

## 2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Section on the Sociology of Population

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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.*

The agenda and minutes are included at the end of this document. 28 section members attended.

#### 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.*

We had a combined business and council meeting in 2023. Prior to the meeting, council members had an email discussion led by Jennifer Barber, section chair for 2022-23. Barber proposed adding additional section awards (early career and distinguished career) and revising the composition of committees to streamline administration of the section. The council agreed with these suggestions, which were discussed by the section at the business meeting.

### Awards

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

The section has three awards: distinguished contribution to scholarship in population (article award), Otis Dudley Duncan (book) award, and student paper award. Winners and honorable mentions are listed below.

#### Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population

*Winner*

Mittleman, Joel. 2022. Intersecting the Academic Gender Gap: The Education of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual America. *American Sociological Review* 87(2):303-335.

*Honorable Mentions*

DeAngelis, Reed T., Taylor W. Hargrove, and Robert A. Hummer. 2022. Skin Tone and the Health Returns to Higher Status. *Demography* 59(5):1791-1819.

Besbris, Max, Ariela Schacter, and John Kuk. 2021. The Unequal Availability of Rental Housing Information Across Neighborhoods. *Demography* 58(4):1197-1221.

**Otis Dudley Duncan (Book) Award**

Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz. 2021. *Figures of the Future: Latino Civil Rights and the Politics of Demographic Change*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

**Student Paper Award**

*Winner*

Cooperstock, Alexandra. 2023. The Demographics of School District Secession. *Social Forces* 101(4):1976-2012.

*Honorable Mention*

Kai Feng. Forthcoming. Unequal Duties and Unequal Retirement: Decomposing the Women's Labor Force Decline in Post-Reform China. *Demography*.

**2023 Finances**

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

Section expenses are highly predictable, and our expenses and income closely matched the 2022 estimates. The major expense is the awards ceremony and reception held at the annual meeting, usually co-sponsored with the family section. Additional expenditures include award prizes (for students) and award plaques (for all awardees)

We started the year with \$4,232, and that increased to \$4,541 as of August 31, 2023, with the addition of membership fees, the section allocation, and expenses related to the annual meeting reception.

Our major expense in 2023 was the awards ceremony and reception held in Philadelphia, PA at Maggiano's during the annual meeting. We co-sponsored the awards ceremony and reception with the family section and divided the costs using a 4:3 ratio; family covering 4/7 and population covering the remaining 3/7. The total expenses for the reception were \$2,982.01 (\$1000 deposit and 1,982.01 for food, drinks, and taxes). Additional expenditures included a monetary prize for the graduate student paper award winner (\$500) and award plaques (one per paper/book) of \$551.

Our current balance is \$4,541 as of 8/31/23 before the \$500 graduate student paper award was deducted. The expected balance once the \$500 award is accounted for will be \$4,051, down slightly from the 2022 holdover.

Section membership was also slightly down, 481 (as of 11/3/23) compared with 507 in 2022.

## 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.*

Between September 2022 and August 2023, the section sent out regular announcements to its members that included section and ASA business, ASA job postings, and other announcements of interest to our membership (e.g., conferences, journal special issues, new publications, etc.).

These announcements were sent via ASA Connect until the service ended.

The Section Chair and Listserv Coordinator worked together to generate these announcements, including soliciting news from section members. Listserv Coordinator was responsible for sharing them on a regular basis (1-2 times per month). This communication strategy aimed to serve the section by expanding access to information of use to members, providing opportunities for all members to participate in section leadership, and drawing members into section, ASA, and broader professional opportunities of relevance to the sociology of population.

The section did not have active website or social media presence beyond the official ASA website.

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

A key goal for the section is to increase interest in the sociology of population and support junior scholars in the field, with a particular focus on increasing representation from members of historically included groups. We worked toward this goal in several ways. 1) The nominations committee was intentional in selecting candidates from diverse demographic and institutional backgrounds. 2) Committee membership was assigned with an eye toward participation from junior scholars, scholars from less well-resourced institutions, and scholars from historically excluded groups. 3) The ad-hoc mentoring committee continued its work by putting together a mentor-mentee match program centered on the annual meeting, matching 30 junior scholars with more senior mentors.

During the business meeting, we discussed ways to expand the scope and reach of the mentor-mentee program by reaching out directly to scholars at less well-resourced institutions, who may benefit from mentoring but may not volunteer for the program if they are not attending the annual meeting (see minutes).

*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 sessions were held on Friday, August 18, 2023. We organized three paper sessions and a roundtable session (scheduled in conjunction with the business meeting).

The paper sections were:

- Demography of Race, Ethnicity, and/or Immigration (organized by Alexis Dennis, McGill University; 5 papers)
- Health and Mortality (organized by Joseph Lariscy, University of Memphis; 4 papers)

- Reproductive Access and Control (organized by Emily Smith-Greenaway, University of Southern California; 3 papers)

The roundtable session included 7 tables with 2-4 papers each.

These sessions were well-attended and generated lively intellectual exchange. The topics met a section goal of highlighting distinctively sociological approaches to the study of population. Scheduling the roundtables together with the business meeting increased attendance at both the roundtables and the business meeting, increasing engagement in section governance as well as scholarly knowledge and professional development.

In addition to meeting sessions, the section holds an annual reception with the family section. This reception is attended by both faculty and students and encourages networking and professional collaborations across the two sections.

*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 activities are largely centered on the annual meeting. The mentor-mentee match is made on the occasion of the annual meeting, but some pairs meet outside the meeting, and many mentor-mentee pairs remain in contact throughout the year. These ongoing relationships provide professional support to junior scholars and increase the sense of connection with the section.

## ASA 2023 Population Sections Business Meeting AGENDA

Friday, August 18, 11:00 to 11:30pm

Pennsylvania Convention Center, 113B

prepared by Jennifer Barber (2022-23 section chair)

### Agenda:

- 1) Welcome and recognition.
- 2) Overview of annual activities
- 3) Budget report
- 4) Open discussion
  - a) Feedback on Mentoring Program
  - b) Ideas for next year's program—regular sessions, invited panels, collaboration with other sections on panels or reception?
  - c) Potential new section awards
  - d) Volunteers for committee assignments, including nominations, 3 award committees, mentorship committee?

### 1) Welcome and recognitions

Welcome to our new officers and council members (\*\*\*) indicates rotating off):

- *Chair-Elect:* **Jennifer Karas-Montez**, Syracuse University
- *Council Members:*
  - o **Emily Rauscher**, Brown University
  - o **Ashton Verdery**, Pennsylvania State University
- *Graduate Student Representative:* **Kiana Wilkins**, Rice University

All terms for newly elected members begin right after today's meeting.

Thank you to this year's Section Council:

*Chair:* **Jennifer Barber**, Indiana University—transitioning to past Chair

*Past Chair:* **\*\*\*Kelly Musick**, Cornell University

*Chair-Elect:* **Sarah Hayford**, Ohio State University—transitioning to Chair

*Secretary/Treasurer:* **\*\*\*Fenaba Addo**, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

*Council:*

**Victor Agadjanian**, University of California-Los Angeles

**\*\*\*Feinian Chen**, Johns Hopkins University

**\*\*\*Christina Diaz**, Rice University

**\*\*\*Megan Evans**, Pennsylvania State University (Student Representative)

**Josefina Flores Morales**, University of California-Los Angeles

**Karen Guzzo**, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

**Hedwig Lee**, Duke University

**Christine Percheski**, Northwestern University

*Section Listserv Coordinator:* **\*\*\*Siriruay (Ploy) Methakitwarun**, Florida State University

*Section Social Media Coordinator:* [need this]

Thank you to members of our section committees:

- *Program Committee*: **Jennifer Barber** (Chair, Indiana University), **Joseph Lariscy** (University of Memphis), **Feinian Chen** (Johns Hopkins University), **Victor Agadjanian** (University of California-Los Angeles), **Sophia Chae** (McGill University)
- *Ad hoc mentoring committee*: **Margaret Gough Courtney** (Chair, University of La Verne), **Megan Evans** (Graduate Student Representative, Pennsylvania State University), **Josefina Flores Morales** (Graduate Student Representative, University of California-Los Angeles), **Mahirah Mustaffa** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
- *Nominations committee*: **Sara Curran** (Chair, University of Washington), **Christina Diaz** (Rice University), **Emilio Parrado** (University of Pennsylvania)
- *Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population*: **Karen Guzzo** (Chair), **Joe LaBriola** (University of Michigan), **Jacob Faber** (New York University)
- *Otis Dudley Duncan (Book) Award*: **Christine Percheski** (Chair, Northwestern University), **Emily Merchant** (University of California-Davis), **Tomás R. Jiménez** (Stanford University)
- *Student Paper Award*: **Sarah Hayford** (Chair, Ohio State University), **Mariana Amorim** (Washington State University), **Yifan Shen** (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Congratulations to our section award winners:

- *Student Paper Award Winner*: **Alexandra Cooperstock** (Cornell University), *Honorable Mention*: **Kei Feng** (University of Pennsylvania)
- *Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Winner*: **Joel Mittleman** (University of Notre Dame), *Honorable Mentions*: **Reed DeAngelis** (Duke University), **Taylor Hargrove** (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), **Robert Hummer** (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), **Max Besbris** (University of Wisconsin-Madison), **Ariela Schacter** (Washington University), **John Kuk** (University of Oklahoma)
- *Otis Dudley Duncan Book Award*: **Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz** (University of California-Berkeley)

## 2) Overview of annual activities

Our awards ceremony and reception (co-hosted with the Family Section) will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy tonight (August 18, 2023) at 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

We had/have an excellent line-up of regular sessions and roundtables today (August 18):

- Demography of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration (8-9:30am)
- Roundtables (10-11:00)
- Health and Mortality (2-3:30pm; Marriott, Level 4, Franklin Hall 7)

- Reproductive Access and Control (4-5:30pm, Marriott, Level 4, 405)

### 3) Budget report

We started the year with \$4,232, and that increased to \$6,194 with the addition of membership fees and the section allocation. Current YTD expenditures include award plaques (for all awardees) \$551, award prizes (for students) \$400, and the 2023 reception deposit of \$1000.

We co-sponsored the awards ceremony and reception with the family section and divided the costs using a 4:3 ratio; family covering 4/7 and population covering the remaining 3/7. BSGU sociology and UPenn population both donated \$1000 towards the reception fees.

Our expected balance after reception costs is approximately \$2,475.11.

### 4) Open Discussion

- a) Feedback on Mentoring Program
- b) Ideas for next year's program—regular sessions, invited panels, collaboration with other sections on panels or reception?
- c) Potential new section awards

Consensus: Two awards, rotating every-other year: Early Career Award, Distinguished Scholar

Mixed opinions: Naming the award in someone's honor?

- d) By-laws changes (these will be put to a vote in the next ASA election):
  - *Currently*, the secretary/treasurer is the automatic chair of the social media committee. *Proposed change*: Chair will appoint a committee (including the graduate student social media coordinator) and will appoint the chair.
  - *Currently*, Facebook and Twitter are listed as the social media accounts our section will use. *Proposed change*: Keep this vague, add an "e.g.," to this list.
  - *Currently*, all committee memberships are for three years. *Proposed change*: members can volunteer for up to three years but are not required to. The incoming committee chair will ask last year's volunteers if they want to remain on the committee.
- e) Volunteers for committee assignments?

## **ASA 2023 Population Sections Business Meeting MINUTES**

Friday, August 18, 11:00 to 11:30pm

Pennsylvania Convention Center, 113B

Prepared by Sarah Hayford (2023-24 section chair)

28 section members were in attendance.

The agenda of the business meeting was circulated in advance, and a printed copy was available for attendees during the meeting.

The meeting began with an introduction of Council members, welcoming new elected members and officers and recognizing outgoing members and officers.

Barber reminded attendees about section events at ASA, including both sessions and the reception.

Barber summarized the status of the budget (the Secretary-Treasurer was not able to attend the business meeting).

The meeting then moved to general discussion. Most discussion centered on two issues: feedback on the mentoring program and potential new awards.

- All agreed that the mentoring program is a useful section activity and should continue. Some attendees raised the question of who is participating in the mentoring program – there is some perception that students from elite institutions are more likely to sign up than students from less recognized/well-resourced institutions, which may inadvertently increase inequality. The mentoring committee suggested possible solutions, including direct outreach to less well-resourced departments, a request for faculty to nominate students, and a more detailed and explicit description of what the program entails in program announcements, which might encourage broader participation.
- There was widespread support for the idea of adding early career and distinguished career awards. The group discussed whether these awards should be named (possibly in conjunction with a fundraising campaign) or not. The group did not reach consensus over who the awards should be named for or the process for selecting names, so the decision was not to name the awards for individuals.

Barber summarized her proposals for minor changes to the bylaws and Council discussion of these changes. Attendees raised no questions or objections to these proposals.

The meeting closed with a call for suggestions for future sessions at the annual meeting and a request for volunteers to serve on committees. *(Note: This request was supplemented by an email sent to the section listserv to broaden participation for those who were not able to attend the meeting.)*