from Pakistan. Our student representative, and web master, is Indonesian. The newly elected student representative in the council is from Korea. Women are also well represented in our Council and the incoming chair and chair-elect are both women.

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).

### **Section Program. Sunday, August 20, 2023**

8:00-9:30 am	Development Perspectives from the Global South. Pennsylvania Convention Center Room 104-A
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10:00-11:00 am	Sociology of Development Roundtables and Mentoring Meeting. Pennsylvania Convention Center Room 103-B Roundtables: Gender and Development Economics, Technology and Development Covid, Health and Development Development, Employment, and Labor Comparing Rural and Urban Development Development Issues Past and Present
11:00-11:30	Business Meeting and Refreshments. Pennsylvania Convention Center Room 103-B
2:00-3:30 pm	Environment and Development. Pennsylvania Convention Center Room 104-A
4:00-5:30 pm	New Frontiers in Sociology of Development. Pennsylvania Convention Center Room 104-A

In addition to our regular sessions, roundtables, and business meeting, the section organized its annual mentoring session at the annual meeting. This year, Karin Johnson, our mentoring program organizer, reported that we have 18 members enrolled; 7 mentors and 11 mentees.

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.

In October 2022, our Council voted to run our development conference bi-annually to allow time to select an appropriate university partner and to accommodate the impact of strained university finances after the pandemic. In the off year, we decided to run quarterly webinars to sustain the intellectual vibrancy of the section.

In 2022-2023, the section organized one webinar in the Fall of 2022 about feminism and democracy organized by Dr. Devparna Roy, a second one in March which featured Dr. Emily Springer discussion about consulting careers opportunities, and a book presentation and discussion by Dr. Andrew Schrank on June 2023. All meetings were virtual and well attended.

Appendix. Monthly announcement sample

# Sociology of Development Section

## July 2023 Announcements

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### Mentoring Registration Extended

Our section is now accepting applications for **mentors and mentees through July 25<sup>th</sup>**. Click [here](#) and fill out your information. Karin Johnson (US Census Bureau at Texas A&M University), Mentorship Coordinator, will pair graduate students and junior faculty with a scholar more advanced in their careers. Pairs will be matched based on their desired areas of mentorship, then by substantive research interests. Mentorships groups will consist of at least one mentor and one or more mentees. You will be notified of your pairing by July 29<sup>th</sup>. Paired mentors and mentees will personally schedule to meet by video call, in-person at the ASA annual meeting, or via whatever means preferred. **Questions? Email Karin Johnson** at [karin.johnson@census.gov](mailto:karin.johnson@census.gov)

The first mentoring meeting will be held on Sunday, August 20, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center Room 103-B.

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### Annual Meeting Information

#### Registration for the Annual Meeting

If you are an Annual Meeting participant, you are required to register. The deadline to register at the early bird rate is **July 14, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Eastern**. Visit [Registration](#) for details.

#### Hotel Reservation Deadline Is July 27

Staying “in the block” is convenient and helps you stay connected with the informal activities and networking opportunities that occur at the hotels during the convention. Book your room at any of the meeting hotels, online from the central [reservation website](#). Find the full list of ASA block hotels and additional travel resources on the [Hotels and Travel](#) page. The deadline to make a reservation at the group rate is **July 27, 2023**.

The ASA room block is being managed by our partner Connections Housing. Contact them directly at (404) 282-0412 or [email](#) with any questions or for assistance making a reservation.

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## ASA News

### ASA Invites Editor Applications for Six Journals

Applications are invited for the next editors of [Contemporary Sociology](#), [Social Psychology Quarterly](#), [Sociological Methodology](#), [Sociology of Education](#), [Socius](#), and [Teaching Sociology](#). The new editors will officially begin their terms on January 1, 2025, but the editorial transition of workflow will likely start during summer 2024. The editorial terms are for a minimum of three years (until December 31, 2027), with possible reappointment of up to two additional years.

Journal editors have an opportunity to shape the intellectual landscape in meaningful ways and to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge. ASA encourages you to consider serving in this role.

To learn more about each editorship and the application process, please visit the “Be An Editor” page [here](#). Applications are due December 1, 2023.

### **Reminder: Social Media Announcements for Annual Meeting Sessions**

If you are planning on publicizing Annual Meeting sessions on social media, please do not share locations of sessions in your posts to ensure the safety and security of all attendees. Registered attendees will easily be able to identify the location in the online program. Please feel free to share other information online and get your colleagues excited about your session.

### **Reminder: Transition from ASA Connect Back to Listservs in August**

In 2022, we introduced ASA Connect as a collaborative communication tool in response to a recommendation of the ASA Task Force on Membership to find ways for more ASA members to connect with each other. We recently conducted a review to evaluate whether this tool is serving its intended purposes. Based on usage data, Section leader feedback, and the results of a member survey, we will return to a standard listserv platform and discontinue ASA Connect in August 2023.

We recognize that some members have embraced ASA Connect, and we assure you and others that we will continue to seek ways to facilitate engagement among sociologists throughout the year. More detailed information about the transition will be circulated closer to August. In the meantime, members are encouraged to download documents from ASA Connect libraries before the transition as they will no longer be available once listservs are implemented.

### **Gift Memberships: Deadline Is July 31**

You can gift an ASA membership to students, or a Section membership to existing ASA members of any membership type. The deadline is July 31. However, the sooner you give a gift membership, the sooner the recipient can begin to enjoy the benefits of membership and learn more about the Section. Detailed explanations regarding how to purchase gift memberships, the deadline, and Section counts can be found below.

Sections may not use their operating budgets to fund gift memberships. However, if a Section receives an unrestricted gift from a member or another source, those funds may be used in support of gift memberships.

**Purchase a gift ASA membership for students.** Once you have accessed the member portal, click “Purchase a gift membership for a student” under **Contribute/Give**. Search for the student by name. You can also create a new contact record if you can’t find the student in the database.

Your gift will be redeemable by the recipient for an ASA student membership. The recipient will receive an email with the gift credit immediately after your purchase. Recipients will need to complete a membership form through the ASA member portal in order to redeem their gift membership. Gift memberships are not refundable. Gift memberships are not tax deductible.

The deadline to gift ASA membership to students is July 31.

**Purchase a gift Section membership.** Once you have accessed the member portal, click “Purchase a gift section membership” under **Contribute/Give**. Select the Section and search for your recipient by first and last name.

Section membership requires a current ASA membership. Only ASA members who do not already have a membership in that Section are eligible to receive the gift. Immediately after you make your payment, the recipient will receive an email that includes your name along with the

notification of the Section gift. Recipients do not need to take any action to redeem gift Section membership. Gifts are not tax deductible.

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**We look forward to seeing you at the ASA Annual Meeting August 17-21 in Philadelphia. Thank you for your support and for the many contributions to our section.**