Greetings from ASA President Paula England

Please join me in Chicago this August. The collective intellectual energy of our Annual Meeting always reminds me of what a gift it is to be able to work as a sociologist. I hope that you will find this year’s broad array of sessions useful and come away with your sociological “batteries” recharged. Invited sessions will focus on the theme I chose for the meeting, “Sexualities in the Social World.”

Friday night’s opening plenary features an address by Dr. Willie Parker about barriers to the provision of abortion. Parker is the only doctor still performing abortions in Mississippi. Sociologists Philip Morgan, Zakia Luna, and Sarah Cowan will join the discussion, and I hope you will too. Following this, at 9:00 PM Friday, the welcoming reception offers refreshments and a chance to mingle. Please join me on the dance floor as several bands of sociologists take the stage.

The Saturday 12:30 PM plenary considers the politics of same-sex marriage. Sociologist Brian Powell and political scientist Gregory Lewis will analyze changing public opinion. Sociologist Verta Taylor will highlight the role of interorganizational networks in social movements favoring and opposing same-sex marriage. Cornell law professor Michael Dorf will provide an up-to-the-moment legal analysis of court decisions. A Saturday night plenary on Modern Romance will feature Christian Rudder, co-founder of the OKCupid dating site, anthropologist Helen Fisher, and social psychologist Eli Finkel. Eric Klinenberg will preside. Related themes will be taken up in the Monday night plenary on internet dating, with presentations by Elizabeth Bruch, Michael Rosenberg, and Jennifer Lundquist.

The Monday 12:30 plenary focuses on causes and consequences of the rise of nonmarital births, featuring Andrew Cherlin, Lawrence Wu, and Marcia Carlson. A related Presidential Panel considers birth control in America, with presentations by economist Martha Bailey, qualitative sociologist Kathry Edin, and demographer-sociologist Jennifer Barber.

Thematic panels on sexualities will include such topics as networks and sexuality, fluidity in sexual orientation, how race and class affect finding partners, sexuality in the African American and Latino communities, aging and sexuality, adolescent sexuality, workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation, sexual assault, sex and political regimes, the regulation of sex work, sex in popular culture, and biology and sexuality. Many panels combine considerations of heterosexual and queer sexualities.

Not interested in sex — as a research or teaching topic, that is? No problem! Our program features invited, regular, and section sessions as well as workshops on a wide range of other sociological topics — stratification, education, family, social psychology, race, theory, methods, cultural sociology, historical sociology, medical sociology, political sociology, and much more.

As a gender scholar, I couldn't resist having a number of invited special sessions on recent gender scholarship. Topics include persistent barriers to workplace gender equality, revisiting theories of patriarchy, gender in comparative perspective, and the complicated relationship between class inequality and gender inequality.

Want to get out of the hotels and see Chicago through a sociological lens? Sign up for a tour of the historic Hull House, or a tour of some of the sites of classic ethnographic studies of the Chicago School. Consider one of the tours ASA is co-sponsoring with SSSP — one starting in Bronzeville and highlighting Chicago’s role in the abolition and the underground railway, or another featuring a walk past public murals in the Pilsen neighborhood and a visit to the National Museum of Mexican Art.

Because your collective insights and energies are key to the meeting’s success, I hope to see you in Chicago.

Paula England
ASA President
Chair, 2015 Program Committee
New York University
ASA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address
Sunday, August 23, 4:30 – 6:10 PM
Presider: Cecilia Menjivar, Arizona State University

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 ASA Officers 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 Meeting Services (202-383-9005, x305; meetings@asanet.org).

Award Ceremony
2015 Dissertation Award
2015 Jessie Bernard Award
2015 Cox Johnson-Frazier Award
2015 Award for Public Understanding of Sociology
2015 Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues
2015 Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology

Presidential Address
Presider: Cecilia Menjivar, Arizona State University
Presidential Address: “Gender, Class and Sexualities.” Paula England, New York University. All attendees are invited to this plenary session and to the Honorary Reception afterwards to honor President England and the 2015 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 25, 7:00 – 8:15 AM.

Members seeking to present formal resolutions should be prepared to provide background materials on the issue to be discussed. Contact ASA Governance staff at the ASA Executive Office for guidelines (202-383-9005 x227; governance@asanet.org). The deadline for submission of resolutions and background materials is July 10, 2015.

24th Annual Research Support Forum
ASA is pleased to announce the 24th 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.

• Special Session: ASA Science Policy. Capitol Hill and Executive Branch Fellowships: Bringing Sociology Expertise to the Policy Arena
• Special Session: CARI Grant
• Workshop: Getting a Grant When You Study Diversity-Related Topics
• Workshop: Conducting Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) to Address Health Inequalities
• Workshop: Discovering How to Get Research Used in the Policy Process
• Workshop: Grant Writing for Sociology Students: Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Opportunities and Strategies
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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 2015 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.

Regular Sessions feature research papers submitted in response to the 2015 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 were 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 visually see the results of sociological research and engage in face-to-face conversation with authors. In addition, there are specialized “Informational” posters on Research Funding Support and Data Resources, plus a Graduate Programs in Sociology resource area. All poster areas are open throughout the meeting.

ASA SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 21
8:00 AM Chair Conference on Sex and Gender in Sociology Departments: Policy and Management Issues in the Context of Intimate Relationships and Core Identities*
10:00 AM ASA Social Media Pre-Conference*
1:30 PM Course on Taking Sociological Research Public: How to Become a News Source (and When Not To)*
1:30 PM Directors of Graduate Studies Conference on When Just “Doing the Right Thing” Isn’t Enough: Confronting Ethical Challenges in Graduate Education*
7:00 PM Opening Plenary on Abortion in America: A Discussion with the Only Doctor Providing Abortions in Mississippi and Three Sociologists
9:00 PM Welcoming Reception

Saturday, August 22
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 the Politics of Same-Sex Marriage: Public Opinion and the Courts
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
6:30 PM Activities of Affiliates and Other Groups
7:00 PM Reception for Scholars with International Research & Teaching Interests
8:00 PM Evening Plenary on Modern Romance: Dating, Mating, and Marriage
9:30 PM Departmental Alumni Night (DAN)

Sunday, August 23
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
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 Just Desserts! A Carla B. Howery Teaching Enhancement Grant Program Benefit Reception*
8:00 PM Activities of Affiliates and Other Groups (and university-sponsored receptions)
9:30 PM Minority Fellowship Program (MFF) Benefit Reception*

Monday, August 24
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
12:30 PM Plenary on the Rise of Nonmarital Births
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
4:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
6:30 PM Section Receptions
6:30 PM Activities of Affiliates and Other Groups
8:00 PM Evening Plenary on Internet Dating

Tuesday, August 25
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

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 a sampling from this year’s roster of Special Sessions:

- No Fracking Way! Risk, Resistance, and the Mobilization of Protest against Hydraulic Fracking in U.S. Shale Regions
- Open Forum on the Shifting Landscape of Higher Education: Envisioning Effective Responses at Individual, Department and Disciplinary Levels (sponsored by the ASA Task Force on Liberal Learning)
- The Complex Relationships between Gender and Economic Inequality
- The Cosmopolitan Nation: The Politics of Cultural Representation in a Global World
- The Impact of Katrina
- The Sociology of W.E.B. DuBois
- Vaccinations: An Emerging Area of Sociological and Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry

Refer to the online searchable program for details on all sessions and events on this year’s program roster. See the ASA website at www.asanet.org/AM2015/AM_2015.cfm.

Presidential Panel
The Program Committee created a session category to highlight topics of special interest to the ASA President. Three sessions dealing with crucial social and political issues were created under this umbrella.

- Birth Control in America
- Women on the Battlefield: Integrating Women into the U.S. Military
- Do Heterosexual Couples Avoid Female Superiority and Eroticize Traditionalism?

Thematic Sessions
Thematic Sessions provide abundant opportunities to think in-depth about this year’s meeting theme, “Sexualities in the Social World.” Sixty-four sessions delve into important social and political issues, explore international and interdisciplinary viewpoints, and speculate on different visions of future possibilities, including:

- Adolescent Sexualities in Context
- Aging and Sexuality
- At the Frontier of Knowledge about Sexuality
- Biology and Sexual Behavior
- Children and Sexuality
- Cohabitation
- Comparative-Historical Approaches to Sexuality
- Consensual Non-Monogamies
- Contemporary Gender/Sexual Politics in Latin America
- Counting the LGBT Population in Federal Statistical Systems
- Feminist Debates about Sexuality: “Hooking Up” as Capitulation or Empowerment?
- Feminist Debates about Sexuality: Body Modifications as Capitulation or Empowerment?
- Fighting Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault on Campus: Then and Now (co-sponsored with the Committee on the Status of Women)
- Former ASA Presidents Reflect on the Study of Sexuality
- Gender and Sexuality in East Asia
- HIV/AIDS, Politics, and Social Movements
- Housing Instability, Gender and Sexuality
- How Race Affects Finding Partners for Sex, Romance, or Marriage
- Ideologies, Sexualities, and Reproduction in the Global South
- Masculinities and Sexuality
- Networks and Sexual Behaviors
- No Sex, Just a Baby: Birth without Sex
- Organizational Responsibility, Culpability and Gender Inequality
- Pioneers in the Sociological Study of Sexuality
- Pornography and Sexualities
- Queer Theory (co-sponsored with the Caucus on Transnational Approaches to Gender and Sexuality)
- Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in College
- Religion and Race in America (co-sponsored with the Association for the Sociology of Religion)
- Religion and Sexuality (co-sponsored with the Association for the Sociology of Religion)
- Sex and Political Regimes
- Sex and Sexuality in Black Communities
- Sex and the Military
- Sex and Political Regimes: Changing Sheets and Changing Paths
- Sex Work and Regulation
- Sexual Fields
- Sexual Fluidity
- Sexual Harassment in the Social World
- Sexual Minorities’ Intimate Relationships and Health
- Sexual Orientation in the Workplace: How Much Discrimination Is There?
- Sexual Practices and Sexual Pleasures
- Sexual Practices and their Regulations: The Long Historical View
- Sexual Privilege
- Sexual Violence
- Sexualities and Popular Culture
- Sexualities in the Penal World
- Sexuality and Body Size
- Sexuality and Religion
- Sexuality and Space or Place
- Sexuality Citizenship and Disability
- Sexuality in an Insecure Society
- Sexuality in the Workplace
- Sexuality Movements
- Sexuality Research on U.S. Latinos and Latinos
- Sexuality, Politics, and Education: Imagining New Conversations
- Social Class and Sexuality
- Social Movements and the Politics of Reproductive Justice
- Social Psychology, Emotions, and Sexuality
- The Career Consequences of Studying Sexuality
- The Impact of Agnes: Reflections on Garfinkel’s Notion of the Managed Achievement of Sex and Gender
- The Medicalization and Demedicalization of Sexuality
- The Military and Sexuality
- The Scripting of Sexuality: Developments and Prospects
- Transgendering Sexual Rights: Lessons from Latin America
- Transnational Sexual Diversity Politics
- Where’s the Sex in Sexuality Studies?
Course
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 at all levels. Registrants will receive certificates documenting their participation and completion of a course.

This year’s courses are held prior to the first full day of program sessions. Attendance limits and fees are noted below, and prepaid registration is required. Reservations are accepted in order of receipt in the ASA Executive Office. Fees are non-refundable after July 8.

Course: Taking Sociological Research Public: How to Become a News Source (and When Not To)
Friday, August 21, 1:30 – 5:30 PM
Fee: $70
Attendance Limit: 15
Leaders: Stephanie Coontz, Evergreen State College

Social Media Pre-conference
The 2015 Annual Meeting will offer a special series of workshops aimed at increasing knowledge of social media and strategies for using these tools in sociological work. Nine training modules will be offered. Titled ASA Social Media Pre-conference, the pre-conference is organized by Dustin Kidd (Temple University).

The pre-conference will take place on Friday, August 21 as part of the pre-convention program activities. Each workshop is offered at a charge of $25 to registered attendees of the Annual Meeting. Those interested in attending the modules must register in order to reserve their space. Space is limited to 40 participants for each workshop.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Workshop Series
Workshop 01. The Integrative Use of Social Media to Reach Publics
Leader: Lester H. Andrist, University of Maryland
Description: This workshop will examine how to use multiple social media sites in a more integrated fashion. The workshop will include simple points about how to simultaneously post on multiple social media sites as well as tips on how to encourage your audience to find and follow you on all your platforms. A second point worth making is what type of content can be posted (images, videos, quotes, etc.). Finally, the workshop will examine why it is important to have multiple social media sites. 1) There is an issue of format to consider. Different sites are simply better suited for displaying different types of media. 2) Different sites are better suited for dispersing different types of media. The fact that different algorithms are utilized by different social media platforms means that there is no single type of post that will go viral. 3) Different audiences use different social media platforms, so it is necessary to use multiple platforms to engage different publics.

Workshop 02. Sociological Blogs on WordPress
Leader: Nathan Scott Palmer, Georgia Southern University
Description: This workshop takes academic attendees through the basic steps of establishing a blog – an online space to highlight their research and accomplishments. Participants will consider the merits of various free plug-and-play blogging platforms like WordPress.com and Tumblr. While each has its merits, we’ll focus on WordPress.com during this session, including the following skills:
• Creating a WordPress.com account
• Writing a post, title, and excerpt for each entry
• Uploading and/or embedding media (photographs and PDFs)
• Hyperlinking to your work
• Changing design themes; and updating or editing posts

Workshop 03. Facebook Groups and Pages for Research and Teaching
Leader: Tristan Bridges, State University of New York-Brockport
Description: This workshop explores how we can better integrate Facebook into our sociological practice. It is the most widely used social media platform by far. In this workshop, we will explore the merits of using Facebook Group for sharing research and teaching, Facebook personal profiles, Facebook organizational profiles, and Facebook pages. These Facebook services can be incorporated into learning environments and collaborative research.

12:30 – 2:30 PM Workshop Series
Workshop 04. Generating and Engaging an Audience
Leader: Dustin Kidd, Temple University
Description: How do you get people to pay attention to your posts? Good content is key but there is more to it than that. This workshop explores the best methods for reaching a wide audience that includes journalists, social activists, and policy makers. We will discuss the role that following others plays in building your own following, and the appropriate ways to create interaction with others through social media.

Workshop 05. Sharing Sociology with Pinterest
Leaders: Lester H. Andrist, University of Maryland; and Valerie L. Chepp, Hamline University
Description: How can we teach and share sociology through Pinterest? This workshop will briefly cover how to navigate the technical features Pinterest offers. It will also discuss best practices in terms of building and participating in a sociological community with Pinterest. There are downsides and competencies that the platform offers, all of which will be discussed.

Workshop 06. Twitter for Academics
Leader: Jessie Daniels, City University of New York-Graduate Center
Description: In this hands-on workshop, participants will work with Twitter, taking the steps necessary to establish your academic brand presence on this social media platform. We’ll explore the following skills:
• Selecting an appropriate user ID or “handle”
• Creating a useful Twitter profile
• Writing style when limited to 140 characters
• Following other Twitter personalities
• Retweeting tweets and direct messaging
• Integrating your Twitter presence into your WordPress.com blog

Workshop 07. Collaborative Blogging
Leader: Tristan Bridges, State University of New York-Brockport
Description: A number of academics now collaborate in blogging communities. In this workshop, Tristan Bridges will share his experiences with both Girl with Pen and Feminist Reflections. How do you set up and manage an online blogging community? Who is the audience for these communities and how to effectively reach that audience?

Workshop 08. Social Media Practices in the Classroom
Leader: Dustin Kidd, Temple University
Description: This workshop focuses on the pedagogy of social media with a focus on the issue of digital literacy. Despite claims to the contrary, evidence shows that our students are not digital natives. How can we teach them the best practices for effectively communicating through social media? How can social media impact their studies, their social activism, and their careers? We will focus on Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, and LinkedIn.

Workshop 09. Framing Sociological Research for Social Media
Leader: Nathan Scott Palmer, Georgia Southern University
Description: This workshop explores the process of telling stories with our data that the public wants to read and can easily understand. This workshop presents the best practices identified in the literature (for instance, see Pinker’s The Sense of Style). Any professional academic can learn how to tweet, but learning how to translate your research written in academese into a human readable format is exceptionally hard. This style of writing is not taught in grad school and opportunities for this style of writing are not structured into most academic careers.

ADD VALUE TO YOUR MEETING BY SIGNING UP FOR ONE OF THESE ADDITIONAL EVENTS
RENEW BEFORE REGISTERING...
ASA Chairs Conference. Sex and Gender in Sociology Departments: Policy and Management Issues in the Context of Intimate Relationships and Core Identities
Friday, August 21, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Fee: $150 for Department Affiliates; $180 Non-Affiliates.

2015 ASA President Paula England begins her Annual Meeting theme in this way:

Sex usually occurs in private and is seen as deeply personal, yet it is also profoundly social. Cultural norms and social institutions such as religion, education, mass media, law, and the military all affect what we do sexually with whom. These social forces also affect what we see as beyond the bounds of legitimacy. Indeed, contemporary politics are full of contentious debates about abortion, sex education, same-sex marriage, pornography, sex work, sexual harassment, systematic rape as a weapon in wars, and female genital cutting. Given the importance of sexuality in people’s lives, and its relevance to many areas of sociology, I selected it as the theme for the 2015 annual meeting of the ASA.

Contestable debates around sex, sexuality and gender take place within sociology departments as well as society more generally, and raise profound questions for department chairs. Does it matter if faculty members close their office doors when meeting with students? Should there be a policy on faculty dating students? When/how should a chair respond to a rumored faculty-student liaison? Do faculty know what to do if a student discloses sexual assault? Do department practices support faculty who are pregnant or have young children? What about graduate students? Are there policies and practices regarding child rearing – same-sex or otherwise – in faculty hires? How best to handle service requirements for faculty who commute long distances in order live in urban areas they see as more conducive to finding a life partner, or distant suburbs perceived to be more affordable and family friendly? Do LGBT faculty and students feel safe and welcomed in the department? What about young women in burqas?

This year the ASA Department Chairs Conference will examine these and related questions, helping participants think through a potentially fraught terrain in order to develop policies and practices that support student, faculty, and department success. Participants will also learn new skills to support their work in core areas of responsibility such as department budgeting, assessment and essential learning outcomes, curriculum development, responding to MCAT 2015, strategies for improving department climate, course scheduling and completion ladders, supporting scholarly success for assistant professors, evaluating non-traditional scholarship, assuring quality in online courses and programs, connecting majors to employment, and time management for department chairs. Concurrent roundtable sessions during the conference are designed to allow Chairs from the full range of academic institutions – from PhD-granting to BA-liberal arts - to find topics in each session that respond to their context.

**Teaching Workshops**

- Teaching Introductory Sociology to Premeds: Moving from “Is it on the MCAT®?” to Developing
- Teaching Introductory Sociology for New Instructors
- Teaching about Religion and Sexuality: Online Teaching Resources at the ARDA.com
- Incorporating Disability in Intersectional Pedagogy
- A Little Sex: Teaching about Sexualities Across the Curriculum
- Using the Add Health Longitudinal Data Set: The Largest, Most Comprehensive Longitudinal Study of Adolescents Ever Undertaken
- Teaching Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
- Teaching Introductory Sociology for New Instructors
- Teaching Introductory Sociology to Premeds: Moving from “Is it on the MCAT®?” to Developing the Sociological Imagination
- Teaching Race, Gender, and Colonialism within Environmental Sociology
- Teaching Sexuality: Beyond Fundamental Issues
- Teaching Students How (Not) to Lie with Statistics: Quantitative Literacy throughout the Curriculum
- Why Won’t They Talk? Using Discussion and Active Engagement to Facilitate Student Learning

The conference will include plenary presentations, panel discussions, and roundtable sessions, and will give DGS from all department types the opportunity to gather with peers from similar departments, with ample time for discussion among participants. Additionally, participants will gain insights on handling the regular business of being the DGS, from time management to administration of exams and grad student socialization to career advising.

**Workshops**

Look to the Annual Meeting for professional development and training across research, teaching, careers, and a host of other important professional issues. From teaching challenges to research issues to career advice and more, the 2015 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: [www.asanet.org/AM2015/AM_2015.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/AM2015/AM_2015.cfm)

**Departmental Management and Leadership Workshops**

- Adjunct and Part-Time Faculty: Working Toward Organizational Structures that Support Instructors and Student Success
- Getting Your Dean’s Attention: AKD as a Tool for Helping Your Department Thrive and Survive
- Lessons for Departments and Faculty from the Bachelors and Beyond Surveys: Suggestions for Enhancing Labor Market and Non-Labor Market Outcomes
- Use VALUE Rubrics, Backward Design, and Curriculum Maps to Define, Assess, and Improve Sociology Programs

**Professional Development Workshops**

- Applying for a Faculty Position in a Teaching-Oriented Institution Before and After Retirement
- European Research Council – Funding for U.S. Sociologists (and Elsewhere)! Willing to Explore Ideas or Territories Never Explored Before
- From Dissertation to Book
- Navigating Your First Academic Job: Flourishing in the Early Years
- Preparing for Applied Careers in Sociology: Job Fair
- Preparing for Applied Careers in Sociology: Panel Discussion with Professional Sociologists
- Reviewing for Medical Sociology and Mental Health Journals
- Thriving at Teaching-Focused Institutions
- Promoting Social Science with Social Media

**Policy and Research Workshops**

- Advancing Sexual Self-Advocacy for People with Disabilities
- Conducting Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) to Address Health Inequities
- Discovering How to Get Research Used in the Policy Process
- Grant Writing for Sociology Students: Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Opportunities and Strategies
- How to Write a Successful Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD)
- Interdisciplinary Research and Funding Opportunities and “Big Data” Social Science Opportunities at the National Science Foundation
- Introduction to the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) – Practice, Problems and Analytical Potentials of Longitudinal Household Surveys
- Navigating IRB Approval for Studies of Vulnerable Populations: The Case of Children and Youth
- NSF Funding Opportunities Merit Review Criteria and Proposal Preparation for Professional Sociologists and Graduate Students
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics Workshop
- Research Opportunities Using the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)
- Scoping the Web: Promises and Pitfalls of “Alternative” Data Sources on Career Outcomes
- The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study: Over 50 Years of Social Data Combined with Genetic and Microbiome Data
- Using the Add Health Longitudinal Data Set: The Largest, Most Comprehensive Longitudinal Study of Adolescents Ever Undertaken

**Teaching Workshops**

- A Little Sex: Teaching about Sexualities Across the Curriculum
- Ethical Issues in Teaching
- GIFTS: Good Ideas for Teaching Sociology and for Publishing in TRAILS
- Incorporating Disability in Intersectional Pedagogy
- Teaching about Religion and Sexuality: Online Teaching Resources at the ARDA.com
- Teaching Bodies and Embodiment: New Approaches to Fat Studies, Gendered Embodiment, and the Body throughout the Life Course
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**2015 Annual Meeting Supplement 5**
Section Activities

ASA’s 52 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 searchable program for specific information on section-sponsored sessions.

Saturday, August 22
• Community and Urban Sociology
• Ethnomethodology & Conversational Analysis
• History of Sociology
• Human Rights
• Latino/a Sociology
• Law, Sociology of
• Mathematical Sociology
• Mental Health, Sociology of
• Political Sociology
• Population, Sociology of
• Science, Knowledge, and Technology
• Sex and Gender

Sunday, August 23
• Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco
• Comparative and Historical Sociology
• Environment and Technology
• Disability and Society
• Family, Sociology of the
• Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility
• Organizations, Occupations, and Work

Monday, August 24
• Animals and Society
• Body and Embodiment
• Collective Behavior & Social Movements
• Communication & Information Technologies
• Consumers and Consumption
• Education, Sociology of
• Emotions, Sociology of
• Evolution and Sociology
• International Migration
• Medical Sociology
• Political Economy of the World System
• Race, Gender, and Class
• Sociology of Development
• Theory

Tuesday, August 24
• Aging and the Life Course
• Altruism and Social Solidarity
• Asia and Asian America
• Children and Youth
• Crime, Law, and Deviance
• Culture, Sociology of
• Economic Sociology
• Global and Transnational Sociology
• Labor and Labor Movements
• Marxist Sociology
• Methodology
• Social Psychology
• Teaching and Learning in Sociology

Activities of Other Groups

The wide-ranging interests of ASA members generate meetings of special interest groups during each year’s Annual Meeting. Space is assigned as available to these groups to hold their meetings and/or sessions in evening time slots when no program sessions or other ASA activities are scheduled. Refer to the online preliminary program schedule for details on activities of affiliates and other groups. Some groups will also have membership information and publications on display in Steven Salon B at the Hilton Chicago.

AND THE FEATURED BOOKS ARE...

Author Meets Critics sessions bring authors of recent important books together with discussants chosen to provide different viewpoints. The 2015 Program Committee selected 17 books published during 2012-14 to be featured on this year’s program.

After Civil Rights: Law and the Meaning of Race in the New American Workplace
(Russell Sage Foundation, 2014) by John Skrentny

Amigas y Amantes: Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family
(Rutgers University Press, 2013) by Katie L. Acosta

Ancestors and Antiretrovirals: The Bio-Politics of HIV/AIDS in Post-Apartheid South Africa
(University of Chicago, 2013) by Claire Decoteau

Black Citymakers: How the Philadelphia Negro Changed Urban America
(Oxford University Press, 2013) by Marcus Anthony Hunter

Caring for Our Own: Why There is No Political Demand for New American Social Welfare Rights
(Oxford University Press, 2014) by Sandra R. Levitsky

Children of the Prison Boom: Mass Incarceration and the Future of American Inequality
(Oxford University Press, 2013) by Sara Wakefield and Christopher Wildeman

Culling the Muses: The Democratic Origins of Racist Immigration Policy in the Americas
(Harvard University Press, 2014) by David FitzGerald and David Cook

Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy
(Harvard University Press, 2014) by Saskia Sassen

God’s Gangs: Barrio Ministry, Masculinity, and Gang Recovery
(New York University Press, 2014) by Edward Orozco Flores

Interdisciplinarity, Specialization and Defense of Liberal Arts Disciplines
(University of Chicago Press, 2013) by Jerry A. Jacobs

Making Hispanics: How Activists, Bureaucrats and Media Constructed a New America
(University of Chicago Press, 2013) by Jerry A. Jacobs

Queering Marriage: Challenging Family Formation in the United States
(Rutgers University Press, 2013) by Kay Kimpert

Social Democratic America
(Oxford University Press, 2014) by Lane Kenworthy

The American Non-Dilemma
(Russell Sage Foundation, 2013) by Nancy DiTomaso

There Goes the Gayborhood
(Princeton University Press, 2014) by Amin Ghani

What Unions No Longer Do
(Harvard University Press, 2014) by Sprachell Rosenfeld

Women and War
(Oxford University Press, 2013) by Jocelyn Witmer

The ASA has also co-sponsored a book session with the Rose Series in Sociology.

Nurturing Dads: Social Initiatives for Contemporary Fatherhood
(Russell Sage Foundation, 2012) by William Marsiglio and Kevin Roy
Exhibitors Scheduled to Attend (as of May 12, 2015)

AAAS Science & Technology        Lexington Books       Russell Sage Foundation
Policy Fellowships                 Lynne Rienner Publishers   Rutgers University Press
Cambridge University Press         Macmillan            SAGE
Canadian Scholars’ Press/          Michigan Retirement    Stanford University Press
Women’s Press                      Research Center        StataCorp LP
Cengage Learning                   Minnesota Population Center Temple University Press
Cornell University Press           National Longitudinal Surveys                    
Emerald Group Publishing           Palgrave Macmillian    University of Chicago Press
Harvard University Press           Panel Study of Income Dynamics  University of Minnesota Press
Haymarket Books                    Pearson             University of Texas Press
ICPSR-University of Michigan      Penguin Random House   University of Toronto Press
Indiana University Press           Polity               Vanderbilt University Press
Inside Higher Ed                   Princeton University Press  Verbi Software GmbH
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Academic Services                  Roper Center for Public Policy Westview Press
Koninklijke Brill N.V.             Opinion Research       Wiley
Leibniz Institute for             Routledge                      
Educational Trajectories           Rowman & Littlefield

Welcome Students!
Undergraduate Advisers and Their Students Take Note!
Poster Resource Area Showcasing Graduate Programs
This poster area features exhibits on graduate training from 40 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 22. The department posters will be available for viewing throughout the four days of the Annual Meeting. All attendees are welcome to drop by anytime during the convention to see these displays located in Stevens Salon B at the Hilton Chicago.

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 a discounted registration fee, workshops oriented towards 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 22, at 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Special Poster Sessions. Be sure to browse through the funding and data resources poster session 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 22.

Student Book Give Away. All student attendees at the Annual Meeting will receive a ticket to the special book give away sponsored by ASA exhibitors on Tuesday, August 25, 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 22 is a “must-attend” event, where you can meet other newcomers and get advice from ASA officers.

Tip: 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 online searchable program to identify other sessions in your particular areas of interest.

Exhibits!
Plan your schedule now to include several visits to the 2015 ASA Exhibits to browse through the latest publications, explore current computer hardware and software, chat with representatives of statistical bureaus, and meet the editor of your next publication. More than 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 the Stevens Salon D at the Hilton Chicago. Exhibits will be open to meeting registrants wearing name badges during the following hours:
Saturday, August 22, 2:00 – 6:00 PM
Monday, August 24, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, August 23, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday, August 25, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The location of the Exhibits offers excellent accessibility for 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. Attendees will be able to take advantage of greater networking opportunities at the Exhibit Hall. The hall will feature “The Hub,” the ASA Cybercafé, and the ASA Bookstore. The hall will have seating areas for gathering with colleagues.

Networking Opportunities at the ASA Annual Meeting
Welcome Reception
All meeting registrants are invited to the Welcome Reception, which follows the Opening Plenary Session on Friday, August 21 and celebrates the opening of the 110th 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!

Exhibit Hall Refreshment Breaks
Dates: August 22 and 24
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM (Saturday and Monday)
Location: Stevens Salon D, Hilton Chicago

Orientation for First-time Attendees
If this is your first time attending an ASA Annual Meeting, or even if it isn’t, plan on attending the orientation session at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 22, prior to the mid-day plenary on the first full day of program sessions. Hosted by ASA Secretary Mary Romero and Executive Officer Sally T. Hillsman, this special orientation 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 attractions during the convention week.

Reception for Scholars with International Research & Teaching Interests
Scholars from countries outside the United States are invited to meet U.S. sociologists interested in international collaborations at a reception for international scholars on Saturday, August 22 at 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

Departmental Alumni Night (DAN)
The Departmental Alumni Night (DAN), now in its 42nd 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 22.

DAN provides departments with the opportunity to have an alumni gathering without the considerable expense of arranging one. Each graduate department of sociology in the United States and Canada receives an invitation to sponsor a table for alumni and friends. A small fee is charged to assist in covering expenses for this event. Remind your department chair to reserve a table now! Visit the Annual Meeting website for more information at www.asanet.org/AM2015/majorreceptions.cfm.

Tables will also be provided for sociologists in business and industry as well as for international scholars and guests.

Community College Faculty “Bagel” Breakfast
Sociologists teaching in community colleges are invited to a special bagel breakfast at 7:00 AM on Sunday, August 23. Mark your calendar for this early-bird event where you can meet with other colleagues teaching at community colleges.

Honorary Reception
All meeting attendees are invited to attend the Honorary Reception at 6:30 PM on Sunday, August 23, to express appreciation, congratulations, and best wishes to President Paula England and the major 2015 ASA award recipients on this festive occasion.

Since 1984, social science departments and regional societies have joined the ASA in co-sponsoring the annual Honorary Reception. Donors and sponsors of this year’s reception will be announced in the Final Program. If your department or institution would like to sponsor this event, contact the Governance Department at the ASA Executive Office (202-383-9005, x334; governance@asanet.org) to request a pledge form.

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

The ASA Bookstore is located in Stevens Salon D at the Hilton Chicago. The on-site 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 toting heavy publications on your return home. Visit the online Bookstore (www.e-noah.com/bookstore) at your convenience to place your order and have the materials you need for planning for fall classes shipped straight to you!
EXPERIENCE CHICAGO: REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Chicago is one of the most populous cities in the United States and it is the most populous city in both the state of Illinois and the Midwestern United States. Its metropolitan area is sometimes called “Chicagoland.”

Chicago was incorporated as a city in 1837, near a portage between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River watershed, and experienced rapid growth in the mid-19th century. Today, the city is an international hub for finance, commerce, industry, technology, telecommunications, and transportation, with O’Hare International Airport being one of the busiest airports in the world; it also has the largest number of U.S. highways and railroad freight entering its region.

There are a million places to visit and things to do in Chicago: Explore the depths of the ocean at the Shedd Aquarium, catch a fly ball at Wrigley Field, take in a show at The Chicago Theatre, or ride the Ferris Wheel at Navy Pier. Chicago boasts some of the best cuisine, attractions, and entertainment in the United States, including several of the top 100 restaurants in the country, and one of the best orchestras in the world in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. From shopaholics and sports enthusiasts to thrill seekers and foodies, Chicago has something for everyone.

What U.S. city is known as both the birthplace of deep dish pizza and much of American Sociology? You guessed it! Chicago, a “sociologist’s Mecca.”

This year’s program features an exciting roster of local arrangements representing the work of members from the Chicago and greater Chicagoland-area. The local arrangements committee, chaired by William T. Bielby (University of Illinois-Chicago), has developed a timely, stimulating, and vibrant roster of regional spotlight sessions, tours, and articles for Footnotes.

Regional Spotlight Sessions

View the online preliminary program schedule for the complete details of Regional Spotlight Sessions and Tours on the ASA Annual Meeting website: www.asanet.org/AM2015/AM_2015.cfm.

This year’s spotlight sessions include:

- City on the Remake? Gentrification and Urban Change in Chicago
- Latinos in the Midwest: Incorporation, Mobilizations, and Persisting Challenges
- Policing De-Industrial Chicago: Racial Violence and the Struggle for Police Accountability
- Public Education in Chicago in the Neoliberal Era
- Social Inequality, Racial Isolation, and the Windy City
- Urban Culture and Public Life in Chicago

Regional Spotlight 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 on, there is a 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 e-mailed 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 01. National Museum of Mexican Art and Public Mural Tour in the Pilsen Neighborhood

(co-sponsored with Society for the Study of Social Problems)
Saturday, August 22; 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Fee: $35

Description: At the Museum, there will be a 45-minute guided tour of the permanent exhibit, “Our Stories.” This will be followed by a 60-minute long mural walk in the historic Pilsen neighborhood. Our guide is Jose Guerrero. The Mural Tour will feature murals that honor African American and Latino history including slavery and the immigration experience.

Tour 02. The Hull House Museum

(co-sponsored with Society for the Study of Social Problems)
Saturday, August 22; 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Fee: $35

Description: During the tour, visitors will learn about the conditions immigrants faced in the 19th Ward of Chicago, the unique work of the Hull-House residents, the life and work of Jane Addams, and the lasting impact of the Hull-House Settlement.

Tour 03. Baseball Game: Atlanta Braves vs. Chicago Cubs

Saturday, August 22; 2:00 - 7:00 PM
Fee: $99

Description: The Atlanta Braves come to historic Wrigley Field to play the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs were 73-89 last season (fifth place in NL Central). The Braves were 79-83 (tied for second place in the NL East). Sports writers are favorably impressed by the Cubs’ off-season trades and by new manager Joe Maddon. Could this be the year the Cubs take it all? Does it really matter? After all, the game is being played at the friendly confines of one of the last old-school ballparks in the major leagues.

Tour 04. Urban Gorillas: A Tour of the Regenstein Center for African Apes at Lincoln Park Zoo

(co-sponsored with Society for the Study of Social Problems)
Sunday, August 23; 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Fee: $35

Description: The Regenstein Center for African Apes is one of the world’s leading centers for primate research. The 29,000 square foot center, which opened in 2004, is a living space designed to incorporate natural features of the habitats of two species of African apes – the common chimpanzee and the western lowland gorilla. The tour will be conducted by sociologist Christena Nippert-Eng of the Illinois Institute of Technology. Nippert-Eng teaches a course on behavioral observation in which students study and design for L2E’s gorillas. She is the author of two books based on this course, to be published in 2015: an exercise-based methods book with Oxford University Press, Watching Closely: A Guide to Ethnographic Observation and Gorillas Up Close (Henry Holt Books for Young Readers), a middle grade picture book on the social structure, individual biographies, and daily lives of these gorillas, co-authored with former students.

Tour 05. The Bronzeville Historical Tour: The Underground Railroad Tour

(co-sponsored with Society for the Study of Social Problems)
Sunday, August 23; 12:30 - 4:00 PM
Fee: $35

Description: The tour will include narration of architectural highlights of buildings, churches, and gravesites. Narratives will include efforts of abolitionists, union soldiers, and citizens from Chicago. Quilts, photographs, maps, and biographies will be displayed at selected Underground Railroad sites. Profiles of heroic freedom seekers will be presented by our trained tour guides.

Footnotes:
Section Receptions

In addition to sponsoring substantive program sessions, ASA Sections often host receptions for their section members during the Annual Meeting. These informal social events are primarily held in the evenings on the first and third days of the meeting, and all members of a sponsoring section are welcome to attend. Sometimes several sections will co-host a joint reception, which doubles or triples the fun!

Look for the following section receptions during the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Saturday, August 22, 6:30 PM
Joint Reception: Section on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco and Society for the Study of Social Problems (offsite)
Joint Reception: Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society; Section on Rationality and Society; Section on Mathematical Sociology
Joint Reception: Section on Political Sociology and Section on Economic Sociology
Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Culture and Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility
Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Religion and Association for the Sociology of Religion
Joint Reception: Theory Section and Section on History of Sociology (offsite)
Section on Community and Urban Sociology Reception (offsite)
Section on Disability and Society Reception (offsite)
Section on Environment and Technology Reception
Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis Reception (offsite)
Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Reception
Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict Reception (offsite)
Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology Reception (offsite)
Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Reception
Section on Sociology of Law Reception (offsite)

Sunday, August 23, 7:30 PM
Joint Reception: Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology; Section on Sociology of Development; Section on Global and Transnational Sociology; and Section on Human Rights (offsite)
Joint Reception: Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Section on Latino/a Sociology Rights (offsite)

Joint Reception: Section on Sex and Gender and Section on Race, Gender and Class (offsite)
Joint Reception: Section on Social Psychology, Section on Sociology of Emotions; and Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity (offsite)
Joint Reception: Section on the Sociology of the Family and Section on Sociology of Population (offsite)

Monday, August 24, 6:30 PM
Joint Reception: Section on Communication and Information Technologies and Section on Children and Youth (offsite)
Joint Reception: Section on Marxist Sociology and Section on Political Economy of the World-System
Joint Reception: Section on Medical Sociology and Section on Sociology of Mental Health
Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Sexualities and Section on Body and Embodiment (offsite)
Joint Reception: Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology and Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)
Section on Aging and the Life Course Reception (offsite)
Section on Animals and Society Reception
Section on Asia and Asian America Reception (offsite)
Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Reception
Section on Consumers and Consumption Reception (offsite)
Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Reception (offsite)
Section on International Migration Reception (offsite)
Section on Labor and Labor Movements Reception (offsite)
Section on Methodology Reception
Section on Sociology of Education Reception

Wireless Internet Access and Social Media During the Annual Meeting

With the 2015 meeting, we will continue to use technology to improve participants’ meeting experiences, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of information sharing, and facilitate networking in both physical and virtual spaces. ASA provides complimentary basic bandwidth wireless internet access to attendees in the session rooms during the Annual Meeting. For those considering incorporating videos into your presentations, keep in mind that the basic bandwidth is sufficient to allow web browsing, access to the Annual Meeting App information and e-mail access. However, it will not support streaming data (including Skype and FaceTime) for paper session presentations. Please note: requests for hard-wired Internet lines in session rooms for presentations will not be honored.

In ASA sessions, members of the audience may use Twitter or other social media to share research being presented. In rare instances people will record sessions; if presenters prefer that audio or video recordings not occur, please share your request with the audience. ASA encourages all program participants to be sensitive to the requests of others. In addition, the ASA Press Office shares results from the meeting with the media. ASA encourages presenters to notify their university press offices to ask them to share sociological research results that they believe are newsworthy.

Audio-Visual Support Provided in Session Rooms

The quality of any given material depends in part on how well the material itself is communicated. The Program Committee encourages all paper presenters to increase audience interest and participation by creatively using visual aids.

ASA provides an LCD Projector, laptop/computer, and screens as the standard setup for each paper session. This equipment is not provided for poster sessions or roundtable sessions. You may request the following additional equipment for a paper session presentations by contacting meetings@asanet.org:

- Audio (sound equipment for the LCD Projector)
- Flipchart with Easel and Markers

Social Media

While technological innovations may be nothing new for some members, others they may be a bit daunting. Since 2012, the ASA has offered “The Hub,” ASA’s social media complex, to Annual Meeting attendees. But what’s The Hub? It is a social networking space located in the ASA Exhibit Hall. While tweeting and blogging can be done throughout the ASA-held meeting spaces (with complimentary WiFi access), this particular area offers seating areas and power outlets for charging electronic devices. The complex includes the ASA Bookstore; a series of computer terminals available for meeting attendees, and dedicated tech-training modules led by ASA Executive Office personnel with significant experience working in social media.

The Annual Meeting App

The ASA Annual Meeting App will include the full program schedule; note-taking features allowing users to save and send notes to a preferred e-mail account; maps and floor plans for the facilities, information on hours and locations for various Annual Meeting services. The online program schedule and the Annual Meeting App now serve as the “Program & Convention Bulletin,” featuring current information (items not listed in the printed Final Program) that will continuously be updated with program corrections and changes to reduce the rare but frustrating experience of going to a room to find that there is an error in the printed Final Program or the session was canceled. More details on the Annual Meeting App to be provided in mid-June.

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FILM & VIDEO SCREENINGS

The Program Committee is again sponsoring a meeting room where new films/videos are screened during the Annual Meeting. If you would like additional information on the Film & Video Screenings, contact Jaime Hecht, ASA Academic & Professional Affairs Program, at (202) 383-9005 x318; apap@asanet.org; www.asanet.org/AM2015/film_video-2.cfm
Services

Registration. Online meeting registration is open; you may register online via a secure server, or download the full registration form to sign up for the 2015 Annual Meeting and the various services, special events and conferences, seminars, courses, and conferences. The full registration form is in this issue of Footnotes. Annual Meeting attendees are urged to register for the meeting in advance. Advance registration assists ASA in planning for the Annual Meeting and also allows savings for the registrants.

Program Participants. Presenters who have not preregistered will be dropped from the online and final programs beginning on June 1.

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, Courses, Chairs Conference, Director of Graduate Studies Series, Just Desserts, and MFP Benefit) is restricted to those who have registered for the meeting.

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

Preregistration Pickup. Attendees who preregister before July 8 may pick up badges, program packets, and special tickets at the Preregistration counters in Stevens Salon C at the Hilton Chicago. See registration service hours below.

On-site Registration. Those who miss the July 8 preregistration deadline should go to the On-site Registration area in Stevens Salon C at the Hilton Chicago to complete the on-site registration form and submit payment.

Registration Service Hours during the Annual Meeting:
Friday, August 21 1:30 - 7:00 PM  Monday, August 24 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday, August 22 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM  Tuesday, August 25 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday, August 23 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Accessibility Resources and Services

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

Comfort Zone. Attendees coping with illness, meeting fatigue, or stress may use the small room set aside by ASA at the Hilton Chicago as a “safe haven” to escape briefly from the noise and bustle of meeting activities. Families with breastfeeding needs who wish to find a private location should stop by the ASA Office in Boulevard Room A, Second Floor of the Hilton Chicago for assistance.

Sessions. ASA will make arrangements for sign-language interpreters, sighted guides, and other communication avenues 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.

Wheelchair and Motorized Scooter Rentals. The ASA will have a small inventory of scooters for use by registrants who need them for specific activities/events. However, 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

Child Care

ASA continues its long tradition of providing an on-site program of activities for children of Annual Meeting registrants. Arrangements have again been made with KiddieCorp to offer a full childcare program from 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM on August 22-25 for children between the ages of 6 months to 12 years. The Child Care Service will be located at the Hilton Chicago, headquarters hotel for the annual Annual Meeting.

Families intending to use the ASA Child Care Service must preregister before July 8. The non-refundable preregistration deposit is $55 per child. The deposit will be applied toward the on-site daily usage fees, which are $55 full-day and $35 half-day for preregistrants. Members may preregister online via the ASA website: www.e-noah.net/ASA/Login.asp. For more information about the service, check the Annual Meeting webpage.

Scholarships

Several financial assistance scholarships are available to provide reduced daily usage fees for children of unemployed or low-income members/students. To apply for a scholarship, write a letter identifying your membership status and requesting a child care scholarship and attach the letter to your registration form; send it to: ASA Meeting Services, 1430 K St. NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; fax: (202) 638-0882; or meetings@asanet.org. Fill out the Child Care Registration portion of the form, provide daily usage estimates, and remit the basic child care preregistration deposit.

Space for Non-Preregistrants

It is unlikely that non-preregistered families can be accommodated on-site. The service staffing is contracted based on the number and age of preregistered children, and on-site adjustments are limited. If there are any openings, fees for children who were not preregistered will be $75 per day per child. No exceptions.

Employment Service

The annual ASA Employment Service assists sociologists and prospective employers by providing convenient opportunities for interviewers and job seekers to meet in a neutral, monitored environment for initial short interviews during the Annual Meeting.

The online Employment Service module gives registered users access to candidate resumes and job listings and supports an interactive scheduling calendar for setting up interview appointments during the Annual Meeting. The module is accessible through the ASA Member Portal.

How to Participate. Job seekers (candidates) must preregister for the 2015 Annual Meeting and pay the Candidate fee as part of their registration process.

Employers (organizations) must pay the job posting fee as part of their ES login process. After posting a job listing, an employer can designate the appropriate personnel who will serve as interviewers, provided they have preregistered for the Annual Meeting.

Interviewers must preregister for the 2015 Annual Meeting in order to be designated by Employers for the role of Interviewer. Employers must use their ASA department or company ID to log in to the Employment Service and post a position. Individual IDs cannot be used. To obtain you employer ID, e-mail employser@asanet.org, or call (202) 383-9005, ext. 336.

The Employment Service will be open from Friday afternoon to mid-day Tuesday, August 21-25. 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 2015 Annual Meeting.
Travel
O’Hare International Airport (ORD). In general, you will find quality accessibility throughout the airport. ORD is located 17 miles south of Chicago. It is the largest hub of United Airlines and the second-largest hub of American Airlines. Information/Traveler’s Aid booths to assist travelers are located at all terminals. Booth personnel can provide accessibility information. TT5s are located at these booths and throughout airport boarding areas. Visual paging systems are in place throughout the terminals. www.airport-ohare.com

Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW). Midway Airport is smaller than ORD and is easy to navigate. Dominated by low-cost carrier Southwest Airlines, Midway is the Dallas-based carrier’s largest focus city as of 2011. Both the Stevenson Expressway and Chicago Transit Authority’s Orange Line provide passengers access to downtown Chicago. Midway Airport is the second largest passenger airport in the Chicago metropolitan area, as well as the state of Illinois, after Chicago O’Hare International Airport. www.airport-midway.com

Ground Transportation
Taxi: Expect to spend approximately $35 to $40 for a taxicab ride to downtown Chicago.

Shuttle: Expect to spend approximately $15 to $25 for a one-way ride to/from downtown Chicago.

There is “L” (train) service directly from both O’Hare and Midway airports. The CTA Blue Line provides service directly into O’Hare Airport. The fully-accessible O’Hare station is situated in the lower level concourse, which connects Airline Terminals 1, 2 and 3, and is conveniently accessed from Terminal 5 by free, frequent airport shuttle trains. The CTA Orange Line provides service directly to Midway Airport.

The fully-accessible Midway station is right next to the airport terminal building, and connected by an enclosed walkway.

Hotel Accommodations in Chicago
The 110th ASA Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Chicago and the Palmer House Hilton. Both facilities will host all ASA program sessions. ASA registration and satellite office, book exhibits, Employment Service, and the ASA Bookstore will be located at the Hilton Chicago. ASA Child Care and all plenary sessions will also be located at the Hilton Chicago.

All housing services are being managed through Connections Housing, the official housing vendor for the Annual Meeting. Information on making reservations at ASA convention rates is posted on the ASA website www.asanet.org/AM2015/housing-2.cfm. You may make your reservation online, via phone, or download the reservation form on the ASA website to fax/mail.

Making a Reservation. Reservations may be made online via the link to the ASA housing site powered by Connections Housing. ASA convention rates are applicable for three days before and after the meeting, but the number of rooms is limited at the hotel. Pre- and post-convention availability is at the discretion of the hotel.

Reservation Deadline: August 7, 2015
You are encouraged to make your reservation as soon as possible. Rooms at the ASA rates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If a room block sells out before the deadline, no further reservations can be accepted.

Room Rates

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*Rates are quoted in US Dollars for non-executive/club level rooms. Please note that rates do not include 16.4% state and local tax per night (subject to change).

“BUYER BEWARE.” Be vigilant if dealing with any companies or services other than Connections Housing that imply or claim an affiliation with ASA. We have been made aware of other housing companies that may be aggressively pursuing you, or your company, to book your guest rooms through their company at supposedly significant discounts. Unfortunately, some past attendees and exhibitors have fallen prey to these companies and have either lost their significant deposits; been relocated with little or no warning; have not had the guest rooms they thought they had booked; or have not received reservations at the hotel they had thought were confirmed. This has caused great hardships to these companies and individuals. Reservations made through an agency other than Connections Housing will be at your own risk.

Please Note: The credit card provided for your reservation is for guarantee only. No fees will be applied to credit card unless you do not show up on your scheduled arrival date or you do not cancel the reservation according to the hotel cancel policy. A credit card will be required at the time of check in unless pre-payment has been made in advance.

Student Rooms. The ASA hotel is unable to offer further discounted rates to students.

Making a Reservation. Reservations may be made online via the link to the ASA housing site powered by Connections Housing. ASA convention rates are applicable for three days before and after the meeting, but the number of rooms is limited at the hotel. Pre- and post-convention availability is at the discretion of the hotel.

Room Deposit. All Reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card. The credit card provided for your reservation is for guarantee only. No fees will be applied to the credit card unless you do not show up on your scheduled arrival date or you do not cancel the reservation according to the hotel cancellation policy. A credit card will be required at the time of check in unless pre-payment has been made in advance.

Cancellation. To avoid a one night Room and Tax charge, cancellations must be made a minimum of three days prior to arrival. Check your hotel confirmation for the specific policy at that facility.

Accessibility Needs. When making a hotel reservation, you may request audio, visual, or mobility assistance. If you want the ASA Executive Office to verify that your accessibility request(s) will be honored, send requests to: ASA Special Housing, 1430 K St. NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005-4701; fax: (202) 638-0882; meetings@asanet.org.

Staying within the Block. Booking a room in the ASA room blocks is an important way to support the Association and ultimately keep meeting costs as low as possible. Staying “within the block” is also more convenient and helps you stay connected with the informal activities and networking opportunities during the meeting.

Staying within the Block allows us to secure meeting space. We represent the face of our discipline in the city over the Annual Meeting dates.

Support Your Association
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Represent Your Discipline
We are a discipline concerned with workers’ rights and improved living standards. Show your support for the various hotel staff by staying in the Annual Meeting hotels. Your business supports their livelihood.

Be a Part of the Action
The 110th Annual Meeting will be an intellectual conversation that extends beyond the session rooms. Connect, learn, and share with each other in those informal moments in the hotel lobby, elevator, and corridors.

Book Your Room Today!
Hotel rates at the ASA properties are some of the most competitive in the area and rooms sell out fast. Housing blocks close August 7, 2015. Don’t be left out; book your room today! For more information or to book your reservation, see the ASA website www.asanet.org/AM2015/housing-2.cfm.