

Dear PSA Colleagues:

The 2008 meeting theme is *The Messiness of Human Social Life: Complexity, Contradiction, Tension and Ambiguity*. Through this theme, President O'Brien intends for us to reengage with the recognition that social life is complex. A critical sociology, to borrow from Ralph Ellison, must never lose sight of the chaos, tension, and contradiction against which our "plans of living" have been conceived. This theme is intended to challenge us to re-examine the extent to which our theories, scholarship and teaching are resonant with this complexity. At the same time, we must continue to recognize the value of articulating concepts that render social life, in its obdurate forms, observable and comprehensible. How are we, as sociologists, implicated in this process of rendering social life comprehensible (with our concepts, methods and theories)? What are the consequences of our various ways of conceptualizing social life? By what criteria do we evaluate the relevance and usefulness of our work? What possibilities, potentials and promises do we evoke as sociologists engaged with the complexities of the 21st Century? These themes presume multivocality and resistance. How, as scholars, are we grappling with this?

The sessions we are working on will explore these themes across a range of traditional sociological topics as well as in recently emerging areas. An additional emphasis for the 2008 meetings is "professional socialization." We will be organizing several sessions on the pragmatics of professional life within sociology and beyond. We encourage you to submit papers that address these theme-related ideas, or to browse through the Call for Papers and find a session of interest, and contact the organizer as soon as possible. If there is no session that matches your interests, please contact the Program Chairs for assistance. A second and final Call for Papers will appear in the September newsletter. The deadline for corrections and changes to this first call is August 1. All abstract or paper submissions are due to organizers by October 15, 2007. We are asking that all submissions be online at [PACIFICSOC.ORG](http://PACIFICSOC.ORG).

Membership survey and subsequent changes to the program: Recently the membership committee conducted a survey on the overall quality and satisfaction of the annual meetings. A large majority of respondents indicated that they appreciate the collegial atmosphere and networking opportunities of the meetings, but would like to see the overall quality of individual sessions improve. Based on these responses, the Council has discussed program changes intended to enliven the sessions at the annual meetings. In the coming year, these changes will include the designation of roundtables for all undergraduate sessions, requesting that a maximum of three (3) papers be accepted for open sessions and that a discussant be included wherever suitable. In addition, session organizers will be asking presenters to confirm their attendance at the meetings and to provide a finished paper in the month prior to the meetings. We will also be highlighting several new formats for invited sessions including cross-dialogue "authors meets authors" sessions and thematic debates.

The 2008 meetings will be in Portland, Oregon from April 10-13 at the Portland Marriott on the waterfront and within easy walking distance to many of Portland's downtown attractions (and the light rail to outer neighborhoods). We will be showcasing some of the regional culture and politics of Portland and the Northwest including environmental activism, Native American and Pacific rim themes, and a retrospective on the WTO. We have also planned several offsite activities including an activist author reading at the famed Powell's Books and local excursions. We look forward to seeing you in Portland next spring!

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Self, Class, Society  
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Sociology of Memory  
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The Complexity of Identity  
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#### SPORT

Queering Sport: LGBT Issues and Sports  
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Note: Submission is Online Only. Go to the PSA  
Web Site for the Submission Procedure  
(www.pacificsoc.org)

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Assignments that Work  
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Classroom Experiences: Strategies to Address Challenges  
and Limitations of Student Criticism  
(spons. by COFRAT)  
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Living and Learning: Teaching Beyond the Classroom  
(spons. by the Comm. on Teaching)  
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Making Meaningful Service Learning Courses Online  
(spons. by the Comm. on Practice, Applied and  
Clinical Sociology)  
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Pedagogies for Online Learning  
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Reinventing the Introductory Sociology Course  
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Service Learning and Sociological Practice  
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Teaching Sociology Students about Globalization  
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Using Films in the Classroom  
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#### THEORY, KNOWLEDGE, SCIENCE

Boundaries and Borders: Distinction and Ambiguity  
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Consciousness and Social Change  
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Consumer Goods, Ideology and Knowledge  
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Does Sociology Deserve to be Called a Science?  
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Intersections of Race, Class & Gender in Theory & Research  
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*The Messiness of Intersetalonalties*  
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*The Philosophical Foundation of Sociology*  
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*The Social Experience of Time*  
Christopher Daskalos (Vista, CA)  
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*Towards a Positive Science of Sociology: Issues in  
Sociological Theory*  
Seth Abrutyn (UC Riverside)  
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#### URBAN SOCIOLOGY

*Changing Communities I*  
Mark Hutter (Rowan Univ.)  
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*The Complex Relationship between Design & Society*  
Sharon Yee (Arizona State)  
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*Urban Sociology*  
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*Urban Minority Theory and Experience*  
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#### WORK, LABOR, ORGANIZATIONS

*Family Labor and Paid Employment*  
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*Labor Market, Unions, and Economic Sociology*  
Ann Elizabeth Shirley (Univ. of Oregon)  
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*Nontraditional Professionals*  
Jennifer Harrison (Arizona State)  
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*The Sociology of Work and Organizations*  
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*Work and Immigrant Rights*  
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*Work, Unions and Community*  
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#### UNDERGRADUATE SESSIONS

*NOTE: Undergraduate students are encouraged to partici-  
pate in the 2008 meeting. They may present in poster  
sessions or in undergraduate roundtables, which cover  
diverse topics in sociology.*

*Undergraduate Poster Sessions: Open Topics*  
(spons. by AKD)  
Virginia Mulle (Univ. of Alaska-Juneau)  
907.796.6419, ginny.mulle@uas.alaska.edu

#### UNDERGRADUATE ROUNDTABLES

*Research and Theory on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,  
Transgender, and Queer Persons*  
(spons. by the Comm. on the Status of GLBT Persons)  
Linda Silber (Baker Univ.)  
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*Changing Communities II*  
(co-spons. by AKD)  
Mark Hutter (Rowan Univ.)  
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*Race & Ethnicity*  
(spons. by the Comm. on Race & Ethnicity)  
Stephani Williams (Northern Arizona Univ.)  
602.234.2712, stephani.williams@gmail.com

*What is the Status of Women Today?*  
(spons. by the Comm. on the Status of Women)  
Camilla Sears (Simon Fraser Univ.)  
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*Open Topics*  
(spons. by AKD)  
Virginia Mulle (Univ. of Alaska-Juneau)  
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#### GRADUATE STUDENT SESSIONS

*NOTE: Graduate students are encouraged to participate in  
the 2008 meeting. Graduate students may submit their  
work to any listed session in the Call for Papers, to the  
graduate student roundtable session or to the graduate  
student paper open topics session.*

#### GRADUATE STUDENT ROUNDTABLE

*The Graduate School Experience: Applying and Surviving*  
(spons. by the Comm. on Student Affairs)  
Michael Barnes (UC Berkeley)  
510.847.1386, mpbarnes@berkeley.edu

#### GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER SESSION

*Graduate Student Paper Session: Open Topics*  
Melanie Jones (UC Davis)  
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## 2007 Award Recipients

The following awards were presented at the awards ceremony held on March 30 during the annual meeting in Oakland. Thanks to all of those on the Awards Committee and the Social Conscience Committee for their work.

**Award for Distinguished Graduate Student Paper:** David Orzechowicz, UC Davis, for his paper, *Elite Emotion Managers: The Case of Novice and Semi-Professional Actors*.

**Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship:** Jerome Karabel, UC Berkeley, for his book, *The Chosen: The Hidden History of Admission and Exclusion at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton*.

**Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives:** Jacqueline Adams, UC Berkeley, for her article, *When Art Loses Its Sting: The Evolution of Protest Art in Authoritarian Contexts*.

**Social Conscience Award:** The Bay Area Crisis Nursery and Pivotal Point Youth Services, Inc.

## Call for Nominations for Elected Positions & Committee Membership on the Fall '08 Ballot

The 2007-08 Nominations Committee requests nominations for the following positions that will have vacancies on the Fall 2008 ballot: President (2010-11); Vice President (2010-11); the Committee on Committees (2009-12) will have 3 vacancies, one each from the Northern, Southern & Central regions; the Nominations Committee (2009-12) will have 1 vacancy from the Southern region; and Council (2009-11) will have 3 vacancies, one each from the Southern, Central & Northern regions and 1 vacancy for the Graduate Student position from the Southern region (2009-10). For a description of each position visit PACIFICSOC.ORG, click on *officers* and then specific officer handbooks.

Members will elect candidates for these positions on the fall 2008 ballot. Please send names and addresses of potential candidates to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Charles F. Hohm, Past President, [chohm@csudh.edu](mailto:chohm@csudh.edu). Self-nominations are welcome! The deadline for submission of names is February 1, 2008. The other members of the nominations committee are Sara Steen, University of Colorado, Dwaine Plaza, Oregon State University, and Sally Raskoff, LA Valley College.

## 2006-07 Council Meeting Minutes

March 30th, 2007 • Oakland, CA  
by Virginia Mulle, Secretary

President Charles Hohm brought the 2006-07 Council to order at 8:30 am on March 16, 2007 during the 78th Annual Meeting in Oakland.

Council members present: Charles Hohm, Jodi O'Brien, Beth Schneider, Marilyn Fernandez, Phyllis Cancilla Martinelli, Dean Dorn, Roberta Lessor, Keith Farrington, Amy Wharton, Jan Stets and Charles Powers. Also present were Don Barrett & Richard Serpe, co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*, and Ginny Mulle, Secretary.

Don Barrett reported that there have been a steady and relatively high level of submissions to *Sociological Perspectives*; that there have been increasing problems with obtaining reviews in a timely manner; and that while other publishers have expressed interest in the journal we will be staying with UC Press as they move toward using *Manuscript Central*, an electronic manuscript processing system. He further reported that there had been 3 applications for editor/co-editor and that one withdrew due to a lack of support from his campus, leaving two active applications.

Roberta Lessor presented a third draft of the PSA Mission Statement. Discussion ensued regarding various sections of the statement regarding the purpose and endorsements of the association. It was decided that there were both goals and objectives embedded in the statement; that Council members were in agreement on the sentiments expressed in the statement; but that more work was needed on the wording of the statement.

Council member Keith Farrington reported preliminary results of the Membership Survey that was sent to 1232 PSA members with 331 (26%) responding. Respondents were in general engaged members whose participation/attendance at meetings was based on whether or not they presented at the meetings. The survey showed that what respondents liked best about the meetings was interacting with friends and colleagues, and the quality of sessions and papers presented was what they liked least. Overall, respondents believed that the PSA does its job effectively, that the overall quality of work presented is not as good as it could be, and that the association could become more intellectually and physically diverse. There was discussion with suggestions and recommendations on all areas of the report. A second wave of the survey will be sent out, as well as a different survey to Division I universities.

President Hohm stated that this was the largest meeting in regard to number of sessions, and thanked Karen Sternheimer for an awesome job as Program Chair. He was excited about the Presidential sessions and encouraged all to attend, and that he was overall very pleased with the program.

Executive Director Dorn reported that there were 1179 members of the PSA, and that the financial base of the association was solid. He stated that there might be future increased costs to subsidize the journal, as well as expenses for moving it. Richard Serpe suggested that a new 'sustaining

member' category of membership be developed with an increased membership cost. Dorn informed Council that the ASA had approached him regarding the PSA adopting the ASA Code of Ethics. If the association were to adopt the Code they would need to develop implementation language, but that there were models to follow. Council members supported the adoption of the Code.

President Hohm adjourned the meeting at 10 am.

## 2007-08 Council Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2007 • Oakland, CA  
by Virginia Mulle, Secretary

President Jodi O'Brien brought the 2007-08 Council to order at 8:30 am on Sunday, March 18, 2007 during the 78th Annual Meeting in Oakland. Council members present were: Jodi O'Brien, Charles Hohm, Judith Treas, Marilyn Fernandez, Beth Schneider, Robert O'Brien, Dean Dorn, Jan Stets, Charles Powers, Rosemary Powers, Candan Duran-Aydintug, and Belinda Robnett. Also present were Ginny Mulle, Secretary, and guest Charles Varano, chair of the Publications Committee.

Chair Varano announced that the publications committee has selected, by a unanimous vote, Marilyn Fernandez and Charles Powers as the new co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*. They were selected because the committee preferred the two editor format, and that Marilyn and Chuck had presented a strong, elaborate proposal, they had institutional support, Marilyn would be the first female editor of the journal, both Chuck and Marilyn have offered good reviews and have both contributed a great deal to the PSA. Chuck Hohm moved, Bob O'Brien seconded, and the Council unanimously accepted the nomination of Fernandez and Powers as the new co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*.

President O'Brien reported that Mako Fitts and Gary Kinte Perry of Seattle University will serve as co-chairs of the 2008 Annual Meeting Program Committee. President O'Brien and the committee plan to emphasize regional issues and politics, such as Native American and tribal issues, and methodologies that will engage with the complexities of the time. Each committee member will be responsible to organize an invited session with high profile panelists, and a focus will be on educating session moderators toward continued, involved communication with their session participants.

Executive Director Dorn and Secretary Mulle attended all committee meetings on Friday and Saturday. The Endowment Committee recommended that the number of student travel awards be increased from 30 to 40; Student Affairs hosted a very successful reception, and both eth Nominations and Committee on Committees will be working on developing the 2008 fall ballot. The Committee on Teaching will draft a new set of guidelines regarding the nomination process for the Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, and the Membership Committee will develop a list of suggestions addressing membership issues through re-thinking sessions at the annual meeting, both to be presented to Council. COFRAT will

develop a "Manifesto of Responsibility" outlining what responsibilities faculty have to their institutions and that institutions have to faculty.

A subcommittee of Council was appointed to review and make recommendations regarding adoption of the ASA Code of Ethics as well as an implementation procedure if adoption is recommended. Beth Schneider and Candan Duran-Aydintug volunteered to be members of the subcommittee.

A fourth draft of the PSA Mission Statement was presented and discussed. Beth Schneider moved, Chuck Hohm seconded, and the following mission statement was unanimously adopted: "The mission of the Pacific Sociological Association is to advance scholarly research on all social processes and areas of social life, to promote high quality teaching of sociological knowledge, and to mentor the next generation of sociologists. Consistent with principles of scientific investigation, the PSA endorses engagement of sociologists in areas of social justice and social responsibility. The Association accomplishes its mission by convening an annual meeting and publishing its journal, *Sociological Perspectives*." It was suggested that the new mission statement be sent to the chairs of the PSA committees and that each committee be responsible to provide one goal. Council unanimously delegated authority to the 2007-08 Nominations and Committee on Committees to solicit nominations for elected office and appointments to positions on various committees.

President O'Brien moved, Bob O'Brien seconded, and Council unanimously approved that 40 student travel awards of \$100 each be given to student members who are on the program of the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held in Portland.

Discussion regarding the location of the 2009 annual meeting resulted in a recommendation that the Site Selection Committee explore an "inland" versus a "coast" location. Inland cities mentioned to investigate were Tucson and Phoenix/Tempe.

Executive Director Dorn thanked everyone on Council for giving his or her time and energy to the PSA. President O'Brien thanked Dorn and Mulle for their work during the year, and congratulated Fernandez and Powers on their selection as co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*.

President O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

### There's more in the online edition!

To find many additional articles and reports not included here, go to [PACIFICSOC.ORG](http://PACIFICSOC.ORG) and click on *THE PACIFIC SOCIOLOGIST*. The online version contains all of the information in this printed edition plus much more, including:

- Committee Reports for 2006-2007
- Executive Director's 2006 Financial Report
- Council and Business Meeting Minutes

# Submitting to Session Organizers: Follow These Steps!

All submissions must be made using the online procedure at [PACIFICSOC.ORG](http://PACIFICSOC.ORG).

You are encouraged to submit a proposal, idea, outline, abstract, or completed paper to be considered for inclusion in the Annual Meeting at the Portland Marriott downtown on the waterfront, April 10-13, 2008. Papers and extended abstracts may be given more consideration for acceptance than outlines or brief abstracts (two or three paragraphs, for example).

- 1) Look through the Call for Papers.
- 2) Select the best session for your submission and submit your completed paper, extended abstract (a two to three page summary of your intended presentation), idea, proposal, or brief abstract to the session organizer listed. All submissions must be sent online.
- 4) Complete the online form at [PACIFICSOC.ORG](http://PACIFICSOC.ORG), and attach your submission. You should immediately receive a confirmation. This confirmation indicates only that your submission was sent to the session organizer successfully; it does not mean the session organizer has accepted your submission. If you need to contact the organizer, you may do so either by phone or email, numbers and addresses are listed in the Call for Papers.
- 5) Do not submit the same work to more than ONE session organizer at a time.
- 6) You can submit more than one proposed presentation, but each submission must be submitted to no more than ONE organizer at a time.
- 7) Special note to Undergraduate & Graduate Students: the PSA welcomes and encourages participation in our program by undergraduate and graduate students. To best accommodate undergraduate participation, the Program Committee has organized two types of sessions: Undergraduate Roundtable Open Topic Sessions and Undergraduate Poster Sessions. Undergraduate students can submit proposals to only these two types of sessions. Graduate students can submit their work to any listed session in the call for papers, to the Graduate Student Roundtable Session or to the Graduate Student Paper Open Topics Session.
- 8) If your submission is NOT accepted, the session organizer will inform you. If your paper is not accepted, you can then send it to another session/organizer or to the Program Co-Chairs, Mako Fitts ([fittsm@seattleu.edu](mailto:fittsm@seattleu.edu)) and/or Gary Kinte Perry ([perryg@seattleu.edu](mailto:perryg@seattleu.edu)) who may be able to find a place for your presentation in the annual program.

## The Endowment Committee Announces 40 Student Travel Grant Awards

With the approval of Council, the Endowment Committee will offer up to forty \$125 travel grants available to help pay expenses for graduate and undergraduate students who are giving a presentation at the annual meeting in Portland.

The travel grant awards will be open only to undergraduate and graduate students who are not employed full-time in an academic or non-academic institution. Students who are eligible must also be listed as a presenter or co-presenter in a conference session in the Preliminary Program for Portland. The Preliminary Program will be published in the January 2008 Newsletter. Eligible students must also be members in 2008 and must have paid pre-registration fees for the conference. Membership on a PSA committee does not by itself qualify.

### Procedures for Application for a Travel Grant

Students who meet the eligibility requirements above need to send their name and email address to the Co-Chair of the Endowment Committee: Sandra Way, New Mexico State ([SWAY@NMSU.EDU](mailto:SWAY@NMSU.EDU)).

The deadline for submission is February 27, 2008. A random-numbers table will be used to assign a number to all eligible applicants. A random drawing will determine the recipients of the travel awards. Recipients will receive an Email confirming they have won an award no later than March 10, 2008. All recipients must pick up their \$125 travel grant at the Registration Table at the conference. Identification will be required.

2007 recipients: Anthony Blacksher, Alex J. Tucker, Anna Narvid, Cassandra Engeman, Chris Schneider, Christine Petit, Erika Robillard, Jays Janney, Julianne Oothoudt, Jung-Whan (Marc) de Jong, Lianna Hart, Lora Vess, Marisol Flores, Mark Harmon, Mark, J. Salvaggio, Matt Green, Monica Lomeli, Parisa Samale, Ren-Hung (Karl) Wu, Sarah Flett, Keith Appleby, Christopher O'Conner, Sue Coffman, Trina Bolton and Monica Nelson.

## Changes at Sociological Perspectives: New Co-Editors & Electronic Submission

Two changes are happening at *Sociological Perspectives* in the next few months. On about June 1 the journal will be switching to a completely online submission and manuscript management system, and at the end of June the new managing editors (Charles Powers and Marilyn Fernandez at Santa Clara University) will be taking over.

As the journal transitions to the new online system, the best way to reach the current editors is via email at [SOC\\_PERSPECTIVES@KENT.EDU](mailto:SOC_PERSPECTIVES@KENT.EDU). After July 1, the new editors can be reached via the online management system. Once the online management system is in place, the PSA web site ([PACIFICSOC.ORG](http://PACIFICSOC.ORG)) will provide information on how to access it.

# Important Dates

August 1, 2007

ALL changes to the initial Call for Papers must be received by this date.

October 15, 2007

ALL papers or proposals must be received by organizers by this date.

November 15, 2007

ALL session information must be received by the PSA from individual organizers by this date. Please forward all session information to us via e-mail at [PSA@CSUS.EDU](mailto:PSA@CSUS.EDU).

*These dates are inflexible; PLEASE remember and adhere to them. Early submission of changes, papers or proposals & session information is VERY welcome!*

# 2008 Call for Awards Nominations

If you wish to submit a nomination, you must supply the supporting materials and documentation detailed below for each award. While it is possible for a person, publication, etc., to be nominated in more than one year, if appropriate, no nominations or supporting materials will be carried over from year to year. It is the nominator's responsibility to submit three copies of all nominations and supporting materials including articles, books, etc. by the nomination deadline. The deadline is February 1, 2009 for all awards except in the case of the Distinguished Scholarship Award. The nomination deadline for that award will be December 1, 2007.

## Distinguished Scholarship Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished Scholarship is granted to sociologists from the Pacific region in recognition of major intellectual contributions embodied in a recently published book or series of at least three articles on a common theme. To be eligible for the 2008 award, a book must have been published in 2006 or later. If a nomination is based on a series of articles, the most recent article in that series must have been published in 2006 or later. The Committee does not accept nominations for the Scholarship Award from Publishers. Nominations must be from individual members of the PSA. Edited books are not eligible for this award. If a book has both a hardback and paperback copyright date and no significant changes have been made in the book between editions, the committee will consider the earlier copyright date as the one determining eligibility for the award. Nominations for distinguished scholarship and all supporting materials must be submitted by December 1, 2007. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the book and/or articles.

send nominations for the Scholarship Award to:

Elaine Draper (edrapear@calstatela.edu)  
Dept of Sociology, CSULA  
5151 State University Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90032

## Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award

Individual Teaching Award: The PSA honors outstanding career contributions to teaching, a series of projects, or a specific product or process, which an individual or small group of individuals in the western region have contributed to the teaching and learning of sociology. These may include:

- ▶ Products and/or processes that enhance undergraduate and/or graduate intellectual inquiry and learning of sociology within one's own institution or beyond its campus. Examples include innovative teaching techniques, use of new technologies, service learning, distance learning, learning assessment of sociology, textbooks, publications related to teaching, teaching programs, devices or materials, laboratory designs, instructional computer packages, innovative curricular contributions or curriculum design, or workshops;
  - ▶ Relevant contributions to state, regional, or national associations;
  - ▶ Activities that illuminate, educate, and nurture public understanding and appreciation of the usefulness of the discipline and of sociological principles and research.
- The Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award is given to an individual sociologist from the western region and/or to a department of sociology in the western region. The award is given to those who have developed teaching programs, curricula, or materials, which have been unusually effective in enhancing student understanding and fostering appreciation of sociology as a field of study. The grounds for nominations are open but include textbooks and other teaching materials, laboratory designs, instructional computer packages, innovative curricular contributions, and evidence of special impact on students.

You must provide the Committee with three copies of the supporting documentation.

For the individual teaching award, nominations should include

1. the name of the nominee, a very detailed statement with a very specific explanation of how this individual's work constitutes a [career] contribution to the teaching of sociology;
2. letters of support from individuals having direct knowledge of the nominee's contributions;
3. copies of any teaching materials developed by the nominee (if relevant to the nomination);
4. some evidence of the nominee's impact in the classroom (these might be student evaluations or other evidence);
5. the nominee's vita; and
6. additional supporting materials are encouraged.

Department Contributions To Teaching Award: The PSA honors a department, school, or other collective actor in the western region for its outstanding contribution to the teaching of sociology. Individual strengths and competencies combine, in consensus, to produce a single product or process or a series of projects that

- ▶ Improve(s) the quality of undergraduate and/or graduate teaching and learning, e.g., sequential curriculum design; teaching programs, devices, or materials; service learning; distance learning; or learning assessment of sociology, etc.;
- ▶ Relevant contributions to state, regional, or national associations;
- ▶ Activities that illuminate, educate & nurture public understanding and appreciation of the usefulness of the discipline and of sociological principles and research.

For the departmental teaching award, nominations should include evidence to support the departmental nominee in these categories. You must provide 3 copies of the evidence.

send nominations for the Teaching Award to:

Anna Leon-Guerrero (ayl@plu.edu)  
Dept. of Sociology/Social Work, Pacific Lutheran Univ.  
Tacoma, WA 98447

## Distinguished Practice Award

This award honors sociological work in the Pacific region (whether by an academic or non-academic), which has an impact on government, business, health, or other settings not directly connected with academia. The grounds for nomination include (but are not limited to) any applied sociological activity that improves organizational performance, contributes to community betterment, and/or eases human suffering. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the supporting documentation:

1. a nominating letter, which provides an overview of the nominee's distinguished practice contributions;
2. letters of support from individuals having direct knowledge of the nominee's distinguished contribution to sociological practice; and
3. copies of presentations at scholarly conferences, published articles, and/or grant/contract proposals, primarily authored by the nominee, which address issues in sociological practice. This award is given bi-annually.

send nominations for the Practice Award to:

Leontina Hormel (lhormel@uidaho.edu)  
Dept of Soc., Univ. of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83844-1110

## Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award and \$200 honorarium

The Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes an undergraduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. This award includes a \$200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2008 convention hotel. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by an undergraduate student or students in the Pacific

region c) written or substantially revised in the last year; d) presented at the upcoming annual conference; and e) unpublished. Candidates for the award must provide the Committee with three copies of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by at least one letter of support.

send nominations for the Undergraduate Paper Award to:

Anna Leon-Guerrero (ayl@plu.edu)  
Dept. of Sociology/Social Work, Pacific Lutheran Univ.  
Tacoma, WA 98447

## Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award and \$200 honorarium

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes a graduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. This award includes a \$200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2008 convention hotel. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by a graduate student or students in the Pacific region c) written or substantially revised in the last year; d) presented at the upcoming annual conference; and e) unpublished. Candidates for the award must provide the Committee with three copies of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by at least one letter of support.

send nominations for the Graduate Student Paper Award to:

Nella Van Dyke (nvandyke@wsu.edu)  
Dept. of Sociology, Washington State Univ.  
Box 4020 Wilson Hall 204  
Pullman, WA 99164-4020

## Nominations Process for the Above Awards

Any member can place a nomination by writing directly to the Chair of the Awards Committee. In order to be considered you must provide the required documentation as presented above for each particular award for which there is a nomination. The deadline is February 1, 2008 for all awards except in the case of the Distinguished Scholarship Award. The nomination deadline for that award will be December 1, 2007. Send nominations and all supporting documentation to the Chair of the Awards Committee:

## Social Conscience Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Social Conscience Award is given to a worthy community-based organization located in the city in which the Annual Meeting is held. In 2008, the annual meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon. This is a monetary award and honors a community organization based in Portland that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community. You must provide the committee with three copies of supporting documentation. The deadline for nominations for the Social Conscience Award is February 1, 2008.

for this award only, send nominations to

Dean S. Dorn (psa@csus.edu)  
PSA Office, Dept. of Sociology, CSU Sacramento  
6000 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819-6005

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- August 1 2007: changes to the initial Call for Papers
- October 15 2007: papers/proposals to organizers
- November 15 2007: all session information from organizers to the PSA (PSA@CSUS.EDU)

# Call for Papers

for the California Sociological Association's 18th Annual Meeting

*Building Communities: Global & Local Landscapes*  
(all topics are welcome)

November 16 & 17, 2007  
Doubletree – Berkeley Marina Hotel

deadline for submissions: August 1, 2007

for more information, contact:

Judith Little  
Department of Sociology, Humboldt State University  
Arcata, CA 95521-8299  
707.826.4561 or jkl11@humboldt.edu

## Candidates on the Fall 2007 Ballot

This election will be held in late October or early November 2007,  
and may be conducted electronically.

### President

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### Nominations Committee – Southern Region

Karen Sternheimer (USC)  
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## Hotel Information: April 10 – 13, 2008

### Portland Marriott, Downtown on the Waterfront

The 2008 Annual Meeting will take place at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, 1401 SW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97210. It is a completely smoked free hotel. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown Portland, on the west bank of the Willamette River. It has 503 guest rooms, a restaurant, café and two bars. NOTE: The meeting is not being held at the other Marriott Hotel in Portland, The Marriott City Center.

The downtown cultural district, including the Portland Art Museum, Performing Arts Center, Historical Society are within easy walking distance from the Hotel. Pioneer Square and Shopping Place are seven short blocks away. You can board the MAX light rail six blocks away or talk a walk along the beautiful McCall Waterfront Park. The airport is 15-20 minutes away.

Support the PSA by booking at the Marriott. This will assure that we meet our sleeping room contract and will keep convention costs low, since thousands of dollars in meeting room rental will not have to be paid to the Marriott. Not meeting our room block will have serious financial consequences and would likely increase the cost of registration at future meetings.

The PSA 2008 Convention Rate is \$135 single and \$145 double, triple, quad, plus tax. To make a reservation, call 800.228.9290 or the hotel directly at 503.226.7600. Please ask for the PSA convention rate. All reservations must be made by March 19, 2008 in order to be eligible to receive the PSA rate. However please note that the discounted room block could sell out before the March 19 deadline; if so, the hotel may still have rooms both before and after this date, but at a rate-available basis.

**PARKING:** Hotel parking for registered guests will be at the prevailing rate. In 2007 it was \$24 / 24 hours. There are other nearby parking lots as well.

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:** The following fare information is provided by the transportation providers and is subject to change without notice.

**AIRPORT MAX LIGHT RAIL, RED LINE:** If you do not have a lot of luggage, a quick, easy, and cheap way to get to downtown Portland is on light-rail. Catch the MAX Red Line right outside the Portland airport to the right of the baggage claim area. Take the Red Line to the S Yamhill St. stop, walk south on SW 1st Ave. a short six blocks and you will arrive at the hotel. Taxis are also available. Cost in 2007 from the airport was \$2. The Airport MAX light rail Red Line service runs from PDX to downtown every 15 minutes from 4:37 am until 11:35 pm every day. A one-way trip takes 38 minutes. Tickets may be purchased at an automated ticket machine, conveniently located near the Airport MAX station.

**AIRPORT – DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE (GRAYLINE EXPRESS):** Scheduled shuttle bus service to most downtown hotels. Departs PDX every 45 minutes, 5 am to midnight. Travel Time: approximately 20-45 minutes

**METERED TAXIS:** Five taxi companies serve PDX, available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Fare: per vehicle – around \$30 one-way to downtown. Travel time: approximately 20-40 minutes to downtown.

**SHUTTLES (FLAT RATE):** Many shuttles operate from PDX to various areas around Portland, and are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Fare is per person and not regulated and will vary; determine your rate before you start your trip. Some shuttles offer discounted rates for travelers to certain hotels, check with your hotel. Travel time: approximately 20-40 minutes to downtown. If you have reserved a vehicle, please check-in at the Information Booth located on the Ground Transportation roadway.

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Several presenters and even some session organizers were no-shows at the 2007 meeting in Oakland. This is a great disservice to the Association our members. Please inform us of any errors in the program, or changes / cancellations as soon as possible at [PSA@CSUS.EDU](mailto:PSA@CSUS.EDU).

## **Marilyn Fernandez & Charles Powers Appointed Co-Editors of Sociological Perspectives**

The Council, acting on the recommendation of the Publications Committee, appointed Marilyn Fernandez and Charles Powers from Santa Clara Univ. as the editors-designate of *Sociological Perspectives*. They will officially become editors on January 1, 2008 and will be responsible for volumes 51, 52, and 53. They will open an editorial office at Santa Clara around July 1.

Marilyn Fernandez received her Ph.D. from Loyola University of Chicago in 1982. She is currently the Chair of the department at Santa Clara. She has served in many administrative and consulting positions, among them Director of Research and Evaluation for The Ounce of Prevention Fund in Chicago, a research associate at the Pacific/Asian American Mental Health Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a consultant for the US Office of Civil Rights and for the National Research Center Asian American Mental Health project on alcohol problems related to Filipino Americans at UCLA.

In 2005 she received an excellence in teaching award from Santa Clara. Other honors include the President's Award at Santa Clara, a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, and a National Merit Scholarship award from the government of India. She has over 30 publications, among them "Ecological Analysis of Program Impact: A Site Analysis of Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents in Illinois" (with Holly S. Ruch-Ross) *Journal of Applied Sociology*, "Religion and Japanese American's Views of Their World War II Internment" (w/ Stephen Fugita), *Journal of Asian American Studies*, "Bridging and Bonding Capital: Pluralist Ethnic Relations in Silicon Valley" (with Laura Nichols), *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, and *Altered Lives, Enduring Community: Japanese Americans Remember their World War II Incarceration* (with Stephen Fugita), University of Washington Press.

Charles Powers received his Ph.D. from UC Riverside in 1981. He has been the Acting Director of the Gerontology Program at Santa Clara, the chair of the department, and Co-Director of a combined sciences program for pre-medical and other pre-health students. He has also served as the coordinator of assessment of residential learning communities at Santa Clara. He is also a member of the ASA Teaching Resource Group.

He has been recognized with several honors for his work, among them a career impact award as a faculty advisory, a Fulbright-Hays seminar grant to Brazil, an award for excellence in curriculum innovation at Santa Clara, and during his tenure as chair of the department, the ASA granted the Santa Clara sociology program its Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award.

His publication record is extensive. He has published many chapters and articles on a variety of sociological topics, as well as several books: *Vilfredo Pareto*, Sage; *Post-Industrial Lives: Roles and Relationships for the 21st Century* (with Jerald Hage), Sage; *Making Sense of Social Theory: A Practical Introduction*, Rowman and Littlefield, and *The Emergence of Sociological Theory* (with Jonathan Turner and Leonard Beeghley), Wadsworth.

The editors-designate have wide-ranging intellectual interests and experience that spans much of the discipline. These include applied sociology, comparative and historical sociology, demography, ethnic groups, inequality and stratification, organizations, political sociology, quantitative and qualitative methods, science and technology, social change and social theory.

Both Fernandez and Powers are knowledgeable about the history of *Sociological Perspectives* and its editorial philosophy as a generalist journal. They are committed to making SP the journal of choice in the professional.

On about June 1 the journal will be switching to an online submission and manuscript management system, and at the end of June the new managing editors will be taking over. As the journal transitions to the new system, the best way to reach the current editors is through the journal's email, SOC\_PERSPECTIVES@KENT.EDU. After July 1, the new editors can be reached through the online management system. Once the online management system is in place, the PSA web site (PACIFICSOC.ORG) will provide information on how to access it.

## **Officers, Secretary & Editors, 2007-08**

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## **Special Note to Undergraduate and Graduate Students**

The PSA welcomes and encourages participation in our program by undergraduate and graduate students. Except for California and possibly Hawaii, there are no state sociological associations in the Pacific region available for student socialization and participation in the discipline. One aspect of the PSA mission is to mentor the next generation of sociologists. To best accommodate undergraduate participation, the Program Committee has organized two types of sessions: *Undergraduate Roundtable Open Topic Sessions* and *Undergraduate Poster Sessions*. In the Call for Papers, these are the only two sessions open to undergraduate students. Graduate students can submit their work to any session in the Call for Papers or to the *Graduate Student Roundtable Session* or to the *Graduate Student Paper Open Topics Session*.

# Volunteer To Serve On A Committee

Committees are vital to the proper functioning of the Association. Each year there are vacancies on the various committees that must be filled. Each year the Committee on Committees is looking for interested and committed members who can be recommended to the President and the Council for possible appointment.

Committee Membership must represent the Southern, Central, and Northern sections of the PSA western region. Usually there is one opening for each region on each appointed committee. Those responsible for committee appointments are always glad to know of willing volunteers. Student members are now eligible to serve on all appointed committees with the exception of the Awards Committee. Appointments are usually for a three-year period.

The PSA has 15 committees that members can volunteer to serve on: endowment committee, membership, audit, contract monitoring, awards, status of women, status of ethnic minorities, status of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals, teaching, freedom of research and teaching, civil liberties and civil rights, social conscience/action, student affairs, and sociological practice.

The Council appoints members based on recommendation from the Committee on Committees. Self-nominations are acceptable. Serving on a committee is an effective way to network with professional colleagues. If you are interested, please indicate below. Even if you have volunteered before and have not been selected, please fill out and clip the form below.

To serve on a committee, you must be a member in good standing. The next round of committee appointments will be made in December of 2007 with terms of appointment starting in 2008.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES • Application Form for Committee Service

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## Council Meeting Minutes, Committee & Business Meeting Reports

2006-2007 Council Meeting Minutes  
Oakland • Friday March 30 2007  
Virginia Mulle, Secretary

President Charles Hohm brought the 2006-07 Council to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2007 during the 78th Annual Meeting in Oakland. Council members present were: Charles Hohm, Jodi O'Brien, Beth Schneider, Marilyn Fernandez, Phylis Cancilla Martinelli, Dean Dorn, Roberta Lessor, Keith Farrington, Amy Wharton, Jan Stets and Charles Powers. Also present were Don Barrett and Richard Serpe, co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*, and Ginny Mulle, Secretary.

Don Barrett reported that there have been a steady and relatively high level of submissions to *Sociological Perspectives*; that there have been increasing problems with obtaining reviews in a timely manner; and that while other publishers have expressed interest in the journal we will be staying with UC Press as they move toward using Manuscript Central, an electronic manuscript processing system. He further reported that there had been three applications for editor/co-editor of the journal and that one withdrew due to a lack of support from his campus, leaving two active applications.

Roberta Lessor presented a third draft of the Mission Statement. Discussion ensued regarding various sections of the statement regarding the purpose and endorsements of the association. It was decided that there were both goals and objectives embedded in the statement; that Council members were in agreement on the sentiments expressed in the statement; but that more work was needed on the wording of the statement.

Council member Keith Farrington reported preliminary results of the Membership Survey that was sent to 1232 members with 331 (26%) responding. Respondents were in general engaged members whose participation/attendance at meetings was based on whether or not they presented at the meetings. The survey showed that what respondents liked best about the meetings was interacting with friends and colleagues, and the quality of sessions and papers presented was what they liked least. Overall, respondents believed that the PSA does its job effectively, that the overall quality of work presented is not as good as it could be, and that the association could become more intellectually and physically diverse. There was discussion with suggestions and recommendations on all areas of the report. A second

wave of the survey will be sent out, as well as a different survey to Division I universities.

President Hohm stated that this was the largest meeting in regard to number of sessions, and thanked Karen Sternheimer for an awesome job. He was excited about the Presidential sessions and encouraged all to attend, and that he was overall very pleased with the program.

Executive Director Dorn reported that there were 1179 members of the PSA, and that the financial base of the association was solid. He stated that there might be future increased costs to subsidize the journal, as well as expenses for moving the journal. Richard Serpe suggested that a new 'sustaining member' category of membership be developed with an increased membership cost.

Dorn informed Council that the ASA had approached him regarding the PSA adopting the ASA Code of Ethics. If the association were to adopt the Code they would need to develop implementation language, but that there were models to follow. Council members supported the adoption of the Code.

President Hohm adjourned the meeting at 10 am.

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President Jodi O'Brien brought the 2007-08 Council to order at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 18, 2007 during the 78th Annual Meeting in Oakland. Council members present were: Jodi O'Brien, Charles Hohm, Judith Treas, Marilyn Fernandez, Beth Schneider, Robert O'Brien, Dean Dorn, Jan Stets, Charles Powers, Rosemary Powers, Candan Duran-Aydintug, and Belinda Robnett. Also present were Ginny Mulle, Secretary, and guest Charles Varano, chair of the Publications Committee.

Chair Varano announced that the publications committee has selected, by a unanimous vote, Marilyn Fernandez and Charles Powers as the new co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*. They were selected because the committee preferred the two editor format, and that Marilyn and Chuck had presented a strong, elaborate proposal, they had institutional support, Marilyn would be the first female editor of the journal, both Chuck and Marilyn have offered good reviews and have both contributed a great deal to the PSA. Chuck Hohm moved, Bob O'Brien seconded, and the Council unanimously accepted the nomination of Fernandez and Powers as the new co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*.

President O'Brien reported that Mako Fitts and Gary Kinte Perry of Seattle University will serve as co-chairs of the 2008 Annual Meeting Program Committee. President O'Brien and the committee plan to emphasize regional issues and politics, such as Native American and tribal issues, and methodologies that will engage with the complexities of the time. Each committee member will be responsible to organize an invited session with high profile panelists, and a focus will be on educating session moderators toward continued, involved communication with their session participants.

Executive Director Dorn and Secretary Mulle attended all committee meetings on Friday and Saturday. The Endowment Committee recommended that the number of student travel awards be increased from 30 to 40; Student Affairs hosted a very successful reception, and both eth Nominations and Committee on Committees will be working on developing the 2008 fall ballot. The Committee on Teaching will draft a new set of guidelines regarding the nomination process for the Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, and the Membership Committee will develop a list of suggestions addressing membership issues through re-thinking sessions at the annual meeting, both to be

presented to Council. COFRAT will develop a "Manifesto of Responsibility" outlining what responsibilities faculty have to their institutions and that institutions have to faculty.

A subcommittee of Council was appointed to review and make recommendations regarding adoption of the ASA Code of Ethics as well as an implementation procedure if adoption is recommended. Beth Schneider and Candan Duran-Aydintug volunteered to be members of the subcommittee.

A fourth draft of the PSA Mission Statement was presented and discussed. Beth Schneider moved, Chuck Hohm seconded, and the following mission statement was unanimously adopted: "The mission of the Pacific Sociological Association is to advance scholarly research on all social processes and areas of social life, to promote high quality teaching of sociological knowledge, and to mentor the next generation of sociologists. Consistent with principles of scientific investigation, the PSA endorses engagement of sociologists in areas of social justice and social responsibility. The Association accomplishes its mission by convening an annual meeting and publishing its journal, *Sociological Perspectives*." It was suggested that the new mission statement be sent to the chairs of the committees and that each committee be responsible to provide one goal.

Council unanimously delegated authority to the 2007-08 Nominations and Committee on Committees to solicit nominations for elected office and appointments to positions on various committees.

President O'Brien moved, Bob O'Brien seconded, and Council unanimously approved that 40 student travel awards of \$100 each be given to students who are members of the association and are on the program of the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held in Portland.

Discussion regarding the location of the 2009 annual meeting resulted in a recommendation that the Site Selection Committee explore an "inland" versus a "coast" location. Inland cities mentioned to investigate were Tucson and Phoenix/Tempe, AZ.

Executive Director Dorn thanked everyone on Council for giving his or her time and energy to working for the PSA. President O'Brien thanked Dorn and Mulle for their work during the year, and congratulated Fernandez and Powers on their selection as co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*.

President O'Brien adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Members of the Committee include:  
Sharon Araji, (08) Univ. of AK Anchorage, Chair  
Patricia Little, (07) CSU San Bernardino  
Deborah Gerson, (07) San Francisco State  
Elsa Valdez, (07) CSU San Bernardino  
Liza Kuecker, (08) Western New Mexico Univ.  
Tracy Citeroni, (08) Mary Washington College  
Susan Palmer, (10) Walla Walla Comm. Coll.  
Dennis Loo, (10) Cal Poly Pomona  
Marcia Marx, (10) CSU San Bernardino

Those who attended the committee meeting on Friday, March 30 included Sharon K. Araji, Dennis Loo, Liza Kuecker, Susan Palmer and Elsa Valdez. Patricia Little, Tracy Citeroni and Maria Marx had sent e-mails indicating that they would be unable to attend the meetings. Dean Dorn, Treasurer, was also in attendance.

Lisa Kuecker reported that the CLRCL-sponsored session "Exploitation of Undocumented Workers" stimulated a lively discussion. The video session, organized and presented by Sharon Araji had not yet occurred. These were the only two sessions sponsored by the committee this year. The one that involved Patricia Little and Sharon Araji was cancelled as a result of Patricia's inability to attend.

Sharon Araji agreed to continue as Committee Chair for 2008, but reminded members that they need to think about a new Chair next year as her term on the committee expires. Chair Araji also read from the PSA Handbook about the tasks assigned to the committee. Dean Dorn noted that the handbook was out of date and needed revisions.

The remainder of the meeting focused on planning sessions for the 2008 meeting in Portland, Oregon. These included the following sessions and organizers:

1. Family Values? Government Policies and Family Disruptions – Liza Kuecker (Paper session)
- 2a. Got Fascism – Dennis Loo (Paper session) and also,
- 2b. Aggression Abroad and Repression at Home (Invited session – coordinate with PSA Program Committee)
- 3a. Taxation Without Representation: The Political Exclusion of Ex- Felons, Permanent Residents and Undocumented Workers – Susan Palmer (Invited Session) and also,

3b. The Long Arm of the Law: Homeland Security, Immigration and National Disasters (Invited Session)

4. Media Representations of Immigration – Marcia Marx (video / film session)

Dean Dorn suggested that we might want to contact Douglas Parker from CSU Long Beach about presenting a session on “Sociologists Without Borders: Human Rights Violations.” Sharon Araji indicated that she would follow-up with this suggestion. The committee meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Post committee report: About 15 – 16 people attended the video session “Domestic Violence Victims, Contested Child Custody and the Courts” organized and presented by Sharon Araji. She circulated an evaluation form at the end of the program. Of the 10 who completed the survey, 8 rated the presentation as a ‘5’ on a 5 – point scale with 5 being highest and 2 rated the program as a ‘4’. Discussion following the video provided support for the purpose of the program; education and training. Agency / government workers and educators who attended indicated that it would be a very helpful tool for use in the classroom and for training judges, attorneys, shelter workers, etc. about domestic violence and the court system. The CCRCL thanks the PSA for providing soft drinks, wine, fruit and cheese for this session. The Chair thanks all committee members for their suggestions prior to and during the committee meeting. Special thanks to Patricia Little, Elsa Valdez, and Deborah Gerson whose terms ended in 2007. Your contributions to the committee are very much appreciated. Welcome to new members, Dennis Loo, Marcia Marx and Susan Palmer.

report on the Business Meeting  
March 31, 2007 • Oakland  
Dean S. Dorn, Executive Director

The business meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm. Members present were Chuck Powers, Chuck Hohm, Virginia Mulle, Dean Dorn, Reid Helford and Olga Bright

Dorn gave a brief report on the PSA in terms of membership, financial account, and the status of the search for new editors, the proposal to adopt the ASA Code of Ethics and the increasing number of students who participate in the PSA. For details see the Report from the Executive Director and Council minutes.

Chuck Hohm then reported on the 2007 meeting and indicated that it seemed to be going well. Dorn reported that there probably would be a record number of paid reg-

istrations; however, a fairly large number of paid registrants as well as those listed on the program were not showing up at the last minute and canceling their presentations. It was noted that this seems to be an emerging norm at conferences.

A discussion then took place regarding the increasing number of student members and participants in the annual meeting. Those present somewhat agreed that for undergraduates generally roundtable and poster sessions would be most appropriate.

Olga Bright, Co-Chair of the Committee on Teaching reported that the committee had a productive meeting and that new co-chairs were selected along with plans to sponsor three invited sessions at the meeting next year in Portland. Reid Helford, the Chair of the Committee on Community Colleges, reported that the committee was pleased that it is now a permanent standing committee of the association and also pleased that the PSA was a welcoming place for faculty from community colleges.

report from the Committee on Committees  
Dean S. Dorn, Executive Director

Those present at the meeting were Chair, Beth Schneider, Roberto deAnda, Manuel Barajas, Dennis Loo, Nancy Andes, Jessica Fields, and Dean Dorn.

The committee discussed its task, which is to find appointments for open positions on the standing appointed committees of the association. Dorn passed out a packet of information for members, including a list of current PSA members both faculty and student, a list of those who have recently volunteered for appointments, a worksheet listing the open positions on the various committees and a set of procedures. Names of those who have agreed to be appointed must be sent to the Chair, Beth Schneider, by December 1, 2007.

Assignments were made as follows: Beth Schneider (Awards Committee), Roberto deAnda (Social Conscience and Teaching), Manuel Barajas (Race and Ethnicity), Dennis Loo (Civil Rights), David Boyns (COFRAT), Echo Fields (Membership), Jessica Fields GLBT and Endowment), Nancy Andes (Women and Practice) and Laura Nathan (Student Affairs).

Committee on Nominations  
reported by Dean S. Dorn, Executive Director

Those present at the member were Chair, Charles Hohm and Sally Raskoff and Dean Dorn. Dwaine Plaza and Sara Steen were absent.

Dorn passed out a packet of information for members, including a list of current faculty and student members, a worksheet on openings for elected positions on the fall 2008 ballot, and a set of procedures.

A discussion occurred regarding possible members for various positions on the ballot and then assignments were made as follows: Chair Hohm, president and vice president, Sally Roskoff, openings on Council, Publications, Nominations and Committee on Committees from the southern region; Dwaine Plaza, openings on Council, Publications, and Committee on Committees from the northern region; and Sara Steen, openings on Council, Publications, and Committee on Committees from the central region.

Members must have their name to Chuck Hohm by May 1, 2008; however the agreement was the earlier the better since it is often difficult to get members to serve in elected positions.

Site Selection Committee  
reported by Dean S. Dorn, Executive Director

The Site Selection Committee will be discussing the site for the 2009 annual meeting. Council is interested in trying to have this meeting “inland,” meaning Arizona or New Mexico, since the 2009 conference must be in the southern region and the PSA has not met “inland” since 1986 when it met in Denver. Executive Director Dorn will scout possible hotels in Tucson and Tempe to begin with. Other potential sites are Long Beach, San Diego, Pasadena, and Las Vegas, although generally the association prefers not to meet in gambling venues.

Awards Committee Meeting  
Friday March 30, 2007  
Virginia Mulle, Co-ordinator

The following members were present: Ginny Mulle, Ana Leon-Guerrero, Peter Nardi, Beth Schneider & Elaine Draper. Anna Leon-Guerrero was elected chair for next year, 2007-08.

Three awards were presented this year: 2007 Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship to Jerome Karabel at UC Berkeley; 2007 Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives* to Jacqueline Adams at UC Berkeley; and 2007 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper to David Orzechowicz at UC Davis. Nominations for these awards were numerous and strong, and the winners are to be congratulated for their accomplishments. Two organizations in the Bay area received the Social Conscience Award: The Bay Area Crisis Nursery and Pivotal Point Youth Services, Inc.

No nominations were received for the 2007 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, a trend that continued for several years. The committee discussed various ways to promote nominations for all awards, as well as specific to the teaching award. It was noted that the process for nominations for the teaching award is more complex and time consuming than for other awards. The committee felt that the criterion should be maintained (letters of support, copies of teaching materials, evidence of impact in the classroom) but that the guidelines and descriptive information regarding the award should be condensed. It was suggested that self-nominations, should be encouraged and welcomed, for all awards but particularly the teaching award, as gathering materials for the teaching award could be more easily obtained by the nominees themselves rather than by others who make a nomination.

The committee suggested that the Executive Council be encouraged to actively solicit nominations for all awards, as well as chairs of the various committees. Newly elected chair Leon-Guerrero asked for names and email addresses of all committee chairs and will follow up by contacting each chair. The status committees (GLBT, Women and Race & Ethnicity) should be encouraged to nominate works in their specific areas of representation, and the session organizers of undergraduate and graduate sessions (paper and roundtable) should make nominations from submissions to their sessions as well.

report from the Committee on Membership  
Amy Orr, Chair

The Membership Committee met on Saturday, March 31 in Oakland. Members present: Amy Orr, Jill Weigt, Stephani Williams, Kristin Anderson, Mike DeCesare, and Ginny Mulle.

At this meeting, we primarily discussed two issues (and related questions):

- Student Membership: It was noted that the PSA is now dominated by students (55%). How does this affect the quality of the meetings, and our ability to attract faculty from RI institutions?
- Membership Survey: Preliminary results from the membership survey indicate that the quality of sessions may be problematic, and may hurt our ability to attract new members (or retain existing members). How can we increase session quality?

The Membership Committee had a very productive discussion, which resulted in the following recommendations:

- Student Membership: One of the stated

goals of the PSA is the mentorship of students. Therefore, we want to remain a student-friendly organization while at the same time increasing the likelihood that faculty will participate. We suggest:

- Ensuring that all undergraduate paper submissions are routed to undergraduate sessions. This will require that session organizers pay close attention to the status of the individual submitting the paper.
- Placing the vast majority of undergraduate papers in roundtables/poster sessions. The exception would be a special paper session devoted to award winners (Distinguished Undergraduate Paper Award as well as awards from subcommittees that wish to participate).
- Limiting the number of graduate students presenting in regular paper sessions to 1-2 students, routing the rest to paper sessions devoted solely to graduate students. To accomplish this, session organizers would need to pay close attention to the status of the individual submitting the paper.
- Requiring further distinction regarding graduate student status. In most cases, there is a significant difference between a first-year graduate student and a student who is ABD. This would require further options to be placed on the paper submission form.
- Quality of Sessions: The suggestions listed above may help to improve the quality of the meeting sessions. As quality issues do not center solely on students, we also make the following general recommendations:
  - Decrease the number of sessions offered. While we appreciate that the number of sessions has been growing, this may create problems with session attendance (the large number of sessions spreads the audience too thin). Presenters may find it frustrating to find that, after making the trip and preparing their presentation, there are very few people in the audience. Therefore, we recommend that the Program Committee try to address issues of overlap in session topics. This may also require increased selectivity with regard to paper selection.
  - Increase the number of "invited" sessions. This may bring new members to the meeting, as well as provide some renewed excitement about the program. If well-known members of the community are to present, we would also recommend highlighting their sessions in the program and on the website.
  - Require the submission of full papers during the selection process. This will ensure that the work has been completed, therefore helping to avoid presentations

that appear to be "thrown together" at the last moment (or incomplete). We recommend having individuals submit short abstracts by September 15, with full papers due by November 15.

We realize that changes such as these will likely result in an initial decrease in membership. However, they may contribute to the long-term health of the organization. If we institute these changes, they will likely need to be implemented incrementally. In addition, it may be best to choose very attractive meeting locations while these changes take place.

The Membership Committee looks forward to working further with the Council on these issues. Our goal for the upcoming year is to continue to gather information from current members, as well as faculty at regional RI institutions who have not chosen to participate.

report from the Committee on Freedom  
of Research and Teaching (COFRAT)  
March 30, 2007  
David Musick, Chair and Cheryl Radeloff

In Attendance: D. Musick, C. Radeloff, V. Mulle, G. Goodwin. Absent: J. Kronenfeld, J. Titus, E. Nelson, M. George-Cramer, A. Clay

2008 Sessions: Proposed COFRAT-sponsored sessions include:

1. Attacks on Academic Freedom: Where We Are, Where We Are Going? (David Musick)
2. Strategies for Assuring and Preserving Academic Freedom (David Musick)
3. Do We Censor Our Own? The Chilling Effect of the Discipline on Certain Research Interests (Cheryl Radeloff)
4. IRB Survival Stories (Cheryl Radeloff)
5. Classroom Experiences: Strategies to Deal with Challenges and Limitations of Student Criticism (Ginny Mulle)
6. Government Gate Keeping: Control on Research and Teaching (Ginny Mulle)

Note: Persons whose names appear in parentheses will propose the session, via the online proposal form.

Membership: committee discussed term limits of current committee members and V. Mulle will raise questions with D. Dorn regarding number of members. V. Mulle will also forward current email addresses of members to G. Goodwin for dissemination

after drafting first round of the research, teaching and practice manifesto.

Research, Teaching and Practice Manifesto: D. Musick raised issue of a sociologist's manifesto, outlining what can be expected of a professional sociologist, and what a professional sociologist can expect of others. The Manifesto may contain a code of ethics, along with rights and responsibilities between employees and employers. What do we want to protect for scholars, researchers and practitioners? What are scholars, researchers and practitioners responsible for doing? What responsibilities do administrators at colleges and university have towards professional sociologists? D. Musick mentioned a book titled *Work Abuse* for G. Goodwin to look at. D. Musick also suggested developing a "bullet point" manifesto rather than a "text based" one.

2007-2008 Advertising: The PSA Bulletin and its website publish information about the activities and existence of COFRAT. D. Musick asked for updating of information for contact of 2007-2008 Committee Chair.

Ideas for COFRAT Dialogue. G. Goodwin raised concerns about contact information regarding problems associated with charge of the committee. D. Musick suggested committee view and evaluate COFRAT information currently on the PSA website. D. Musick also mentioned that we need an ASA liaison. V. Mulle will contact D. Dorn about this issue. G. Goodwin agreed to serve as the liaison to ASA. G. Goodwin also agreed to report to the committee any information-if it occurs. The Committee discussed appointing a Liaison to PSA Committee on Civil Rights and Abilities (CCRA). Chair of CCRA is Sharon Araj. V. Mulle will serve as liaison.

Action Items: Action items are situations where one or more colleagues would contact a COFRAT member, who would bring information about the situation forward for consideration, and possible action, by COFRAT. The committee had no such issues to bring forward from the PSA membership.

New Membership V. Mulle asked committee to nominate folks who participate in committee work for appointment to COFRAT. Sharon Davis and Terri Ubovich were recommended by G. Goodwin. C. Radeloff recommended John Parker and Ben Lewin (both at AZ State).

New Chair: D. Musick agreed to chair committee for 2007-2008

report from the Committee on Teaching  
Marjukka Ollilainen, Chair

Present at the meeting: Marjukka Ollilainen, Chair  
Marisol Clark-Ibanez (07) CSU San Marcos  
Liza Kuecker (07) Western New Mexico Univ.  
Richelle Swan (08) CSU San Marcos  
Joyce M. Johnson (09) Santa Rosa Jr. College  
Olga Bright (10) CSU Chico, newly appointed  
Mike DeCesare (10) CSU Northridge, newly appointed  
Adam Rafalovich (10) Pacific Univ., newly appointed

After brief introductions, the committee welcomed new members Olga Bright, Mike DeCesare, and Adam Rafalovich. The committee then selected Joyce Johnson to be the new chair. As has become a tradition, the committee members reported on our sponsored sessions and discussed their success. Most of the teaching sessions thus far had drawn a good crowd with lot of discussion.

Then the committee proceeded to brainstorm next year's sessions. Olga Bright reported she will be out of the country and could not organize a session. Marisol agreed to organize a session on "assignments that work" even though she is rotating off the committee. The suggestions were written down on the proposal form with most members organizing at least one, if not two sessions. Altogether the teaching committee came up with 11 proposals in the meeting. All proposals were handed to Ginny Mulle during the meeting. The proposals include some popular topics that have proven to draw audiences, such as sharing assignments that work, teaching social theory, using films in the classroom, introductory course innovations, and teaching about social justice (the latter to be focused on global instead of social justice next year). The committee then discussed the formats and decided to shift away from the workshop mode and organize more invited panels, including a panel about teaching for the first time to be organized by Michael. Other, new ideas for sessions include classroom disasters, online teaching, teaching statistics, and teaching at community colleges.

Ginny Mulle then discussed the issue of teaching awards and the current nomination system, which requires a lot of documentation about the nominee to be submitted to the awards committee early in the process. The committee discussed the pros and cons of such process and agreed to continue discussion throughout the year through e-mails. One problem that the current system is caus-

ing is that it may require too much up-front work to nominate deserving professors and thus may create a situation that discourages nominations.

report from the Publications Committee  
Oakland • March 30, 2007  
Charles Varano, Chair

Present: Don Barrett, Rebekah Darksmith (of UC Press), Dean Dorn, Kathy Kuipers, Karen Miller-Loessi, Richard Serpe.

1. Don Barrett presented the Editors' Report (hardcopy available upon request). He noted an increase in submissions by women first authors and an increase of qualitative articles accepted. He also noted the continued difficulty finding reviewers that is leading to more editorial decisions based on two reviews and more disqualifications outright.

Don then outlined some of the continuing problems with UC Press, involving copy-editing, meeting deadlines, and minimal oversight of subcontracting (which I asked Rebekah Darksmith for more information about regarding the working conditions of foreign subcontract labor. I was told that it would be forthcoming, but as of 4-11-07 I have not received any more information from UC Press).

Don and Richard then discussed their support for, and recommendation of, "Manuscript Central," an electronic manuscript processing system that should be adopted by Sociological Perspectives to help reduce cost and labor time associated with producing the journal. The recommended that the author fee for submitting manuscripts be increased to \$20 to cover the cost of the system, which comes to \$19.50 per manuscript. Don and Richard will begin the system and hand it over to the new editors. The committee approved the increase in manuscript fees.

2. Rebekah Darksmith from UC Press (who said that she would like to attend every publication committee meeting at future conferences) distributed a circulation/marketing report for the committee's consideration (also available upon request). Among the issues she addressed: a 2.2% drop in library subscriptions from 2005 to 2006, UC Press' focus on outreach to the library market and international market, and future efforts to give reviewers access to the issues/articles they've reviewed and translate the journal into Chinese and Spanish.

3. By a unanimous vote of the five members present, the Committee recommended that Chuck Powers and Marilyn Fernandez become the new editors of *Sociological Perspectives* (over Adalberto Aguirre). The following reasons in favor of Chuck and Marilyn were discussed in arriving at this recommendation: 1. Co-editors seemed like a better system than a single editor; 2. They put forth a very strong proposal; 3. They have strong institutional support from their Dean; 4. Marilyn would become the first woman editor in the history of SP; 5. Don and Richard have received very good reviews from both Chuck and Marilyn in the past; and 6. Both Chuck and Marilyn have contributed to the journal and PSA extensively over the years.
4. Kathy Kuipers will become the new chairperson for this committee, replacing Charles Varano.

Report from the Committee on  
Racial and Ethnic Minorities  
2007 • Oakland  
Sharon Yee, chair

In attendance: Sharon Yee, chair, Anna Leon-Guerrero, Hong Xiao, Gilda Ochoa, Charlene Tung, Maria Sarita Gaytan, Stephani Williams, James Thing and Michael Aguilera

#### Agenda

Old Business: Introductions; reminder of co-sponsored reception with Committee on Status of Women for that evening; sessions are going ok so far, although the undergraduate session had only 1 presenter; the other two students were unable to attend at the last minute. The session had low attendance as well (a total of 3 individuals in the audience). There was low-participation for paper submissions.

New business: Names for additional members for next year: new names will be given to Ginny Mule; election of chair: asked for nominations, but no nominations were given. Sharon volunteered to stay on and do another year as chair.

Decision if we want to sponsor another undergrad session next year was made: This was only the second year to have the undergraduate session. Stephani Williams guaranteed students to submit papers for the session next year and has volunteered to organize it. We've decided to co-host again reception with Status of Women. Stephani Williams suggested having a reception off the conference cite. Ginny Mule pointed out that PSA would not pay for it. Stephani volunteered to create a walking tour or other sort of event for next

year's meeting. Decision to co-sponsor sessions next year with Committee on Status of Women

Sharon Yee will organize that session. Decision to sponsor any organization of sessions: We will have 5 sponsored sessions for next year's meeting.

Sharon Yee, as chair, will set up list serve between members to help with communication, better networking, and opportunities for students. Former members will also stay on the list serve as well. Propose to have a teaching session for the committee, perhaps one on how to teach race and gender. No volunteers at the end of the meeting to do so.

Brief discussion of the focus of the committee. Questions of what are the focus? Is the committee outdated? Are we embedded? Should we be more activist? Discussion to see if Association of Black Sociologists would like to do a collaborative session with us for next year's meeting. Sharon will look into it.

report from the Endowment Committee  
Oakland 2007  
reported by Carol Ward, Co-Chair and  
Dean Dorn, liaison to the committee

Members present: Carol Ward, Wendy Ng, Jane Prather and Dean Dorn

The Endowment Fund was very successful in 2006. Over \$4,000 (\$4909.50) was raised through donations and fund raising at the annual meeting. In addition interest on the Endowment Fund CD was \$3,524.68. At the beginning of 2006, the fund had a value of \$101,327.40 and at the end of 2006 it was \$131,557.68. The increase of over \$30 thousand was also due to the donation from Dean Dorn's honorarium as executive director (\$7,500) and the transfer of \$19,500 from the PSA checking account. Expenses in 2006 totaled \$2,900 for 29 \$100 student travel awards.

This year 29 travel awards were made to students (25 awards to applicants and 4 for winners of session papers). Considering that the endowment fund has increased over the last several years and can support more travel awards, the committee voted to increase the number of awards next year to 40 at \$125 each.

The committee decided to continue the silent auction & raffle because they draw attention to the Endowment Fund and student travel awards, and they help to generate a sense of community and support for PSA. Fundraising plans for next year's meeting in Portland include:

1. continue main fundraising activities: donation request at membership renewal, the silent auction and raffle.
2. sell raffle tickets and lanyards at the welcome reception the first night, and get more committee members & students to help with the fundraising activities during the reception and meeting.
3. continue the walking tours.

New business:

1. Wendy Ng will assume duties as co-chair along with Sandra Way.
2. Carol Ward will draft a letter to members (faculty) requesting contributions to the PSA. It will be sent to the committee for review and will go out in late October.
3. The committee considered adding past presidents to the endowment committee to help with generating more support, but the decision was tabled until Dean can look into it.

The committee decided to recommend to Council that in 2008 up to 40 student-travel awards of \$125 each should be granted. The committee also decided to continue its fund raising efforts at the 2008 Portland meeting—organizing walking tours, conducting a raffle, and having a silent auction.

report from the Committee On Student Affairs  
Tina Burdsall, Chair 2007-08  
Mary Virnoche & Olga Bright, 2006-07

During the 2006-2007 year, the Student Affairs Committee developed a three-session workshop directly aimed at helping students with graduate school decisions and experiences. The first session was titled: "Choosing and Being Chosen: Planning for Graduate School." This was a faculty panel including Alicia Gonzalez (Organizer and Panelist) & Linda Shaw, CSU San Marcos, and Mary Virnoche, Humboldt State University. The panel discussed the factors to consider in making the decision to attend graduate school. Students asked questions and faculty members shared thoughts on the steps in researching & applying to graduate schools and how graduate programs make their selections. About twenty-five students attended and the overall response was positive.

The second session was titled: "Applying to Graduate Schools." This workshop allowed faculty members to work one-to-one with students on selecting programs, writing cover letters, cvs, and personal statements. Thank you to Mary Virnoche, Humboldt State University & Olga Bright, CSU Chico (Organizers and Mentors), as well as the other volunteer mentors: Jackie Carrigan CSU Sacramento Liahna Gordon, CSU Chico and

Jeffrey Gunn, University of Oregon for giving your time to this session!

The third session was titled: "Navigating the Graduate School Experience: Student Perspectives." This was a panel of students who led a discussion about the strategies for successfully navigating the graduate school experience. The panel was organized by Mary Nell Trautner, SUNY Buffalo. Jessica Stephan, Humboldt State University presided over the panel, which included Jeff A. Larson, Univ. of Arizona, Dana Maher, UNLV, Debra Guckenheimer, UCSB, Tonya Lindsey, UCSB, Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo, UCSB and Marcia Hernandez, Univ. of the Pacific. The handful of students who attended found the panel and discussion extremely productive & insightful.

The Student Reception and Raffle was extremely successful this year. Shannon Edwards & Amber Miller worked hard on organizing and carrying out a fun reception with additional help from David Carter, Stephanie Burres, and Joe Eckert (all from Humboldt State University). The attending students were thrilled with the free books and raffled checks. Thanks are sent out to the publishers and the PSA for their contributions to this great event!

The Committee on Student Affairs met on Saturday March 31. New co-chairs Tina Burdsall and Eric Haruo Honda were selected. Cheryl Lynn Bassani and Carolyn Zook were selected to organize next year's Student Reception. Three sessions were discussed for next year: one geared for professors on getting your students into graduate school, one geared for students on getting into graduate school and the graduate school experience, and the third one on ethical issues in student research.

The Committee on Student Affairs also wants to express special gratitude to Mary Virnoche for all of the work she did this year!

Report from the GLBT Committee  
William Wagner III, Chair

1. The GLBT Committee re-elected Billy Wagner (CSU Channel Islands, as of Aug 2007) to serve another year as Chair.
2. The GLBT Committee is sponsoring the following sessions at the 2008 Meeting:
  - 1) Queering Sport: LGBT Issues & Sports
  - 2) Queers & Religion
  - 3) Queer Parenting
  - 4) Transgender Issues
  - 5) Queering Heterosexual Sex
  - 6) Queered Masculinities
  - 7) Undergraduate Session: Research & Theory on Gay, Lesbian, Transgender,

& Queer Persons

8) Diasporic Queers: Gender, Ethnic, and Sexual Identities Beyond Political and Cultural Borders

9) The Sexual 'Cafeteria' (e.g., S&M, Sex Work, BiSex, Tearooms) in the Context of LGBTQ Assimilation

- 3a. The Committee wishes to nominate the following people to continue on the committee past 2008:
  - 1) Nicole Raeburn (USF)
  - 2) Ann Travers (Simon Fraser Univ., BC)
- 3b. The Committee wishes to nominate the following people as new members (to replace Bogart & Austin):
  - 1) Jodie Dewey (Concordia University, Illinois), jodie.dewey@cuchicago.edu
  - 2) Don Barrett (CSU San Marcos), dbarrett@csusm.edu
  - 3) Byron Lee (Simon Fraser Univ., BC), bkl@sfu.ca

report from the Committee on  
Applied, Practice and Clinical Sociology  
Joshua Meisel, Chair

The 2006-2007 Committee on Applied, Practice and Clinical Sociology was comprised of the following members:

Joshua Meisel (08) Humboldt State, Chair  
Laura Hecht (07) CSU Bakersfield  
Richard Lockwood (08) Portland State  
Warren Lucas (08) Northern Arizona Univ.  
Amy Q. Liu (09), CSU Sacramento  
Cheryl Lynn Bassani (09) Univ. of BC  
Cristine deUriarte (09) CSU Los Angeles  
Meda Chesney-Lind (10) University of Hawaii

The following members attended: Joshua Meisel (Chair), Cristina Bodinger-deUriarte, Amy Liu, and Rick Lockwood. The group discussed the possibility of soliciting nominations for a Distinguished Contributions to Sociological Practice Award to be presented at the 2008 meeting. Among the ideas discussed was inviting the award recipient to provide a presentation at the 2008 meeting. The committee also shared ideas on how best to solicit nominations for the award. The committee agreed that professional association newsletters and online discussion forums should be used as a means of soliciting nominations. Rick Lockwood agreed to oversee the nominations committee and coordinate this effort. Other committee business included selecting a new Chair and soliciting membership appointment recommendations. The committee elected Cristina Bodinger-deUriarte as Chair for 2008. Finally, the group shared ideas for committee sponsored sessions for the next meeting.

# Report from the Editors of Sociological Perspectives

Don Barrett & Richard Serpe, Co-Editors  
 Jessica Leveto, Managing Editor

REVIEWS, DISQUALIFICATION, AND PRE-REVIEW

In this final year of our editorship, there have been a steady and relatively high level of submissions; increasing problems with obtaining reviews; the usual problems of dealing with UC Press; and an important decision regarding the processing of manuscripts. Each of these points is addressed below.

Submissions and rates from April 1, 2006 through March 15, 2007

Submissions have clearly increased in the past year. In the 2006 report, we had received 156 new submissions and revisions over a 12.5 month period (March 16, 2005 through April 1, 2006) for an average of 12.5 submissions per month. As the table below indicates, in the period covered by this report we have received 171 new submissions and revisions over an 11.5 month period, for an average of 15 submissions per month.

Regarding acceptance and rejection rates, the rates reported below are in line with the reported rates in previous reports.

	N	%
Total Number of Manuscripts Received	171	
Total Number of Manuscripts Received, excluding resubmissions (% of all manuscripts)	118	69%
Total Accepted (% of all manuscripts)	27	16%
Total Rejected (% of all manuscripts)	46	27%
R&R on initial review (% of new manuscripts)	24	20%
Average number of weeks between editorial decision and resubmission	18	

For the 171 manuscripts we have received, we have secured reviews from 354 unique reviewers from around the country and the world.

## MANUSCRIPT CHARACTERISTICS

As we noted in earlier reports, among our goals for the journal was to increase the number of published female first-authored papers and the amount of published qualitative research. In our first three years the percent of submissions from females as first authors stayed very close to 40%, but has moved up to 53% this year. Information on percent of accepted manuscripts by female first authors is not available for the first year of our tenure, but the acceptance rate for this year (41%) is lower than 2006 (65%) but almost identical to the acceptance rate in 2005 (40%). Comparison data regarding qualitative manuscripts are inconsistent across reports, but rates of qualitative submissions appear to hold fairly steady (40% in 2004, 20% in 2005, NA in 2006, 33% this year) while acceptance of qualitative manuscripts would appear to have increased (40% in 2005, 56% this year).

	N	%
Manuscripts from a single author (% of new manuscripts)	90	76%
Manuscripts from authors at public institutions (% of new manuscripts)	106	90%
Submitted: First author female (% of new manuscripts)	62	53%
Accepted: First author female (% of accepted manuscripts)	11	41%
Submitted: Qualitative (% of new manuscripts)	39	33%
Accepted: Qualitative (% of accepted manuscripts)	15	56%

note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest whole number.

In the past year the journal has encountered increasing problems with obtaining reviews for manuscripts. Informal discussions indicate that this problem is happening with other journals as well. The problems include both difficulty in obtaining agreements to review, and difficulty in actually receiving the review in a timely manner. Communication with potential and actual reviewers suggest that the problem is primarily related to workload issues. Due to these problems with obtaining reviews, we are increasingly encountering situations of having received only two reviews in a timely manner and thus are making decisions based on those reviews plus closer reviews by us.

In response to this situation, both of us have begun to change how we handle the processing of new manuscripts. We are increasingly disqualifying new manuscripts that we are confident are going to be problematic and eventual rejections. We are also providing suggestions to authors to make changes to new manuscripts before they go out for review, if those changes will make the review process easier.

## UC PRESS RELATIONS

In the past 12 months we have had a series of serious problems working with UC Press, though the relation with UC Press now seems to be stabilizing. In understanding these problems it is important to note that UC Press contracts out the copyediting, typesetting, and printing to subcontractors. Problems are described below by the time period in which they occurred, time periods are rough estimates.

*Spring / early Summer 2006:* At the time of our Spring 2006 report, our copyediting and typesetting was subcontracted by UC Press to Asterisk Typographics. Our relations with Asterisk Typographics had been very good for quite some time, but in the late Spring and early Summer of 2006 those relations became problematic. Our first hint of problems was overly-aggressive copyediting that began to infringe upon the rights of authors. By early Summer, we were also falling very far behind in publishing issues of the journal. The reasons for falling behind were twofold: 1) a lack of clear deadlines from Asterisk or UC Press combined with our shift to a new managing editor, and 2) Asterisk was falling behind in their work. Much of the problems with Asterisk turned out to be due to the fact that they were a very small operation and that key personnel were out due to illness. The most important thing we learned from this, however, was to realize that UC Press was not closely monitoring the performance of their subcontractors.

*late Summer 2006 / Fall 2006:* Through intervention by both Richard and Don, the problems with Asterisk and monitoring of subcontractors was addressed by UC Press, and the subcontract with Asterisk ended. Typesetting was moved to ITC (full name unknown), UC Press became more aware that they needed to monitor the process better, and we spent several months searching for a copyeditor. The first copyeditor contracted by the Press after Asterisk went too far in the opposite direction, being far too minimal with page-proofs coming back that looked sloppy. After Don's working with the Press for a couple of months, we settled on a copyeditor that works, though see the note further below regarding copyediting. We also were able to catch up on the printed issues that were behind.

*Fall 2006 / Winter 2007:* Our main problem with the Press at this point in time is negotiating work flow with ITC. There have been a number of problems with communications between ITC, the authors, and the journal over what was needed from authors, and where to respond. The communication problems have also been hampered by language difficulties in communications by ITC to authors. Intervention by Don communicating with UC Press and they, in turn, working with ITC, has typically resulted in these problems being resolved.

*Summary:* The above situations have created problems in production of the journal and have created occasional confusion and frustration by authors.

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Informal conversations with other journals, however, suggest that our experiences are what is typical for most journals. The main point to pass on to the next editor(s) is the need to monitor the publication process and to be assertive with UC Press in terms of making sure that they are monitoring the process and the subcontracting. We will gladly work with the next editor(s) regarding these issues. It should be noted, also, that though these sorts of production issues are frustrating when they arise, they are typically not very time consuming.

COPYEDITING

As noted in the above section, copyediting is handled by individuals that subcontract with UC Press. Whom to use as a subcontractor is negotiated between the Press and the journal. For much of our tenure as editors, copyediting was handled by Asterisk Typographics and had been quite good with Asterisk doing not only the necessary technical copyediting but also doing more editorial copyediting. The distinction just used in type of copyediting is important. Technical copyediting focuses almost exclusively on two things: 1) preparing the manuscript for typesetting, and 2) checking that the references agree with citing in the manuscript. Editorial copyediting goes much further, addressing the overall appearance of the manuscript (e.g., are the decimals aligned in tables) and working with authors to clarify unclear statements, correct improper conjugation, address potentially offensive language, etc. The amount of editorial copyediting to be performed by the subcontracting copyeditor is typically determined by the journal. Clearly the more editorial copyediting handled by the subcontracting copyeditor, the more time spent and the more the copyediting costs. Note that the costs of copyediting are an expense deducted by the press from the amounts that the journal receives.

After the problem with Asterisk, the level of our copyediting was worked out informally between Don and the copyeditor, with the current copyediting being a compromise between technical and more editorial. Currently the copyeditor prepares the manuscript for typesetting, checks the references against the citations, and addresses relatively general appearance issues (e.g., table alignment, formatting of excerpts). The copyeditor also captures more blatant grammatical issues. The editors (and the authors) are then responsible for the rest of the editorial copyediting.

The next editor(s) will have the option of continuing with the current subcontracting copyeditor, changing subcontracting copyeditor, or taking over the majority of the copyediting themselves. We will gladly work with the new editor(s) on these concerns.

ELECTRONIC OPERATIONS (MANUSCRIPT CENTRAL)

UC Press has started the process of adopting Manuscript Central, an electronic manuscript processing system offered by ScholarOne. From our review of the system, it is clear the adoption of the system will tremendously reduce the workload on the part of the managing editor by reducing the amount of record-keeping and physical processing that is required, by automating contact with reviewers, and by keeping track of the status of manuscripts. Considering the number of submissions that the journal now receives, and the performance of the system, we recommended to Dean Dorn that the journal be moved to Manuscript Central. According to communications with the Press, this move will be occurring before we hand over the journal to the new editor(s).

Using Manuscript Central, the journal will pay a fee of \$19.50 per manuscript for each manuscript processed through the system. Though the system will reduce the time demands for the managing editor, we recommend that the fee paid by authors when submitting a manuscript be increased from the current \$10 to \$20 so as to entirely cover this cost. The time saved by the managing editor for physical processing can then be spent assisting the editor(s) in other tasks.

The ScholarOne website describing Manuscript Central is:

[http://www.scholarone.com/products\\_manuscriptcentral\\_aboutMC.shtml](http://www.scholarone.com/products_manuscriptcentral_aboutMC.shtml)

## Financial Report from the Executive Director January 1 – December 31, 2006

There were 1,276 paid members in 2006. There were 703 paid faculty members and 573 paid student members. In addition, the meeting in Hollywood was well attended, with 545 paid faculty registrations and 519 paid student registrations for a total of 1,064 paid registrants. Below is the financial report for the calendar year 2006. The Audit Committee approved this report at its meeting in the PSA Office in February.

Report for the Sacramento Office for 01.01.06 to 12.31.06

INCOME (in dollars)

donations .....	4,909.50
manuscript fees.....	715.00
memberships.....	23,013.00
registration Fees.....	30,099.50
misc.....	724.75
UC Press.....	41,903.71
TOTAL INCOME .....	101,365.46

EXPENSES (in dollars)

annual meeting .....	28,099.57
awards .....	4,650.00
clerical .....	3,000.00
editorial office.....	7,172.16
bounced checks .....	99.00
misc. expense .....	12.58
phone .....	78.13
postage .....	7,177.24
refunds .....	311.00
Xeroxing .....	xxxx.xx
travel.....	405.69
supplies .....	4,057.08
ASA advertising .....	xxxx.xx
honorarium, Executive Director .....	7,500.00
assets to CD account.....	xxxx.xx
assets to Endowment Fund.....	19,500.00
printing / graphics.....	11,300.23
liability insurance.....	516.00
credit card cost.....	1,441.09
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	95,319.77

ASSETS

checkbook 12/31/06 .....	20,258.99
CD Endowment Fund 12/31/06.....	131,814.68
CD general fund 12/31/06 .....	30,207.52
total assets 12/31/06.....	182,281.19
cost per member.....	53.54