

# **2015** Listing of Topics (printable version)

This file displays the listing of topics that will be open to submissions from December 5, 2014 to January 7, 2015, 3pm EST. The file should only be used as a printable reference; all policies and procedures related to the Call for Papers may be accessed at the Call for Paper website (www.asanet.org/AM2015/index.cfm). This list is current as of 1/5/15.

# **REGULAR SESSIONS**

The announced Regular Session Topics listed in the Call for Papers are open to submission of full papers from members of the Association and other interested individuals. For these avenues to formal paper presentation, the Program Committee selects fairly broad topics, drawing upon the experience of past programs as well as suggestions from the membership, its own views of the discipline, and those topics it considers to be of timely and emerging interest in the field. This structure of fewer but wider categories is believed to broaden the scope of sessions and stimulate fruitful dialogue among related areas of specialization.

One benefit of this structure is that Regular Session organizers have the opportunity to organize more than one session, depending on the number and quality of submissions. An author's chances of acceptance are thus enhanced, since organizers are less constrained by narrowly defined topics. All Regular Session topics are eligible for multiple sessions if warranted by the number and quality of submissions.

Regular Session organizers are expected to select for the program the best papers submitted to them. It is against ASA and Program Committee policy for organizers to recruit presenters selectively or to impose their own pre-planned themes on Regular Sessions.

Further, in order to assure wide participation in the program, it is Program Committee policy that organizers not give sole-authored papers in sessions they organize if they are to serve as presider or discussant in that session.

Regular Session organizers may construct sessions in the traditional paper-reading style or opt for a more interactive format. A traditional paper-reading session normally lists a session presider, four or five papers, and a discussant (optional). Interactive session formats vary, often pairing paper presentations, using more discussants, or having presenters discuss each other's papers. In all cases, organizers are responsible for facilitating the session interaction.

A paper presentation on a Regular Session is classified as an authorship under the participation rules. Paper titles with authors' names and affiliations will be listed in the Program.

### **Affirmative Action.**

Sharon Collins, University of Illinois-Chicago

#### Affluence/Wealth.

Shamus Khan, Columbia University

### Aging.

Markus Schafer, University of Toronto

### AIDS, Social Dimensions of.

Sanyu Mojola, University of Colorado-Boulder

### Arabs and Arab Americans.

Kristine Ajrouch, Eastern Michigan University

# ASA Opportunities in Retirement Network: Pre- and Post-Retirement Experiences and Issues

Susan Prager, Emeritus, City University of New York-Brooklyn College

# Asians and Asian Americans.

*Vivian Louie*, Harvard University and City University of New York-Hunter College

### Blacks and African Americans.

Sharon Collins, University of Illinois-Chicago

# Body, Sociology of the.

Mary Nell Trautner, State University of New York-Buffalo

### Children/Youth/Adolescents.

*Marisol Karina Clark-Ibanez*, California State University-San Marcos

#### Citizenships, Perspecitves on.

Peter Kivisto, Augustana College

#### Collective Behavior.

*Katherine McFarland Bruce*, Elon University

# **Collective Memory.**

Suzanna Crage, University of Pittsburgh

# Community.

*Derek Hyra*, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

### Communities, Transnational.

Jennifer Bickham Mendez, College of William and Mary

# Comparative Sociology.

Cedric de Leon, Providence College

### **Consumers and Consumption.**

Faye Wachs, California State Polytechnic University-Pomona

# **Conversation Analysis.**

Geoffrey Raymond, University of California-Santa Barbara

### Criminology.

Carla Shedd, Columbia University

# **Cross-National Sociology.**

Eileen Otis, University of Oregon

#### **Cultural Studies.**

Donileen Loseke, University of South Florida

# **Culture and Identity.**

Suzanna Walters, Northeastern University

# Culture, Popular.

Paul DiMaggio, Princeton University

### Culture, Sociology of.

Shyon Baumann, University of Toronto

#### **Development.**

Xiaoling Shu, University of California-Davis

# **Development and Gender.**

*Kathleen Fallon*, State University of New York-Stony Brook

### **Deviance and Social Control.**

Joanne Kaufman, State University of New York-Albany

### Disability and Social Life.

Thomas Horejes, Gallaudet University

#### Disaster.

Tricia Wachtendorf, University of Delaware

# **Economic Sociology.**

Richard Swedberg, Cornell University

#### Education.

Thurston Domina, University of California-Irvine

### **Education and Gender.**

Irenne Beattie, University of California-Merced

### **Emotions, Sociology of.**

Alicia Cast, University of California-Santa Barbara

### **Environmental Sociology.**

Leslie Gates, State University of New York-Binghamton

### **Ethics and Science.**

Rachel Washburn, Loyola Marymount University

### **Ethnic Conflict.**

Andres Villarreal, University of Maryland-College Park

# Ethnography/Ethnographic Studies.

Alexandra Murphy, University of Michigan

### Ethnomethodology.

Michael Lynch, Cornell University

# **European Integration.**

Nando Sigona, University of Birmingham-United Kingdom

# Family and Kinship.

Elizabeth Cooksey, The Ohio State University

### Family and Work.

Eric Tranby, University of Delaware

# Fertility.

Sarah Hayford, Arizona State University

# Feminist Thought/Theory.

Smitha Radhkrishnan, Wellesley College

# Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies.

Bernadette Barton, Morehead State University

### Gender.

Ann Bell, University of Delaware

# Gender and Work.

Sheryl Skaggs, University of Texas-Dallas

### Globalization.

Mauro Guillen, University of Pennsylvania

### **Group Processes.**

David Melamed, University of South Carolina

# Health and Well-being.

*Tracy Chu*, State University of New Jersey-Rutgers

# Health Care and Care Delivery.

Susan Roxburgh, Kent State University

# Health Policy.

Elizabeth Chiarello, Princeton University

# Higher Education, Sociology of.

Regina Deil-Amen, University of Arizona

### Historical Sociology.

Marc Steinberg, Smith College

# History of Sociology/Social Thought.

Marcus Hunter, Yale University

# Housing/Housing Policy.

Ruby Mendenhall, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### **Human-Animal Interaction.**

Leslie Irvine, University of Colorado-Boulder

#### **Human Rights.**

Manisha Desai, University of Connecticut

# **Immigrant Communities.**

Jennifer Glick, Arizona State University

#### **Internal Migration.**

Rebecca Clark, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

### International Migration/Immigration.

Kim Ebert, North Carolina State University

# Internet and Society.

Jessie Daniels, State University of New York-Hunter College

# **Interracial Marriage/Assortive Mating.**

Jennifer Bratter, Rice University

### Jobs, Occupations, and Professions.

Amy Wharton, Washington State University

Knowledge, Sociology of.

Alondra Nelson, Columbia University

Labor Market.

Matissa Hollister, McGill University

Labor/Labor Movement.

Gay Seidman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Latinos.

Vilma Ortiz, University of California-Los Angeles

Law and Society.

Laura Beth Nielsen, Northwestern University

Law, Sociology of.

Elizabeth Hegar Boyle, University of Minnesota

Life Course.

Kyle Longest, Furman College

Marriage, Civil Unions, and Cohabitation.

Kristen Harknett, University of Pennsylvania

Masculinities.

Rashawn Ray, University of Maryland

Media Sociology.

Clara Rodriguez, Fordham University

Medical Sociology.

David Takeuchi, Boston University

Mental Health.

Krysia Mossakowski, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Methodology, Qualitative.

Karyn Lacy, University of Michigan

Methodology, Quantitative.

Yu Xie, University of Michigan

Methodologies, Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative.

Kathy Edin, Johns Hopkins University

Methods, Feminist Research.

Rosanna Hertz, Wellesley College

Microsociologies.

Dawn Robinson, University of Georgia

Middle East and Muslim Societies,

Sociology of.

Nazli Kibria, Boston University

Military.

Wilbur Scott, U.S. Air Force Academy

Mortality.

Isaac Eberstein, Florida State University

Multi-Racial Classification/Identity.

Aliya Saperstein, Stanford University

Narrative, Biography and Culture.

Francesca Polletta, University of California-Irvine

Nations/Nationalism.

Liah Greenfeld, Boston University

Organizations.

Emily Barman, Boston University

Parenthood.

Valarie King, Pennsylvania State University

**Peace and Conflict.** 

David Meyer, University of California-Irvine

**Political Culture.** 

Simonetta Falasca-Zamponi, University of California-Santa Barbara

Political Sociology.

Gregory Hooks, Washington State University

**Population Process.** 

Michael Rendall, University of Maryland

Povertv.

Silvia Dominguez, Northeastern University

**Public Opinion.** 

Mariah Evans, University of Nevada-Reno

Race and Ethnicity.

Wendy Moore, Texas A&M University

Race, Class, and Gender.

Katrina Bell McDonald, Johns Hopkins University

#### Racism and Anti-Racism.

Charles Gallagher, La Salle University

### Rational Choice.

Denise Anthony, Dartmouth College

### Religion.

Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

# Reproduction, Sociology of.

Karina Shreffler, Oklahoma State University

# Rural Sociology.

Linda Lobao, The Ohio State University

# Science, Sociology of.

Laurel Smith-Doerr, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

### Sexuality, Sociology of.

*Katrina Kimport*, University of California-San Francisco

# Social Capital.

Nan Lin, Duke University

#### **Social Movement.**

Alison Crossley, Stanford University

#### Social Networks.

Katherine Stovel, University of Washington

### **Social Policy.**

Andrew Cherlin, John Hopkins University

#### Social Psychology.

Marta Elliott, University of Nevada-Reno

### Social Stratification and Inequality.

Regina Werum, University of Nebraska

# Space and Place.

*Nancy Denton*, State University of New York-Albany

### Sport, Sociology of.

*Tim Curry*, The Ohio State University

Substance Use, Abuse, and Treatment.

*Brian Ward*, National Center for Health Statistics

#### Surveillance.

*Torin Monahan*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

### **Teaching Sociology.**

David Blouin, Indiana University-South Bend

# Technology.

Ed Hackett, Arizona State University

### Theory, Critical.

Meghan Burke, Western Illinois University

# Theory, Social.

Noah Mark, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

# **Transnational Processes.**

Manuel Barajas, California State University-Sacramento

### Urban Sociology.

Andrew Deener, University of Connecticut

#### Violence.

Robert Nash Parker, University of California-Riverside

# **Voting and Electoral Processes.**

Daniel Laurison, London School of Economics

#### Welfare Reform.

Scott Allard, University of Washington

#### Welfare State.

Alexander Hicks, Emory University

#### World System.

William Robinson, University of California-Santa Barbara

# Work and the Workplace, Sociology of.

Steven Vallas, Northeastern University

# Workplace Transformation.

Nancy Plankey Videla, Texas A&M University

### SECTION SESSIONS

All Association members with interests in special fields of sociology may join Sections; there are currently 52 Sections. Sections publish occasional newsletters, give awards, offer various networking opportunities, and sponsor program sessions and receptions during the Annual Meeting each year.

Each official ASA section receives a program allocation based on its membership as of September 30th each year. The chair or chair-elect of each section usually serves as the program chair and assists the section in determining what type of sessions will be sponsored and what topics will be announced. Section-sponsored sessions usually include formal paper-reading sessions and refereed roundtable sessions. The Section-sponsored sessions that are open to submissions are listed in the Call, along with the name and institutional affiliation of each session organizer.

All Section program activities are subject to the submission criteria, deadlines, and program policies outlined in the Call for Papers. All Section sessions will be one hour and 40 minutes in length, unless noted otherwise.

A presentation on a Section-sponsored paper session is classified as an authorship under the participation rules. Paper titles with authors' names and affiliations will be listed in the Program.

Section Refereed Roundtable sessions normally use a mini-session format: a topic identified for each table based on the submissions received, two to four paper presentations, and a presider to coordinate presentations and discussions. A Refereed Roundtable paper presentation is classified as an authorship under the participation rules. Table topics, table presiders, and paper titles with authors' names and affiliations will be listed in the Program.

# Section on Aging and the Life Course

- **1. Sexuality over the Life Course.** This session will explore sexual identities, sexuality, and sexual behavior over the life course. Session Organizer: *Amelia Karraker*, Iowa State University
- **2. Disability over the Life Course (co-sponsored with the Section on Disabilty and Society).** Papers will explore the meaning, correlates and consequences of disability in childhood, adolescence, adulthood and later life. Session Organizer: *Eva Kahana*, Case Western Reserve University
- **3.** Cross-National Comparisons of Life Course Transitions. This session will focus on key life course transitions, including marriage, childbearing, work, and retirement, with attention to the ways that social, cultural, political, and economic contexts shape these transitions and trajectories. Session Organizer: *Christine A. Mair*, University of Maryland-Baltimore County
- **4. Section on Aging and the Life Course Roundtables.** Scholars will present their original research on a range of core topics in sociology of aging and the life course. Session Organizer: *Jennifer Kara Montez*, Case Western Reserve University

# Section on Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

1. Social, Cultural and Contextual Dimensions of Substance Use. This session will focus on the social contexts in which drug, alcohol, and tobacco use occurs and the cultural, political, and/or

environmental, elements that contribute to, or limit, that use. Session Organizer: *Andrew Golub*, National Development and Research Institute

**2. Section on Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Andrew Golub*, National Development and Research Institute

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

(This Section has a co-sponsored session with the Section on Sociology of Sexualities. Please see that Section's listing for details.)

# Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity

- 1. Emotion and Social Solidarity (co-sponsored with Section on Sociology of Emotion). Sociologists since Durkheim have been concerned about the relationship between emotion and social solidarity. This session seeks research papers that focus broadly on the affective underpinnings and consequences of social solidarity. Relevant work includes, but is not limited to, papers on emotion and collective action, emotion and collective identity and group solidarity, the effects of group bonds and social relationships on affective outcomes. All methodologies are welcome as well as papers taking either a macro or a micro approach to these issues. Session Organizer: *Daniel B. Shank*, University of Melbourne
- **2. Open Topic on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity.** Session Organizer: *Kraig Beyerlein*, University of Notre Dame
- **3.** \*Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Monica Whitham*, Oklahoma State University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

### **Section on Animals and Society**

- 1. Sex, Gender and the Nonhuman Body. Papers in this section will explore the theoretical and empirical relationship between sex, gender, and nonhuman bodies. The gendering of animals and animal products, especially meat, has a long tradition in human-animal studies. Papers in this session will push this theoretical and empirical connection and highlight the importance of a more-than-human focus when theorizing sex, gender, and sexuality. Session Organizer: *Colter Ellis*, Montana State University
- 2. \*Section on Animals and Society Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: Kari J. Brandt, Fort Lewis College

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Asia and Asian America

1. The Work of Sex and Gender: Asia and Asian America. War and violence, independence movements, anti-colonial revolutions, post-colonial politics, militarization, migration, family reunification, labor markets, marriage markets, remittance to sending countries, and raising families are all deeply shaped by gender and sexuality. This panel highlights critical sociologies on gender, sexuality, and political economy in various Asia nation-states, and among the Asian diaspora. Session Organizer: *Sharmila Rudrappa*, University of Texas-Austin

- 2. Social Inequalities: Emerging Research on Asia and Asian America. This session is broadly defined to invite new qualitative and quantitative research, and population studies on Asia and Asian America. The papers explore social inequalities engendered along vectors of social hierarchies to highlight differential outcomes in education, health, formal and informal labor markets, social movements, and critical policy interventions in various Asian countries, and among the Asian diaspora. Session Organizer: Wei-Hsin Yu, University of Maryland
- **3. Section on Asia and Asian America Roundtables.** Session Organizer: *Dina Okamoto*, Indiana University

# **Section on Body and Embodiment**

- 1. Consumption and Embodiment: Intersections and Identities. In consumer culture, selfhood is intricately bound up with the body. This session is interested in exploring how consumption practices oriented towards the body are used to strategically cultivate and communicate selfhood(s). Specifically, how do people strategically consume products or services with the intent to cultivate, and/or enhance physical appearance within different social markets, across various intersecting identities and throughout the life course? Session Organizer: *Dana Berkowitz*, Louisiana State University
- 2. Open Topic on the Body and Embodiment. The ASA Section on the Body and Embodiment seeks new, creative work on human and nonhuman bodies, how they constitute and reflect the social world, and how thinking about the body intersects with other areas of sociological thought. We welcome papers on a range of topics, including: theorizing embodiment, migration and the body, embodiment over the life course, the body and social movements, embodying inequality, bodily change, and representing bodies. Session Organizer: *Lynne Gerber*, University of California-Berkeley
- **3. \*Section on Body and Embodiment Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Jennifer Haskin*, Wayne State University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Children and Youth

- 1. Children, Youth and Sexualities. This session will focus on a range of issues related to sexualities in the worlds of children and youth. We welcome submissions that explore the social construction of sexualities in childhood, children's sexual agency and sexual health, LGBTQ youth, sex education, sexual rights, sexual exploitation, and other topics. We welcome papers that highlight a variety of experiences, social institutions and levels of analysis, across time, geography and categories of social power. Session Organizer: *Emily Kane*, Bates College
- 2. Peer Cultures of Children and Youth. This session will explore children's social worlds, with particular emphasis on how inequality is made and remade within them. The panel will focus upon the factors that shape peer cultures of children and youth, and also upon their consequences. Session Organizer: *Timothy Stablein*, Union College
- 3. Immigrant Children and Children of Immigration: New Perspectives on Children's Experiences in a Changing Policy Environment. The plight of unaccompanied minor children crossing the Southern border into the US has sparked continued controversy over the US

government's dual roles to protect human rights and regulate immigration. How has the meaning of childhood changed for immigrant children today? In what ways are immigrant children's lives shaped by current immigration policy and its changes? What about the perspectives of the children of immigrants, many of whom are U.S. citizens? For this panel, we seek papers that explore children's unique experiences under current immigration policy environments. Session Organizer: *Joanna Derby*, State University of New York-Albany

4. \*Section on Children and Youth Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: Carrie Shandra, State University of New York-Stonybrook

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements**

- **1. Protest and Violence.** When do protestors turn to violence? When are they the victims of violence? Session Organizer: *Gilda Zwerman*, State University of New York-Westbury College
- **2. Strategy and Social Movements.** Why do protestors do what they do? How do they make decisions? How do their strategies interact with those of other players to generate outcomes? What is the balance between routine and creativity? Session Organizer: *Gregory M. Maney*, Hofstra University
- **3. History and Social Movements.** This session aims to look at history in two ways. How does historical context shape what protestors want, do, and accomplish? But also, how do protestors use historical meanings to locate themselves, create an identity, call for policy changes, and more? Session Organizer: *James M. Jasper*
- **4.** \*Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Lee Ann Banaszak*, Pennsylvania State University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

### **Section on Communication and Information Technologies**

- 1. Open Topic on Communication, Media, and/or Information Technologies (2 sessions). These open session invite papers on any aspect of communication, media, and/or information technologies. Session Organizer: *Laura Caroline Robinson*, Santa Clara University
- **2. Section on Communication and Information Technologies Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Erin M. Evans*, University of California-Irvine

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Community and Urban Sociology

1. Housing. Housing has long been an important area of sociological study. It can be seen as a economic commodity, a sentimental symbol of private, domestic life, or a scarce resource requiring state policy intervention. The sociology of housing has become all the more urgent in the aftermath of the recent housing crisis and continuing problems faced by those seeking affordable going in quality communities. We invite papers on the sociology of housing, including those that address the ways in which housing shapes communities and cities and residents' life outcomes. Session Organizer: *Rachael Woldoff*, West Virginia University

- **2. Urban Theory.** We invite papers on the many competing urban theories that have found their place in urban sociology; papers that expand discussion on existing theory, offer comparison or debate with current theories, or that offer new approaches to theory for urban sociology in the new century. Session Organizer: *Ryan Centner*, London School of Economics
- **3. Sexualities and Place.** Sociologists rarely approach sexualities through an urban lens, although urbanists have long explored how cities create opportunity for subcultural and nonconformist formations. We invite papers that explore topics and questions concerning sexualities and gender in urban and other places, as well as the role of gender and sexualities in place-based networks. Session Organizer: *Japonica Brown-Saracino*, Boston University
- **4.** Neighborhood/Residential Inequalities. Neighborhood and residential inequality is a seminal area of research in urban sociology, encompassing ethic, racial, and class differences in access to housing, education, employment, and quality of life more generally. Session Organizer: *Jeffrey Timberlake*, University of Cincinnati
- 5. \*Section on Community and Urban Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Papers that do not fit into the sessions listed above should be submitted to the Roundtable Sessions. In addition, all papers submitted to the sessions listed above, but not accepted into those sessions, will be forwarded to the organizer for possible inclusion in the Roundtable Sessions. Session Organizer: *Rachel Dwyer*, The Ohio State University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology**

- 1. Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World? (1) Israel/Palestine. Historical-sociology approaches to understanding the contemporary situation in Israel and Palestine. Session Organizer: *Kevan Harris*, Princeton University
- **2.** Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World? (2) Climate Change. Historical sociology approaches to understanding and combating climate change. Session Organizer: *Diana Rodriguez-Franco*, Northwestern University
- **3.** Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World? (3) Global Poverty. Suggestions from historical sociology for solving poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Session Organizer: Samuel Cohn, Texas A&M University
- **4.** Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World? (4) Modern Slavery. Historical sociology approaches to human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery. Session Organizer: *Mary Vogel*, University of Manchester
- **5.** Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World? (5) Genocide. Comparative historical approaches to the study of genocide. Session Organizer: *Eric Schoon*, University of Arizona
- **6.** \*Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Bruce G. Carruthers*, Northwestern University

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# **Section on Consumers and Consumption**

- 1. New Research on Consumers and Consumption. This panel welcomes submissions on a broad range of issues, from varied methodological perspectives, exploring social practices, relationships, beliefs, and spaces that make up the field of consumption. Topics may include, but are not limited to, ethical consumption, tastes, youth, marketing, risk, and inequalities. Session Organizer: *Michaela DeSoucey*, North Carolina State University
- 2. Luxury, Class, and Consumption. This session considers the dynamics of contemporary luxury markets for goods and services. With the growth of global economic inequalities and protests against them, luxury is an increasingly visible yet also contested terrain of social practice. Luxury consumption is both a driver of economic growth and a mechanism of differentiation among emergent social groups. How does luxury consumption reshape social stratification? What new models must sociologists develop to explain the prominence of luxury in social and cultural aspirations? How does luxury consumption intersect with gender, race, and nationality? Session Organizer: *Ashley Mears*, Boston University
- **3. Section on Consumers and Consumption Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Richard Ocejo*, City University of New York-John Jay College

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# Section on Crime, Law and Deviance

- 1. The End of the Beginning or the Beginning of the End? Race and Decarceration. In contrast to the meteoric rise of the previous four decades, incarceration numbers have begun to decline in the past three years. This leveling off has prompted some to announce the end of the prison boom and others to caution that without sweeping reforms it would take decades to return the prison population to 1980 levels. This panel considers the causes and consequences of decarceration, its impact on racial disparities, prison proliferation, and related issues. Session Organizer: *John Eaton*, Texas A&M University
- 2. Classic and Emerging Crime, Law and Deviance. Crime and deviance have long been recognized as highly gendered activities and processes, yet new scholarship is showing precisely how sex, geder, and sexuality are shifting these understandings. The papers will address sex, gender, and sexuality in relation to offending, victimization, law enforcement, criminal justice practice, and public conceptions of criminality. Session Organizer: *Jukka Savolainen*, University of Nebraska-Omaha
- **3. Sex, Gender, and Crime, Law, and Deviance.** This session is designed for papers that do one of two things: (1) build on strong traditions in Crime, Law, and Deviance but take up cutting-edge issues that are newly emerging or have escaped attention; or, (2) papers that take up classic CLD issues in fresh ways, using emerging methodologies, data, or conceptualization. Session Organizer: *Andrea M. Leverentz*, University of Massachusetts-Boston
- **4. Section on Crime, Law and Deviance Roundtables.** Section Refereed Roundtable sessions typically use a mini-session format: a topic identified for each table based on the submissions

received, two to four paper presentations, and a presider to coordinate presentations and discussions. Session Organizer: *Hollie Nyseth Brehm*, The Ohio State University

# **Section on Disability and Society**

- 1. **Disability and Agency.** People with disabilities' agency operates on many fronts and arises to address challenges which are socially constructed on multiple levels. This year's section session explores the many facets of this agency motive. Papers related to the conference theme of Sexualities in a Social World are particularly encouraged, though we invite all submissions examining experiences of autonomy and self-determination, or constraints, among people with a range of disabilities. Session Organizer: *Robyn Brown*, DePaul University
- 2. Conceptual and Practical Challenges across Disabilities. Both shared and varied conceptual and practical challenges are experienced across physical, intellectual and psychiatric disabilities, with important learning implications for academics, service providers/organizations, and service users. This session will explore these challenges, including the important issue of disabilities and disclosure. Session Organizer: *Diane Shinberg*, Indiana University-Pennsylvania
- **3.** \*Section on Disability and Society Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Loren Wilbers*, University of South Florida

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(This Section has a co-sponsored session with the Section on Aging and the Life Course. Please see that Section's listing for details.)

# **Section on Economic Sociology**

- 1. The Economic Sociology of Development. This panel invites papers that consider how the core theoretical concerns of economic sociology might illuminate our understanding of development and developing societies. The panel also solicits papers that move in the opposite direction by exploring how theories and concepts drawn from the sociology of development could extend the range of economic sociology. Session Organizer: *Andrew Schrank*, Brown University
- **2. Economic Inequality.** While economic inequality is an issue of growing concern to the discipline of sociology broadly, economic sociology has not been as engaged in this area as might be expected given its core themes and conceptual tools. This panel invites papers that explore the contributions of economic sociology to broader disciplinary conversations about economic inequality. Session Organizer: *Leslie McCall*, Northwestern University
- **3. Social Economies of Households.** New economic sociology has for the most part downplayed the household as a subject of inquiry, focusing instead on profit-making, the firm and the market. This panel invites papers across a wide spectrum of methodological approaches that treat the household as an important site of production, consumption, finance and distribution of resources, and apply the tools of economic sociology to better understand household economies as well as their role and relationship with market forces. Session Organizer: *Alya Guseva*, Boston University
- **4. Open Topic on Economic Sociology.** This panel invites papers on any theme that develop economic sociology's agenda theoretically and empirically. Innovation is encouraged. Session Organizer: *Jennifer Lynn Bair*, University of Colorado

**5.** \*Section on Economic Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Ryan Calder*, Johns Hopkins University

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# **Section on Environment and Technology**

- 1. Environmental Inequality. This panel session will examine the distributional dimensions of socio-environmental dynamics. We invite papers that explore the impacts of race inequality, class inequality, gender inequality and/or international inequality on: 1) the distribution of ecological costs and benefits, 2) the formation of environmental policy, or 3) the efforts to generate more equitable and sustainable social trajectories. The scale can be local, regional, national or transnational. Session Organizer: *Kenneth A. Gould*, City University of New York-Brooklyn College
- **2. Environment and Institutional Power.** This panel session will examine the roles of major social institutions (including states, corporations, media, organized religion, organized labor, education, family, and health care) in generating and responding to environmental disruption. Preference will be given to papers that address issues of power. Session Organizer: *Kenneth A. Gould*, City University of New York-Brooklyn College
- **3.** Environment and Development (co-sponsored with Section on Sociology of Development). This panel session examines the development opportunities & constraints presented by ecological limits, the socioenvironmental consequences of development, & the definition of sustainable development. It examines how development at various spatial levels affects and is affected by environmental quality and sustainability. Papers addressing linkages between transnational economic processes, local socioecological conditions, national environmental initiatives, & interor intra-national inequality preferred. Session Organizer: *Kenneth A. Gould*, City University of New York-Brooklyn College
- **4. Section on Environment and Technology Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Kenneth A. Gould*, City University of New York-Brooklyn College

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# **Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversational Analysis**

- 1. \*Ethnomethodological Studies of Work: Challenges, Practices, and Successes (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Christian Greiffenhagen*, Loughborough University
- **2.** Current Developments in Conversation Analysis. Session Organizer: *Danielle Pillet-Shore*, University of New Hampshire

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# Section on Evolution, Biology and Society

1. Sexualities and Other Evolutionary and Biological Themes in the Study of the Social World. Session Organizer: *Michael J. Hammond*, University of Toronto

# Section on Global and Transnational Sociology

- **1.** Open Topic on Global and Transnational Sociology (3 sessions). Session Organizer: *Kiyoteru Tsutui*, University of Michigan
- **2. Theorizing the Global and the Transnational.** This session will aim to clarify the concepts of the global and the transnational. What does it mean to transcend nation- or state-centric sociology? Session Organizer: *John Lie*, University of California-Berkeley
- **3. Global and Transnational Sociology: Alternative Perspectives.** The session will focus on papers in Global and Transnational Sociology that take new and different perspectives. Session Organizer: *John Lie*, University of California-Berkeley
- **4.** \*Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Kiyoteru Tsutui*, University of Michigan

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Human Rights**

- 1. Human Rights and the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals Agenda. This panel explores the relationship between human rights and development on the eve of the renewal of the Millennium Development Goals. Session Organizer: *Lindsey Peterson*, Mississippi State University
- **2. Section on Human Rights Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Manisha Desai*, University of Connecticut

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility

- 1. Culture and Inequality. This session examines the role that cultural processes and practices play in sorting individuals and groups into unequal educational, occupational, or economic ranks. Papers that examine the (re)production of social inequalities and those that analyze reconstruction of traditional hierarchies are equally welcome. We invite papers from all theoretical and methodological approaches. Session Organizer: *Lauren Rivera*, Northwestern University
- 2. Mobility in Comparative Perspective. The session seeks to bring together papers that examine in innovative ways trends and/or experiences of mobility across different national contexts. Papers can directly compare the American case to other countries or focus solely on international cases. Papers should challenge commonly held assumptions in the literature. Quantitative and qualitative approaches are welcome. Session Organizer: *Jessica Welburn*, University of Iowa
- 3. Field Advantage: What Aspects of Inequality are Sociologists Comparatively Better Equipped to Tackle? Social inequality is the subject of study in multiple social science disciplines. The papers in this session will explore social inequality broadly defined, with attention to outcomes, causes, or mechanisms that sociological theories and methods are particularly suited to investigate. We invite both authors and audience members to reflect on cross-disciplinary similarities and differences in the study of inequality and envision how inequality scholars can productively draw on various perspectives. Session Organizer: *Alexandra Killewald*, Harvard University

- 4. New Approaches to Poverty, Exclusion and Boundaries. What factors play a role in trapping people in poverty, and how do individuals successfully fight their way out? How do symbolic boundaries feed into social exclusion, and vice versa? How do the poor make sense of their position, and what tools and tactics are available to them for contesting their categorization and exclusion? How can we explain the different configurations of exclusion that mark the poor, both cross-nationally and over time? What is the relationship between top-down processes of exclusion and boundary construction and bottom-up challenges to existing hierarchies? Submissions should address these or similar questions related to the social and symbolic aspects of poverty. Session Organizer: Christine Percheski, Northwestern University
- **5.** \*Section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Roundtables (one-hour). We welcome submissions of papers reflecting all theoretical or methodological perspectives on any topic of relevance inequality, poverty, or mobility. Section refereed roundtables will be organized as follows: a topic will be identified for each table based on submissions we receive, and two to four papers will be assigned to each table. We will identify a presider to coordinate the presentation and facilitate the discussion. Session Organizer: *Margaret Frye*, Harvard University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on International Migration**

- 1. Migration and Human Security in Global Perspective. International migrants risk their social, political, and economic rights when they leave their communities and transit to and enter a destination country. The focus of the session is on research that investigates the social, political, legal, and economic conditions that promote or diminish migrants' security. Session Organizer: *Elizabeth Fussell*, Brown University
- 2. Immigrant Organizations and the Assimilation/Transnationalism Divide. Immigrant organizations shape and facilitate processes of assimilation and transnational engagement. This paper session seeks to invite that contribute to our understanding of how, and to what extent, immigrant organizations affect processes of assimilation and transnationalism. Papers examining immigrant organizations in comparative perspective are especially welcome. Session Organizer: *Luis Eduardo Guarzino*, University of California-Davis
- 3. Immigrant Workers and Professionals in Precarious Jobs. Post-industrial nations continue to have significant immigration populations, but many sources of employment have disappeared, or have been downgraded into precarious jobs. With the rise of independent contractors and free lancers, processes of informalization and outsourcing, and the dismantling of institutions that once provided employment security, what are the implications for immigrant workers and immigrant professionals? All possible topics will be considered. Session Organizer: *Pierette Hondagneu-Sotelo*, University of Southern California
- 4. Social Effects of Immigrant Detention, Removal, and Return. This session highlights research on the social effects of immigrant deportation enforcement policies for migrants, families, and communities. Session papers will focus on migrant experiences of detention, deportation, and return to countries of origin, and effects for communities and institutional sectors in the deporting country or abroad. Papers that take a quantitative or qualitative approach are welcome. Session Organizer: *Nestor Rodriguez*, University of Texas-Austin

**5. Section on International Migration Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Jacqueline Hagan*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Labor and Labor Movements**

- **1. Open Topic on Labor and Labor Movements (4 sessions).** Session Organizer: *Shannon Marie Gleeson*, Cornell University
- 2. Section on Labor and Labor Movements Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Shannon Marie Gleeson*, Cornell University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Latino/a Sociology

- 1. Criminalization, Violence, and Social Harm Affecting Latino Communities. The session seeks to bring together papers that examine Latina/o experiences with criminalization, violence, and other forms of social harm in various institutional, group, and/or interpersonal contexts. Papers could examine violence/harm as it relates to the criminal justice system, the law, migration experiences, schooling, workplace, healthcare, religion, family, gender, and sexuality, and the like. Session Organizer: *Julie Dowling*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2. Latinidades: Intersectional Identities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Papers in this session may focus on various issues related to Latino/a identities including racial identities, queer/LGBT identities, social class and its impact on identity, immigration/generational status, political identities, activist identities, and the like. Session Organizer: *Julie Dowling*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **3.** Latina/o Civic and Political Participation. Session Organizer: *Julie Dowling*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **4. Section on Latino/a Sociology Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Zulema Valdez*, University of California-Merced

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Marxist Sociology

- 1. Crises and the Future of Capitalism. Marxist scholarship has identified four crisis tendencies inherent to capitalism: Overaccumulation, a declining profit rate, underconsumption and environmental crisis. The long crisis of Atlantic capitalism in the 1970s and the 2007 financial crisis were outcomes of the complex dynamics of overaccumulation, declining profit rates and underconsumption. All the while, the relentless drive to accumulate capital has put humanity on a collision course with the natural world. Session Organizer: *Eric Bonds*, University of Mary Washington
- 2. Religion(s) and Neoliberalism. This session explores the ways in which religion is utilized as an element of legitimacy for neoliberal political economic restructurings around the world since the 1980s. In what ways are different religions articulated, ideationally and institutionally, as a constituent of market-based hegemony building and sociopolitical control? Case studies and

comparative works on the entanglements between religion(s) and neoliberalism will be featured. Session Organizer: *Efe Peker*, Simon Fraser University

**3.** \*Section on Marxist Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Roxanne Gerbrandt*, Austin Peay State University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Mathematical Sociology**

**1. Open Topic on Mathematical Sociology.** Recent Advances in Mathematical Sociology. Session Organizer: *Delia Baldassarri*, New York University

# **Section on Medical Sociology**

- 1. Global and Transnational Health. This session solicits submissions about global and transnational health. It seeks to develop a theoretically informed picture from within and from outside the U.S. and extend the capacity of sociological research and theory to contribute to greater global health equity and justice. Papers utilizing qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodologies are welcome. A wide array of topics is invited, including studies of personnel, organizations, and standards; structural violence; pharma Session Organizer: Susan Bell, Bowdoin College
- 2. Health Inequalities and Place. Sociologists have long been interested in the role of individuals' and communities' social location. With advances in "big data" and geographic information systems, sociologists and other social scientists are exploring wider and increasingly complex conceptualizations of "place." We invite papers that explore empirically and/or theoretically the many meanings of place and the role that place plays in shaping individuals' and communities mental and physical Session Organizer: *Eric R. Wright*, Georgia State University
- **3. Rating Health.** This session explores the theoretical and methodological underpinnings of various health measures used in sociological research. It solicits papers that examine both population- and individual-level health measures, differences across types of health measures, trends in health over time and across the life course, and within- and between-group differences in the processes through which individuals rate their health. Papers using qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodologies are welcome. Session Organizer: *Dana Garbarski*, Loyola University-Chicago
- **4. Health, Medicine and Sexualities.** This session invites papers on research within the sociology of medicine, health, and illness that explores dimensions of sex and sexualities. We intend to use this session to initiate broad discussion and critical reflection at the intersections of biomedicine, sexuality, and health. Papers might take up topics such as the biomedical making of sexed and sexualized bodies, the ways health discourse and medical professions s Session Organizer: *Laura Mamo*, San Francisco State University
- **5.** \*Section on Medical Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Dennis Watson*, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Methodology**

- **1. Creative Methodlogical Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis.** Session Organizer: *Melissa Hardy*, Pennsylvania State University
- 2. Innovated Methodological Applications to Data Analysis. Session Organizer: *Melissa Hardy*, Pennsylvania State University
- **3. Integrating Multiple Methodologies into Data Collection and Analysis.** Session Organizer: *Melissa Hardy*, Pennsylvania State University

# Section on Organizations, Occupation, and Work

- **1. Open Topic on Organizations, Occupations and Work (3 sessions).** Session Organizer: *Heather Haveman*, University of California-Berkeley
- 2. The Changing Nature of Work in the Twenty-First Century. Session Organizer: *Matt Vidal*, Kings College-London
- **3. EEOC at Work: Research Resources for Sociologists.** Session Organizer: *Alexandra Kalev*, Tel Aviv University
- **4. Gender and Sexuality at Work (co-sponsored with Section on Sex and Gender).** Session Organizer: *Maura Kelly*, Portland State University
- **5.** \*Section on Organizations, Occupations and Work Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Lindsey O'Connor*, California State University-Channel Islands

### Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict

- 1. Inequality in War and Social Conflict. This session explores issues of inequality with respect to gender, race/ethnicity, or class in times of mass violence, war, protests, and other forms of social upheaval. We bring together papers that examine how inequality impacts the emergence of social conflict, why and how people participate in violence, and how periods of social upheaval relate to inequality in their aftermath. We welcome papers that investigate any form of inequality in relation to war, social conflict, and peace. Session Organizer: *Marie E. Berry*, University of California-Los Angeles
- 2. Current Issues in Peace, War and Social Conflict. This session will bring together a variety of topics addressing issues of peace, war, and social conflict. This includes research within areas such as military sociology, peace movements, civil wars, revolutions, terrorism, and others. All papers related to these issues are welcome. Session Organizer: *Sharon Erickson Nepstad*, University of New Mexico
- 3. \*Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Eric Schoon*, University of Arizona

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# **Section on Political Economy of the World-System**

- 1. Global Class Relations and the New "Precariate." Session Organizer: William I. Robinson, University of California-Santa Barbara
- **2.** \*Section on Political Economy of the World-System Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Oriol Mirosa*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Political Sociology**

- **1. Politics and Gender.** We invite submissions of research at the intersection of gender and politics. We welcome a broad range of research, and look forward to highlighting some of the innovative and exciting work happening in this sub-field. Session Organizer: *Catherine Bolzendahl*, University of California-Irvine
- **2. Political Discourse.** We invite studies of political discourse. New approaches and new applications of old approaches to the study of political discourse are welcome. Session Organizer: *Lisa Stampnitzky*, Harvard University
- **3. Inequality and Representation.** We invite submissions concerned with inequality and all aspects of political representation. Session Organizer: *Sandra Levitsky*, University of Michigan
- **4. The State and Racial Exclusion.** From deportation policies in the United States to the dismantlement of Roma camps in France, recent actions highlight the state's continued role in racial exclusion. How might we understand states' tacit and explicit support for such measures against the larger backdrop of neoliberalism, democratic ideals, civil rights enforcement, and domestic and international political pressures? We invite submissions addressing the state and racial exclusion, in both domestic and international contexts. Session Organizer: *Catherine Lee*, State University of New Jersey-Rutgers
- **5.** \*Section on Political Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Gianpaolo Baiocchi*, New York University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Race, Gender, and Class

- 1. Intersectional Approaches to Understanding Migration, Legal Status and Transnationalism. Session Organizer: *Veronica Terriquez*, University of Southern California
- **2.** Racialized and Gendered Criminalization. Session Organizer: *Ruth Peterson*, The Ohio State University
- 3. Activism and Intersectionality: Scholars, Organizations and Youth Navigating Resistance. Session Organizer: *Hava Gordon*, Denver University
- **4. Popular Culture, Social Media and Representations.** Session Organizer: *Abby Ferber*, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs

- **5.** Race, Gender and Class at Work. Session Organizer: Denise Segura, University of California-Santa Barbara
- **6. Section on Race, Gender and Class Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Chalane Lechuga*, Metropolitan State University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities**

- **1. Race, Class and Spatial Justice.** Life expectancy, access to education, exposure to violence, and exposure to toxic waste are all structured by privileged access to desired spaces. How do social, public, private and residential spaces both reflect and reproduce intersecting forms of inequality? Session Organizer: *France Winddance Twine*, University of California-Santa Barbara
- 2. Racial and Ethnic Minorities as the New Majority. Often when we talk about race and ethnicity, our conversations are couched in terms of majority and minority. What happens when the majority becomes the minority? How do we begin now to help pave the way for this new majority? What types of changes will be forthcoming, how will these new majorities influence change? Will these changes be more than demographic but also lead to structural changes? What will this new majority mean for business, education, politics, public policy, and race. Session Organizer: *Rodney Coates*, Miami University
- 3. Rethinking Race and Nation: Transnational and Comparative Approaches. Most our theorizing about race and ethnicity has been built on the empirical case of the United States. However, recent scholarship has shown that theories developed to explain race and ethnicity in that case have not always been useful for understanding these dynamics in the rest of the world. This panel switches the direction of our theorizing and asks what analytic insights comparative and transnational approaches offer the study of race, ethnicity, and color. Session Organizer: *Tianna S. Paschel*, University of Chicago
- **4.** \*Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: Silvia Dominguez, Northeastern University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Rationality and Society**

- 1. \*Analytical Sociology (one-hour). Represents a growing community of scholars who agree on the importance of social mechanisms, micro-macro links, and formal models for understanding the social world. This session explores the common ground between analytical sociology and scholarship in the Rationality & Society section. Session Organizer: *Arnout van de Rijt*, State University of New York-Stony Book
- **2. Rationality and Social Structure.** Formulations of rationality have a very important role in understanding how social structures work. This session brings together scholars who employ assumptions of purposive behavior in the explanation of networks, organizations and institutions. Session Organizer: *David Willer*, University of South Carolina

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Science, Knowledge and Technology

- 1. Topics in Science, Knowledge and Technology Studies. All submissions that advance sociological approaches to the study of science, knowledge, and/or technology are welcome, regardless of empirical focus. Session Organizer: *Jill A. Fisher*, University of North Carolina
- 2. Bodies and Sexualities in Science and Technology Studies (co-sponsored with Section on Sociology of the Body and Embodiment). We invite submissions that examine how science and technology are central to the everyday expression of sexuality as embodied practice. How has scientific research shaped social understandings and embodied experiences of sexualities? How have technologies (medical, communication, surveillance, "camouflaged") been used to organize, facilitate, enhance, track, or prevent sexual practices? Overall, what does the study of science and technology bring to the study of bodies and sexualities? Session Organizer: *Katie Ann Hasson*, University of Southern California
- **3. Section on Sciene, Knowledge and Technology Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Catherine Bliss*, University of California-San Francisco

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Sex and Gender**

- 1. Intersectional Approaches to Trans Studies (co-sponsored with LGBT Caucus). This session invites papers that examine how race, ethnicity, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender, class, religion, nationality, and citizenship status shape the lives of trans identified people and the ways trans experiences illuminate the workings of social systems. While transphobia is a serious issue worthy of extensive scholarly examination, we are especially interested in papers exploring empowerment and joy through an intersectional lens. Session Organizer: *Angela Jones*, State University of New York-Farmingdale College
- 2. Straight Sexualities: Critical Perspectives (co-sponsored with Section on Sexualities). Critical perspectives on heterosexualities analyze straight sexualities as a set of identity practices, form of privilege, and principle in power relations that organizes gender and sexual orders. For this session, we seek papers that investigate diverse meanings, social arrangements, and hierarchies within the category of heterosexuality and help us understand what the sociology of sex, gender, and sexualities offers examinations of normative heterosexualities. Session Organizer: *James J. Dean*, Sonoma State University
- **3. Gender Activism and the Global South.** This panel will consider global activism—from grassroots organizing to transnational social movements—whose focal orientation includes issues of gender. Such activism addresses, for example, violence and assault, legal and political representation, workers' rights, religious freedom, and sexuality and gender identities. Facilitating conversation across the diverse repertoires of Global South politics, the panel looks toward transnational feminist solidarity within contemporary gender activism. Session Organizer: *Elena Shih*, Brown University
- **4. Conversations on Feminist Theory.** This session aims to generate conversation through papers that reflect on the trajectory and current state of feminist theory. How do feminist scholars respond to critiques of Second and Third Wave scholarship? What tensions and exclusions still challenge feminist theory? Papers may come from a variety of perspectives and empirical foundations and

- may address feminist method, epistemology, movements, and efforts to extend the conversation beyond Western theory. Session Organizer: *Fareen Parvez*, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- 5. Sexual Assault and the State. This session invites papers examining sexual assult in relationship to medical, legal, penal, academic, military and other state-involved institutions. How do these institutions produce, maintain, normalize, and interrupt violence? How do those animating state institutions make sense of and sometimes contest sexual violence in everyday interactions? We invite a range of understandings of "sexual assault" and "the state," including those locating their analysis in work on neoliberalism. Session Organizer: *Max Greenberg*, University of Southern California
- **6.** \*Section on Sociolog of Sex and Gender Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: Jennifer Beggs Weber, University of West Georgia

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Social Psychology**

- **1.** Ethnographic Contributions to Social Psychology. The session is intended to showcase social psychological research using ethnographic methods and theory. Session Organizer: *Brian C. Kelly*, Purdue University
- **2. Social Psychology of Health and Well-being.** The session is intended to showcase social psychological theory and research devoted to understanding the causes and consequences of human health and well-being, including but not limited to issues related to emotional/physical distress, stress, happiness, and a sense of overall well-being. Session Organizer: *Sarah A. Mustillo*, University of Notre Dame
- **3. Social Psychology of Sex, Sexualities, and Romantic Relationships.** The session is intended to showcase social psychological research on various aspects of human sex and sexualities, such as body, attitude, behavior, and romantic relationships. Session Organizer: *John DeLamater*, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 4. Is Self-Image Research Suffering From a Lack of Esteem? 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of Morris Rosenberg's landmark monograph Society and the Adolescent Self-Image. Since then, self-image research enjoyed a meteoric ascent and curious decent. Bookending this trajectory, some attribute self-esteem/image with nearly mythic properties; others have pronounced it as passé and ineffectual. We seek theoretical and empirical papers weighing both sides of the question: Is self-image research suffering from a lack of esteem, and if so, is it deserved? Session Organizer: *Timothy J. Owens*, Kent State University
- **5. Section on Social Psychology Roundtables.** Papers devoted to all aspects of social psychological theory, methods, and research traditions. Session Organizer: *Marta Elliott*, University of Nevada-Reno

# **Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology**

1. Sociology in Action. Sociology has the possibility of informing policy and legal decisions and contributing to more just and effective policy and practice. This session invites papers that demonstrate how sociological knowledge and/or methods can be applied to assist in solving issues

related to all forms of social inequality within the United States and globally. Section Organizer: *Harry Perlstadt*, Michigan State University

**2.** \*Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Kimberly E. Fox*, Bridgewater State University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Sociology of Culture**

- 1. Culture and (In)security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Terrorism, extended military engagements, torture, "natural" disasters, school shootings, police brutality, financial bubbles and epidemics have turned security into an issue of constant reflection. How is this affected by 24/7 access to mass/social media? Is it generating changes in discourses of community and otherness? How is it confronted in cultural practices such as "open carry," racial, religious and ethnic profiling, organic gardening, yoga or vampire movies? Session Organizer: *David Smilde*, Tulane University
- 2. Art, Money, and Meaning. Why do some artworks fetch millions while others languish in obscurity? What gets classified as "art" for purposes of (e)valuation, and how? Cultural and economic sociologists have addressed these questions with a variety of methods and data, yet rarely in conversation with each other. How does an artwork's price relate to its broader (symbolic/political/historical) meaning? Can the differing tools of formal analysis (art historical vs. econometric) speak to each other? Session Organizer: *Fiona Rose-Greenland*, University of Chicago
- **3.** The Materiality of Culture? This session invites submissions that critically reflect on recent advances that challenge purely discursive or ideational conceptions of culture. We welcome empirical or theoretical submissions. Session Organizer: *Gianpaolo Baiocchi*, New York University
- **4. Normalcy.** This session invites papers that investigate different aspects of what is considered "normal"—ways of feeling, thinking, and acting—and/or ponder how this elusive yet central concept in sociology is approached in different sociological traditions (e.g. in studies of social deviance, taken-for-grantedness, and unmarkedness). Session Organizer: *Eviatar Zerubavel*, State University of New Jersey-Rutgers
- **5. Section on Sociology of Culture Roundtables.** Session Organizer: *Lauren Rivera*, Northwestern University

### **Section on Sociology of Development**

- 1. Gender and Development. Gender and development is a burgeoning field that spans all the major specialties in sociology of development. This session welcomes a wide variety of papers on any and all aspects of the field, viewed through a "gender lens." It also welcomes both macro and micro approaches and is open to a variety of methodologies, both qualitative and quantitative, as well as approaches ranging from field studies to theory. Session Organizer: *Jennifer Rothchild*, University of Minnesota
- **2.** Emerging Issues in the Sociology of Development. This session focuses on emerging issues in the sociology of development including, but not limited to population-society transformations; the global food system; mobilities; governance; state formation; new bases of inequality,

sovereignty, gender and development; land ownership and land use; science, technology, and development; and environmental challenges associated with development. Papers with a wide variety of methodological and theoretical perspectives are welcome. Session Organizer: *David L. Brown*, Cornell University

- 3. Neglected Issues in the Sociology of Development. This session focuses on silences and neglect in the study and practice of development. We will examine the ways in which silences are produced or issues (actors, regions, subjects, perspectives) neglected and explore the consequences. All contributions welcome, particularly those related to aspirations, difference, materiality, authority and legitimacy. Session Organizer: *Wendy Wolford*, Cornell University
- 4. \*Section on Sociology of Development Roundtables (one-hour). The Sociology of Development Roundtables for 2015 welcomes paper submissions of all theoretical and methodological orientations. Paper topics may include, but are not limited to: agriculture, anti-development, civil society, environment, gender, health, inequality, poverty, social movements, Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda. Both theoretical and applied work is welcome. Session Organizer: *Jennifer Hsu*, University of Alberta

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Sociology of Education**

- **1. Open Topic on Sociology of Education (5 sessions).** Session Organizer: *Laura Hamilton*, University of California-Merced
- 2. \*Section on Sociology of Education Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Anna Haskins*, Cornell University

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

### **Section on Sociology of Emotions**

1. Emotions and Social Worlds. The session will explore how emotions figure in the varied social worlds and subcultures people inhabit, including but not limited to those reflected by the larger conference theme. Session Organizer: Martha Copp, East Tennessee State University

# Section on Sociology of Law

- 1. Promises and Problems of Sociology, Law, and Technology. Scholars from Law, Technology, and Sociology examine the impacts of technology on our field's traditional arenas of study, highlighting the promises and problems embedded in the innovations of the 21st century. We will focus on technology's power to demystify and democratize, and explore the dark side of technological innovation like the dangers of a militarized police state at home and abroad; invasions of privacy by corporations and the surveillance state. Session Organizer: *Karen Levy*, New York University
- 2. Legal Mobilzation and Institutional Politics. When groups mobilize law for political goals, their legal action is often intertwined with other forms of institutional politics and with outsider political protest. This panel takes a broad perspective on legal mobilization. It considers the various ways that political actors (including elites) combine legal action, institutional politics, and/or protest; the relationship between outsider activists and institutional insiders; and the role of

insiders in facilitating social and legal change, among other topics. Session Organizer: *Ellen C. Berrey*, State University of New York-Buffalo

# **Section on Sociology of Mental Health**

- 1. New Dimensions of Difference: Underexplored Variation in Mental Health. This session will focus axes of variation that have been neglected in the sociology of mental health, including crossnational differences, differences by sexual orientation, differences among some racial/ethnic minorities, and other overlooked features of social status. Session Organizer: *Ning Hsieh*, University of Chicago
- 2. Stress, Stigma, Services and Institutions: Connecting Solitudes. William Avison argues that three major research areas in the sociology of mental health can be characterized as "solitudes". Stress, stigma and services researchers tend not to incorporate concepts from the other areas. Making such connections has the potential to advance the field. Submissions are sought for papers that identifying connections between stress, stigma, and services within the context of institutions in order to better understand processes affecting mental health. Session Organizer: *Christian Ritter*, Northeast Ohio Medical University

# **Section on Sociology of Population**

- 1. **Spatial Stratification.** The session is devoted to patterns, processes, and repercussions of spatial inequality, broadly defined. Papers may focus on: shifting patterns of residential segregation by race/ethnicity, nativity, gender, socioeconomic status, or other characteristics; mobility or migration patterns and other forces that shape patterns of residential stratification; and/or effects of residence on health, educational attainment, earnings, crime exposure, or other individual- or group-level outcomes. Session Organizer: *Kyle Crowder*, University of Washington
- 2. Race/Ethnicity and Population Dynamics. The U.S. population has become increasingly racially diverse over the last few decades, raising hopes for integration but also introducing concerns about the emergence of new forms of racial stratification. This session seeks to highlight work exploring the interrelationships between population and race/ethnicity, including topics such as how population processes influence racial/ethnic identity, inequality, and segregation, and how racial/ethnic disparities transform demographic change. Session Organizer: *Matthew Hall*, Cornell University
- 3. LGBT Health Disparities. The 2011 Institute of Medicine report on LGBT Health and the new goals in Healthy People 2020 to significantly reduce LGBT health disparities have increased scholarly interest in the determinants of LGBT physical and mental health. This session will feature papers that draw on sociological theory to help understand and explain LGBT health disparities, broadly defined (physical, emotional, mental). Papers in both the U.S. and international contexts will be considered. Session Organizer: *Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins*, Pennsylvania State University
- **4.** \*Section on Sociology of Population Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Irma T. Elo*, University of Pennsylvania

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Sociology of Religion

- **1. Religion and Sexualities.** Papers that consider any aspect of the complex interactions of sexualities with religions. We encourage submissions that draw on the rich body of work within the sociology of sexualities as well as within the sociology of religion, and that endeavor to bridge these subfields. Session Organizer: *Lynne Gerber*, University of California-Berkeley
- **2.** Race, Immigration, and Religion. Please submit papers that explore the intersection of religion with race and/or immigration related issues. Session Organizer: *Ryon Cobb*, University of Southern California
- **3. Innovations in the Sociology of Religion.** This session will highlight new and innovative research in the sociology of religion. Session Organizer: *Rachel Rinaldo*, University of Virginia
- **4. Religion in the Broader Social World.** An increasingly influential mode of scholarship within the sociology of religion has focused attention on the ways in which religious practices, beliefs, and courses take shape and make differences in social realms outside of congregations and religious communities. This session will showcase papers that monstrate operation and impact of religion in arenas of social life not necessarily considered overtly religious. Session Organizer: *John O'Brien*, New York University-Abu Dhabi
- **5.** \*Section on Sociology of Religion Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Philip Schwadel*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# **Section on Sociology of Sexualities**

- 1. Sex and Drugs: Intersecting Approaches to Social Problems and Pleasures (co-sponsored with Section on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco). Sex and drugs are linked not only in the public imagination but also in sociological research. This session will examine such intersections as the role of alcohol use in sexual assaults on college campuses; sex work and drug use; rhetorics of sex/drug addiction; crystal meth use in the gay community; Viagra as a recreational drug; and state policies of policing pleasure. Session Organizer: Wendy Chapkis, University of Southern Maine
- 2. Sexuality Studies and the Boundaries of "Acceptable" Sociology. The study of sexuality has a long history in sociology, and yet sociologists who study sexualities continue to be marginalized for their work. This can constrain them, but it can also enable them to think outside the box. We seek papers that explore the boundaries between "acceptable" and "taboo" topics, including issues of methodology, theory, textual genre, and substantive topic. We are also interested in how perceived boundaries of acceptability motivate the use of unconventional methods. Session Organizer: *Mimi Schippers*, Tulane University
- **3. Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtables (one-hour).** Session Organizer: *Patrick R. Grzanka*, University of Tennessee

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

# Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology

1. Addressing Contentious Issues in the Classroom. We invite papers that address how to teach controversial issues including sexuality, sexual assault, and pornography. Papers that address other contentious issues are also welcomed; for example, papers might address racism,

immigration, welfare, voting laws, and/or Affirmative Action. Suggestions for how to address these issues in a range of classes are also helpful, from Session Organizer: *Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl*, Coastal California University

- **2. Online Matters.** As more universities begin to invest heavily in online programming, the concerns of faculty and students regarding its efficacy remain largely unattended. In this session, sociologists present the best practices in teaching and learning which they have established in their online courses. From virtual role play assignments to issues of email boundaries, this session presents frameworks for professors seeking to position themselves as teachers if online courses. Session Organizer: *Katherine Lineberger*, Florida International University
- **3. Teaching in the 21**<sup>st</sup> **Century.** This session seeks papers and presentations on teaching techniques, policies, resources, and practices that are required to successfully teach in the 21st century. Emerging pedagogies and practices that facilitate student learning and engagement are sought. Session Organizer: *Maxine P. Atkinson*, North Carolina State University
- **4. Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology Roundtables.** This session will focus on best practices for effective teaching and learning in sociology at both the undergraduate and graduate level. We encourage those who teach in the classroom and the various online formats to submit. Session Organizer: *Jan Thomas*, Kenyon College

# **Section on the Sociology of the Family**

- 1. **Demography of Families and Gender.** This session is jointly sponsored by the Sections on Family and Population. Papers should address issues broadly related to gender and family population patterns, trends, and explanations. Session Organizer: *Sharon Sassler*, Cornell University
- 2. **Sexualities in Family Contexts.** Following on the 2015 theme of sexualities in the social world, this session will focus specifically on sexualities (defined broadly) in family contexts. For example, papers may consider sexualities in the context of families of origin, intimate relationships, relationships with children, intergenerational relationships, and families of choice. Session Organizer: *Corinne Reczek*, The Ohio State University
- **3. Families, Health, and Well-Being.** Family relationships have a significant impact on psychological and physical health. And the health of family members influences family dynamics. This session will include papers that address the impact of family (broadly defined) on health/well-being/mortality, as well as the impact of health on family. Session Organizer: *Hui Liu*, Michigan State University
- **4. Family, Work, and Gender.** This session will consider new frontiers in family, work, and gender research and invites papers that consider gendered experiences of paid work, unpaid work, and unemployment. Session Organizer: *Sarah Damaske*, Pennsylvania State University
- **5.** \*Section on the Sociology of the Family Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: *Sarah Hayford*, Arizona State University

# **Theory Section**

<sup>\*</sup>Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

- 1. The Promise and Pitfalls of "Nuance" in Sociological Theory. Sociologists often claim to provide more nuanced" explanations for important phenomena than other social scientists. But what is the proper role for nuance in sociological theory? This session will explore the question of nuance in sociological theory Session Organizer: *Steve Vaisey*, Duke University
- 2. Theorizing the Social: Studies of Science and Technology. Across a wide array of traditions, studies of science and technology have been important sites of theory development and elaboration. This session features papers that exemplify how the theoretical tools and insights generated by empirical research on science and technology contribute to broader understandings of both historical and contemporary social life. Session Organizer: *Sara Shostak*, Brandeis University
- **3. Theory, Method, Data, and Representation.** With the advent of big data" and the near-ubiquitous capacity to visualize and systematize certain kinds of social interaction come new theoretical challenges. Papers in this session will examine the relationship between "big data" and "big theory Session Organizer: *Andrew J. Perrin*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- **4. Theorizing Inequalities.** How does sociology theorize inequalities? Theories of inequality are often middle-range in nature, focusing on specific cases or locations. Papers on this panel will explore the potential for more general theories of inequality. How might grand theory address the causes of, changes in, persistent nature and/or effects of inequalities? What insights about social structure, culture and individual behavior might be gained from this sort of theoretical approach? What might be lost? Session Organizer: *CJ Pascoe*, University of Oregon
- 5. \*Theory Section Roundtables (one-hour). Session Organizer: Fiona Rose-Greenland, University of Chicago

\*Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section's 40-minute business meeting.

### STUDENT FORUM SESSIONS

For the 2015 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, the Student Forum Advisory Board is sponsoring 2 Student Panel Session and a Student Roundtable Session. These sessions are organized by student members and are listed as "Student Forum Sessions." Interested student authors should note that Student Forum Sessions operate under the same guidelines as Regular Sessions and are subject to the submission criteria, deadlines, and program policies listed in the ASA Call for Papers.

All submissions will be reviewed and approximately 8 papers (2 panels with 4 papers each) will be chosen for inclusion into one of the 2 Student Forum Sessions. Every effort will be made to accommodate the remaining papers into the Student Forum Roundtable Session.

To apply for the Student Forum Sessions, please submit your completed paper via the ASA website. We encourage you to consider the theme for the 2015 Annual Meeting, "Sexualities in the Social World," for your paper submission.

This open submission and review process for the 2015 meeting is designed to encourage quality student papers. Remember, out of the papers submitted, one paper will be chosen to receive the Student Forum Best Paper Award, which comes with a Travel Grant.

To submit a paper to a Student Session, please follow the on-line submission guidelines detailed on the ASA 2015 Annual Meeting at www.asanet.org/AM2015/index.cfm.

Session Organizers: Nicole MacInnis, University of Manitoba

### 2015 PROGRAM COMMITTEE SPONSORED SESSIONS

# **ROUNDTABLES**

Two open roundtable components are sponsored by the Program Committee each year. These roundtables are not intended to compete with Section sessions. Rather, since many topics are not covered by Sections, these sessions allow individuals previously excluded from the active interaction of refereed roundtable presentation to find a place on the program.

For information on roundtables sponsored by Sections, please see Section Sessions for details.

<u>AV Restriction.</u> No audio-visual or tape recording equipment is supplied or permitted at Open Refereed Roundtable Sessions and Informal Discussion Roundtables.

# **Open Refereed Roundtables**

Paper submissions for Open Topic Refereed Roundtables must meet the same submission criteria as for Regular Sessions. Open Refereed Roundtables use a mini-session format: a general topic identified for each table, two to four paper presentations, and a table presider to coordinate presentations and discussions. The roundtable organizer will group papers and tables by topic areas; submissions on all topics are welcome.

Roundtable sessions are held in meeting rooms set with 8-25 round tables that seat 10 people each. Discussion proceeds simultaneously at all tables listed on each session.

An Open Refereed Roundtable paper presentation is classified as an *authorship* under the participation rules. Table topics, table presiders, and paper titles with authors' names and affiliations will be listed in the Program.

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Session Organizer: J. Scott Carter, University of Central Florida

#### **Informal Discussion Roundtable**

Informal roundtables offer opportunities for those who share conceptual, methodological, professional, or policy concerns to meet one another and to initiate and expand networks. These discussion sessions also are particularly valuable for those who are developing new ideas on formulating issues in new ways and who would like to explore these ideas or issues with colleagues who have similar interests.

An Informal Discussion Roundtable Session is usually comprised of 10-20 tables, each with a different discussion topic. Each table will seat ten people. Discussion proceeds simultaneously at all tables listed on each session. At each table the discussion leader will introduce the topic and facilitate discussion among all the participants at the table; no formal papers are to be presented.

These sessions are not intended to be avenues for formal paper presentation. Such papers should be submitted to organizers of Regular Sessions, Section sessions, or Open Refereed Roundtable sessions. Informal Discussion Roundtables are development and discussion opportunities and are considered to be informal sessions.

Informal Discussion Roundtable sessions are sponsored by the Program Committee and open to proposals on all topics. All submitted discussion summaries will be reviewed for possible inclusion in the program. If submissions warrant, multiple sessions will be organized.

Anyone wishing to propose a topic or issue for a discussion table should submit a 1-2 page summary describing the discussion topic/issue via the online submission system on the ASA website. The submitter is considered to be the discussion leader. The formal program listing will show the discussion topic at each table and the discussion leader's name and affiliation.

Leading a discussion table does count as program participation, but it is not classified as a paper authorship.

Session Organizer: Amy Blackstone, University of Maine

# POSTER SESSIONS



### **Visual Media Poster Presentation**

A poster presentation consists of an exhibit of materials reporting research activities or informational resources in visual and summary form. Poster presentations are a terrific platform for facilitating personal discussion of work with interested colleagues and allowing meeting attendees to browse current research at their own pace. **Research on submissions of all topics will be considered. We especially welcome displays using new media and multimedia applications to present the information in a visual format.** 

Each author will have access to a large 4'x8' bulletin board upon which they can display important points from their research. For those using new media applications, a limited number of <u>LCD screens</u> (with electrical power) are available by request in lieu of the bulletin board. *Authors must provide their own device for connecting to the equipment (ASA will provide standard cabling)*. Wireless internet access (WiFi) will be available in the meeting space where the Poster Session will be held.

Poster displays will be available throughout the meeting, leading up to the scheduled time slot, when displays will be judged by meeting attendees and roving judges. Visitors will also have an opportunity to speak with poster presentation authors during the dedicated time slot. Poster set-up may begin on August 22, 2015 after 2:30pm and poster tear-down may begin on August 25, 2015 before 1:00pm. Those utilizing LCD screens for their presentation will have the equipment delivered and set-up in the meeting space by 2:30pm on August 22 (for security purposes, LCD screens will be removed from the meeting space at the end of the day of the Poster Session presentations).

Anyone wishing to propose a poster session presentation should submit either a full paper with abstract, or a large 1-2 page abstract with an outline and/or <u>links</u> to online materials or the display presentation itself (*including the* 

*visual media to be utilized*). These materials <u>must</u> be submitted online via the online submission system on the ASA website.

Presentations during the session will be judged by the following criteria:

Composition	Presentation
• clear and engaging account of research	well planned & organized
clear and engaging presentation	clear and easy to read or follow
	• quality of the images and visual media
	effectively presented
Overall Quality	
poster/display	
delivery	
relevance and importance of the work	

A presentation in a research poster session is classified as an authorship under the participation rules. Paper titles with authors' names and affiliations will be listed in the online preliminary and printed Final Program.

Organizer: Chris Uggen, University of Minnesota

### **Graduate Programs in Sociology**

At this poster session, sociology graduate programs display information about their program, including application and admissions processes. A representative from each graduate program is expected to be present during the Graduate Program Poster Session. Attendees at the session include students who are participating in the ASA's Undergraduate Honors Program -- a highly competitive program for outstanding students in sociology, many of whom are attending the Annual Meeting because they plan to apply to graduate school in the near future. Undergraduate advisors also frequently attend in order to research programs of interest to their students. After the Graduate Program Poster Session is over, the posters themselves remain on display throughout the remainder of the Annual Meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get an overview of graduate schools and for your department to do some free outreach in a cordial, inviting, and informative atmosphere.

Interested graduate programs are encouraged to reserve display space immediately. Please do not delay, space is limited. If you have questions about the Graduate Programs in Sociology Poster Session, please contact the session organizer listed below.

Organizer: Jaime Hecht, Academic and Professional Affairs Program, American Sociological Association, apap@asanet.org

# **Research Funding Opportunities and Data Resources**

These informal poster presentations provides information on funding resources, materials, and data sets available for graduate students and faculty research. The annual Research Support Forum includes a major poster session for each research funding opportunities and data resources. A resource poster area will be available for browsing during exhibit hours, and there will be one designated time when attendees can expect to meet representatives from funding sources and available data sets such as the PSID, the NORC, and NCHS.

Interested presenters are invited to reserve display space at this poster session. If you have questions about this poster session, please contact the ASA Executive Office staff as noted below.

Organizer: *Nicole Van Vooren*, Research and Development Department, American Sociological Association, vanvooren@asanet.org

# **General Program Schedule**

The official days of the 2015 Annual Meeting are Saturday-Tuesday, August 22-25, 2015. The presentation language of the Annual Meeting is English. Program sessions are scheduled on all four days. There will also be some pre-meeting courses and activities held on Friday, August 21.

Sessions are scheduled in 16 time slots beginning on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and concluding on Tuesday by 5:00 p.m. Participants are expected to be available for any of the 16 time slots. <u>If your schedule is limited by a teaching or travel constraint, inform the session organizer upon your acceptance as a participant and no later than March 5, 2015.</u>

Most program sessions are 1 hour and 40 minutes in length, followed by a 20-minute break. Exceptions will be clearly noted in the program schedule. The daily session turnover schedule on Saturday-Tuesday is:

8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. 12:30 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.

Due to the complexities of scheduling a program with over 600 sessions and more than 4,000 participants, it is not possible to avoid all conflicts of individual obligations. Participants with multiple commitments may contact their session organizers or ASA Meeting Services staff anytime before March 5, 2015 and request scheduling consideration. Meeting Services staff will try to accommodate reasonable requests, but no guarantees can be given. Information on the program schedule in general will not be available before April 30.

# A NOTE ABOUT PRESENTATION SCHEDULES

### Regular Session, Poster Presentation, and Program Committee Sponsored Roundtable Session Scheduling

These activities may be scheduled on any of the four program days of the Annual Meeting. Actual session times and dates will not be finalized until the overall program schedule is completed by April 30.

### **Section Scheduling**

Section activities are pre-assigned to specific days following a four-year rotation schedule. Section session times on those days will not be finalized until the overall program schedule is completed. The rotation schedule for Section activities in 2015 results in the groupings on assigned days shown below. All Section program sessions and Council/Business meetings will be scheduled on the assigned days. Those Sections whose programs are larger than the time slots available on their days will have sessions scheduled on adjacent days, as noted below. Section Council/Business meetings and Section Roundtable sessions must be held on the assigned days. If you are accepted into presentation for a Section program, please refer to the schedule below to ascertain the day(s) you would be scheduled to present.

# Saturday, August 22

Community and Urban Sociology\*

Ethnomethodology and Conversational Analysis

History of Sociology

**Human Rights** 

Latina/o Sociology

Law, Sociology of

Mathematical Sociology

Mental Health, Sociology of

Political Sociology\*\*

Population, Sociology of

Science, Knowledge, and Technology

Sex and Gender\*\*\*

\*one session must be scheduled on the following day

### Sunday, August 23

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

Comparative and Historical Sociology\*\*

**Environment and Technology** 

Disability and Society

Family, Sociology of the\*

Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility\*\*

Organizations, Occupations, and Work\*\*\*

Peace, War, and Social Conflict

Racial and Ethnic Minorities\*\*

Rationality and Society

Religion, Sociology of\*

Sexualities, Sociology of

Sociological Practice & Public Sociology

\*one session must be scheduled on the following day

# Monday, August 24

Animals and Society

**Body and Embodiment** 

Collective Behavior & Social Movements\*\*

Communication & Information Technologies

Consumers and Consumption

Education, Sociology of\*\*

Emotions, Sociology of

Evolution, Biology, and Society

International Migration\*

Medical Sociology\*\*\*

Political Economy of the World System

Race, Gender, and Class\*\*\*

Sociology of Development

Theory\*\*

\*one session must be scheduled on the following day

\*\*two sessions must be scheduled on the following day

\*\*\*three sessions must be scheduled on the following day

### Tuesday, August 25

Aging and the Life Course~~

Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity

Asia and Asian America

Children and Youth~

Crime, Law, and Deviance~

Culture, Sociology of~~~~

Economic Sociology~~~

Global and Transnational Sociology~~

Labor and Labor Movements~

Marxist Sociology

Methodology~

Social Psychology~~

Teaching and Learning in Sociology~~

~one session must be scheduled on the preceding day

~~two sessions must be scheduled on the preceding day

~~~three sessions must be scheduled on the preceding day

~~~four sessions must be scheduled on the preceding day

# KEY DATES

| • | October 30, 2014 | Call for Papers (listing of topics) is available online                               |
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| • | December 5, 2014 | Paper Submission system opens online at www.asanet.org/AM2015/index.cfm               |
| • | January 7, 2015  | Paper Submission system closes at 3pm EST   |
| • |                  | All paper decisions made and Acceptance/Rejection letters should be received by email |
| • | April 30, 2015   | Preliminary Schedule is available at www.asanet.org/AM2015/index.cfm                  |
| • | May 13, 2015     | Registration Deadline for all Program Participants                                    |
| • | June 1, 2015     | Deadline to receive all changes for the Final Program                                 |

<sup>\*\*</sup>two sessions must be scheduled on the following day

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