

# ASA AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION Member News and Notes

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## Census Question Court Ruling Commended by ASA

The American Sociological Association welcomes Tuesday's court [ruling](#) in the Southern District of New York holding that the Secretary of Commerce's decision to include the citizenship question in the 2020 census was unlawful. ASA has advocated strongly on this issue and submitted an [amicus brief](#) for this case in partnership with the American Statistical Association and the Population Association of America. An article summarizing the arguments in the amicus brief can be found [here](#).

## Help Create a More Vibrant, Effective ASA

ASA's Task Force on Membership recently emailed a survey to a random stratified sample of more than 12,000 past and current members to learn about their experiences with ASA and how the Association can best support sociologists. If you received the survey invitation, please respond! If you didn't receive the email, you can still help create a more vibrant, effective ASA by participating in the task force's [WikiSurvey](#), developed using the All Our Ideas platform, an innovative tool developed by sociologist Matthew Salganik (Princeton University).

## 2019 ASA Annual Meeting Updates

- **Annual Meeting Submission Update.** Thank you to all who submitted papers and other proposals to the 114th ASA Annual Meeting. Authors will receive email notices on the final disposition of their submissions by March 15.
- **Affiliated Groups** may request meeting space or a display table at the Annual Meeting. Please review the guidelines on the [Affiliated Groups](#) web page. Requests must be received no later than March 1, 2019.
- **Annual Meeting Hotels.** Guest room blocks will open on February 25. We encourage you to book a room within the ASA room block. View housing and travel information on the [Travel and Housing](#) web page.

## 2020 ASA Annual Meeting

**Invited Session Proposals and Volunteers.** Members are encouraged to submit proposals for the invited session components of the program beginning January 31. Members may also volunteer to serve as regular session organizers. To learn more about the 2020 Annual Meeting theme of "Power, Inequality, and Resistance at Work," the invited session components, or volunteering, please visit the [2020 Annual Meeting](#) web page.

## Professional Development Webinar for ASA Members

Do you need a dataset for your next research project? Are you looking for

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data resources to use in a class activity or assignment? Mark your calendar for the next ASA Professional Development Webinar with Joseph Quartullo from the U.S. Census Bureau on March 13, 2019, at 1 p.m. EST. This webinar will provide an overview of some of the Census Bureau's most useful data tools for researchers and teachers. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register in the ASA store. (At check out, the cost will become \$0 for members.)

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## Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights

- [Featured Essay: Frontlash/Backlash: The Crisis of Solidarity and the Threat to Civil Institutions](#) by Jeffrey C. Alexander (*Contemporary Sociology*, January 2019)
- [UniverCity: The Vicious Cycle of Studentification in a Peripheral City](#) by Nufar Avni and Nurit Alfasi (*City & Community*, December 2018)
- [Quantification, Inequality, and the Contestation of School Closures in Philadelphia](#) by Meg Caven (*Sociology of Education*, January 2019)
- [Worshipping across the Color Line: The Influence of Congregational Composition on Whites' Friendship Networks and Racial Attitudes](#) by Edward C. Polson and Kevin D. Dougherty (*Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, January 2019)
- [Urban Hospitals as Anchor Institutions: Frameworks for Medical Sociology](#) by Berkeley Franz, Daniel Skinner, Jonathan Wynn, and Kelly Kelleher (*Socius*, January 4, 2019)
- [Share, Show, and Tell: Group Discussion or Simulations Versus Lecture Teaching Strategies in a Research Methods Course](#) by Judith A. Linneman (*Teaching Sociology*, January 2019)

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