

## **2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for [Sociology of Law Section]**

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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**

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### **Soc of Law Section Business Meeting Aug. 18, 2023**

**Sida (Welcome and Thanks):** Overview of agenda: we'll discuss what we did, discuss finances, and then the award ceremony, and then pass the torch.

Welcome newly elected section council members, Monica Bell (chair elect) and Ronit Dinovitzer (secretary treasurer). Thanks to current Secretary-Treasurer, Ashley Rubin, rotating off. Welcome four new council members, Tony Cheng, Stefan Vogler, Brittany Friedman, and Faith Deckard. Thanks to Asad Asad, Swetha Ballakrishnen, Emily Taylor Poppe, and Demar Lewis, rotating off.

Not a big agenda from past year because spent most of my time on ASA connect, which is now coming to an end.

Brief example: monthly updates have to be posted twice because if only post as an announcement, it doesn't go out. And then they told me six months later about a special setting to email everyone directly.

Reminder to get anything you want to save from ASA Connect now because it's going away.

Thanks to Ashley Rubin who chaired communications committee (with Katie Durant and Vasundhara Kaul) and ran survey and everyone who responded, a quarter of our membership responded. We sent the results to the ASA office, and hopefully that contributed to getting rid of it.

Program committee, chaired by Ron Levi, did a fabulous job with the roundtables. We had more roundtables this year! Thanks to program committee, including Jaime Morse and Kyla Bourne.

Thanks to the nominations committee chaired by Asad Asad, along with Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Matthew Clair, and Jose Atilas.

Mentoring committee did a great job; last year it fell apart but this year they organized both one-on-one mentoring meetings, but also a virtual zoom session on Navigating the Job Market last week, which was well attended—and had one zoom bomber. Really helpful zoom panel with four panelists sharing their perspectives across different departments. Thank you Emily Taylor Poppe (Chair), Robert Werth, Simone Zhang, Heba Alex

Also thanks to all the award committee members (will thank by name during the award ceremony).

**Ashley (Budget Report):**

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While we've adjusted the budget in good ways, we might want to try more fundraising efforts or, next year, do a joint reception to save money. Membership drives are also really important because most of our income is based on membership.

I discussed with Ron and Sida so we have a new shoestring budget that will let us (hopefully) break even next year. This year, we have spent less on the section council budget, we're looking into co-sponsoring a reception if that will save money (and be more fun!), and will make other small cuts.

Over the last three years, our dues income and section budget allocation have jumped around---sometimes dues income is up while section budget allocation is down, and sometimes it's the other way around. But if we add them together, we're slowly bringing in less income, measured at this point in time each year.

Based on the August membership roster, our membership is the same as it was this year as last year (420). Last year's count was lower than the previous year (471), but ahead of where we were in 2020---399. So that's one bit of good news.

Questions? [No questions from the audience.]

### **Sida (Awards):**

Undergraduate student paper award in the Sociology of Law (Chaired by Michael, not here, so presented by Sida Liu).

#### **[Graduate Student Paper Award**

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*Gabriela Kirk (Syracuse University). "Imagining Supervised Penal Subjects: Conceptualizations of Who Should be on Electronic Monitoring."*

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*Catherine Sirois (Stanford University). "Contested by the State: Institutional Offloading in the Case of Crossover Youth."*

*Award committee members: Theresa Rocha Beardall (Chair), Daanika Gordon, and Kasey Henricks]*

**Theresa Beardall on graduate student paper award:** Thanks committee. Had 22 papers, which is a lot; encourage people to submit! [Description of Gabriella's paper.] It was a tight race. Honorable mention to Catherine Sirois. [Description of Catherine's paper.]

#### **[Distinguished Article Award**

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**Sida presents distinguished article awards:** Poulami apologizes for not being here and thanks members. Great articles and wish could give more awards. [Description of winning and honorable mention papers.]

#### **[Distinguished Book Award**

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*Ke Li. 2022. Marriage Unbound: State Law, Power, and Inequality in Contemporary China. Stanford University Press.*

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*Lynne Haney. 2022. Prisons of Debt: The Afterlives of Incarcerated Fathers. University of California Press.*

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**Stefan Vogler on book award:** Great year for soc of law books. Thanks to committee members.  
[Description of winning and honorable mention books.]

**Sida:** Congratulations to all winners.

Two reminders: Memorial session for Laurie Edelman at 5:45. She was a founding member of the section. Then our reception at 7p.

Welcome Ron, who will say a few words about next year.

**Ron (Intro):** Thank you to everyone for being here.

Next year is a reset year—questions of budget to reception, collaborations to have with other section, communications (ASA connect is dead; this is good, but it also means we need to rethink our own communications).

If we think about a section like this, we need to have members and keep their numbers high, but we also need ideas—send me ideas.

Aiming to have one or two events that are online, in addition to the mentoring event. We want to keeping people engaged and keep it low-cost.

We can also bring people in internationally.

We probably won't bring in new members at the high end, especially if ASA is struggling. So bring in members but also talk with colleagues in other sections that are doing related work, such as Human Rights, CLD, Immigration,... and we'll see that they have interests that map on to ours as well, so we can think of it as a place where people who are interested can come.

We need to give a good account of who we are and what we do—nothing divides a department more than that, but it's a good idea. So as we build out the communications team, we can think about articulating some prose that says what we do, which might help people notice us.

One note about Laurie and Howie Becker who just passed away. One built a career in California and one in Illinois, one at organizations and one to bring people to get together to get things done, these are things that sections can do well. So think about ways organizationally we can be a place for people to come together, that's a healthy section and the numbers will come with that.

Thanks!

**Sida (Adjourn):** That's it! Thanks!

## **Council Meeting**

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### **Soc of Law Section Council Meeting Aug. 18, 2023**

#### **Present:**

Sida Liu, Ashley Rubin, Ron Levi, Faith Deckard, Monica Bell, Asad Asad, Theresa Beardall, Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Matt Clair, Liz Gorman, Demar Lewis

#### **Sida (Welcome and Thanks):**

Welcome everyone, especially new section council members, and thanks to those rotating off.

Special welcome to incoming officers and Council members: Ron Levi, Chair; Monica Bell, Chair-Elect; (Ronit Dinovitzer), Secretary-Treasurer; new Council members Tony Cheng, (Brittany Friedman, Stefan Vogler), Faith Deckard (grad student rep)

Thanks to those who will be rotating off the Council: Asad Asad, Swethaa Ballakrishnen, (Emily Taylor Poppe), Demar Lewis (grad student rep)

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We will vote on the budget after the meeting when we have finalized numbers before the annual report.

**Sida:** Elaborated on the budget report---thinking of doing joint reception with CLD

**Ron:** Historically we did that, but then there was resistance especially because size differences. But 36% of our members and theirs are overlapping. Some bigger sections get used to having nice receptions. We should aim for joining with a section we have high overlap with and historically worked with.

**Sida:** Ron put together a great program for today. Also, we have a special memorial session for Laurie Edelman.

### **[Committee Reports]**

**Nominations committee report work from Asad** (Nominating committee - Asad Asad, Matthew Clair, Swethaa Ballakrishnen): Great support team. A lot of people who said yes the first time. A lot of overlap. Very nice, easy to wrangle committee.

**Sida and Liz:** Whoever receives the most votes chairs the nominating committee; is this an ASA rule; no, unique to our section.

**Communications and publications committee report from Ashley:** ASA Connect dominated our work. We did a survey and people viscerally hated it; we sent that to ASA with limited response, and then ASA dropped it eventually.

**Sida:** Every time I posted something, it would go on the website, but not to the email.

**Ashley:** If we keep on social media, which social network(s)? Keep twitter?

**Asad:** Ride the wave (and figure it out later)

**Demar:** Alternatives aren't good enough yet, don't put enough work into it yet. Generational differences

**Sida:** Keep it, but how much time and energy?

**Multiple:** Not much

**Liz:** Don't keep twitter. Associated with right wing.

**Sida:** Moving target, we'll see.

**Demar:** Once a month.

**Liz:** Linked in. [Echoed by several]

**Other committee reports by Sida:** Mentorship committee was chaired by Emily who couldn't make it. Did a fabulous job. Did a really nice zoom session.

**Sweatha:** It was memorable. One zoom bomb.

**Sida:** Otherwise well attended

**Sweatha:** Lot of people also followed up later.

**Award committees updates by Sida:** Theresa chaired the grad student paper prize committee. How many papers this year?

**Theresa:** 22 papers.

**Sida:** Stefan Vogler chaired book award committee and is flying in. Article award. Both article and book awards always get lots of submissions. Poulami Roychowdhury chaired the article award committee but couldn't be here. I'll present, but she wrote out a great paragraph for each. Undergrad paper committee was chaired by Michael Sierra-Arevalo. Demar also on there. How many papers, 2?

**Demar:** Only two, also pretty big differences. Last year we encouraged people to submit. Some submitted a thesis and some submitted a paper for a class, so it was easy to make the decision, but we should really encourage people moving forward, keep it on their radars.

**Monica:** If we get rid of it, how much money do we say.

**Sida:** No cash money award, just travel costs (\$100) if they come. Not really a money thing. Just kind of awkward. We have a winner and honorable mention.

**Matt:** The deadline was pretty early right?

**Demar:** No, it was late.

**Sida:** We moved it to May.

**Matt:** On the quarter system, it's really early.

**Demar:** It's really quick, so that would work to move it back.

**Matt:** June 25<sup>th</sup> would work.

**Demar:** We should send out reminders specific to that, make an intentional push.

**Monica:** Do all sections have this [UG paper prize]?

**Multiple:** No

**Liz:** We might be the only one

**Sida:** Last year discussed getting rid of it, but some folks feel very strongly, have been nominating their student for years. But up to Ron and Monica next year.

**Remarks from the Incoming Chair, Ron:** Plans for next year are like the plans for this year. You only have one year to implement plans. Some of it is budgetary, so things like coordinating with another section and doing a joint reception is high on my list. Other one is the fallout from ASA Connect, and we'll need to think through what to do going forward, coms needs to think through. Membership: 400 number matters. Always wonder why CLD has more members than we do. That can't just be covered by the criminologists, but if it is, why don't we have more overlap with other sections. One thing to think about is a joint session with another section. But as ASA membership comes down, should we find new ASA members or other existing members.

**Asad:** Migration section is sponsored by the journal, great turn out, a lot working on similar areas.

**Ron:** I'll circulate the overlap chart and then we can think about where to go. Last thing is it's called the ASA but it's actually really international and that might be a great place to get other non-US folks as potential section members. Maybe panels?

**Liz:** I thought they see it as the North American Association?

**Ron:** Canadians are stratified on this, there are some that see US market as colleagues and same hierarchies publish in same journals, etc., but then there is a fervent counter to that that which is all about Canadian stuff. So big split, maps on to hierarchy pretty clearly. But no one sees it as the North American Sociological Association.

**Faith:** I had self-selected out because I didn't know what it was. Maybe need to get out and say this is what we do. We have a CLD focus at UT. I see now that it [soc of law] offers lots of things. But we need to make clear what does it bring and what does it mean, why do I need an addition to CLD?

**Ron:** That's really good. We presume we know what it is because we're in it.

**Sida:** Structural problem, in recent years we see a lot of law and society programs together with criminology, so a lot of grad students will have trouble seeing them as two separate fields.

**Swethaa:** We're also missing law profs with PhDs, big research budgets that can afford to come to the conference. ASA is getting more expensive. Law profs are a target audience we could get to. They don't come to ASA, don't think of it as their home.

**Ron:** Business school in Toronto is similar.



**Matt:** I see soc of law and LSA over ASA. [Couldn't hear the rest]

**Sida:** It's 7:45, need to go! Thank you!

## **Awards**

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

### **Undergraduate Student Paper Award**

#### Award Committee

Michael Sierra-Arevalo (Chair), Joy Kadowaki, Demar Lewis

#### Winner

Sanjana Manjeshwar (University of California, Berkeley)

Nominator: Catherine Albiston

*"Agreements" in Name Only: How Workers Understand Mandatory Arbitration Clauses and Class Action Waivers in Employment Contract*

#### Honorable Mention

Sophia Kaufmann (Macalester College)

Nominator: Erik Larson

*Un-Scene: How Responses to Sexual Violence Reproduce Legal Hegemony in the Bay Area's Punk and DIY Community*

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### **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 section's income was \$247 less than estimated. We are not sure of the reasons for this. The section's expenses were \$415 less than budgeted. This was primarily due to the savings of the Council breakfast meeting and plaques. We were able to leave the section with a comfortable balance of \$2,792.

### **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 switched to ASA Connect together with other ASA sections in September 2022. It turned out to be a challenge for connecting with our section members. The section did a survey of its members' use of ASA Connect in November 2022 and submitted the results to ASA. The section still maintains a section website, but ASA Connect made it less active in the past year: <https://asasociologyoflaw.com>.

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

The Section is committed to encouraging and achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion so that sociologists from all backgrounds feel represented and welcomed. Section leadership – including officers, Council members, and committee members – reflected substantial diversity with respect to gender, race, and ethnicity.

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).

### **Sociology of Law Open Topics Paper Session**

Fri, August 18, 8:00 to 9:30am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 105B

President: Ron Levi, University of Toronto

#### **Bettering the Box? How Regulatory Reforms Impact Trends & Disparities in Prisoner Solitary Confinement**

Michelle Shames, Northwestern University

#### **GIVING MORE, FEELING WORSE: Familial Support Exchanges and Mental Health Among Law Students**

Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen, University of California Irvine

Tanya Rouleau Whitworth, University of New Hampshire

Carole Silver, Northwestern University

Ekaterina (Katya) Moiseeva, University of California, Irvine

#### **Property and Peoplehood: Race Making in the US-Mexico Borderlands**

Debbie Becher, Barnard College

Ana Rael

#### **Unwelcome Incorporation - Feminist Legal Activism against Femicide and Impunity in Mexico**

Paulina Garcia del Moral, University of Guelph

#### **Who is to blame? Scapegoating in complex organizations**

Maurizio Catino, University of Milan Bicocca (Italy)

### **Legality and Democratic Backsliding: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives on the Rule of Law**

Fri, August 18, 10:00 to 11:30am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 105B

President: Kyle Bourne, University of California-Berkeley

#### **Back to the Future? The Past and Present of Immigration, Race, and the Census**

Dylan John Riley, University of California-Berkeley

Rebecca Jean Emigh, University of California-Los Angeles

Patricia Ahmed, South Dakota State University

#### **Moral Decision-Making During Legal Crisis: How US Asylum Officers Managed Change in Asylum Policies**

Talia Shiff, Tel Aviv University

#### **Pipelines and Power: Distress, Alienation, and Public Participation in Regulatory Agencies' Decision-making Processes**

Shannon Elizabeth Bell, Virginia Tech

Michael Hughes, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Danielle Renee Mullins, Virginia Tech

Steve Gerus, Virginia Tech

Kelly Scarff, Virginia Tech

Rachel Spector

### **Sociology of Law Roundtables**

Fri, August 18, 2:00 to 3:00pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 113B

### **Section on Sociology of Law Business Meeting**

Fri, August 18, 3:00 to 3:30pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 113B

### **Global and Comparative Approaches in the Sociology of Law**

Fri, August 18, 4:00 to 5:30pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 4

Presider: Jaimie Morse, University of California-Santa Cruz

**Expected Agentic Vulnerability in Medical Records of Rape Victims in South Korean Courts**

Joohyun Park, University of California-Berkeley

**Smart Legalistic Autocrat's New Tool Kit: Exploring Authoritarian Environmental Legalism in Chinese Public Interest Litigation**

Jin Sun, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Strategically Framing Immigrant Legalization**

Deisy Del Real, University of Southern California

**Theses on the Philosophy of Tragedy: How Official Truths about Police Killing Are Made**

Nicholas Rush Smith, CUNY - City College

**Why Do They Facilitate Legal Evasion? Collaboration among Ordinary Citizens under the One-Child Policy**

Qian Liu, University of Calgary

**Memorial Session in Honor of Lauren Edelman**

Fri, August 18, 5:45 to 6:45pm, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 4, Franklin Hall 8

Session Organizers: March Suchman, Robin Stryker, Catherine Albiston

**Section on Sociology of Law Reception**

Fri, August 18, 7:00 to 9:00pm, 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.

The Section's Mentoring Committee organized a job market Zoom session in August 2023, a week prior to the ASA meeting.