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Letter from the Chair

Dear Section Members: Greetings!

The semester is flying by and it won't be long now until we see each other in August. Section activities for Atlanta are shaping up and I hope you are planning to join us. Our section day is Sunday. We got several exciting papers for the three sessions (two section sessions and one regular paper session) our section members are organizing. Several of our section members are also involved in organizing other exciting sessions as well. As we go to print I continue to be in negotiation with ASA, the Political Sociology section, and the Collective Behavior and Social Movements section to see if we can work out a joint reception for the Sunday of the conference. I have arranged for one of the ASA tours to be a tour of the Carter Center and Carter Library and I hope our section members will sign up. The tour is scheduled for the Monday morning during the conference. I will not get final confirmation until May, but our request to meet with the staff of the conflict resolution program at the Carter Center has been taken under advisement. Due to the critical nature of global conflicts they wanted to wait until we get a little closer to August before making a firm commitment.

It is time to be thinking about nominating for the section awards – the Robin Williams award and the student paper awards. And as always, remember to vote when those ballots show up in your mailbox. Thanks to all those

section members whose hard efforts make the section happen! And for the rest of you, consider getting involved in the coming year.

Lynne Woehrle, Section Chair

PW&SC Section Bios of Nominees One Chair-Elect Seat, 2003

Sharon Erickson Nepstad is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Duquesne University, where she also teaches Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution at the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Colorado in 1996 and did post-doctoral work at Princeton's Center for the Study of Religion. Her primary areas of interest include nonviolence and the role of religion in social movements. She has published in journals such as *Sociological Inquiry*, *Mobilization*, and *Peace Review* and is the author of the forthcoming book, *Convictions of the Soul: Religion, Culture and Agency in the U.S.-Central America Solidarity Movement* (Oxford University Press). She is currently working on a study of the Catholic Left and the Plowshares movement. She has also conducted conflict resolution training programs for students from Northern Ireland, Cyprus, and Russia and is the founder and former president of the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program in Boulder, Colorado. She currently serves on the board of the Sexto Sol Center for Community Action in Chiapas, Mexico that promotes sustainable development and community organizing among indigenous populations. She has served as a council member for the Peace, War and Social Conflict section since 2001.



Jack Nusan Porter is one of the pioneers in the field of modern genocide studies and the sociology of the Holocaust. He taught the first course in the sociology of genocide at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in 1977; edited the first anthology on comparative genocide *Genocide and Human Rights* (University Press of America, 2002) in 1982; published the first curriculum guide on genocide in 1992 for the ASA; and pioneered research into Jewish resistance, the persecution of homosexuals and lesbians during the Holocaust, and applying postmodern theory to random acts of evil. He was elected Vice-President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars in 1997. He is the author or editor of 30 books and 600 articles and reviews including *Kids in Cults*, *Confronting History and Holocaust*, *Sexual Politics in the Third Reich*, *Conflict and Conflict Resolution*, *Jewish Partisans of the Soviet Union*, and *The Study of Society*. Dr. Porter is the founder and former editor of *The Journal of the History of Sociology* and a

contributor to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, *Encyclopedia of Genocide* (1999), *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, and *The Italian-American Experience: An Encyclopedia*. A former research associate at Harvard University's Ukrainian Research Institute from 1982-84, he has taught for over 30 years either in sociology, history, or Jewish studies at Boston University, Northwestern University, Boston College, Emerson College, and is presently an adjunct professor of sociology at UMass-Lowell. Born in Rovno, Ukraine, Porter came to the U.S. in 1946 after a year in a DP camp in Linz, Austria. His parents, Faye and Irving Porter were partisans in the Kruk-Maks Group in Western Ukraine during WW II. He received his BA in sociology with a minor in Hebrew studies from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee in 1967 and his Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern in 1971 at age 26! Today, Dr. Porter is an independent scholar, teacher, and filmmaker. He is involved with numerous films projects including "Key West Rabbi: A Comedy" and "Partisans" (dealing with WW II Soviet resistance to the Nazis), and "The Forgotten Jews of Sing Sing."

Nominees for Two Section
Council Seats, 2003



Gregory M. Maney received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 2001. He teaches courses at Hofstra University in New York in ethnic conflict and social movements. In the ethnic conflict course, he uses a comparative historical approach to encourage students to empathize with (other) minority groups, to recognize common sources of conflict, and to identify promising conflict resolution strategies. In the social movements course, the classroom simulates a grassroots organizing setting. Students facilitate discussions, work together to complete common tasks, and observe local groups pursuing social change. He is currently developing and preparing to teach a new course next fall on building multicultural coalitions. His research focuses upon transnational dimensions of protest, ethnic conflict and social change. Articles on these topics have appeared in *Social Problems* ("Transnational Mobilization and Civil Rights in Northern Ireland"), *Mobilization* ("Transnational Structures and Protest") and *Political Opportunities, Social Movements, and Democratization* ("Rival Transnational Networks and Indigenous Rights"). In a chapter of *A Peace Odyssey* (Greenwood Press, forthcoming) he uses time-series event data to explore the relationship between state reforms and political violence in Northern Ireland. He has spoken widely and in a variety of mediums about the Troubles, including a panel discussion on the peace process in Northern Ireland that included Nobel laureate David Trimble and two members of US Congress. He has actively participated for over a decade in several organizations working for nonviolent solutions to international conflicts, including most recently Long

Island Teachers for Human Rights, New York City Coalition for Peace and Justice, and Northeastern Scholars for Global Justice. He looks forward to promoting the visibility and relevance of our section and its collective work to non-sociological audiences.

Brigitte U. Neary is Associate Professor of Sociology in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of South Carolina Spartanburg. She completed her Ph.D. from Duke University in 1993. Her teaching interests include Social Change, Women and War, Theory, and Globalization. She is listed in the 7th Edition, Volume IV, 2002; *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and received the Bridge-Builder Award in 2001-2002 from the Office of Diversity Programs at USC Spartanburg. Her service includes membership on the Program Committee of the Southern Sociological Society, reviewer for the scholarly journal *Gender and Society* for the past eight years, and Vice President of Die Deutsche Schule Spartanburg for the past two years. Her publications include *Voices of Loss and Courage: German Women Recount Their Expulsion From East Central Europe, 1944-1950* (2002 Holle Schneider-Ricks), "Local Labor and Global Capital: Embedding the Autobahn in the Structure and Culture of South Carolina." In *Global Players in lokalen Bindungen* edited by Andrea Eckhart, Koehler Holm-Detlev and Luger Pries (1999, Berlin: edition sigma) and "Gruppendynamik und Sozialpsychologie" *Psychologie und Geschichte* 3(4) (1991, with Kurt Back).

Ron Pagnucco is an Assistant Professor in the Interdisciplinary Department of Peace Studies at the College of St.

Benedict/St. John's University in Minnesota, which he joined in 1999. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Catholic University in 1992. He and Jackie Smith received the section's Elise Boulding Student Paper Award for their co-authored paper in 1992. From 1992-1995 he was a Visiting Faculty Fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, and from 1995-1996 he was a Visiting Scholar at the Institute. From 1995-1999 he taught in the Department of Sociology at Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. His essays have appeared in several journals, research volumes and edited collections, including *Sociological Inquiry*; *Peace and Change*; *Voluntas*, *Peace Review*; *Journal of Intergroup Relations*; *Research on Democracy and Society*; *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change*; *Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective*; and *Disruptive Religion*. He co-edited with Jackie Smith and Charles Chatfield *Transnational Social Movements and Global Politics* (Syracuse University Press, 1997). He is moderator of the discussion listserv for the Peace Studies Committee of Pax Christi USA, the Catholic peace and human rights group. Ron's research interests include human rights, national and transnational social movements (especially the human rights and peace movements); religion, conflict and peacebuilding; and intergroup conflict and reconciliation. He recently began conducting research on Chemchemi Ya Ukweli (Wellspring of Truth), an interfaith active nonviolence group in Nairobi, Kenya.

David Rohall has been a member of the ASA and the Peace, War, and Social Conflict section since being a graduate

student at the University of Maryland where he completed his Ph.D. in Sociology in 2000. Currently, he is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire where he teaches courses in Social Conflict, Social Psychology, and American Culture. PW&SC section membership is important to him because he believes that research in peace, war, and social conflict is central to the field of sociology, but it is equally important to policy makers and to the larger society. He has contributed to the section by organizing both panel and roundtable sessions and he is the current Chair of the section's Membership Committee. In the last several years, most of his research has investigated the impacts of organizational downsizing on Russian Army officers and their families. He has published this work in the *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, *Military Psychology*, and *Armed Forces and Society*, co-authoring several articles with PW&SC section members. A more recent project examines the intersections between military and civilian attitudes on a number of social issues since 9/11, including attitudes toward war and conflict in society. He would like the opportunity to help develop the section by making section members' research more accessible to a larger audience in the field of sociology and the larger community.

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Nominations Sought for Robin Williams Distinguished Career Award

Now is the time to make nominations for this year's award for the Robin Williams Award for a Career of Distinguishing Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching or Service. The award is intended to honor an individual with an outstanding

scholarly career in the study of peace, war, genocide, military institutions or social conflict and/or important contributions to teaching the sociology of peace, war, and social conflict and/or outstanding service to the ASA Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict.

Send requests for information or letters of nomination with a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae to Lynne Woehrle, Department of Behavioral Science and Social Work, Mount Mary College, 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee, WI 53222 or by e-mail to woehrlel@mtmary.edu. To receive full consideration, nominations should be received before April 1st, 2003.

Tour Announcement for 2003 ASA Meetings

Carter Presidential Center
Organizer: Lynne Woehrle, Mount Mary College

Monday, August 18th, 8:45am-12:15pm
(tour 9-10:30 followed by a tentatively scheduled meeting with the Conflict Resolution Office)

Details:

The focus of the tour is Nobel Peace Prize recipient Jimmy Carter and his work in peacemaking and conflict resolution. Less than two miles from the Hilton Atlanta is the Carter Presidential Center housing the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum and the Carter Center. This ASA tour includes a 1.5 hour tour of the Library and Museum. A meeting (tentative) with the staff of the Conflict Resolution Program at the Carter Center will follow. The Library consists of an archives and a museum.

The archives is a repository of approximately 27 million pages of Jimmy Carter's White House material, papers of administration associates, including documents, memoranda, correspondence, etc. There are also 1 million photographs, and hundreds of hours each of audio and visual tape. Transportation: ASA shuttle from conference hotel

Costs: TBA by ASA but entry fees for the Carter Museum and Library are \$7 for adults and \$5 for people 60 and older, and for students and military personnel with IDs. ASA still needs to determine the transportation and administrative costs. The tour will be listed in the preliminary program and you are advised to pre-register for the tour.

Section Newsletter Needed

Job description: editing skills, familiarity with citation and reference formatting, interpersonal skills, flexibility working with diverse populations, and ability to work with ASA deadlines and staff.

The section produces three print newsletters a year. The work on the newsletter takes no more than 3-4 hours each month receiving, collating and formatting the submitted material for any particular edition. It involves a minimal level of email exchange, basic internet skills, and requires knowledge of any standard word processing program. ASA prints and mails the final version.

If you are willing and interested, please contact Lynne Woehrle, section chair or Meyer Kestnbaum, chair-elect.

Recent Publications

Eric swanks has published an online bibliography, "Bibliography of Protests Against Gulf War 1 (1991) at <http://www.geocities.com/gulfprotestsbi/index.html>.

Jackie Smith and Hank Johnston,
Editors, Globalization and Resistance:
Transnational Dimensions of Social
Movements Rowman & Littlefield,
2002.

Jackie Smith. 2002. "Bridging Global
Divides?: Strategic Framing and
Solidarity in
Transnational Social Movement
Organizations. "International Sociology"
17 (4).

Section Listserves

Section Announcement Listserv:

Please send your announcements to any
of the following officers and they can
post your announcement to the listserv:
Chair;
Chair elect
Secretary-Treasurer
Immediate Past Chair
Announcements are automatically sent
to all section members with email.

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you need to do the following:

1. In the address field type in majordomo@listserv.asanet.org; leave
subject field blank
2. In text of the message type **subscribe
peace_war**
- 3 Make sure there is nothing else in the
message (no signature)

4. Send the message. You will receive
confirmation, and an authorization key
with which to confirm that you really
want to join the list. Once you reply
positively to that you will get a welcome
message.

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Our members are interested diverse areas, including:

- ◆ the dynamics of war
- ◆ peace movements
- ◆ refugees
- ◆ the causes of genocide
- ◆ conflict resolution
- ◆ nonviolence
- ◆ military institutions
- ◆ nongovernmental organizations

If you are a member of the ASA, simply fill out this form, include your section dues and mail it to ASA headquarters. If you are not an ASA member, you can use this form to get more information about the American Sociological Association and the section on Peace, War, & Social Conflict.

Mail to: American Sociological Association, 1307 New York Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20005-4701

From: _____

☐ I am an ASA member and want to join the section on Peace, War, & Social Conflict.
Enclosed is a check for \$12 for section dues.

☐ I am a student member of ASA and _____ enclosed is a check for \$7.

☐ I am not a member of ASA, but am interested in joining. Please send me information about membership in both the ASA and the Peace, War, & Social Conflict section.

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