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APRIL 16-19, 1998

THEME: THE VALUE OF SOCIOLOGY

Dear PSA Colleagues:

We invite you to participate in the 1998 PSA meeting scheduled for April 16-19 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in downtown San Francisco. The theme of the meeting will be "The Value of Sociology."

This issue contains the second and final Call for Papers. Our theme has attracted 188 proposed sessions on all kinds of topics of interest to sociologists. We hope you will take the time to look through the list and contact session organizers to indicate your interest in participating in a session. If you don't find a session that matches your interest, please contact me as soon as you can.

**The deadline for submission of ideas, outlines, abstracts, and papers to session organizers is OCTOBER 15, 1997.** Session organizers are not obligated to consider submissions that are postmarked after that date.

Please also note that given the recent increase in the size of the PSA annual meeting, the session to which you submit a proposal could be scheduled on any day between April 16 and April 19 of the annual meeting.

If you wish information on the meeting hotel and other matters pertaining to the PSA, including a membership form for 1998, please visit the PSA web site at <http://www.csus.edu/psa/>

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco next April. If the number, variety, and breadth of proposed sessions is any indication, we are going to have a fabulous meeting. I look forward to working with you in stimulating and exciting discussions of the value of sociology in our changing world.

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**FROM THE EDITORS:  
A CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

In this issue of *The Pacific Sociologist* we again provide a forum for the discussion of issues of professional concern to the membership of the Pacific Sociological Association. Page 4 of this newsletter offers "Professional Concerns: Objectivity and/or Activism." Martin A. Monto initiates this discussion with "Often Misunderstood, Weberian 'Value-Free' Sociology Remains a Sound Model for a Science of Society." Your responses are welcome – it is hoped that the newsletter can promote a continuing discussion of this and other important concerns of the discipline.

In the December (and perhaps the May) issue of *The Pacific Sociologist*, we will again feature "Professional Concerns: Objectivity and/or Activism." This continuing discussion, it is hoped, will rekindle old debates: Can sociology be an objective science? If so, *should* it be one? Can and should sociologists remain "above the fray"? Does participation in social movements "taint" scholarship, or is such participation an indispensable source of insight into the nature of social phenomena? Indeed, are not claims to "objectivity" often a smoke-screen for implicit biases? Do we have an ethical obligation to promote the mitigation of social problems and of human misery? In sum, should we be detached scholars or committed participants? Or is there some middle ground? (Or is the distinction itself a false dichotomy?) Contributions to this discussion should be about 1000 words, and must be received no later than **December 10, 1997**.

As always, other contributions and suggestions are welcome. If you have news of general interest to the profession, a book review, a curricular or pedagogical innovation, or other "Professional Concerns" you would like to see addressed in these pages, please contact us.

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# PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS: OBJECTIVITY AND/OR ACTIVISM

## **Often Misunderstood, Weberian “Value-Free” Sociology Remains a Sound Model for a Science of Society**

by Martin A. Monto, Ph.D.

At several recent PSA sessions I have heard sociologists declare their objections to “Weber’s value-free sociology,” vigorously asserting their own values and their right or even their obligation to assert them. Many would be surprised to find that Weber encouraged scientists to be clear about their values and recognized scientists’ obligation to express their political and ethical judgments. Value-free sociology is often misinterpreted to imply that scientists remain neutral on political and moral issues when, in fact, Weber clearly argued that “scientifically, the middle course is not truer by even a hair’s breadth than the most extreme party ideals of the right or left” (Weber, 1949; p. 57).

An essential foundation for addressing the objectivity versus activism debate is Weber’s distinction between “what is” and “what ought to be.” While acknowledging the philosophical quagmire surrounding the nature of reality, it is the job of the social scientist to address the former – to describe the “characteristic uniqueness of the social reality in which we move” (Weber, 1949;p.60). There is no scientific basis for establishing “what ought to be.” In other words, science cannot be a source of values. Scientific knowledge can assist us in achieving specific goals but cannot be used to determine whether those goals are valid. This is not to say that the scientist herself should be without goals or values. In fact, Weber ridiculed the scientist who would put on a pretense of ethical neutrality in the name of science, arguing that “an attitude of moral indifference has no connection with scientific objectivity” (1949; p. 60). Without a clear understanding of the distinction between what is and what ought to be, scientific objectivity becomes theoretically and practically impossible (Giddens, 1992).

Though the ideal of objectivity has come under increasing criticism among sociologists, a broader Weberian understanding of the term supports its continued viability and importance within sociology. First, objectivity does not preclude an interest in and acknowledgment of the subjective experience of human beings. In fact, Weber points out that “the objective validity of all empirical knowledge rests exclusively upon the ordering of the given reality according to categories which are subjective...” (1968; p. 212). Weber’s interest in “*verstehen*” (literally translated “understanding”) underscores his belief in the importance of the subjective experience of social life as a tool for understanding objective reality.

Second, objectivity should be seen as an ideal or a goal rather than a real and achievable end. Striving for objectivity does not mean worshipping an invulnerable Science God. It means a relentless and thorough critique of the biases in scientific methods, scientific analyses, scientific interpretations, and selection of scientific topics. Recent feminist criticisms of sociological methodology (such as those reviewed by Reinharz, 1992) point to sociology’s failure to acknowledge its biases and limitations. On the other hand these criticisms call not so much for new methodology or paradigms, but for more careful and reflexive use of existing methods.

Third, holding objectivity as a goal does not mean devaluing all knowledge that is created outside science. Scientists rely on their own values, interests, and personal insights, all shaped by their culture, when deciding what issues are important and what questions are worth asking. Though these kinds of decisions are not objective, the resulting studies may still generate findings with a high degree of objectivity. For example, the insights that have inspired some of sociology’s most outstanding studies on gender were derived from nonscientist feminist activists who made no pretense of objectivity.

Critics have been ingenuine in their attacks on objectivity, failing to recognize that we as sociologists all rely, in the classroom and in our research, on the idea that systematic data gathering, whether it be through unstructured interviews or national telephone surveys, has advantages over the idiosyncratic and biased perspectives of the individual. We can scientifically document inequality, and that knowledge is more valid than the subjective impressions of the politically conservative introductory sociology student who claims that, based on his experience, things really aren’t that unequal. Sociology needs to reaffirm its respect for objectivity if it is to continue to make useful contributions to public policy and to our culture’s understanding of social problems.

In my own research, I have had to grapple with the difficult relationship between objectivity and activism while evaluating a local program designed to keep men arrested for propositioning street prostitutes from re-offending. In working with the feminist activists running the program, I cautiously asked them how they would feel if my findings were inconsistent with their understandings or the assumptions that underlie their program. They were surprisingly unthreatened by that possibility, arguing that their main interest was in reducing violence against women, and any information that would help them to understand these men or improve their program would be appreciated. Herein is an example of the utility of value-free sociology. Weber points out that the social sciences arose out of a concern with practical problems and the need for “objective” information about social reality that would help to address those problems (Giddens, 1992). When sociologists cease to provide this kind of objective information, they forfeit the distinctive contributions made possible by a science of society.

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## **APPLIED SOCIOLOGY; SOCIOLOGICAL PRACTICE; THE PROFESSION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **2. Applied Sociology: Teaching Community Fieldwork** (Sponsored by the Committee on Teaching)

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### **4. Getting Into Program Evaluation: What You Need to Know About Evaluating Social Programs** (Sponsored by the Committee on Practice, Applied, and Clinical Sociology, panel)

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### **5. The Frontal Assault on Tenure** (Sponsored by Committee on Freedom in Research and Teaching, Panel)

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### **6. Taboo Topics: Issues of Controversy and Constraint in Academia** (Sponsored by Committee on Civil Liberties and Committee on Freedom in Research and Teaching, panel)

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### **7. Technology in Academia: Gender, Race, and Class** (Sponsored by Committee on Teaching)

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### **8. Symbolic Interaction: Writing for Publication**

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### **9. Sociologists on Sociology: Insiders on the Margins**

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### **10. Activism in Academia: Personal Stories of Mixing Politics with an Academic Career** (sponsored by Committee on Freedom in Research and Teaching)

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### **11. The Politics of Academic Myth-Making about Minorities: Rechallenging the Sacred Cow** (panel)

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### **12. Leasing the Ivory Tower**

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## **CULTURE AND ARTS, MASS MEDIA, RELIGION, SPORT & LEISURE**

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### **15. Webs of Significance: Pop Cultural Constructions & Their Impacts on Society**

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### **16. Popular Music in Society: Meaning, Empowerment & Social Identity**

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### **17. Popular Culture and the Legitimation of Meritocracy**

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### **18. The Culture Wars** (panel)

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### **19. Transformations of Capitalism & Culture**

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### **20. Considering Cultural Capital and Cultural Repertoires**

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### **21. Food: Fashions, Fantasies, and Fetishes** (Sponsored by SSSI)

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### **23. Culture and Collective Memory**

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**25. Perspectives on Popular Culture and Mass Media**

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**26. Sociology and the Business of Music, Media & the Arts**

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**27. Symbolic Interaction: Mass Media & Everyday Life** (Sponsored by SSSI)

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**31. Gender & Religion** (Sponsored by Committee on the Status of Women)

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**32. Religion, Spirituality and Social Control**

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**34. The Masculinization/Feminization of Sport**

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**37. Issues in the Criminal Courts: Prosecution and Sentencing**

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**41. Criminology of Hate: Hate & Bias Crime**

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**42. Women and Crime** (Panel)

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**44. Deviance and Social Psychology**

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**45. Symbolic Interaction: Studies in the Sociology of Deviance** (sponsored by SSSI)

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**47. Delinquency and Families: Focus on Girls in Trouble**

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#### **56. Symbolic Interaction: Ethnographic Studies of Migration and Mobility** (sponsored by SSSI)

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#### **57. In Search of the "American Dream": Immigrant, Ethnic & Women Entrepreneurs**

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### **EDUCATION AND TEACHING**

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#### **59. Sociology of Higher Education**

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#### **62. Reconceptualizing Schools & Learning**

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#### **63. Learning Strategies in the Multicultural Classroom** (Sponsored by the Committee on Teaching)

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#### **64. Teaching Sociology in Rural Settings: Some Pragmatic Considerations** (Panel)

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#### **65. Teaching Clinical, Applied, and Practice Sociology: What Works and What Doesn't!** (Sponsored by Committee on Practice, Applied & Clinical Sociology, topic roundtable)

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#### **66. The Value of Sociology: Community-Based Service Learning** (Sponsored by Committee on Teaching)

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#### **67. Strategies for Teaching: Team Teaching with Sociology** (Sponsored by Committee on Teaching)

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#### **69. Rethinking the Core Curriculum in Sociology** (Sponsored by Committee on the Status of Women)

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#### **74. Consumers, Consumer Identities and Environmental Linkages to Consumption Patterns in "Post-Material Society"** (panel)

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#### **75. Institutionalization & Social Movements**

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#### **78. Social Movements, Gender & the "Right"**

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#### **79. Genocide and Global Conflict**

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#### **80. Repression, Facilitation, Co-optation, and Acceptance: State Responses to Social Movements**

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#### **81. Race and Nationalist Movements in the United States**

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**82. Studying Revolutions through the Prism of Race, Gender & Class**

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**83. Sociology of Affirmative Action and Civil Liberties** (Sponsored by Committees on Status of Women, Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, and Freedom in Research and Teaching)

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**84. Gender and Work**

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**85. Gender Representation in the Media** (sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women)

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**86. Race and Gender in the Workplace**

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**88. Race, Class, Gender, and the Internet** (sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women)

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**89. Men, Women and the Politics of Appearance**

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**90. Masculinities**

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**91. Theories & Bodies at the Interface of Feminism & Postmodernism** (panel)

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**92. She Blinded Me With Science: Gender, Science & the Production of Knowledge** (Sponsored by Committee on the Status of Women)

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**93. Righteous Babes in Boyland: Gender, Feminism & Youth Subcultures**

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**94. Raced, Classed, Gendered, Queered: Enacting & Resisting Power**

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**95. Gender, Sexuality & Legal Mobilization**

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**96. Race, Class & Gendered Sexuality**

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**97. Bodies as Commodities: The Sociology of the Sex Industries** (panel)

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**98. Issues of Freedom and Control: Sex Work and Sex Workers** (sponsored by Committee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and by Committee on Freedom in Research and Teaching, panel)

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**99. Social Constructions of Personal Sexual Feelings: Positive Eroticism** (sponsored by SSSI)

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**LIFE COURSE, AGING, FAMILY, MARRIAGE, CHILDREN, YOUTH**

**100. Relationships Over the Life Course**

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**101. Sociology of the Life Course: Intergenerational Linkages**

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**102. Research on Female Adolescence: Developing Sexuality & Identity**

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**104. Death, Dying and the Disposal of the Dead**

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**107. Cross-Cultural Family Values**

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**108. Violence Between Intimates**

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**110. Inequality & the Family Part II: Coping & Creating Solutions**

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**111. Symbolic Interaction: Emergent Family Forms, New Social Constructions** (sponsored by SSSI)

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**112. Toward a Sociology of Sibling Relationships**

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**113. Immigration and Contemporary Childhoods**

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**MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY,  
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**115. Medical Sociology**

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**116. Changing Health Care Organizations: New Models of Health, Illness, and Medicine**

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**117. Health Care Professional-Patient Relationships & Interactions**

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**118. Young Women and "Health": Politics of Lived Experience**

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**120. Is AIDS Over? New Treatments/New Concerns**

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**121. Technoscience & the Production of Knowledge in Health & Illness**

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**122. Sociological Perspectives on Conceptive & Reproductive Experience**

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**123. New Reproductive Technologies: Genetic Engineering and Cloning: The Role of Sociology**

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**127. Advances in the Study of Self-Concept and Identity**

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**128. Identity and Politics**

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**129. Collaboration**

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**130. Social Interaction & Group Processes**

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**131. New Directions in Role and Identity Theory**

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**133. Symbolic Interaction: Innovations in Theory & Practice** (sponsored by SSSI)

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**134. Symbolic Interaction: Homelessness & Retreatism** (sponsored by SSSI)

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**135. Rhetoric, Claims Making & Constructionism in Action** (sponsored by SSSI)

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### **138. Language and the Body**

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## **ORGANIZATIONS AND THE WORKPLACE**

### **139. The Sociology of Organizations**

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### **142. Organizations, Space and New Information Technologies**

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### **143. Transplanted Organizations and Organizational Forms: Trends Toward Isomorphism or Heterogeneity?**

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### **144. Current Topics in the Sociology of Work**

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### **147. Organizing Immigrant Workers: Challenges and Opportunities**

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## **POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY, RACE & ETHNICITY, STRATIFICATION AND INEQUALITY**

### **148. Elites: Power, Policy, and Politics**

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### **149. Class Theory and Social Change: Retreat or Renewal** (panel)

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### **150. Power Structure Research: New Directions Using Information Technology**

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### **151. Socialism: Past, Present & Future**

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### **152. The Impact of the Globalization of Capitalism and Democracy on State and Culture**

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### **154. The Social Psychology of Race and Ethnicity**

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### **155. Whiteness in a Fishbowl: Multicultural Perspectives on White Identity**

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### **156. Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in Science and Biomedicine: Critical Perspectives on Definitions, Constructions, and Implications**

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### **157. Race, Ethnicity, and Adolescence**

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### **159. Beyond Race & Ethnicity: Gendered & Sexual Formations of/in Asian America**

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### **160. The Significance of Race & Panethnicity for Asian Pacific Americans**

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### **162. Organizational Perspectives on Stratification and Inequality**

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**164. Studying Welfare Reform: Race, Class & Gender Intersections**

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**165. Welfare Reform: The Role of Practice, Applied & Clinical Sociology**

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**THEORY & METHODS**

**166. Critical Theory**

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**167. Grounded Theory: Papers in the Tradition of the Work of Anselm Strauss**

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**168. Problematics of Meaning in Sociological Theory and Practice**

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**169. Social Inferencing Theory**

Alexander Durig, Sociology Program, California State University, San Marcos, San Marcos, CA 92096-0001, 760-750-4193, fax: 760-750-4111, email: adurig@mailhost1.csusm.edu

**170. The Dialogue of Humanities and Social Sciences: Multiple Paths and Manifold Methods**

Marilyn Garber & Steve Riskin, CSU Dominguez Hills, 1327 Palms Blvd. Venice, CA 90291, 310-399-8160, email: mgarber@dhvx20.csudh.edu

**171. Taking Stock: Michel Foucault's Contribution to Contemporary Social Thought**

Michael Blain, Dept. of Sociology, Boise State Univ., Boise, Idaho 83725, 208-385-1346, fax: 208-385-4371, email: mblain@sspac.idbsu.edu

**172. Toward a Sociology of the Internet: Computer Mediated Interaction and Social Theory**

Paolo Gardinali, Dept. of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9430, 805-893-3630, fax: 805-893-3324, email: gardinal@sscf.ucsb.edu

**173. Disaster Research: Is a New Paradigm Necessary**

Paul W. O'Brien, Dept. of Sociology & Criminal Justice, CSU Stanislaus, 801 West Monta Vista Ave. Turlock, Ca 95382, 209-667-3478, fax: 209-667-3333, email: pobrien@toto.csustan.edu

**174. The Sociologist Behind the Camera: Creating & Making Sense of Visual Data**

Maggie Kusenbach and Christine Morton, Dept. of Sociology, 264 Haines Hall, UCLA 405 Hilgard Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1551, 213-851-8582, fax: 310-206-9838, email: kusenbac@ucla.edu

**175. Visual Sociology**

Wayne Martin Mellinger, Department of Sociology, Ventura College, Ventura, CA 93003, 805-685-0185

**176. Textual Analysis: Exploring the Relations of Ruling**

Wayne Martin Mellinger & Dorothy Smith (Ontario Institute of Education), Dept. of Sociology, Ventura College, Ventura CA 93003, 805-685-0185

**177. Quantitative Methods**

Robert O'Brien, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403, 541-346-5128, fax: 541-346-5026, email: bobrien@oregon.uoregon.edu

**178. Studying Social Action in Cyberspace: Methods, Models & Exemplary Works**

Marc A. Smith, Dept. of Sociology, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Ave. LA, CA 90095-1551, 213-342-9834, fax: 310-206-9838, email: smithm@ucla.edu

**179. Conversational Analysis and Statistical Methods**

Dina Okamoto & Lisa Slattery Rashotte, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, 520-621-3531, fax: 520-621-9875, email: dina@u.arizona.edu and rashotte@u.arizona.edu

**180. Chaos/Complexity and Sociology: Methodological Approaches and Constraints in Complex Systems**

Howard Stine and Kevin Mihata, Dept. of Sociology, Box 353340, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, 206-543-5882, fax: 206-543-2516, email: hstine@u.washington.edu and kmihata@u.washington.edu

**181. New Approaches to Measuring & Conceptualizing Discrimination**

Matt Huffman, Dept. of Sociology, George

Washington Univ., 2129 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20052, 805-893-3630, fax: 805-893-3324, email: huffman@sscf.ucsb.edu

**STUDENT ISSUES AND PAPERS**

**182. Employment for Sociology BA's & MA's**

James L. Wood, Dept. of Sociology, SDSU, San Diego, CA 92182-4423; 619-594-5449; fax: 619-594-1325; email: jwood@mail.sdsu.edu and Ronald E. Hughes, Dept. of Sociology, CSU Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 92634-9480; 714-773-3531; fax 714-773-2001; rhughes@fullerton.edu

**183. The Use of Interactive Computer-Based Research Methods: Student Research Papers**

Stephanie Marquez, Dept. of Criminal Justice, CSU Hayward, Hayward, CA 94542, 510-885-3203, email: smarquez@haywire.csuhayward.edu

**184. Graduate Students Paper Session** (sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee)

Candan Duran-Aydintug, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Colorado at Denver, Campus Box 105, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364, 303-556-8306, fax: 303-556-3547, email: cduranaydint@castle.cudenver.edu

**185. Undergraduate Students Paper Session** (sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee)

Candan Duran-Aydintug, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Colorado at Denver, Campus Box 105, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364, 303-556-8306, fax: 303-556-3547, email: cduranaydint@castle.cudenver.edu

**186. Undergraduate-Graduate Student Issues: What Happens in School & Later** (sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee)

Candan Duran-Aydintug, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Colorado at Denver, Campus Box 105, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364, 303-556-8306, fax: 303-556-3547, email: cduranaydint@castle.cudenver.edu

**187. Undergraduate Student Paper Session: Strategies for Solving Social Problems - Real-World Applications of Sociological Theory**

Karl Pfeiffer, University of Alaska, Anchorage, Sociology Dept., 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508; 907-786-1746, fax: 907-786-1737 e-mail:afktp@uaa.alaska.edu

**188. The Returning Undergraduate Student** (sponsored by SSSI)

Michael Douglas Ketchum, Dept. of Sociology, Humboldt State University, 2459 Tom Road, McKinleyville, CA 95519; 707-839-8786; email: michael@cats.ucsc.edu

Deadline for  
Submissions is  
October 15, 1997

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP, 1997-1998

### The Committee Structure of the PSA

Much of the work of the Pacific Sociological Association is done by committees. Committees are, in fact, the backbone of the Association, and it is through their industriousness and accomplishments that the needs and interest of the entire PSA membership are served. There are currently nineteen PSA committees:

#### Elected Permanent Committees

There are three permanent committees: Publications, Nominations, and the Committee on Committees. Members of these committees are elected by the membership of the Association. The membership term for each of these committees is three years.

The *Publications Committee* consists of six elected members and the Editors of *Sociological Perspectives* and *The Pacific Sociologist* who serve ex officio without a vote. The committee ensures that timely reports from the Editor of the PSA journal, *Sociological Perspectives*, are made to Council on all aspects of the journal's operations. The Committee also negotiates with publishers for production and distribution of the journal, and it recommends to Council candidates for the position of Editor.

The *Committee on Committees* consists of nine elected members. The Committee on Committees recommends to Council appointments to each committee of the Association in such a manner that northern, central, and southern regions are represented. Council reviews, modifies, and acts on the committee's recommendations at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The *Nominations Committee* consists of the Past President, who serves ex officio without a vote, and three members. The Past President chairs the committee. The committee nominates two candidates for each elective vacancy.

#### Appointed Standing Committees

In addition to the above elected committees, the Association has sixteen standing committees. Members of these committees are appointed by the President-elect and/or Council. The term of office for these committees is three years, except for the Audit Committee, Student Affairs, Social Conscience Committee, Program Committee, and Site Selection Committee.

The *Program Committee* consists of a varying number of members who develop the program for the annual meeting.

The *Membership Committee* consists of six members and assists the officers of the Association in the recruitment and maintenance of membership in the Association.

The *Audit Committee* consists of two members and audits the financial records of the Secretary-Treasurer at the end of each fiscal year and whenever the Secretary-Treasurer retires from office.

The *Contract Monitoring Committee* consists of two members and advises the Council in regard to the negotiation, provision, renewal, and workability of all contracts.

The *Meeting Site Selection Committee* consists of the President as chair, the President-elect, and the Secretary-Treasurer and organizes and coordinates information about potential sites for the Annual meeting.

The *Awards Committee* consists of six members and bestows various awards such as distinguished contributions to teaching, scholarship, and practice, and best student paper and best paper published in the PSA journal, *Sociological Perspectives*.

The *Committee on the Status of Women* consists of six members and monitors the participation of women in the discipline and in the affairs of the Association.

The *Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities* consists of six members and monitors the participation of racial and ethnic minorities in the discipline and in the affairs of the Association.

The *Committee on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons in Sociology* consists of six members and monitors the participation of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in the discipline and in the affairs of the Association.

The *Committee on Teaching* consists of six members and concerns itself with issues relating to the teaching of sociology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and with exploring ways of improving the teaching of sociology.

The *Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching* consists of six members and is concerned with the maintenance of academic freedom among sociologists and with the development and maintenance of fair and equitable procedures for employing, promoting, and terminating the employment of sociologists in the western region of the United States.

The *Committee on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights* consists of six members of which three are liaison, one each from the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, the Committee on the Status of Women, and the Committee on the Status of Homosexuals. The committee monitors issues of civil rights and civil liberties pertaining to sociologists within the discipline, the Association, and the western region of the United States.

The *Student Affairs Committee* is concerned with issues related to students in the Association and the discipline.

The *Committee on Practice, Applied, and Clinical Sociology* is concerned with issues related to the practice and application of sociology, including its clinical aspects.

The *Social Conscience Committee* is concerned with locating a worthy community-based organization in the city in which the PSA holds its annual meeting for the purpose of honoring the organization through the PSA program and/or a donation from the PSA.

The *PSA Endowment Committee* has the task of coming up with procedures for establishing and monitoring an endowment fund for the PSA.

#### 1997-98 Committee Membership

The 1997-1998 Membership of each of the Committees described above are listed below. The year following each name indicates that the member will go off the committee immediately following the annual meeting in that year.

#### Elected Permanent Committees

##### Nominations Committee

Rodolfo Alvarez (98), UCLA, ex officio Past President, Chair  
Valerie Jenness (98), Washington State University  
Ann Baker Cottrell (99), San Diego State University  
Rachel Kahn-Hut (00), San Francisco State University

##### Publications Committee

Scott Coltrane (98), University of California Riverside, Chair  
Judith Howard (98), University of Washington  
William Roy (98), UCLA

Theresa Montini (98), Whittier College  
Lori Cramer (99), Oregon State University  
Nancy Naples (00), UC Irvine

Lee Freese (00), Washington State University  
Lee Bowker (00), Humboldt State University  
Charles Hohm, San Diego State (98), ex officio, Editor,  
*Sociological Perspectives*

Michael Blain (99), Boise State University, ex officio,  
Coordinating Editor, *The Pacific Sociologist*

##### Committee on Committees

Judith Howard (98), University of Washington, ex officio Vice-President, Chair  
Amy Wharton (98), Washington State University  
Elizabeth Nelson (98), Fresno State University  
Harvey Rich (98), CSU Northridge  
Denise Bielby (99), UC Santa Barbara

Wendy Ng (99) San Jose State University  
Ginna Babcock (99), University of Idaho  
Therese L. Baker (00) CSU San Marcos  
Sam Oliner (00) Humboldt State University  
Sue Marie Wright (00) Eastern Washington University

#### **Appointed Standing Committees**

##### Awards Committee

Sharon Davis (98), University of La Verne, Chair  
Witold Krassowski (98), University of Santa Clara  
Sally Bowman (98), Oregon State University  
John Pock (98), Reed College  
Dan McMillin (99), CSU Bakersfield  
Susan Garfin (99), Sonoma State University  
David Snow (99), Arizona, liaison from Council

##### Committee on Teaching

Virginia Mülle (99), University of Alaska, Chair  
William Wasson (98), California State University Los Angeles  
Sue Marie Wright (98), Eastern Washington University  
Rhoda MacDonald (98), California State University Stanislaus  
Elden Wegner (99), University of Hawaii  
Eugene Labovitz (99), University of San Diego  
Laura Nathan (99), Mills College, Liaison from Council

##### Committee on Race and Ethnic Minorities

Paul Lopez (98), Boise State University, Chair  
Joanna Grey (98), University of New Mexico  
Hein Duc Do (98), San Jose State  
Mary Texeira (98), CSU San Bernardino  
Marilyn Fernandez (99), University of Santa Clara  
Debbie Storrs (99), University of Idaho  
Diane Beeson (99), CSU Hayward, liaison from Council

##### Committee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Peter Phillips (98), Sonoma State University, Chair  
Barry Dank (99), Long Beach State  
Steven Burkett (99), Washington State University  
Virginia Fink (99), University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
Paul O'Brien (99), CSU-Stanislaus  
Marie Butler (98), Oxnard College (Chair, Committee on Status of Women)

Paul Melevin (98), City of Escondido (Chair, Committee on Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals)

Paul Lopez (98), Boise State (Chair, Committee on Race and Ethnicity)

Janet Lee (98), Oregon State, liaison from Council

##### Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching

Georgie Ann Weatherby (99), Gonzaga University, Chair  
Theresa Baker (98), CSU San Marcos  
Paul Leighton (98), University of San Francisco  
Robert O'Brien (99), University of Oregon  
Vandana Kohli (99), CSU Bakersfield  
Rik Scarce (99), Montana State University  
Cecilia Ridgeway (99), Stanford, liaison from Council

##### Contract Monitoring Committee

Jonathan Turner (99), UC Riverside, Chair  
Charles Powers (99), University of Santa Clara  
Dean S. Dorn (99), CSU Sacramento, liaison from Council

##### Committee on the Status of Women

Marie Butler (98), Oxnard College, Chair  
Patricia Emerson (98), University of Southern California  
Rebecca Warner (98), Oregon State University  
Diane Bush (99), Colorado Mountain College  
Stephanie Amedeo Marquez (99), CSU Hayward  
Shelly Kara Kowalski (99), University of Oregon  
Judith Howard (99), Washington, liaison from Council

##### Membership Committee

Martin Orr (99), Boise State University, Chair  
David Musick (98), University of Northern Colorado  
Debbie Frazier Evans (98), Claremont  
Garth Massey (98), University of Wyoming  
Judith Little (99), Humboldt State University  
Adalberto Aguirre (99), UC Riverside

Jane Hood (99), New Mexico, liaison from Council  
Committee on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons in Sociology

Paul Melevin (98), City of Escondido, Chair

Jodi O'Brien (98), Seattle University

Sydney Hart (98), UC Santa Cruz

Lionel Cantu (98), UC Irvine

Maralee Mayberry (99), University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Sharon Bird (99), Washington State University

Peter Callero (99), Western Oregon, liaison from Council

##### Audit Committee

Harvey Williams (99), University of the Pacific, Chair

Phylis Martinelli (99), St. Mary's College (Moraga)

Dean S. Dorn (99), CSU Sacramento, liaison from Council

##### Site Selection Committee

David Snow (98), University of Arizona (President)

Dean S. Dorn (98), CSU Sacramento (Secretary/Treasurer)

Cecilia Ridgeway (99), Stanford University (President-elect)

##### Student Affairs

Candan Duran-Aydintug (98), University of Colorado, Denver, Chair

William McBroom (98), University of Montana

Kim Harbison (98) UC Irvine

Cori Groth (98), University of Utah

Lisa Slattery Rashotte (99), University of Arizona

Susan Wigington (99), University of Colorado, Denver

Akihito Hirose (99), University of Colorado, Denver

Kathy Charmaz (98), Sonoma State, liaison from Council

##### Committee on Practice, Applied, and Clinical Sociology

Harvey Williams (98), University of the Pacific, Chair

Grace Marvin (98), Chico State

Arnie Holden (98) US Forest Service

James Vaughn (98), Humboldt State University

Denise Lach (98), Oregon State University

Elizabeth Leonard (99), UC Riverside

Jerry Krause (99) Humboldt State University

Rodolfo Alvarez (98), UCLA, liaison from Council

#### **Appointed Ad Hoc Committees**

##### The Social Conscience Committee

Juan Gonzales (98), CSU Hayward, Chair

Alexander Yamato (98), San Jose State University

Colleen Fong (98), CSU Hayward

Dean S. Dorn (99), CSU Sacramento, liaison from Council

##### The PSA Endowment Committee

Eleen Bauman (98), Oregon State University, Chair

Sharon Davis (98), University of La Verne

Dean S. Dorn (99), CSU Sacramento, liaison from Council

#### **Special Committee**

##### Program Committee For 1998 Annual Meeting

Jean Stockard, Oregon, Chair

Howard Pinderhughes, UC San Francisco

Hector Delgado, UC Irvine

Mary Romero, Arizona State

Clark Molstad, CSU San Bernardino

Valerie Jenness, Washington State

Richard G. Mitchell, Oregon State

Anne Martin, Edmonds Community College

Pierette Hondagneu-Sotelo, USC

Linda Shaw, CSU San Marcos

Hank Johnston, San Diego State

Maralee Mayberry, UNLV

Marilyn R. Whalen, Oregon

Robert Nash Parker, UC Riverside

Richard S. Machalek, Wyoming

Robin Wolf, Diablo Valley College

Mia Tuan, Oregon

Judith Treas, UC Irvine

Sun-Ki Chai, Arizona

Jan E. Stets, Washington State

Duane Champagne, UCLA

John Mohr, UC Santa Barbara

Jennifer Turpin, UC San Francisco

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PSA AWARDS FOR 1998

If you wish to make nominations, just Xerox this form or clip and mail to the appropriate committee chair listed below. You must provide supporting documentation with your nomination.

**The 1998 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 1998 award, a book must have been published in 1996 or later. If a nomination is based on a series of articles, the most recent article in that series must have been published in 1996 or later. You must provide the committee with copies of the book and/or articles.

Names of Nominees \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The 1998 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award.**

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award is given to an individual sociologist from the western region or to a department of sociology in the western region. The award is given to those who have developed teaching programs, devices, 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 supporting documentation.

Names of Nominees \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**The 1998 Distinguished Practice Award.**

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Practice 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 supporting documentation.

Names of Nominees \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The 1998 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award.**

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes an undergraduate student for a paper of high professional quality. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; and (b) written by an undergraduate or graduate student in the Pacific region. The paper must be unpublished. You must provide supporting documentation.

Names of Nominees \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The 1998 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award.**

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes a graduate student for a paper of high professional quality. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; and (b) written by an undergraduate or graduate student in the Pacific region. The

paper must be unpublished. You must provide supporting documentation.

Names of Nominees \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The 1998 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award.**

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives* Award honors an outstanding article published in *Sociological Perspectives* during a two year period. To be eligible, the article must be worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship and contribution to the discipline. The article must have been published in Vol. 39 (1996) or Vol. 40 (1997). You must provide copies of the nominated article.

Names of Nominees \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**The Nominations Process:**

Any PSA member can place a nomination by writing directly to the Chair of the PSA Awards Committee. A nominating letter should identify the nominee and the nominee's organizational affiliation, specify the work for which the person is being nominated, and include at least a paragraph indicating why the writer believes the work in question is worthy of nomination. If the nomination is for a student paper award, a copy of the paper must be included; if the nomination is for the Scholarship Award, a copy of the book or articles must be included; and if the nomination is for the Outstanding Article in *Sociological Perspectives*, a copy of the article must be included. The Awards Committee may request additional information for these and other awards. The nomination deadline is **December 1, 1997** for the Scholarship Award and **January 1, 1998** for the other awards. Send nominations to the Chair of the Awards Committee:

Professor Sharon Davis  
Department of Behavioral Sciences  
University of La Verne  
1950 Third Street  
La Verne, CA 91750-4401  
Phone: 909-593-3511, ext 4171  
Email: daviss@ulvacvcs.ulaverne.edu

**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 PSA Annual meeting is held. In 1998, the annual meeting will be held in San Francisco. This is a monetary award and honors a community organization that is engaged in providing a much needed social service in the community. The deadline for nominations for the Social Conscience Award is **February 1, 1997**.

Names and Addresses of Nominated Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
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For this award only, send nominations to the Chair of the Social Conscience Committee:

Juan L. Gonzales, Jr.  
Chair, Department of Sociology and Social Services  
CSU Hayward  
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd  
Hayward, CA 94542  
Phone: 510-885-3173; Fax: 510-885-2390  
email: jgonzales@csuhayward.edu

# PSA AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COMMITTEE REPORT Report from the Awards Committee, Hal Charnofsky, Chair

1. The Awards Committee nominates Sharon Davis to serve as Chair of 1997-98. She has agreed to accept if the Council endorses her nomination.
2. We propose that any expenses incurred by Committee members, such as photocopying, mailing, etc., be reimbursed by the PSA. These costs may not be huge, but they can mount up when lots of submitted materials is need to be shipped out to Committee members.
3. The form used by the PSA for submitting nominations for awards should be revised. Instructions need to be more precise. This time, for example, we received two or three names penciled in on the form that went out to all members, nothing else -- no accompanying letter nor rationale for the nomination. We suggest that at a minimum the nominator must attach a letter, not to exceed two pages, explaining the reasons for the nomination. Any supporting documentation should be appropriate for the award, e.g., for the teaching award letters from students would be fine, or endorsements from colleagues, along with evidence of superior teaching performance such as honors earned, recognition achieved, etc.
4. We believe there should be a regular system for notification of the winners and those who do not receive awards. The winners should be phoned and invited to attend the awards ceremony (we did that this year) while those who are not honored should be sent a thank-you letter and, in cases that seem appropriate, asked if their names and materials may be retained and considered next year. (See recommendation #5 below)
5. Nominees for the teaching, scholarship, and practice awards should be kept in the pool for a second year if they do not win the award the first time around. (Awards for student papers and for contributions to Sociological Perspectives would not appear to be appropriate for consideration beyond one year)
6. We suggest that the teaching award be divided into two categories, individual and departmental. It is nearly impossible to evaluated and compare individual nominees with departments that are nominated. The selection criteria are necessarily different.
7. Nominations for distinguished contribution to the journal *Sociological Perspectives* should be submitted to the Awards Committee by the editor and perhaps the editorial board of the publication. We recommend a minimum of three and a maximum of five nominations each year. (This year we received only one nomination, submitted by the author himself; although the article was meritorious, our Committee did not deem it to be "distinguished").
8. When a book is nominated, at least TWO copies must accompany the nomination. If more are needed, the chair of the Committee should solicit them from the publisher. It should be noted that when a person is nominated for a "body of work" over a career (which occurred this time), it seems inequitable to have that person compete with others who have been nominated for a single book. Perhaps there needs to be an award for lifetime scholarly achievement.

We hope these recommendations and comments are useful for next year's Awards Committee.

## VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A PSA COMMITTEE

PSA 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.

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

To serve on a PSA Committee, you must be a member of the PSA in good standing.

This year and in the future, the Committee on Committees will be making its nominations for committees in the fall. So please send your requests as soon as possible – no later than October 15, 1997.

PSA Committee on Committees  
Application Form for Committee Service

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip(+4) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Committee(s) you wish to serve on \_\_\_\_\_

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### Return this form by October 15, 1997 to:

Dean S. Dorn, Secretary/Treasurer PSA; Department of Sociology;  
CSU Sacramento; 6000 J Street; Sacramento, CA 95819-6005;  
voice: 916-278-5254; fax: 916-278-5150 Email: dornds@csus.edu

## PSA AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOTEL INFORMATION FOR THE 1998 PSA ANNUAL MEETING, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 16-19

The 1998 PSA Annual Meeting will take place at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness Ave at Geary, San Francisco, CA 94109-6986.

The hotel has 400 rooms and is located near the Civic Center. Union Square is seven blocks away, Polk Street in one block away, a cable car stop is about four blocks north, and there are many interesting and reasonable ethnic restaurants within walking distance of the Hotel. A BART station is available at the Civic Center, about six blocks south of the Hotel.

The PSA Convention Rate for 1998 is \$99 single and \$109 double, plus tax. To make a reservation call 1-800-622-0855 or the hotel directly at 415-776-8200. Please ask for the PSA convention rate. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 15, 1998 to guarantee the PSA rate.

Hotel Parking for registered guests will be at the prevailing rate of \$13.00 for a 24 hour period, with in and out privileges. Other persons attending the conference but not staying overnight at the hotel, must pay the regular rate of \$6.50.

The Cathedral Hill Hotel is about 20 minutes from the San Francisco Airport. A variety of shuttles will take you from the San Francisco airport to the Cathedral Hill Hotel. They continuously circulate around the airport.

### PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS TO FREEDOM IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

The Pacific Sociological Association's Committee on Freedom of Teaching and Research is seeking information on problems sociologists may be having in protecting their rights to academic freedom of inquiry and expression. To do that job the committee needs your input. What sorts of difficulties are you having?

In the present times of scarce funding the power of granting agencies to dictate methods of inquiry as well as topics of study increases, as does that of university research oversight committees, human subjects panels and the like. There are also pressures on some institutions and departments to adjust their curricula to accommodate the needs of special interests. Individual scholars who do not conform to these trends may find themselves disadvantaged when their teaching and scholarship are evaluated for promotion and tenure. If you are aware of similar instances, or of related problems of concern to COFRAT, the committee wants to hear from you.

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### CALL FOR TEACHING MATERIALS AND SYLLABI FOR LATINA/O STUDIES COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY

Materials are requested for an American Sociological Association (ASA) Teaching Resource, containing Syllabi and Instructional Materials for Latina/o Studies Courses in Sociology. Any of the following contributions would be appreciated: syllabi, course outlines, classroom exercises, research projects, bibliographies, film lists, etc. I am particularly interested in materials that use an interdisciplinary approach as well as a sociological perspective. Please enclose a computer disk along with your printed copy. Materials used in the publication will be identified according to contributor and institution. Please send materials or inquiries by **January 31, 1998** to: Mary Romero, School of Justice Studies, P.O. Box 0403, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-0403 or e-mail inquiries to: romerom@asu.edu

**The Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA)** will hold its 16th Annual Conference in association with Portland State University's Middle East Studies Center on April 24-25, 1998 at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. The general theme of the conference is **"Iran and the Region: Past, Present, and Future Relations with its Neighbors."** In addition to proposals dealing directly with the main theme of the conference, the Program Committee welcomes submission of paper abstracts and panel proposals on all social, political, historical, economic, literary and artistic issues related to Iran, the Middle East, and Central Asia. We welcome proposals for preorganized panels and workshops, as well as for individual papers. Please submit an abstract (300-400 words), paper title, and your complete address (including e-mail address, if available) no later than **January 12, 1998** to: Dr. Nader Entessar, Department of Political Science, Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL 36608; phone: (334) 380-3051; fax: (334) 460-2184; e-mail: <entessar@azalea.shc.edu>. For further information, visit the conference's web site at <<http://www-adm.pdx.edu/user/mesc/cira/>>.

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**Boise State University.** The Department of Sociology invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning August 1998. A Ph.D. degree with a specialization in social theory is required along with a willingness to teach at least one of the following additional areas: family, gender, or urban sociology. All applications must include a curriculum vitae, examples of written work, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and a cover letter describing research agenda and suitability for this position. Applicants must also arrange to have three letters of reference sent to: Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho 83725. All applications must be postmarked no later than **October 31, 1997**. EOE/AA institution.

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