

Call For Applications: *Sex & Sexualities* Editorship

The American Sociological Association's (ASA) Sociology of Sexualities Section invites applications for the position of inaugural editor(s) of the new ASA journal, *Sex & Sexualities*.

Abstract:

Sex & Sexualities publishes peer-reviewed, sociological, and interdisciplinary scholarship on the topic of sex and sexualities. The journal invites theoretical, empirical, pedagogical, and review articles along with commentary, interview, and book review submissions that examine sex and sexualities from a broadly social or sociological perspective. Owing to the range of sexualities scholars' approaches, the journal is open to diverse methodological approaches and humanistic scholarship. *Sex & Sexualities* prioritizes scholarship that investigates 1) how social processes shape sexual desires, behaviors, identities, cultures, and communities; 2) how sexualities affect and are affected by institutional or organizational dynamics and interactions; and 3) how power systems, including racial capitalism, patriarchy, cisgenderism, ableism, white supremacy, and settler colonialism, among others affect sex and sexualities.

Vision:

Sex & Sexualities publishes cutting-edge sociological research on sexualities by fostering space for rigorous intersectional, interdisciplinary, transnational, feminist, and critical research. This journal will serve as a home to scholarship that has been historically devalued and will center work interrogating sexualities as a site of both resistance to and reproduction of broader patterns of social marginalization. The journal is especially interested in publishing intersectional, feminist, transnational, and critical scholarship that foregrounds the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world. *Sex & Sexualities* creates a space for work that reveals the importance of sex and sexualities in interrogations of the complex power dynamics that marginalize and oppress disempowered groups while opening up spaces for resistance, pleasure, and joy. This vision will lead the field in new directions.

The new editor(s) will officially begin their terms January 1, 2025, but the editorial transition and initial setup will likely start upon appointment. The editorial term is for a minimum of three years (until December 31, 2027), with a possible reappointment of up to two additional years.

Workflow: The editor (s) will provide leadership by publishing work consistent with the journal's mission. While the journal's output is heavily shaped by submissions, the editor(s) will

play a key role in communicating with authors, promoting the journal, and bringing an ethos and commitment to the journal that will build its reputation and ensure its success.

Collective mentorship of new generations of sexualities scholars has been a core value of the section since its inception. In keeping with this commitment and with the vision of this journal, we encourage applicants to develop and follow an editorial process that centers a feminist ethic of care in its practices of peer review and manuscript development. The editor(s) is (are) expected to secure timely and appropriate reviews. The editor(s) will synthesize reviews and provide editorial feedback as part of editorial decision letters and inform both the author(s) and reviewers of their decisions. The editor(s) is (are) also responsible for maintaining the high standards of the journal, ensuring that issues are filled within the page allotments, and preventing an excessive backlog of articles.

Eligibility: Editors must be ASA members and the Section on Sexualities and maintain membership throughout their entire appointment. Editors must hold a tenured position or equivalent in an academic or non-academic setting. Members of the ASA Council, Finance Committee, and Publications Committee are not eligible to serve as an ASA journal editor. Editors and editors-elect may not serve on any other ASA editorial board. ASA encourages applications for both sole editorships and co-editorships. Applications from members of historically underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

Criteria: In accordance with ASA's goal of publishing high-quality scholarship, the Sexualities Section Publications Committee will evaluate applications based on whether they show:

- an established record of academic journal publications;
- evidence of understanding the journal's mission;
- reviewing and editorial board experience, and other professional activities;
- a proposed vision for the journal's future;
- openness to different social or sociological methods, theories, and approaches;
- a record of responsible service to scholarly publishing and evidence of organizational skill and intellectual leadership; and
- evidence of commitment to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

Please note that the ASA Publications Committee seeks editors who embrace the Association's [diversity statement](#) and plan to bring a commitment to DEI principles to their work. The Publications Committee will continue to work with sociologists across our Association to ensure that our work realizes these principles holistically.

Selection process: The Section's publications committee will begin review of applications in **June** and will submit their recommendation to the Section's Council. The Section Council will

submit their recommendation to the ASA Publications Committee. The ASA Publications Committee will forward their recommendation to ASA Council. ASA Council makes the appointment. Selected candidates will then be contacted to reaffirm their commitment to serve. The candidate(s) then can negotiate with their institution and finalize the appointment with ASA with a signed formal letter of agreement.

Financial support: Costs associated with editing the journal are covered by the publisher and the editor's university or co-editors' universities. The publisher provides a stipend of \$12,500 per year to cover basic expenses such as a part-time managing editor, office supplies, and other editorial office costs. ASA also provides an editorial honorarium of \$2,000 per year (divided in the case of co-editors) during the official term of service. ASA does not typically pay for office space, teaching release, or tuition. Alternative models of funding may be possible as long as the impact on the overall cost for support is minimal (e.g., institutional support for the managing editor or editorial assistant position could allow for use of some of the stipend funds for course release or tuition).

It is important for candidates to consider the feasibility of serving as editor(s), considering the available resources from both ASA and their institutions. To this end, candidates are strongly encouraged to discuss possible resource allocation with their institutions in advance of submitting an application. Before inquiring about your institution's available resources, it may be helpful to consult with the following resource: [Talking Points: Benefits to Hosting an ASA Journal for a Department and University](#).

Because the support offered by different institutions varies widely, you are encouraged to contact ASA Director of Publications Karen Gray Edwards (edwards@asanet.org) to discuss the level and type of ASA support that could be available to you in light of your anticipated institutional package. Detailed financial arrangements are not developed until after the ASA Council appoints the editor.

Submitting an application: As you prepare your application, we suggest reviewing examples of successful editor proposals. The application packet should be no more than five pages (approximately 2,500–3,000 words) and should include the following:

- ***Editor/Co-Editor Information:*** Provide your name, affiliation, and other important information about yourself and, if applicable, co-editors. Describe the qualifications of the potential editor(s) and include their vitae (vitae is not included in the application packet page limit).
- ***Single or Co-Editorship:*** The section is open to single editorships or co-editorships. We encourage co-editorships across institutions between editors at well-resourced and under-

resourced institutions to allow for more diverse editors across institutional contexts. If you are a single editor applicant but open to the idea of co-editing, please indicate this in your application.

- ***Vision Statement:*** Set forth your goals and plans for the journal's content. Please describe your approach to ensuring high-quality reviews that adhere to a feminist ethic of care described in the journal's vision statement.
- ***Editorial Board:*** If appointed, editors will assemble an editorial team by nominating new editorial board members and may also nominate deputy editors. The Sexualities Section Publications Committee must approve all editor-selected editorial board members and deputy editors. Applicants do not need to name deputy editors (if applicable), managing editors, or editorial board members for nominations in their application. Still, applicants should describe their approach and vision for building this team and how it aligns with the intellectual and social justice commitments of the section. Please also discuss in your application how you plan to work *with* editorial board members or any deputy editors as part of your larger editorial team.

Note: Editorial board members typically review several manuscripts for the journal in a given year and sometimes assist the editor in selecting reviewers. Some journals have deputy editors who work closely with editors to assist in editorial decision-making and problem-solving. Deputy editors also sometimes assume the role of editor in cases where editors have a conflict of interest. By appointing several deputy editors with varied areas of expertise, editors can expand their ability to provide in-house feedback to authors. Prospective editors may (but are not required to) provide names of potential deputy editors. The Sexualities Section Publications Committee does not expect you to secure such member commitments as part of your application process. Still, applicants should describe what principles will guide their selection process.

- ***Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:*** Write a statement that (1) critically reflects on how your race/ethnicity, gender, and class background shapes your understanding of sociological scholarship and your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at the individual, organizational, or institutional level, (2) describes your involvement in DEI initiatives and efforts to promote equitable and inclusive leadership citing specific accomplishments and the roles you have played, and (3) outlines specific ways you plan to include marginalized scholars as editorial board members, manuscript reviewers, and authors, particularly scholars from racially marginalized backgrounds and those who are the first in their family to finish college. Please note in your application if you are restricted from answering this question due to state legislation.

- ***Professional Ethics and Scientific Integrity Self-Disclosure:*** All nominees for the editorship are required to answer a self-disclosure question regarding professional ethics and scientific integrity. If you submit an application for an editorship, you can submit your required disclosure at this [weblink](#).
- ***Institutional Support:*** Letters of support from deans or other institutional officials are encouraged as part of your application materials but are not required.

Applications should be submitted no later than **June 1, 2024**. Please note that it is at the discretion of the Sexualities Section Publications Committee to accept applications after the deadline should there be a compelling rationale.

Questions? Feel free to contact Section Chair Theo Greene (tgreene@bowdoin.edu). You are also welcome to contact the Sexualities Section Publications Committee Co-chairs Shantel Gabriel Buggs (sbuggs@fsu.edu) and Angela Jones (jonesa@farmingdale.edu) with any further questions or concerns.