Greetings from ASA President
Patricia Hill Collins

Dear Colleagues,

The 2009 ASA Annual Meeting promises to be an exciting and stellar occasion. The Program Committee and I have used the program theme, "The New Politics of Community," to plan an ambitious, intellectually challenging, and inclusive annual meeting. We have planned a far-reaching program to explore how ideas about community affect important contemporary social issues. We also hope that the meetings will catalyze the process of building more robust and excellent sociological communities across the heterogeneity of people who claim sociology as their own. In this sense, when it comes to the discipline of sociology, the new politics of community constitute both an object of study and, hopefully, a matter of practice that will permeate the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Among the highlights of the program, are the three plenary sessions: (1) Building Excellent, Diverse and Just Communities: A Conversation among Artists, Academics and Activists; (2) Why Obama Won (and What That Says about Democracy and Change in America); and (3) Bringing Communities Back In: Setting a New Policy Agenda. These serve as anchors for some of the big ideas that permeate the conference. The program also includes special presidential panels on Intersectionality, Transnational Feminism, and Africa and Human Rights. One innovative feature of the program is a mini-symposium, a cluster of sessions that are scheduled throughout the meeting, which will explore how the election of Barack Obama might signal a new politics of community in action.

Approximately 70 thematic sessions will spotlight the various work of distinguished scholars, students, and practitioners. The thematics will further explore the implications of community for political trends and practices on topics ranging from cyberspace, climate change, HIV, hip-hop communities, homeless communities, and global civil society. The program also includes thought-provoking special sessions, fascinating regional spotlight sessions, plus scores of additional open sessions, roundtables, and poster sessions, not to mention the usual opportunities to meet new colleagues and old friends.

All of this is taking place in beautiful San Francisco, a historic city famous for its acceptance of different people. San Francisco’s tolerance of diverse communities has inscribed its unique mark—and legacy—on the city’s many famous neighborhoods, which are characterized by unique flavors, histories, and cultures. San Francisco is home to some of the world’s most beautiful landmarks and proudly boasts of one of the highest restaurant per capita ratios in the country. Famous for its food, beauty, politics, people, history, and year-round perfect weather, San Francisco makes for an ideal setting for this year’s ASA Annual Meeting. This is a not-to-be-missed meeting, so come join the fun!

Patricia Hill Collins
ASA President
Chair, 2009 Program Committee
University of Maryland - College Park

Major Plenary Sessions

Opening Plenary Session. Building Excellent, Diverse and Just Communities: A Conversation among Artists, Academics and Activists

Friday, August 7, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Organizer and Presider: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park
Panel: Amina Mama, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Tam Tran, Brown University
Nancy Lopez, University of New Mexico
Charlotte Bunch, Rutgers University
Reverend Donald Guest, Glide Memorial United Methodist Church
Marcyliena Morgan, Harvard University

Why Obama Won (and What That Says About Democracy and Change in America)

Saturday, August 8, 12:30 – 2:15 pm
Organizer and Presider: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park
Panel: Melissa V. Harris-Lacewell, Princeton University
Peter Levine, Tufts University
José Z. Calderon, Pitzer College
Lawrence D. Bobo, Harvard University

Bringing Communities Back In: Setting a New Policy Agenda

Monday, August 10, 12:30 – 2:15 pm
Organizer and Presider: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park
Panel: Pedro Noguera, New York University
Bernice A. Pescosolido, Indiana University
Robert J. Sampson, Harvard University
Steven L. Gortmaker, Harvard University

Hear President Hill Collins’ Address and Honor 2009 Award Recipients

On Sunday, August 9, 4:30 pm, ASA members will celebrate the presentation of the nine major ASA awards to colleagues who have done outstanding sociological work.
ASA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address

Sunday, August 9, 4:30–6:15 pm

Presider: Margaret L. Andersen, University of Delaware

Moment of Remembrance

In Remembrance
At the beginning of the Presidential Plenary, there will be a “Moment of Silence” to remember those members of the profession who died during the past year. Names submitted to Footnotes since last year’s Annual Meeting will be listed in the Final Program. If you know of names that should be on this list but may not have been sent to ASA, contact ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005, x305; meetings@asanet.org) before June 1.

Award Ceremony
Presider: Marc Schneiberg, Reed College
2009 Dissertation Award
2009 Jessie Bernard Award
2009 Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award
2009 Award for Public Understanding of Sociology
2009 Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues
2009 Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology
2009 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award
2009 Distinguished Book Award
2009 W.E.B. DuBois Award for Distinguished Scholarship

Presidential Address
Presider: Margaret L. Andersen, University of Delaware
Presidential Address: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park

All attendees are invited to this plenary session and to the Honorary Reception afterwards to honor President Hill Collins and the 2009 award recipients.

ASA Business Meeting

The ASA Business Meeting is an opportunity for members of the Association to discuss important issues facing the discipline and profession. All meeting attendees are invited to join ASA officers, Council members, and Executive Office staff for continental breakfast and discussion at the ASA Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 7:00–8:15AM

Members seeking to present formal resolutions should be prepared to provide background materials on the issue to be discussed. Contact governance staff at the ASA Executive Office (202-383-9005, x327; governance@asanet.org). The deadline for submission of resolutions and background materials is July 3, 2009.

18th Annual Research Support Forum
ASA is pleased to announce the 18th annual Research Support Forum featuring special sessions and workshops on research funding, data resources, and discussion of important science policy issues. Look for the following sessions to navigate your way through this year’s program and focus on researchers and research issues.

• Winning Small Grants for “Cutting Edge” Sociological Research and Related Activities: The ASA Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline
• National Institute of Drug Abuse - Funding and Data Opportunities
• National Institute of Mental Health – Funding and Data Opportunities
• NSF Standards for Qualitative Research (based on workshops conducted by the Sociology program at NSF and research funded by the program)
• Sociology and Policy: Applying Theory and Research to Public Policy
• Writing a Successful NSF Grant Proposal
• Emergent Technologies for Qualitative Research
• Protection of Human Subjects in the Social Sciences
• Research Funding Opportunities and Data Resources
• Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR): When Academic/Research Institutions Meet the Real World
• Developing a (Social) Science of Science and Innovation Policy
• Science Policy, National Priorities, and Opportunities for the Social Sciences

A Marketplace of Ideas
The heart of the Annual Meeting is the exchange of scholarly ideas, in sessions of all types and formats. Enjoy a sampling of the sociological work being done by the “best and the brightest.” The 2009 Program Committee crafted a set of topics to which colleagues from around the world submitted papers and roundtable proposals. Now this work comes to the Annual Meeting stage. Regular Sessions feature research papers submitted in response to the 2009 Call for Papers. These papers cover the spectrum of sociological inquiry and are organized into approximately 200 sessions.

Open Refereed Roundtables feature two to four paper presentations at each table, with a table presider to coordinate presentations and discussion. Two large general roundtable sessions are created on a variety of themes.

Informal Discussion Roundtables bring together small groups of people interested in discussing specific topics. One informal discussion session has been organized to enhance scholarly networking and exchange of emerging ideas.

Poster Sessions allow meeting attendees to see visually the results of sociological research and engage in face-to-face conversation with authors. In addition to the Research Posters, there are specialized “informational” posters on Research Funding Support and Data Resources, plus a Graduate Programs in Sociology resource area. All three poster areas are open throughout the four days of the meeting.

ASA Special Events at a Glance

Friday, August 7
9:00 AM Chair Conference on Effective Department Leadership During Uncertain Times: Tools and Insights from the Community of Chairs*
1:30 PM Course on Handling Measurement and Error in Quantitative Studies of Race and Ethnicity*
1:30 PM Directors of Graduate Studies Conference*
7:00 PM Opening Plenary on Building Excellent, Diverse and Just Communities: A Conversation Among Artists, Academics and Activists
9:00 PM Welcoming Reception

Saturday, August 8
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Orientation for First-time Meeting Attendees
12:30 PM Plenary on Why Obama Won (and What That Says about Democracy and Change in America)
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
2:30 PM Graduate Programs in Sociology Poster Session
4:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
6:30 PM Student Reception
6:30 PM Section Receptions
9:30 PM Departmental Alumni Night (DAN)

Sunday, August 9
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Special Science Policy Session
12:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
1:00 PM Funding Opportunities and Data Resources Poster Session
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
4:30 PM ASA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address
6:30 PM Honorary Reception
8:00 PM Activities of Other Groups
9:30 AM Minority Fellowship Program Benefit Reception*

Monday, August 10
7:00 AM Community College Faculty Bagel Breakfast
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
12:30 PM Plenary Session on Bringing Communities Back In: Setting a New Policy Agenda
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
4:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
6:30 PM Reception for International Scholars
6:30 PM Section Receptions
9:30 PM Just Desserts, a Teaching Enhancement Fund Benefit Reception*

Tuesday, August 11
7:00 AM ASA Business Meeting
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
12:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings

*preregistration and fee payment required
A Defining Moment? Youth, Power and the Obama Phenomenon
Saturday, August 8, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm
Organizer: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park
Presider: Amanda E. Lewis, Emory University
Panel: Gurminder K. Bhamra, University of Warwick
Douglas McAdam, Stanford University
Cathy L. Cohen, University of Chicago
Elin Nyseth Logan, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis
Discussant: Amanda E. Lewis, Emory University
Barack Obama's presidential campaign demonstrated innovative approaches to organizing new political communities, most notably youth. In essence, by encouraging youth from heterogeneous backgrounds to participate in something bigger than themselves, the campaign simultaneously politicized youth and helped construct a political community of youth. This session uses the construct of youth as an age cohort or “community” of people to investigate two questions: In what sense do youth bring a distinctive generational ethos to questions of power, change, and democratic processes? In what sense have youth been empowered, engaged, and engaging in new forms of civic participation in response to the Obama phenomenon? The session examines several themes, among them (1) how global youth movements of the 1960s might speak to contemporary youth issues; (2) how youth were situated within the Obama administration’s reliance on “blended social action”; (3) how the changing demographic and attitudinal contours of contemporary youth populations in the United States, especially youth of color, framed their views of political participation; and (4) the significance of youth participation in contemporary politics for Obama’s messages of hope and change.

Building a Global Social Justice Community: Africa and Human Rights
Saturday, August 8, 2:30 – 4:10 pm
Organizer: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park
Presider: Tukufu Zubi, University of Pennsylvania
Panel: Paul Tyambe Zeleza, University of Illinois-Chicago
Adomako Ampofo, University of Ghana-Legon
Nicole Lee, TransAfrica Forum
Jim Itumeleng Holoubalula, University of Johannesburg
More than 60 years after the signing of the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights, the vision of a global community that respects the humanity of all individuals remains elusive. Continental Africa, in particular, continues to confront economic, political and social issues that preoccupy human rights scholars and activists. Despite these challenges, women, ethnic groups, the poor, and many disenfranchised groups across the continent have used the mandate of human rights to advocate for changes in their respective communities, regions, ethnic groups, and/or nations. Until recently, American sociology has remained largely on the sidelines of these developments, leaving human rights issues, especially in relation to Africa, to other well-established traditions. In the hopes of building on a growing interest by U.S. social scientists in global human rights initiatives, this panel explores how an increased emphasis on human rights and Africa might inform American sociology.

Through the Lens of Gender, Race, Sexuality and Class: The Obama Family and the American Dream
Sunday, August 9, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm
Organizer: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park
Presider: Elizabeth Higginbotham, University of Delaware
Panel: Barrie Thorne, University of California-Berkeley
Allford A. Young, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Charles A. Gallagher, La Salle University
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
Clara Rodriguez, Fordham University
Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech not only imagined a future of a democratic, inclusive national community, it also pointed out the ways in which social inequalities deterred America’s possibilities. For example, the American dream of self-renewal, of making oneself over and getting a fresh start, reflects beliefs in America as a nation of immigrants, opportunity and freedom. Yet African Americans, women, sexual minorities, and poor people have pointed to invisible glass ceilings that have limited their dreams of upward social mobility and self-renewal. Traditional ideas about faith and family underpin the American dream, yet those whose family structures and religious traditions stray too far from traditional marriage or Christianity also encounter barriers. In essence, the American dream constitutes a curious combination of ideals that are refracted through changing social relations of gender, race, sexuality, and class. Barack Obama's election represents one historic moment in this ongoing process of continuity of ideals and changing social realities. By focusing on the social meanings attached to Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, and/or the Obama family as the new First Family, especially those advanced within mass media, this session explores this core relationship between the American dream and ever-changing patterns of gender, race, sexuality and class in the United States.
Thematic Sessions

Thematic Sessions provide abundant opportunities to think in-depth about this year’s meeting theme, “The New Politics of Community.” Over 60 sessions delve into important social and political issues, explore international and interdisciplinary viewpoints, and speculate on different visions of future possibilities, including:

- Activism and Community Resilience
- Neighborhood Organizing
- Altruistic Cooperation in Communities, Evolutionary and Contemporary
- Asian-American Movements, Identities, and Politics: A New Racial Project in the Obama Years?
- Barriers to Community
- Building Communities of Teachers, Learners and Researchers Using Web 2.0 Tools
- Climate Change and Threatened Communities
- Commerce, Creativity, and Community in the Digital Age
- Communities and Political Engagement in the Middle East
- Communities of Faith, Immigration, and Mobilization
- Community Colleges and the Reconstruction of Civic Life
- Community Responses to AIDS: Looking Back/Looking Forward in Some Hard-Hit Localities
- Constructing Communities across International Borders
- Constructing Identities in the Context of Community Structures
- Contradictions in Service Learning and Community-Based Research
- Cosmopolitanism and Community
- Deconstructing Sociological Constructions of American Community
- Democracy 2.0? Participation and Politics in New Media
- Democratizing Projects
- Disability, Politics, and Community: Conceptual Issues
- Education in Diverse Communities
- Education: Whither the Common School?
- Emergent Communities of Care
- Environmental Justice and Immigrant/Refugee Communities
- Ethnographies of Place
- Feminism and Community across the Generations
- Feminism(s) 2.0: Gender, Sexuality, Race, and Community in Cyberspace
- From Total Institutions to the Community: Reentry Transitions in Context
- Global Racial Stratification
- Globalization and Sexual Communities: Queer Tourism, Migration, and Sex Cultures
- Hip-Hop Communities
- HIV/AIDS: Transforming Politics, Transforming Communities
- Homelessness and Homeless Communities
- Human Rights, Citizenship, and Social Justice
- Imagined Communities in the 21st Century
- Impacts of Changing Demography on Community
- In the Long Shadow of the Plantation: The Black Belt and the Global New South
- Mass Incarceration and Communities in the Post-Welfare State: Social Activists and Sociologists in Dialogue
- Measuring Neighborhoodhood Effects
- Music Communities and Youth Culture
- Neo-Liberalism and the Assault on Community
- New and Emerging Claims for the Biological Basis of Social Behavior: Political Implications for the Sociological Community
- New Communities, New Intelligences: Revising and “De-Biasing” Standardized Testing for Minorities, Women, and the Working Class
- New Developments in Community and Culture in Contemporary China
- New Kinds of Coalitions: Labor and Community
- Online Communities, Social Networking, and Social Capital
- Political Parties and the Formation of New Communities
- Portable Communities
- Productive Democracy
- Queer Communities and Family Relationships
- Race, Class, Gender Activism: Then and Now
- Racial Formation: Conflict and Coalition Building in Asian, Latino and African American Communities
- Racialization of Sports
- Reconsidering Community in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina
- Religion in the Reshaping of Political Community: Comparative Perspectives (co-sponsored by the Association for the Sociology of Religion)
- Resurgent Indigenercy: Understanding the Social Causes and Consequences of the Re-emergence of Indigenous Communities around the World
- Sexual Communities/Sexual Politics
- Social Science Research in “Second Life”
- The Emergence of Global Community
- The Future of Community Organizing During an Obama Presidency
- The Global Umma: The Imagined Community of Radical Islam
- The Impact of War: Community, Race and Gender
- The Incorporation of Latino Immigrants in New Destination U.S. Communities
- The New Politics of Community: Urban Social Control in Comparative Perspective
- The New Politics of Religious Communities: Managing Diversity and Inequality
- Towards New Forms of Civil Society: Replacing or Developing Traditional Structures of Community?
- Understanding Democratic Renewal: The Movement to Elect Barack Obama
- Urban Revitalization Gone Global
- War and the Politics of Communities in Iraq
- Workers, Managers, and Consumers: Triangles of Power in Work Communities

Special Sessions

The category of “Special Sessions” often encompasses member suggestions for invited panels as well as permits the Program Committee to co-sponsor sessions with sister societies. These sessions may be on topics that further investigate the meeting theme or they may focus on other timely and interesting issues. Here is just a sampling from this year’s roster of Special Sessions:

- Community and Place in Public Mental Health: Sociological and Multidisciplinary
- Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR): When Academic/Research Institutions Meet the Real World (part of the Research Support Forum)
- Developing a (Social) Science of Science and Innovation Policy
- Global Civil Society: Limitations of Participation and Integration
- Issues of the Body
- Methodological Strategies and Studying Intersectionality
- Minority Fellowship Program 35th Anniversary Celebration: MEP and the Discipline Over 35 Years
- Science Policy, National Priorities, and Opportunities for the Social Science (part of the Research Support Forum)
- The Politics of Identity

Refer to the online searchable program for details on all sessions and events on this year’s program roster.

Greening the ASA: Social Responsibility & the Environment

The pressures on the planet are growing enormously, affecting climate change, water scarcity, and population growth. Consumers and citizens think the problems are beyond the capacity of the government alone to solve. Global warming has become a worldwide concern that is affecting us all. The ASA is taking an active role in reducing its environmental impact on the host city of the Annual Meeting as well as taking steps to make the association as a whole more eco-friendly. Here is what is being done programmatically and logistically:

In partnership with the ASA-host hotels, the following processes are being adopted:
- Each facility will have recycling bins available.
- Receptions will feature cloth napkins and tablecloths instead of paper, or, if not feasible, compostable napkins or napkins made from recycled material. No black plastic reception items will be used.
- Where possible, local foods and regional wines will be featured at ASA-sponsored receptions.
- Committee meetings will use coffee mugs instead of disposable cups.
- Water coolers will be used (where possible) instead of individual bottles of water.
- The surplus from receptions may be donated to local shelters or soup kitchens.
- Tours will be conducted using public transportation where possible; coach-bus service tours will use low-emission vehicles.
- All ASA-host hotels participate in the linen reuse program, so that bed linens are changed only when requested.
- Hotel guest rooms have low-flow toilets and other water saving devices.
- Annual Meeting tote bags are recyclable and may be reused after the meeting.
- Name badges may be returned to collection bins at each of the facilities.
- Energy-efficient LCD monitors will be used instead of CRT monitors.
- The printed Final Program is created using eco-friendly paper and soy ink.

Public Sociology in Action

Special Session. Honoring the Contributions of Barbara Ehrenreich

Sunday, August 9, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Be sure to attend this special public sociology session. The winner of the 2009 ASA Award for Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues is the prolific author Barbara Ehrenreich. She is an American feminist, democratic socialist and political activist. She is a widely read columnist and essayist, and the author of nearly 20 books including Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America (2001); Global Woman: Nannies, Maids, and Sex Workers in the New Economy (ed., with Arlie Hochschild) (2003); Bait and Switch: The Failures of the American Dream (2005). Ehrenreich will give a talk on social class and the unraveling of the economy.

The panel will include: Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Mary Patillo, Northwestern University Myra Marx Ferree, University of Wisconsin-Madison Session Organizer and Presider: Barbara J. Risman, University of Illinois-Chicago
Mini-Symposium: The Sociological Significance of President Barack Obama

“When I first selected ‘The New Politics of Community’ as the program theme for ASA’s 2009 Annual Meeting, I hoped that the theme might provide a forum for discussion, discovery, and debate. (Yet) I had no idea that the historical events of the past year would resonate so compellingly with the 2009 Meeting. I chose this theme, in part, to investigate the ways in which the term community permeates social policy, popular culture, and everyday social interaction in order to generate dynamic social and political identities. The idea of community also holds significance for quite different populations with competing political agendas. The right and left invoke ideas of community with different definitions in mind. No longer seen as naturally occurring, apolitical spaces of home and homeland are populated by people who belong, communities of all sorts now constitute sites of political engagement and contestation.”

— Patricia Hill Collins, ASA President

The historic campaign and election of Barack Obama constitutes a compelling and timely context for examining the program theme. In response, the 2009 ASA Program Committee and ASA President Patricia Hill Collins have organized a mini-symposium which explores how the historic election of Barack Obama might signal a new politics of community in action. The mini-symposium consists of a cluster of sessions that are scheduled throughout the meetings that will examine how the 2008 presidential election engages the conference theme The New Politics of Community.

Plenary Session. Why Obama Won (and What that Says About Democracy and Change in America)
Saturday, August 8, 12:30 – 2:15 pm
Organizer and Presider: Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland-College Park
Panel: Melissa V. Harris-Lacewell, Princeton University
Peter Levine, Tufts University
Joe Z. Calderon, Pitzer College
Lawrence D. Bobo, Harvard University

Presidential Panel. A Defining Moment? Youth, Power and the Obama Phenomenon
Saturday, August 8, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm
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Presider: Amanda E. Lewis, Emory University
Panel: Guangming K. Bhamra, University of Warwick
Douglas McAdam, Stanford University
Cathy J. Cohen, University of Chicago
Emil Lynette Logan, University of Minnesota
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Presidential Panel. Through the Lens of Gender, Race, Sexuality and Class: The Obama Family and the American Dream
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Alford A. Young, University of Michigan
Charles A. Gallagher, La Salle University
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

Several thematic sessions, workshops, and an open forum round out the featured sessions of the mini-symposium and provide a closer look at specific themes associated with the Obama phenomenon, such as community organizing, community service, and grassroots community activism.

Thematic Session. Understanding Democratic Renewal: The Movement to Elect Barack Obama
Sunday, August 9, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm
Organizer: Dana R. Fisher, Columbia University

Thematic Session. The Future of Community Organizing During an Obama Presidency
Sunday, August 9, 12:30 – 2:10 pm
Organizer: John D. McCarthy, Pennsylvania State University

Thematic Session. Asian-American Movements, Identities, and Politics: A New Racial Project in the Obama Years?
Saturday, August 8, 4:30 – 6:10 pm
Organizer: Michael Omi, University of California-Berkeley

Professional Workshop. The Next Generation of MFP Scholarship in Service to Social Justice
Tuesday, August 11, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm
Organizer: Jean H. Shin, American Sociological Association

Open Forum. Does the Obama Administration Need a Social Science Scholars Council?: A Public Forum
Saturday, August 8, 2:30 – 4:10 pm
Organizer: Donald-Tomaskovic-Devey, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Didactic Seminars
To help sociologists keep abreast of recent scholarly trends and developments, the program committee creates specialized seminars. Experts considered to be at the forefront of a given field are invited to conduct these sessions. Seminar topics and leaders are listed below. All sessions are run seminar-style; there will be NO hands-on computer work.

Attendance at each seminar is limited to 50 registrants. Prepaid registration is required; fees are $30. The schedule and description of each seminar is given in the online searchable program on the ASA website. Check the posted schedule carefully to make sure that you don’t sign up for a seminar when you are scheduled to present a paper.

Emergent Technologies for Qualitative Research
Saturday, August 8, 8:30-11:30 am
Organizer and Leader: Sharlene J. Hesse-Biber, Boston College

Description: Emergent technologies have pushed against the boundaries of qualitative research practice. This didactic workshop will explore issues regarding how qualitative researchers can effectively apply new technological innovations, including the use of the internet, mobile phone technologies, geospatial technologies, and the incorporation of computer-assisted software programs, to collect and analyze both qualitative and mixed-methods data. This workshop will: (1) Provide an overview of some of the newest mobile technologies (using GPS) for gathering qualitative data. The researcher is able to study experience in context over an extended period of time using fewer resources and in a less obtrusive manner. We provide in-depth examples how this technology might be applied to a qualitative research project. We will also discuss some of the ethical issues emergent technologies raise for social researchers. (2) Computer-Assisted Software for Multimedia Analysis. We demonstrate the latest data gathering and analysis software for analyzing multi-mediated data, qualitative web-based data, and audio, video, and images using the computer-assisted data analysis package, HyperResearch. (3) Transcription Software for Qualitative Data Analysis. We will also demonstrate cutting-edge transcription software and discuss the importance of transcription and its role in analyzing your qualitative data. We will demonstrate the transcription software, HyperTranscribe. Note: This is not a hands-on workshop, but we will be demonstrating the software and provide you with a set of handouts.

Event History Analysis
Saturday, August 8, 2:30 -5:30 pm
Organizer and Leader: Lawrence L. Wu, New York University

Description: Introduction to the analysis of event history data. Topics include data structures for event histories and time varying covariates, right and left censoring, exploratory methods, proportional hazard models, time dependence, estimation and testing. Seminar assumes knowledge of multiple regression, inference, and basic statistical inference. Knowledge of the logistic regression model is helpful but not required. No prior knowledge of event history models or methods assumed.

Renew Before Registering...
Renew your ASA membership online before you register for the Annual Meeting in order to qualify for the lower registration fees available to Members.
Workshops

Look to the Annual Meeting for professional development and training across research, teaching, careers, and other important professional issues. From teaching challenges to research issues to career advice and more, the 2009 Program features a robust selection of workshops.

Workshops are open to all meeting registrants. An overview of workshop topics is listed below. Workshop schedules, leaders, and descriptions are posted in the online searchable schedule on the ASA website.

Departmental Workshop

- Are the Societal Titles You and Your Students Need in Your Institution’s Library? Building Collection Standards for Sociology Departments
- Career and Family Trajectories and Work-Life Policy
- How to Set up an AIDS Chapter
- Integrating Ethics in the Sociology Curriculum

Professional Workshop

- Becoming a Dean: Sociologists as Academic Leaders
- From Sociology Dissertation to Book: Navigating the Graduate School Experience
- The Next Generation of MFP Scholarship in Service to Social Justice
- Opportunities and Obstacles for Faculty Development at Community Colleges
- The Rhetoric and Reality of Being an Applied Sociologist
- Sociologists and the Media: Developing Positive Relationships Between Journalists and Academics
- Sociologists as Organizational Consultants: Tips and Techniques for Getting Started (co-sponsored with the Section on Sociological Practice)

Research/Policy Workshop

- Doing Feminist Research (co-sponsored with Sociologists for Women in Society)
- Forging the Future for Sociological Research: Building Infrastructure for Disciplinary, Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Research
- Human Rights Cities (Co-sponsored with Sociologists without Borders)
- National Institute of Drug Abuse – Funding and Data Opportunities
- National Institute of Mental Health – Funding and Data Opportunities

- NSF Standards for Qualitative Research (based on workshops conducted by the NSF) (co-sponsored with the Sociologists AIDS Network)
- Partnerships Between Social Justice Organizations, Funders, and Researchers
- Sociology and Policy: Applying Theory and Research to Public Policy
- Using Technology and Remote-Access Data Endures to Study Businesses, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Writing a Successful NSF Grant Proposal

Teaching Workshop

- Activism and Academia: Creating Pedagogies of Resistance and Revolution in the Classroom
- Facebook and Old Farts: Boomers Faculty Meet Techno-Savvy Students
- Introducing the ASA’s New Teaching Resource Center Digital Library
- New Teaching Techniques: The Internet as a Site for Theory Application and Student Activism
- Pedagogy in Practice and Producing Practicing Sociologists
- Sociology and Community-Based Learning: Integrating Sociology into Internships, Service-Learning, and Practice Experiences
- Students Say that News is Important, But Do They Follow It?
- Teaching About Family Violence
- Teaching About Global Climate Change Through a Wide-Variety of Sociology Courses
- Teaching Conversation Analysis: Practical Experience and Methods
- Teaching Environmental Sociology: Creative Approaches and Innovative Practices
- Teaching Introductory Sociology for the First Time
- Teaching on The Sociology of AIDS (co-sponsored with the Sociologists AIDS Network)
- Teaching Social Theory
- Teaching Sociology in a Prison Setting: Advantages and Pitfalls
- Teaching Quantitative Literacy in Introductory Sociology
- Using Collaborative Learning in the Hybrid Course

Courses

This educational component provides an opportunity for attendees to get in-depth training in a special subject area. Courses are intensive sessions led by expert faculty who have prepared a comprehensive curriculum to engage participants on all levels. Registrants will receive certificates documenting their participation and completion of a course.

This year’s course is held prior to the first full day of program sessions. Attendance limits are noted for each course and prepaid registration is required. Registrations are accepted in order of receipt in the ASA Executive Office. Fees are non-refundable after July 1.

Course. Handling Measurement and Error in Quantitative Studies of Race and Ethnicity

Friday, August 8, 10:00 am - 12:15 pm

Fee: $50; Attendance Limit: 40

Leaders: Tyrone A. Foreman, Emory University

Strategies for Getting Your Work into the Media Eye, and Translating Sociological Concepts Once They Are Looking

Monday, August 10, 10:30 am - 12:15 pm

Organizer and Leader: Dalton Conley, New York University

Description: In the spirit of C. Wright Mills, sociologists have lots to say on the issues of the day, and the op-ed pages are a good place to say it. The op-ed page is among the Fence: What Makes a Good Department

Protection of Human Subjects in the Social Sciences

Sunday, August 9, 12:30 – 3:30 pm

Organizer and Leader: Felice J. Levine, American Educational Research Association

Co-leaders: John M. Kennedy, Indiana University; and Thomas L. Van Valey, Western Michigan University

Description: This seminar examines human research protection issues in the design, development, implementation, and review of social science research. The seminar provides an understanding of key concepts that inform federal guidelines on human research protection (e.g., consent, privacy and confidentiality, benefits and harms, level of risk) and the tools for assessing best ethical practices in the context of social science research. It also offers guidance on the preparation of protocols and effective communication with Institutional Review Boards (IRBs). In addressing ethical issues in human research, the seminar focuses on a breadth of methodological approaches (e.g., surveys, interviews, observations, ethnographies, case studies, laboratory and field experiments, secondary analysis of existing data). Attention is paid to human research protection issues involving vulnerable people, data use, data protection, data reporting, and data dissemination. The seminar is compromised of three units: understanding key concepts and ethical guidance in human subjects research, putting human research protection into practice in sociological research, and comprehending the IRB process and the role of review. A volume of specially prepared readings and background materials is provided, and participants will be asked to complete, in advance, a brief information form to help structure the seminar response to the concerns, interests, and expertise of attendees.

Doing Research with the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study

Sunday, August 9; 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Organizer and Leader: Tyrone A. Foreman, Emory University

Description: This seminar response to the concerns, interests, and expertise of attendees. Participants will be asked to complete, in advance, a brief information form to help structure the seminar response to the concerns, interests, and expertise of attendees.

Research/Policy Workshop

- Doing Feminist Research (co-sponsored with Sociologists for Women in Society)
- Forging the Future for Sociological Research: Building Infrastructure for Disciplinary, Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Research
- Human Rights Cities (Co-sponsored with Sociologists without Borders)
- National Institute of Drug Abuse – Funding and Data Opportunities
- National Institute of Mental Health – Funding and Data Opportunities
- NSF Standards for Qualitative Research (based on workshops conducted by the NSF) (co-sponsored with the Sociologists AIDS Network)
- Partnerships Between Social Justice Organizations, Funders, and Researchers
- Sociology and Policy: Applying Theory and Research to Public Policy
- Using Technology and Remote-Access Data Endures to Study Businesses, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Writing a Successful NSF Grant Proposal

Teaching Workshop

- Activism and Academia: Creating Pedagogies of Resistance and Revolution in the Classroom
- Facebook and Old Farts: Boomers Faculty Meet Techno-Savvy Students
- Introducing the ASA’s New Teaching Resource Center Digital Library
- New Teaching Techniques: The Internet as a Site for Theory Application and Student Activism
- Pedagogy in Practice and Producing Practicing Sociologists
- Sociology and Community-Based Learning: Integrating Sociology into Internships, Service-Learning, and Practice Experiences
- Students Say that News is Important, But Do They Follow It?
- Teaching About Family Violence
- Teaching About Global Climate Change Through a Wide-Variety of Sociology Courses
- Teaching Conversation Analysis: Practical Experience and Methods
- Teaching Environmental Sociology: Creative Approaches and Innovative Practices
- Teaching Introductory Sociology for the First Time
- Teaching on The Sociology of AIDS (co-sponsored with the Sociologists AIDS Network)
- Teaching Social Theory
- Teaching Sociology in a Prison Setting: Advantages and Pitfalls
- Teaching Quantitative Literacy in Introductory Sociology
- Using Collaborative Learning in the Hybrid Course

Courses

This educational component provides an opportunity for attendees to get in-depth training in a special subject area. Courses are intensive sessions led by expert faculty who have prepared a comprehensive curriculum to engage participants on all levels. Registrants will receive certificates documenting their participation and completion of a course.

This year’s course is held prior to the first full day of program sessions. Attendance limits are noted for each course and prepaid registration is required. Registrations are accepted in order of receipt in the ASA Executive Office. Fees are non-refundable after July 1.

Course. Handling Measurement and Error in Quantitative Studies of Race and Ethnicity

Friday, August 8, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

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Description: In the spirit of C. Wright Mills, sociologists have lots to say on the issues of the day, and the op-ed pages are a good place to say it. The op-ed page is among the read most pages of the newspaper both in print and online. In particular, elites such as business leaders, government officials, and scholars tend to read and circulate op-eds. Opinion pieces also attract the attention of television producers, book agents, and policy makers. They form an important part of national debate. In this vein, this seminar is designed to: Help you identify the core ideas, theories, and research that emerge from your work and the work of others; frame a persuasive argument that is pegged to a topical "issue of the day"; do it all in 800 words or fewer; and submit it in a way that maximizes chances for successful placement.

Paid attendees are asked to prepare in advance a draft research-based op-ed that will be examined, critiqued, and rewritten as part of the seminar. Attendees will receive a background tip sheet on good practices to aid them with their pre-class first draft.
Section Activities
ASA Sections contribute an important segment to the Annual Meeting Program. Section sessions and activities at the Annual Meeting are interspersed throughout the four-day schedule. These specialized sessions range in format from formal paper presentations to panels and discussion roundtables and are open to all meeting attendees.

The number of sessions allocated to each section is based its membership size. More than 180 sessions/meetings are scheduled. Sections provide a valuable way to meet colleagues interested in similar sociological specialties and find a small “home” in a large meeting. The primary day for each section’s program is listed below. Sections whose programs are too large to fit onto one day (starred below) will have the overflow accommodated on an adjacent day. Check the online program for information on session-sponsored sessions.

Saturday, August 8
- Animals and Society
- Collective Behavior & Social Movements*
- Communication & Information Technologies
- Education, Sociology of
- Emotions, Sociology of
- Evolution and Sociology
- International Migration
- Medical Sociology**
- Political Economy of the World System
- Race, Gender, and Class**
- Theory**

Sunday, August 9
- Aging and the Life Course
- Asia and Asian America
- Children and Youth
- Crime, Law, and Deviance
- Culture, Sociology of**
- Economic Sociology
- Labor and Labor Movements
- Marxist Sociology
- Methodology
- Social Psychology
- Teaching and Learning in Sociology

Monday, August 10
- Community and Urban Sociology*
- Ethnomethodology & 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**

Tuesday, August 11
- Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco
- Comparative and Historical Sociology—
- Disability and Society+
- Environment and Technology
- Family, Sociology of the**
- Organizations, Occupations, and Work—
- Peace, War, and Social Conflict
- Racial and Ethnic Minorities—
- Rationality and Society
- Religion, Sociology of
- Sexuality, Sociology of
- Sociological Practice

*one session is scheduled on the following day
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Experience San Francisco: Regional Spotlight
The City and County of San Francisco is the fourth most populous city in California and the 13th most populous city in the United States, with a 2008 estimated population of 808,976. It is the most densely populated city in the state, the second most densely populated major U.S. city, and is the financial, cultural, and transportation center of the larger San Francisco Bay Area. The California Gold Rush in 1848 propelled the city into a period of rapid growth, transforming it into the largest city on the West Coast at the time. After being devastated by the 1906 earthquake and fire, San Francisco was quickly rebuilt, hosting the Panama-Pacific International Exposition nine years later. During World War II, San Francisco was the send-off point for many soldiers to the Pacific Theater. After the war, the confluence of returning servicemen, massive immigration, liberalizing attitudes, and other factors gave rise to the Summer of Love and the gay rights movement, cementing San Francisco as a liberal bastion.

Today, San Francisco is a popular tourist destination renowned for its chilly summer fog, steep rolling hills, eclectic architecture, and its famous landmarks, including the Golden Gate Bridge, the cable cars, and Chinatown. The Regional Spotlight Subcommittee has arranged a unique set of sessions that highlight topics of sociological interest.

In addition to the guided tours highlighted below, see the Regional Spotlights on the ASA Annual Meeting website for details on the fascinating topics covered this year, including:
- Activist Scholarship and the Anti-prison Movement in California
- Migration and Shifting Sexualities among Latinos/as in California: Implications for HIV (co-sponsored with the Sociologists AIDS Network)
- New Politics of Race, Youth, and Community Justice
- Queer Organizing in the New Millennium
- Same-Sex Marriage in California
- The 1969 ASA Counter-Convention at the Glide Memorial Church: A Forty Year Retrospective
- The Changing Politics of HIV/AIDS in the Bay Area
- The Politics of Spoken Word
- The San Francisco General Strike

And, don’t forget to visit the online dining guide of local restaurants prepared by the Regional Spotlight Subcommittee on the ASA website. Each registrant will also receive a copy of that guide in the Final Program packet distributed onsite in San Francisco.

Tours
Plan your schedule now to take advantage of one or more of this year’s local tours. No matter which adventure you decide to embark upon, there is one common denominator: The way to experience and learn about the city is to meet with, talk to, and learn from the people who live and work in the area.

The schedule of tours is listed below, with descriptions and capacity limits. Reservations are required and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Confirmations will be emailed prior to the Annual Meeting. If insufficient enrollment causes cancellation of a tour, fees will be refunded. See the ASA website for further details about reservations.

Tour 1. San Francisco Murals
Saturday, August 8, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm
Fee: $20
Leader: Christopher Paul Bettinger, San Francisco State University
Description: This walking tour will cover mural history and the cultural and historical significance of the murals in Balmy Alley and the wider Mission district. Precita Eyes Muralists Association was founded in 1977 by Susan and Luis Cervantes.

The organization evolved from a community mural workshop in which the participants designed and painted the portable mural “Masks of God, Soul of Man” for the Bernal Heights Library. The group signed the piece as Precita Eyes Muralists because the project was a collaborative effort. The name of the organization comes from the fact that most of the muralists were from Precita Valley.

NOTE: The admission price will include roundtrip transportation on San Francisco’s transit system. The transit cards will be distributed onsite to paid attendees at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Taylor Street Entrance of the Hilton San Francisco. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is often construction on some streets. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternate routes. (Subway/ walking tour; limited to 20 participants)

Tour 2. San Francisco Strike
Saturday, August 8, 2:30 – 5:30 pm
Fee: $20
Leaders: Barry Eidlin, University of California-Berkeley, and Gene Vrana, International Longshore and Warehouse Union
Description: Co-sponsored with the ASA Section on Labor and Labor Movements, this walking tour will highlight the history of the 1934 West Coast Longshore Strike. Longshoremen on the West Coast ports had either been unorganized or represented by company unions since the years immediately after World War I, when the shipping companies and stevedoring firms had imposed the open shop following a series of failed strikes. Longshoremen in San Francisco, then the major port on the coast, were required to go through a hiring hall operated by a company union. The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and the Communist Party had both attempted to organize longshoremen, sailors, and fishermen in the 1920s. Those activists soon joined the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA), when passage of the National Industrial Recovery Act in 1933 led to an explosion in union membership in the ILA among West Coast longshoremen.
Berkeley: The I-Hotel was a large residential hotel located at the corner of Kearny and Jackson Streets in the Manilatown section of San Francisco. It was home to many Asian Americans, specifically a large Filipino American population. During the urban renewal and redevelopment movement of the mid-1960s, the hotel was targeted for demolition, and the eviction notices were issued. However, nine years of litigation, public protests, and disagreements between the I-Hotel and the property owner. It was finally demolished in 1981.

In 1962, the Chinese American community successfully lobbied the State of California to designate the immigration station as a state landmark. Today, the Angel Island Immigration Station is a federally designated National Historic Landmark. It was renovated by the California State Parks and re-opened in February of 2009. This tour will involve transportation via motor coach and ferry boat service. Lunch is not included in the tour fee; food/beverages are available for purchase onsite at the venue.

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Tour 3. Angel Island
Sunday, August 9, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Fee: $30
Leader: Robert Barde, University of California-Berkeley
Description: Tour participants will explore the history of Angel Island's Immigration Station. From 1910 to 1940, the Angel Island Immigration Station processed approximately one million Asian immigrants entering into the United States, leading to it sometimes being referred to as “The Ellis Island of the West”. Due to the restrictions of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, many immigrants spent years on the island, waiting for entry. A fire destroyed the administration building in 1940, and subsequent immigration processing took place in San Francisco.

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NOTE: The admission price will include the roundtrip transportation via motorcoach and ferry boat service. Tour attendees will assemble at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Taylor Street Entrance of the Hilton San Francisco. Attendees in wheelchairs should contact ASA Meeting Services in advance to secure accessible arrangements. (Motor coach/Ferry/walking tour; limited to 30 participants)

Tour 4. International Hotel
Monday, August 10, 8:00 am – 12:10 pm
Fee: $30
Leader: Estella Habel, San Jose State University
Description: This walking tour will highlight the I-Hotel, officially known as the International Hotel, which was built in 1907 and was a low-rent residential hotel located at the corner of Kearny and Jackson Streets in the Manilatown section of San Francisco. It was home to many Asian Americans, specifically a large Filipino American population. During the urban renewal and redevelopment movement of the mid-1960s, the hotel was targeted for demolition, and the eviction notices were issued. However, nine years of litigation, public protests, and disagreements between and among activists and public officials ensued. Several local leaders, including controversial Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones, were involved in the struggle against eviction. The residents were eventually evicted in August 1977. In 1978, then-Mayor Dianne Feinstein created an International Hotel Citizens Advisory Committee, which was unable to break the deadlock between low-cost housing advocates and the property owner. It was finally demolished in 1981.

In 1994, the site was acquired by the Roman-Catholic archdiocese of San Francisco. The air rights were later sold to Chinatown Community Development Center, which built a replacement low-cost residential project. In 2003 construction began on the new I-Hotel, completing it in 2005. The new building contains 105 apartments of senior housing. A lottery was held to determine priority for occupancy, with two residents of the original I-Hotel given priority. The new building contains a ground-floor community center and a historical display commemorating the original I-Hotel. The tour fee includes a light breakfast.

NOTE: The admission price will include the roundtrip transportation on San Francisco’s transit system. The transit cards will be distributed on-site to paid attendees at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Taylor Street Entrance of the Hilton San Francisco. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is often construction on some streets. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternate routes. (Subway/walking tour; limited to 20 participants)
Exhibits!
Plan your schedule now to include several visits to the 2009 ASA Exhibits to browse through the latest publications, explore current computer hardware and software, and chat with representatives of statistical bureaus, and meet the editor of your next publication. Over 90 booths will display resources to help you plan courses, undertake research, and keep your sociological skills up to date.

The ASA Exhibits will be located in Grand Ballroom 8 at the Hilton San Francisco. Exhibits will be open to meeting registrants wearing name badges during the following hours:

- Saturday, August 8, 2:00 to 6:00 pm
- Sunday, August 9, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Monday, August 10, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 11, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The location of the Exhibits offers excellent accessibility to meeting attendees. Always one of the most popular activities at the Annual Meeting, Exhibits offer variety, convenience, and an opportunity to discover current trends in sociological publishing, information processing, and services. It will be a central gathering place too, with access to the ASA Bookstore and convention registration nearby.

ASA Bookstore

All attendees are welcome to browse through the onsite ASA Bookstore area at the Annual Meeting, which will be filled with recent journal issues, timely books, teaching resources and syllabi sets, career publications, sociological practice materials, and directories and reference volumes.

Located adjacent to the ASA Exhibits, the bookstore is located in Grand Ballroom A at the Hilton San Francisco. The onsite Bookstore will be staffed by ASA Executive Office personnel and open during the same hours as ASA Exhibits.

You don’t need to wait until you go to the Annual Meeting to get ASA publications. Avoid lugging thick volumes along as you return home from the Annual Meeting. Visit the online Bookstore at your convenience to place your order and have the materials you need for planning for fall classes shipped straight to your hands now.

Major Activities for Department Leaders

The Annual Meeting offers a special opportunity for ASA to work with leaders of the profession, especially Department Chairs, Directors of Graduate Study, and Undergraduate Advisers.

ASA Chair Conference

Designed for new and current department chairs at all types of institutions, the 15th annual ASA Chair Conference will provide "briefings" on issues of critical importance for departmental leadership. Panels, roundtables, and informal conversation facilitate sharing information and advice. Attendees meet with chairs from similar institutions to discuss common issues.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Effective Department Leadership During Uncertain Times: Tools and Insights from the Community of Chairs.” The entire conference will take place August 8, from 9:00AM-5:30 PM. While providing a clear focus on departmental leadership, the theme also makes room for a variety of related topics. The Chairs Conference will be a compact and focused one-day event that includes a continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. Pre-registration and fee payment are required. Fees for the Chair Conference are $120 for chairs from Department Affiliate departments, $150 for chairs from non-affiliate departments. The registration fee includes all conference materials, continental breakfast and boxed lunch on August 7. Chair conference attendees must preregister for the Annual Meeting in order to sign up for this conference.

Conference for Directors of Graduate Study

Directors of Graduate Study (DGS) are important leaders in shaping department policies and opportunities for effective graduate programs. To assist sociologists in the DGS role, the ASA Academic and Professional Affairs Program has planned a series of events at 1:30 – 5:30 pm on August 7, which will dovetail with Chair Conference activities and permit interaction between attendees of both conferences. DGS sessions will focus on such issues as data trends in graduate education, effective mentoring and professional development, the MA degree in sociology, and more.

Access to these special activities for Directors of Graduate Study requires preregistration and fee payment. Fees are $30 for DGS from Department Affiliate departments, $50 for non-affiliate DGS. The registration fee includes all conference materials and an afternoon beverage break. DGS conference attendees must preregister for the Annual Meeting in order to register for this conference.

Welcome Students!

Undergraduate Advisers and Their Students Take Note! Poster Resource Area Showcasing Graduate Programs

This poster area features exhibits on graduate training from more than 30 graduate programs. Representatives from these institutions will be available to talk to undergraduate advisers, undergraduate students, MA-level students, and other interested meeting attendees at 2:30-4:10 pm on Saturday, August 8. The department posters will be available for viewing through the four days of the Annual Meeting. All attendees are welcome to drop by anytime during the convention to see these displays about graduate programs located in the Yosemite Hall of the Hilton San Francisco.

ASA and the Student Forum

The ASA welcomes undergraduate and graduate students at the Annual Meeting. All students who join ASA as student members automatically become members of the Student Forum. Special arrangements for students include discounted registration fees, workshops oriented to issues of interest to students, student paper and roundtable sessions, a reception for students, and admission to the book give-away at the end of the meeting.

Student Reception. All students registered to attend the Annual Meeting are invited to the open student reception on Saturday, August 8, at 6:30-7:30 pm

Special Poster Sessions. Be sure to browse through the funding and data resources poster sessions to advance your work in sociology. Poster displays of graduate programs in sociology are accessible throughout the four days of the meeting, and program representatives will be available to chat with students from 2:30-4:10 pm on Saturday, August 8.

Student Book Give-Away. All students registered to attend the Annual Meeting will receive a ticket to the special book give-away sponsored by ASA exhibitors on Tuesday, August 11, after the exhibit hall has closed.

Student Sessions. Whether you are planning to attend graduate school, or are further along and looking toward employment in sociological practice or the academy, there is useful information to be found by attending some of the workshops offered this year. If this is your first ASA Annual Meeting, the Orientation for First-Time Meeting Attendees at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 8, is a “must-attend” event, where you can meet other newcomers and get advice from ASA officers.

Don’t let the huge program overwhelm you. Start by looking at the roundtable and paper sessions sponsored by the Student Forum and then check the searchable program on the website to identify other sessions in your particular areas of interest.

Special Events

Welcoming Reception

All meeting registrants are invited to the Welcoming Reception, which follows the Opening Plenary Session on Friday, August 7 and celebrates the opening of the 104th Annual Meeting. This social hour kicks off at 9:00 pm and provides opportunities to renew past acquaintances, chat with old friends, and find a newcomer to befriend. New members and first-time meeting attendees are particularly encouraged to come and have fun!

Orientation for First-time Attendees

If this is the first time you have attended an ASA Annual Meeting, plan to attend an orientation session at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 8, prior to the mid-day plenary on the first full day of program sessions. Hosted by ASA Secretary Donald Tomaskovic-Devey and Executive Officer Sally T. Hillman, this special orientation hour provides the opportunity to meet ASA officers and staff and begin networking with experienced colleagues. Pointers on navigating the Annual Meeting will be shared in informal roundtable discussion. Advice from ASA Officers and experienced attendees will help you chart a course through the myriad activities and substantive topics at the convention.

Reception for International Scholars

Scholars from countries outside the U.S. are invited to meet U.S. sociologists interested in international collaborations at a reception for international scholars on Monday, August 10, at 6:30-7:30 pm.

Departmental Alumni Night (DAN)

The Departmental Alumni Night (DAN), now in its 36th year, is a social event held after the first full day of sessions, where attendees can connect with friends, colleagues, and foes to reminisce about graduate school days, create new coalitions, and catch up on the latest news. This traditional gathering will begin at 9:30 pm on Saturday, August 8. DAN provides departments with the opportunity to have an alumni gathering without the considerable expense of arranging one. Each department graduate of sociology in the
Activities of Other Groups

The wide-ranging interests of ASA members generate meet-
ings of special interest groups during each year's Annual
Meeting. Space is as available as didactic groups to
hold their meetings and/or sessions in evening time slots
when no program sessions or other ASA activities are sched-
uled. Refer to the online searchable program for details on
activities of other groups. Some groups will also have mem-
bership information and publications on display in the ASA
registration area at the Hilton San Francisco.

Services

Registration

Online meeting registration is now open; you may register
online via a secure server, or download the full registration
form to identify the service that you need. Meeting Services staff will contact you to discuss
requirements and establish a registration plan.

Reminder: Access to all ASA services is restricted to meeting registrants. Badges are required for entry to the ASA Exhibits, Employment Service, and Child Care Service. Attendance at events that require fee payment (e.g., Tours, Seminars, Courses, Chairs Conference, Director of Graduate Studies
Series, TEF Just Deserts, and MFP Benefit) is restricted to those who have registered for the meeting.

Confirmations.

Continuing our commitment to a more en-
vironmentally sustainable meeting, we no longer print and
mail confirmations to those who register online. Save the
e-mail confirmation as your record. Those who register via
e-mail and mail will receive a printed confirmation by mail.

Pre-registration Pickup.

Attendees who preregister before July 1 may pick up badges, program packets, and special tick-
et to the Pre-registration counters in the Grand Ballroom A at
the Hilton San Francisco. See registration service hours below.

On-site Registration.

Those who miss the July 1 preregistra-
tion deadline should go to the On-site Registration area
in the Grand Ballroom A at the Hilton San Francisco to com-
plete the on-site registration form and submit payment.

Registration Service Hours during the Annual Meeting:

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Accessibility Resources and Services

The ASA offers several services and oversight arrangements to facilitate attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Comfort Zone.

Attendees suffering from illness, meeting fatigue, or stress may use the small room set aside by ASA at the Hilton San Francisco as a "safe haven" to escape briefly from the noise and bustle of meeting activities. Families with breast-feeding needs should stop by the ASA Office in the California Room, Ballroom Level at the Hilton San Francisco for assistance in finding a private location.

Sessions.

ASA will make arrangements for sign-language interpreters, sighted guides, and other communication av-
nuances for meeting registrants. Use the "Accessibility Services" portion of the registration form to identify the service that you need. Meeting Services staff will contact you to discuss
needs and possible arrangements.

Other Services.

If you have a physical disability and need special services, equipment, or accommodations, fill out the Accessibility Services portion of the registration form or call ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005, x305) to arrange in advance for the services you may need.

City Accessibility Resources.

San Francisco has been at the forefront of providing ever-increasing accessibility to the favorite features people come to see. From the historic protests in United Nations Plaza that gave birth to the dis-
ability rights movement to the latest in Assistive Technolo-
gies installed in City Hall, the people of San Francisco have
welcomed and insisted on the inclusion of people with
disabilities into the mainstream of public life.

Local Print Media.

To order a large print map of San Francisco, send $5 to Blind San Franciscans, 1591 Jackson St., SF, San Francisco, CA 94109; 1-815/563-4896

Wheelchair and Motorized Scooter Rentals.

The ASA will have a small inventory of scooters for use by regis-
trants who need them for specific activities/events. How-
ever, if you prefer to rent your own wheelchair or scooter, feel free to make arrangements with Scoot Around North America (888) 441-7575; www.scootaround.com

Medical.

Should you need medical attention, contact:

San Francisco On Call Medical Group

940 Post Street, Suite 710
(415) 732-7029
Available 24 hours and offers house calls.

If you do encounter problems with accessibility – whether it be physical accessibility problems, lack of knowledge, or training of
staff, or failure to provide a needed accommodation – feel free to contact the Mayor's Office on Disability (415) 554-6789;
415-554-6799 TTY; modeling.org

Accessible Travel

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) in general you will find good accessibility throughout the airport. Information/
Traveler's Aid booths to assist travelers are located on the upper
and lower levels of all terminals. Booth personnel can provide
accessibility information. TTY's are located at these booths and
together airport boarding areas. Visual paging systems exist
throughout the terminals. 800/I-FLY-SFO, www.flysfo.com

Oakland International Airport (OAK).

The Oakland Airport is smaller than SFO and is easy to navigate. All the major airlines have ramped the jetways down to the terminal.

Direct access to downtown San Francisco is available via the
BART system. www.oaklandairport.com

Accessible Taxis.

The following companies offer ramped mini vans; call several hours in advance. Many of these taxi companies serve the airport. The assistance fare from SFO to
downtown San Francisco is approximately 50.

Bay Cab
(415) 206-1908

National
(415) 206-1908

Yellow
(415) 206-1345

Town Taxi
(415) 401-4900

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

BART train service in San Francis-
coe is fully accessible. BART services from SFO to
downtown San Francisco is approximately 40.

Society for Applied Social Science
After preregistering for the Annual Meeting, all candidates, including registration has been open to ASA members since November, and non-member access opened in April. Candidates who have registered for the Employment Service will receive e-mail notification when the portal is open and available for them to fill out the Candidate Profile, upload their resumes, and indicate their availability. After the online portal opens, employers (organizations) can register for the Employment Service, pay their ES registration fee, post job listings, designate interviewers, and begin the process of reviewing candidate profiles and setting up interview sessions.

The annual ASA Employment Service (ES) assists sociologists in finding employment. The Employment Service will take place on-site within the designated service areas at the Hilton San Francisco. This requirement is a safeguard for both interviewers and candidates. All service users are urged to preregister as soon as possible in order to take full advantage of the pre-convention communication opportunities that the online Employment Service offers.

Preregistration closes on July 1, 2009. Interviewers and candidates are also encouraged to bring their own laptops with them so that they can more easily maintain communication using complimentary wireless Internet access throughout the Annual Meeting. Located in Plaza A and the Golden Gate Complex of the Hilton San Francisco, the on-site service will provide some computer terminals for use by registered ES users; additional computers are available at the ASA Cybercafe located in the Grand Ballroom A near ASA Registration. Complimentary wireless access will be available in the following areas: Plaza A, Golden Gate Complex, and the Charles M. Schulz Museum.

The Employment Service will be open at the Hilton San Francisco from Friday afternoon to mid-day Tuesday, July 7-11. Check the Annual Meeting website for more details about online Employment Service procedures.

Reminder: Anyone who wishes to use the Employment Service must first preregister for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Hotel Accommodations in San Francisco

The 104th ASA Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton San Francisco and the Parc 55 Hotel. The Hilton San Francisco will host the ASA Exhibits, Registration, Bookstore, Child Care Service, and Employment Service. Program sessions will be held at the Hilton San Francisco.

Blocks of sleeping rooms for ASA meeting attendees have been arranged at the two hotels. All housing services are being managed through Connections Housing, the official housing manager. Information on making reservations at ASA convention rates is posted on the ASA website. Additional computers are available at the ASA Cybercafe and Academic Lounge.

Room Rates. The Hilton San Francisco is offering rates of $205 single, $205 double, $225 triple. Rates at the Parc 55 Hotel are $199 single, $199 double, $219 triple. Rates at the Parc 55 Hotel are

Student Rooms. The ASA hotels are unable to offer discounted rates to students. The ASA website for information on less expensive housing options for students. The rule is that no rooms are available to students and visitors who are not registered attendees. The online portal is not currently available and will open at a later date.

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Accessibility Needs: When making a hotel reservation, you may wish to request accessibility features on your reservation form. The ASA Executive Office to verify that your accessibility request(s) will be honored, send equipment requests to: ASA Special Housing, 1430 K St. NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005-4791; fax (202) 639-3700; or send e-mail: meetings@asanet.org.

Airport Transportation

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) - www.sflyso.com San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is a major airport located 13 miles (21 km) south of downtown San Francisco, California. SFO Airport is the largest airport in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is a major hub of United Airlines and is Virgin America’s principal base of operations.

Oakland International Airport (OAK) - www.oaklandairport.com Oakland International Airport (OAK), also known as Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, is located 4.6 miles south of the central business district of Oakland, a city in Alameda County, California. It has a proven popular alternative to San Francisco International Airport. Oakland International is popular with low-cost airlines and in recent years has been one of the nation’s fastest growing airports.

Shared Van/Shuttle Buses. The following companies offer Shuttle Service between the two airports and the Annual Meeting hotels.


Light Rail. The San Francisco International Airport (SFO) BART station is the only direct rail link between the airport, the city of San Francisco, and the general Bay Area. Tickets from the airport are available from the BART terminal at San Francisco International Airport. You may also use BART from Oakland International into downtown San Francisco. AirBART operates between Oakland Airport and the BART Coliseum/Oakland Airport station daily, approximately every 10 minutes, until midnight. Service begins at 5 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and at 8 a.m. on Sundays and holidays. Take AirBART to the Coliseum/Oakland Airport Station. That station provides direct service to the Powell Street Station downtown San Francisco—a short block from the Annual Meeting hotels. The approximate fare is $3.50.

Taxi. Taxi despatch from designated zones located at the roadway center islands, on the Arrivals/Baggage Claim Level of all terminals. Metered-rates from SFO to downtown San Francisco and ASA Annual Meeting hotels range from $30 to $45 (approximate). Metered-rates from SFO to downtown San Francisco and the ASA Annual Meeting hotels are approximately $50.

Bring Your Laptop and Stay Connected!

Cybercafe and Academic Lounge As a benefit to meeting attendees, computer terminals with access to the Internet will be available at the USA Cybercafe located in Grand Ballroom A of the Hilton San Francisco, adjacent to the Annual Meeting registration. A satellite station will also be located at the Parc 55. Meeting attendees are encouraged to take advantage of complimentary wireless (WiFi) access being offered in the Academic Lounge in the Bayfront Hall, site of Roundtables. In addition to free WiFi Internet access throughout Yosemite Hall during the Annual Meeting, guests at the Hilton San Francisco will have access to complimentary wired Internet in their guestrooms. Unfortunately, wired Internet access is only available at the guest rooms for a daily fee. However, the USA Cybercafe will have a satellite station located at the Parc 55 offering free Internet access at the computer terminals.

Film & Video Screenings

The Program Committee is again sponsoring a meeting room where new films/videos are screened during the Annual Meeting. For a list of the films/videos and screening times, contact: Valerie Jiggetts, Academic & Professional Affairs Program, American Sociological Association, 1430 16th Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 383-9005 x319; vjiggetts@asanet.org.
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## Registration Information

- **Location:** Grass Valley, CA
- **Date:** June 24-27, 2009
- **Time:** 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM (Pacific Time)

**General Information**

- **Lobby and Depot Information:**
  - **Location:** Grass Valley, CA
  - **Hours:** 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM (Pacific Time)

**Registration Fees**

- **Early Bird (Until May 15):** $150
- **Regular (After May 15):** $175

**Cancellation Policy**

- Cancellations received by May 15, 2009, will receive a full refund.
- Cancellations received after May 15, 2009, will receive a 50% refund.

**Contact Information**

- **Phone:** 1-800-ASA-REG (1-800-272-7347)
- **Email:** registration@asanet.org
- **Website:** www.asanet.org/meetings