

SECTION 39: History of Sociology

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American Sociological Association

Section Office: Chair-Elect

Name: Valerie A. Haines

Present Professional Position:

- Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Calgary (2003-present)
- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary (1993-present)

Previous Professional Positions:

- Canada Research Fellow, University of Calgary (1988-1991)
- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Cambridge University (1985-1986)
- Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge University (1985-1986)

Education:

- PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1986)
- MEdes, University of Calgary (1980)

Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA:

- Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review* (2002-2004)
- Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory* (1995-1998)

Publications and Professional Accomplishments:

- Evolutionary Explanations, *Philosophy of Anthropology and Sociology* (in press)
- The Privileging of Ideas: Citation Practices and the Translation of 'Social Capital' into Public Health" (with S. Moore, A. Shiell, P. Hawe), *American Journal of Public Health* (2005)
- Annual Institute Fellow, Calgary Institute for the Humanities (2000-2001)
- Spencer and His Critics, *Reclaiming the Sociological Classics: The State of the Scholarship* (1997)
- Is Spencer's Theory an Evolutionary Theory?, *American Journal of Sociology* (1988)

Vision for the Section: I seek to continue the process of establishing the value of history of sociology by promoting history of sociology as a field of research and by promoting the position that historically contextualizing evaluations of sociological theories, ideas, and practices can address issues of contemporary theoretical and empirical significance in diverse specialities both inside and outside of sociology. My ongoing research on evolutionary theorizing in sociology attempts the former. My more recent engagement of efforts at theorizing and researching the impact of social capital on health in sociology and public health attempts the latter. By promoting the history of sociology in these ways, I seek to increase our membership and encourage participation of members of other sections in HOS sessions at annual meetings of ASA

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Name: Jennifer Platt

Present Professional Position:

- Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Sussex, 2002-present

Previous Professional Positions:

- Professor/Reader/Lecturer in Sociology, University of Sussex, 1964-2002

Education:

- MA in Sociology, University of Chicago, 1964
- BA in English, University of Cambridge, 1958

Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA:

- Member, Editorial Board, American Sociological Review, 2002-4
- President, ISA Research Committee on the History of Sociology, 2002-6
- Member, Editorial Board, Journal for the History of the Behavioral Sciences, 1999-

Publications and Professional Accomplishments:

- 'La spécificité du Canada dans les méthodologies en sociologie', to appear in Sociologie et Sociétés, spring 2006
- 'Women's and men's careers in British sociology', British Journal of Sociology 55: 187-210, 2004
- The British Sociological Association: a Sociological History, Durham: Sociology Press, 2003
- A History of Sociological Research Methods in America, 1920-1960, Cambridge University Press, 1996
- 'The US reception of Durkheim's The Rules of Sociological Method', Sociological Perspectives, 38(1): 77-105, 1995

Vision for the Section: I would hope to work with colleagues to consolidate and expand the Section's activities. Work now in progress on the teaching of history is important. Another neglected area is the history of sociology teaching. That is a site of intellectual activity for most sociologists, and provides evidence of the ideas held by ordinary sociologists; I hope that the Section might take interest in this, and strive to improve its archival documentation. The policy to build relations with the international community should continue - it has members who work on the history of US sociology, and the intellectual and organisational life of sociology is transnational; my contacts could be useful there. I support the aim to cooperate with other sections, and suggest that the principle implied could be extended by promoting local-interest history of sociology sessions at the ASA and regional association meetings.

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Section Office: Secretary-Treasurer

Name: Andrea Malkin Brenner

Present Professional Position:

- Assistant Professor, American University (2002-present)

Previous Professional Positions:

- Adjunct Lecturer, American University (1996-02)
- Adjunct Instructor, Montgomery College (1995-96)
- Project Manager, GED Testing Service, The American Council on Education (1993-95)

Education:

- PhD American University (2001)
- MA Boston College (1991)
- BA Brandeis University (1990)

Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA:

- Co-editor, *Resources for Teaching Sociology*, 5th Edition (2006)
- Co-editor, *Resources for Teaching the History of Sociology* (2006)
- Member, ASA Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology (1992-present)
- Member, ASA Section on History of Sociology (2005-present)

Publications and Professional Accomplishments:

- "Student Perceptions of Racial Identity-Based Professor Credibility," *African Americans and Whites: Changing Relationships on College Campuses*, University Press of America (2006)
- "A Hands-on Approach to Teaching about Jane Addams," *Integrating Women into Classical Theory Courses: A Resource Book*, American Sociological Association (2005)
- Professor of the Year Award, American University (2004)
- Member, Board of Trustees, The Barker Foundation, (2004-present)
- "Stereotyping and Labeling," "The Symbolic Basis of Culture," and "Demonstrating the Sociological Perspective," *Sociology Through Active Learning*, Pine Forge Press (2001)

Vision for the Section: History allows individuals and society to benefit from previous experiences and advance while simultaneously correcting omissions. I believe that the History of Sociology Section holds this task in our field. One of the ways that I think the section can expand its membership reach and its visibility is to co-sponsor sessions with other ASA sections; the section on Teaching and Learning would be an excellent group with which to unite. If the adage, "a people who know their history can chart their future," is true, I believe that there is no greater impact the HOS Section can make than to connect with sociology professionals of the future--our students.

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Name: Mikaila Mariel Lemonik Arthur

Present Professional Positions:

- PhD Student (ABD), New York University
- Adjunct Instructor, Queens College of the City University of New York

Education:

- MA in Sociology, New York University, 2004
- BA in Sociology, Mount Holyoke College, 2001

Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA:

- Webmaster, Section on the History of Sociology, 2004-2006

Publications and Professional Accomplishments:

- Contributing writer to the *Encyclopedia of Racism* and the *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*
- Teaching exercise included in 2006 edition of *Innovative Techniques for Teaching Sociological Concepts*
- Assistant Editor, *Sociological Forum*
- Dissertation explores the formation of curricular units in women's studies, Asian American studies, and other interdisciplinary areas in a random sample of colleges and universities, particularly focusing on the potential role that social movement organization may have in programmatic emergence

Vision for the Section: As secretary-treasurer, I would see my particular responsibilities (in addition to keeping the Section minutes and records) as (a) increasing the financial resources of the section and (b) increasing membership. I believe it is important to reach out to new and student sociologists to convince them of the relevance of the history of sociology, and that these young members can provide an important core for both increasing our presence and our revenue. In addition, we can explore ways to build revenue through website affiliate programs. In terms of the broader activities of the Section, I would hope to work on ways of increasing the pedagogical presence of the history of sociology in both graduate and undergraduate education.

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Section Office: Council Member

Name: Jan Marie Fritz

Present Professional Position:

- Professor, University of Cincinnati (School of Planning and affiliated with the Department of Sociology and the Department of Women's Studies) (1993-present)

Previous Professional Positions:

- Associate Professor, California State University (1989-1993)
- Science Associate, National Cancer Institute, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (1989-1993) with one year on assignment at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Dept. of Preventive Medicine

Education:

- PhD, American University
- MA, Ohio State University
- BA, Bowling Green State University

Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA:

- Chair, 2004 Distinguished Scholarly Book Award Committee for the Section on History of Sociology (2003-2004)
- ASA consultant for sociology departments (Departmental Resources Group)
- Former member of ASA's Du Bois-Johnson-Frazier Award Selection Committee and the Committee on Committees

Publications and Professional Accomplishments:

- Currently vice president of two divisions of the International Sociological Association
- Former member of the International Sociological Association's executive board (8 years) and the ISA representative to the United Nations (4 years)
- Former editor (10 years) of the history section of the *Clinical Sociology Review*
- Author/editor of more than 80 publications including "The Scholar Practitioners" in Blasi's *Diverse Histories of American Sociology* (Brill, 2005) and *La mediazione come strumento di intervento sociale (Mediation as an Instrument of Social Intervention)*, forthcoming in Italian from FrancoAngeli

Vision for the Section: Increase visibility (nationally and internationally) of the section and the work of its members; give more emphasis to the identification and dissemination of information about opportunities (e.g., grants, speaking engagements) that support research on the history of sociology; increase the size of the section; share the excitement of doing historical work.

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Section Office: Council Member

Name: Silvia Pedraza

Present Professional Position:

- Associate Professor of Sociology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1992 - Present)

Previous Professional Positions:

- Associate Professor of Sociology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1992 - Present)
- Assistant Professor of Sociology and American Culture, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1986-1991)
- Director of Latino Studies, Program in American Culture (1986-1990)

Education:

- PhD, University of Chicago, 1980
- BA 1971, University of Michigan

Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA:

- Contemporary Sociology, Editorial Board (2003-2006)
- American Sociological Review, Editorial Board (2000-2002)
- Committee on Sections (2004-2006)
- ASA Council (1995-1998) (Elected)
- Chair, Section on the Sociology of Latinos/as in the U. S. (1999-2001) (Elected)

Publications and Professional Accomplishments:

- False Hopes: Political Disaffection in Cuba's Revolution and Exodus, Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming
- "Assimilation or Transnationalism? Conceptual Models of the Immigrant Experience." In Ram Mahalingam, ed. Social Psychology of Immigrants, Lawrence Erlbaum, Forthcoming
- President and Provost's Award for Service, The University of Michigan (2005)
- Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate
- Guest Editor for the special issue section on "A Sociology for Our Times: Alvin Gouldner's Message." The Sociological Quarterly (2002)
- "Beyond Black and White: Latinos and Social Science Research on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in America." Social Science History (2000)

Vision for the Section: I believe that it is important for the History of Sociology section to capture the way in which sociologists have from the beginning of our discipline struggled with issues regarding race, ethnicity, immigration and gender issues. We need to pay attention not only to the contributions to the writings of major figures, such as Robert E. Park and Florian Znaniecki, but also to those whose work is less well-known, such as W. E. B. Dubois and Ernesto Galarza. We need to reach beyond the American way of doing sociology- for example, to the work of German and Italian sociologists who struggled with issues raised by the holocaust after World War II, of Latin American sociologists who struggled with issues of underdevelopment from the 1960s on. In both instances, we need to understand the past in order to better understand the present.

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Section Office: Council Member

Name: Jonathan VanAntwerpen

Present Position:

- PhD Candidate, University of California, Berkeley

Education:

- MA, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2001)
- MA, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1997)
- BA, Calvin College (1992)

Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA:

- Research Assistant, Centennial Committee on the History of Sociology (2003-2005)
- Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Section on the History of Sociology (2003)

Publications and Professional Accomplishments:

- "Orthodoxy, Heterodoxy, and Hierarchy: 'Mainstream' Sociology and its Challengers" (with Craig Calhoun) in *Sociology in America: The American Sociological Association Centennial History*, edited by Craig Calhoun (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2006)
- "Histories of American Sociology: Readings and Resources" (with Alton Phillips) in *Sociology in America: The American Sociological Association Centennial History*, edited by Craig Calhoun (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2006)
- "Critical Sociology and the Interdisciplinary Imagination" (*Thesis Eleven* 84: 60-72, February 2006)
- "Resisting Sociology's Seductive Name: Frederick J. Teggart and Sociology at Berkeley" in *Diverse Histories of American Sociology*, edited by Anthony J. Blasi (Brill, 2005)
- "Public Sociology at Berkeley" (with Michael Burawoy) in *Producing Public Sociology: Contributions from Berkeley Faculty*, edited by Michael Burawoy and Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2001 (2nd edition, 2005). Online at: http://sociology.berkeley.edu/Public_Sociology/intro.html

Vision for the Section: Building on the interest generated by the ASA Centennial, the History of Sociology section is in an excellent position to widen its membership and to expand its institutional and intellectual reach. Our section can and should play a prominent role within the ASA. I would be pleased to have the opportunity to help the section continue to develop, to increase its visibility, and to attract new members. Drawing on existing intellectual energies and research agendas within the section, and expanding our relationships with other ASA sections, we can make the section both a gathering place for historians of sociology and a venue in which to demonstrate the value of histories of sociology to the wider discipline.

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Section Office: Council Member

Name: Alford A. Young, Jr.

Present Professional Position:

- Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Associate Professor, University of Michigan

Previous Professional Positions:

- Assistant Professor, University of Michigan

Education:

- PhD, University of Chicago (1996)
- MA, University of Chicago (1992)
- BA, Wesleyan University (1988)

Office, Committee Memberships, And Editorial Appointments:

- Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2005 - Present)
- DuBois-Johnson-Frazier Award Selection Committee (2002-2005)
- Editorial Board, Rose Series in Sociology (2002 - October 2005)
- Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory* (1999)

Publications and professional Accomplishments:

- The Souls of W.E.B. DuBois. (w/Elizabeth Higginbotham, Charles Lemert, Manning Marable, and Jerry Gafio Watts) Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2006
- The Minds of Marginalized Black Men: Making Sense of Mobility, Opportunity, and Future Life Chances. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004 (paperback 2006)
- "Early Traditions of African American Sociological Thought." Annual Review of Sociology, 2001, vol. 27, pp. 445-477 (with Donald Deskins, Jr.)
- "The (Non)Accumulation of Capital: Explicating the Relationship of Structure and Agency in the Lives of Poor Black Men." Sociological Theory, July, 1999, 17 (2), pp. 201-227
- "Black Sociologists: The Quest for a Black Sociology." International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd Edition, ed. by William A. Darity, Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA (forthcoming)

Statement of Vision: I seek a term of service on the council for the Section on the History of Sociology because I have dedicated a portion of my scholarly career toward documenting and interpreting the history of African American contributions to the discipline. In the course of doing this work I have grown intrigued and excited by the wealth of historical information that remains to be investigated and incorporated into contemporary research efforts in the history of sociology. I would like to play a more direct role in helping this section to steward the discipline toward more substantive exploration of its history, particularly in terms of the contributions of figures who often fall outside of the purview of many of the major intellectual histories and historically-informed analyses of sociology.