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ASA Launches 2016 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

- The American Sociological Association challenges ASA members to encourage their colleagues, students, and others interested in the discipline of sociology to join ASA for 2016. Each current member who sponsors a new member is eligible for special recognition, prizes, and discounts on member dues. [Read more.](#)

ASA Election Closes June 1

- Voting in the 2016 ASA election closes at 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 1. Eligible members may vote online using the login information in the e-mail notification sent from the election vendor. See the [full election slate](#) and [profiles of candidates for President and Vice President](#) and be sure to cast your ballot by 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 1.

Report of the ASA Secretary on ASA Dues: A Comparative Perspective

- In the March/April 2016 issue of *ASA Footnotes*, [ASA Secretary Mary Romero reports on ASA dues and the dues structure](#), presenting a comparative analysis with other social science associations.

Annual Meeting News and Updates

- The 2016 [Preliminary Program schedule](#) is available on the ASA website. The program's content search features have been enhanced and include full-text search capability across a variety of fields.
- Deadlines for Program participants.** All program participants (member and non-member) were to preregister by May 11, in order to retain their listings in the online and printed *Final Program*.
- ASA Exhibits.** Begin making your plans to visit the Exhibit Hall for onsite resources to help you in your profession and career path. Check out the [list of confirmed exhibitors](#).
- Boost your skills** at one of these specialized conference opportunities: Department Chair Conference, Director of Graduate Studies Conference, or the Social Media Conference. Preregister online by July 13.
 - This year's [Chairs Conference](#) will focus on "Studying Sociology / Doing Sociology: Connecting the Dots to Meaningful Employment Outcomes for Majors." This pre-meeting event offers a unique opportunity for sociology department leaders to talk with their counterparts in similar departments facing similar challenges, and is a valued source of strategic insight and professional renewal. Read ["Why I Go to the ASA Department Chairs Conference"](#) (from March/April 2016 *ASA Footnotes*)
 - This year's [Directors of Graduate Studies Conference](#) will focus on graduate student teacher training in sociology PhD and MA

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programs. The conference will include information on national trends and practical advice useful for departments that do not currently have graduate student teacher training programs, as well as those seeking to strengthen existing programs.

- The 2016 Annual Meeting will offer a special workshop aimed at increasing knowledge of social media and strategies for using these tools in sociological work. The [Social Media Pre-conference](#) is organized by Tressie McMillan Cottom (Virginia Commonwealth University) and Dustin Kidd (Temple University). The workshop is offered at a charge of \$50 to registered attendees of the Annual Meeting; those interested in attending the modules must register in order to reserve their space.

Fun Fact: Oldest Person in the U.S. Is a Sociologist

- The [oldest person in the U.S.](#), 113-year-old Goldie Michelson, received a master's degree in sociology from Clark University in Worcester. Her thesis was titled "A Citizenship Survey of Worcester Jewry" and examined why many of the city's older Jewish-immigrant residents did not pursue American citizenship or learn English.

New in the Speak4Sociology Blog

- [Journal Piracy Is Not \(Just\) Stealing from the Rich](#)

Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights

- [Review Essays](#) (*Contemporary Sociology*, May 2016)
- [Symbolic Politics of the State: The Case of In-state Tuition Bills for Undocumented Students](#) by Sarah M. Ovink, Kim Ebert and Dina Okamoto (*Socius*, May 18, 2016)

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