Greetings from ASA President
Arne Kalleberg

Dear Colleagues,

Vast and rapid changes in work and the workplace are producing profound and pervasive impacts on social institutions and people’s lives. The theme for the 2008 ASA program, “Worlds of Work,” is thus especially timely. The program will emphasize the dynamic connections between changing patterns of work and social life, as well as how social, economic and political forces are transforming the nature of work and the consequences for society and individuals. The location of the meetings in the historic and vibrant city of Boston (the first time the ASA has met there since 1979) is an especially apt place to showcase this theme.

The idea of “Worlds of Work” underscores both the diversity by which work is organized and experienced in industrial societies as well as the cross-national and historical diversity in work activities, institutions, and experiences. Addressing these topics will be a host of scholars from sociology and other social science disciplines, accompanied by social commentators, practitioners, and policy makers.

The program will highlight four plenary sessions that address directly the program theme and demonstrate the importance of social science research for public policy: (1) The Future of the American Labor Movement (featuring Marshall Ganz, New York Times labor reporter Steven Greenhouse, and union leaders Sara Horowitz and Bruce Raynor; July 31 at 7:00 pm); (2) Reinventing the American Dream (with Christopher Jencks, American Prospect co-founder Robert Kuttner, and Donna Shalala, the former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and current president of the University of Miami, August 1 at 12:30 pm); (3) Globalization and Work: Challenges and Responsibilities (with Rosabeth Moss Kanter, Michael Piore, and Erik Olin Wright, August 3 at 12:30 pm); and (4) Barriers and Bridges: A Dialogue on U.S.-Mexico immigration (with Jorge Castaneda—a former foreign minister of Mexico, Douglas Massey, and New York Times reporter Julia Preston, August 3 at 8:00 pm).

Scores of thematic sessions featuring distinguished scholars and practitioners from the United States and around the world who will further illuminate issues of work, workers, institutions, and their global context. Prominent examples include sessions on the Meaning of Work (with Ronald Dore, Arlie Hochschild, and Richard Sennett); Decent Work and Job Quality (with representatives from the International Labour Organization); and What’s Happening to the American Dream? (with Dan Cornfield, Tom Kochan, Ruben Rumbaut, and Teresa Sullivan). Other thematic sessions will address topics such as: outsourcing; the future of professions; gender, race, class and work; volunteering; crime as work; work in China, India, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East; and many others.

Supplementing these thematic sessions will be special sessions (on topics such as race, terrorism, and global climate change), regional spotlight sessions (focusing on topics such as Boston’s disadvantaged, the Massachusetts’ health insurance plan, and casino and online gambling in Massachusetts), as well as hundreds of open sessions, roundtables, poster sessions, etc. There will be something for everyone!

And all this will take place in the beautiful Back Bay area of historic Boston. As the largest city in New England, Boston is of course the site of many key events in American history, and ASA members will have many opportunities to explore these historic sites. At the same time, Boston is on the forefront of developments in higher education, technology, and health care in the 21st century. The local arrangements committee (ably chaired by Thomas Kenor of Northeastern University) has organized a number of fascinating events that promise to connect ASA members to this vital and vibrant city. There are also a wide variety of cultural venues as well as lively local bars and restaurants that provide great places to reunite with old friends and make new connections!

The 2008 ASA meetings promise to be intellectually stimulating as well as a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing all of you in Boston!

Arne L. Kalleberg
ASA President
Chair, 2008 Program Committee
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
### ASA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address

**Saturday, August 2, 4:30-6:15 pm**

**President:** Douglas McAdam, Stanford 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 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, please contact ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005, x305; meetings@asanet.org) before June 30.

#### Award Ceremony

**Presider:** Michele Lamont, Harvard University

- 2008 Dissertation Award
- 2008 Jessie Bernard Award
- 2008 Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award
- 2008 Award for Public Understanding of Sociology
- 2008 Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues
- 2008 Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology
- 2008 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award
- 2008 Distinguished Book Award
- 2008 W.E.B. DuBois Award for Distinguished Scholarship

**Presidential Address**

**Presider:** Douglas McAdam, Stanford University

President Address. Arne Kalleberg, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

All attendees are invited to this plenary session and to the Honorary Reception afterwards to honor President Kalleberg and the 2008 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 Monday, August 4, 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 governance staff at the ASA Executive Office for guidelines (202-383-9005, x327; governance@asanet.org). The deadline for submission of resolutions and background materials is July 3, 2008.

#### 17th Annual Research Support Forum

ASA is pleased to announce the 17th annual Research Support Forum featuring special sessions and workshops on research funding, data resources, and discussion of important policy science issues. Look for the following sessions to track your way through this year’s program and focus on researchers and research issues.

- Academic Workshop. Bridging the Gap Between Cultures of Teaching and Cultures of Research
- Academic Workshop. Cultivating Literacy: Integrating Quantitative Data Analysis into the Undergraduate Sociology Major
- Academic Workshop. Writing about Multivariate Analysis
- Didactic Seminar. Conducting Professional Focus Groups
- Didactic Seminar. Creating Segments
- Informational Poster Session. Research Funding Opportunities and Data Resources
- Professional Workshop. Grant Writing for Sexualities Research and other Controversial Topics in the Current Political Climate
- Special Session. Navigating the Drug Abuse Research Grant Process

### 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 2008 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 2008 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. Three 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. Two informal discussion sessions have 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

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*preregistration and fee payment required
Panelists will look at the problem from different directions and pose important questions for research and policy.

From “Industrial Sociology” to “Sociology of Work”
Organizer and Presider: Jennifer Platt, University of Sussex
Presenters: Michael Rose, University of Bath
Jennifer L. Pierce, University of Minnesota
Jennifer Platt, University of Sussex
Charles Cothens, Auckland University of Technology
Mervyn Horgan, York University, Toronto

The session will focus on the history of the sociology of work, mainly in the USA. In reviewing different aspects of that history, the papers will raise issues such as the field’s relation to general sociology, how far its changes over time have responded to changes in society or to changes internal to sociology, the extent of real change as topics, conceptualizations and methods have changed, and the factors which have led to such changes.

Outsourcing Labor: The Social Construction of Individual, Organizational, and Field-Level Effects
Organizer and Presider: Alison Davis-Blake, University of Minnesota
Panel: Joe Broschak, University of Arizona
Susan Houseman, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
Vicki Smith, University of California-Davis
Discussant: Rose Batt, Cornell University

This session is organized around three broad themes: the effects of outsourcing for individuals, organizations, and organizational fields. Our panelists, all well-respected scholars in the area of nonstandard work or outsourcing, will make a general set of comments about one or more of these levels of analysis. A theme that ties all of the panelists’ work together is the extent of real change as topics, conceptualizations and methods have changed, and the factors which have led to such changes.

What’s Happening to the American Dream?
Organizer and Presider: Daniel B. Cornfield, Vanderbilt University
Presenters: Thomas A. Kochan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ruben G. Rumbaut, University of California-Irvine
Teresa A. Sullivan, University of Michigan

The American Dream continues to be pursued by U.S. residents and individuals from all world regions, but persistent disparities shape life chances and public policies. Whether they consider themselves to be consumers, immigrants, or workers, individuals in pursuit of a material lifestyle, identity, or social status encounter obstacles and opportunities along the paths they take toward achieving their dreams. This panel discussion of the American Dream assesses the social and public policy implications of the disparities in attainment of the American Dream.

Decent Work, Decent Jobs: Globalization and Employment Conditions around the World
Organizer and Presider: Naomi Cassier, Conditions of Work and Employment Programme, International Labor Organization
Panel: Daniel Vaughan-Whitehead, International Labor Organization
Sanheon Lee, International Labor Organization

Naomi Cassier, International Labor Organization
Deidre McCann, International Labor Organization

The ILO is a specialized agency of the United Nations, formulating international labor stan- dards and providing technical assistance on the full range of labor and employment issues. In this panel, ILO officials will discuss findings on changes in working conditions and job quality around the world, in the context of globalization. The panel will cover the elements that form the core of the employment relationship and determine the quality of working life: wages, working time, work organization, and work-family balance. The panel will speak both to research efforts and findings and to national and workplace policies and programs for improving the quality of work.

The Meaning of Work: What Is Work?
Organizer: Magali Larsson, Temple University
Presider: Arne Kalleberg, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Panel: Ronald Dore, Cavanazza, Veggio
Richard Sennett, London School of Economics
Arlie Hochubsh, University of California-Berkeley

Understanding the changing meaning of work is central to appreciating the transforma- tions occurring in work, workers, and the workplace. In this Presidential panel session, three world-renowned scholars will present and discuss their ideas on the meaning of work and its prospects.

Thematic Sessions
Thematic Sessions provide abundant opportunities to think in-depth about this year’s meeting theme, “Worlds of Work.” Over 40 sessions delve into important social and political issues, explore international and interdisciplinary viewpoints, and speculate on different visions of future possibilities, including:

- Societal and Institutional Mechanisms Underlying the School-Work Transition
- The Changing Nature of Work in Higher Education
- How Organizations Affect Society
- Law in the Workplace
- Work Time, Work Rhythms, and Control
- The “American Model” as Social Laboratory
- Labor Standards
- Citizenship, Immigration, and Work
- Informal Economy and Political Action
- Comparative Labor Movements
- International Perspectives on Revitalizing Labor
- Neoliberalism, Labor, and Labor Markets
- Paths of Resistance: Work Regimes and Global Protest
- Immigrants, Their Relationships, and Work
- Contemporary Slavery
- Class and Work
- Policy Regimes and Gendered Labor Markets
- Gendered Bodies at Work
- Production and Consumption, Workers and Consumers: Rethinking Their Relationships
- The “Wal-Mart” Effect
- Diversity in the Workplace
- Discrimination Processes at Work
- Worlds without Work: African Americans and the Cross of Joblessness
- Worlds without Work: Latina/os in Urban America
- Privatizing Public Services
- Race and the World of Work
- Incarceration and the Labor Market
- Crime as Work: The Craft of Street Crime
- Work as Crime
- Technology and Work Transformation
- Over-work and Under-work
- Satisfaction with Work in Sociology
- The Second Bill of Rights Revisited
- Gender and the Organization of Professional Careers (co-sponsored by the ASA Committee on the Status of Women in Sociology)
- Comparative Gender Theory: Power, Politics, and Work Transformation
- Disabled Persons at Work: The Theory and Practice of Inclusion, Rehabilitation and Discrimination
- The World of Carework
- Getting to Work: Cross-national Perspectives on Commuting and Relocation
- Labor Environment Coalitions
- From Welfare Work to Work Not Welfare: How Poor Families Get By in the Post-Welfare Decade
- Worlds of Work and Family: How Far Have We Come?
- Racialized Ideologies and Care Work
- Entrepreneurship in Comparative Context
- Scientists in Bureaucracies
- Volunteer Work/Work in Civil Society
- Religion and Labor (co-sponsored by the Association for the Sociology of Religion)
- Diversifying STEM Fields: Challenges and Advances (co-sponsored by the ASA Section on Sociological Practice)
- Gender and Work: Global, Local, and Transnational Perspectives
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 16 Special Sessions:

- Kerner Commission Report on Race in Cities
- Manufacturing Gender in the Media (co-sponsored by the ASA Committee on the Status of Women in Sociology)
- Sociology and the Post-Communist Condition
- Rethinking Uncertainty, Risk, and Order
- Discourse Processes in the War on Terrorism
- Rethinking the Scholarship on Black Families 40+ Years Post-Muynihan
- Setting Agendas for the Comparative and Historical Sociology of Latin America
- Sociology of Religion and Science
- If Rome is Burning…Sociological Perspectives on Global Climate Change
- Exploitation at Work and in Society
- Minority Fellowship Program 35th Anniversary Celebration: Contributions and Challenges
- Race and Citizenship: Perspectives from South Africa, France, Brazil and United States
- Public Sociology through Film: Honoring the Contributions of Filmmaker Michael Apted
- Open Forum: The Status of GLBT Persons in Sociology
- Partnering for Change: How Researchers are Helping Shelter Workers and Religious Leaders Create a Shared Discourse About Domestic Violence (co-sponsored by the Association for the Sociology of Religion)
- Religious Practices in a Secular World (co-sponsored by the Association for the Sociology of Religion)

Please refer to the online Searchable Program for details on all sessions and events on this year’s program roster.

Public Sociology in Action

**Special Session. Public Sociology through Film: Honoring the Contributions of Filmmaker Michael Apted**

Saturday, August 2, 2:30 – 4:10 pm

Be sure to attend this special public sociology session. The winner of the 2008 ASA Award for Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues is the prolific and versatile filmmaker Michael Apted, director of such box office hits as Coal Miner’s Daughter, Gorky Park, the Bond film, The World is Not Enough, and most recently Amazing Grace on William Wilberforce and the abolitionist movement in England. Within sociology he is best known for his riveting 49-Up films, which vividly chronicle the life histories of 14 English children, originally selected in 1963 and re-interviewed at seven-year intervals ever since. 49-Up, the most recent film in the series, appeared in 2006. The Up films comprise a unique longitudinal study of class and social mobility in England. Michael Apted will discuss the Up films with the panelists and the audience. The panel will include: Troy Duster (New York University); Barrie Trinder (University of California-Berkeley); Paul Willis (Keele University); and Mitchell Duneier (Princeton University and CUNY).

**Session Organizer:** Michael Burawoy, University of California-Berkeley

**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.

**Didactic Seminar. Conducting Professional Focus Groups (part of the Research Support Forum)**

Sunday, August 3, 2:30 – 4:10 pm

**Session Organizer and Leader:** Janet Mancini Billson, Group Dimensions International

**Description:** This interactive, practical workshop helps participants to identify the uses of focus groups in program evaluation and basic research. The goal is to foster successful focus group research in a wide variety of cultural settings, with an eye to producing reliable scientific data, rather than “interesting information.” The workshop includes two demonstration focus groups with volunteer participants, as well as an overview of research design, the moderator’s guide, and recruitment and screening. The emphasis is on linking group dynamics and methodological theory to qualitative research endeavors.

**Didactic Seminar. Introduction to GIS and Thematic Mapping in Sociology: Research, Teaching, and Outreach**

Sunday, August 3, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm

**Organizer and Leader:** Robert Parker, University of California-Riverside

**GIS (Geographic Information Systems) is a powerful set of database and computer mapping techniques that can transform sociological research, teaching, and our discipline’s ability to effectively communicate with outside audiences. This course, to be held on Sunday, August 3 from 10:30 am to 12:10 pm will give a basic introduction to the art and science of GIS using ESRI’s ArcGIS system of software. Topics to be addressed include basic socio-indicator map construction, geocoding of address-based data, merging of traditional data with map databases and geospatial information, sources of geospatial data, univariate and multivariate thematic mapping, 3D mapping, and techniques for imbedding maps in documents and presentations. Material for the course will be drawn from GIS and Spatial Analysis in the Social Sciences, by Robert Nash Parker and Emily K. Asensio, from Routledge (2008); attendees will have the opportunity to purchase this new book at a convention discount at the conclusion of the course.**

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**Greening the ASA: Social Responsibility & the Environment**

Global warming as become a world-wide concern that is affecting us all. The ASA is taking an active role in reducing its environmental impact on the host city’s of the Annual Meeting as well as taking steps to make the Association as a whole more eco-friendly. Here’s what’s being done programmatically and logically:

In partnership with the ASA-host hotels, the following processes are being adopted:

- Each facility will have recycling bins available for attendees
- Receptions will feature cloth napkins and tablecloths instead of paper. If not feasible, compostable napkins or napkins made from recycled content material will be used. No black plastic reception items will be used.
- Committee meetings will use coffee mugs instead of disposable coffee cups
- Water coolers will be used (where possible) instead of individual bottles of water
- Tours will be conducted using public transportation where possible; coach-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
- Annual Meeting tote bags are recyclable and may be reused after the meeting.
- Annual Meeting badges may be returned to collection bins at each of the facilities
- Energy-efficient LCD monitors will be used in sessions rather than CRT monitors

Be sure to attend the Open Community Forum on Greening the ASA. There are also a number of sessions sponsored by the Program Committee, ASA Sections, and a Regional Spotlight Tour, that will address issues of environmental justice.

- Environmental Sociology
- Environment, Race, and Ethnicity: Assessing Progress on Rights and Justice 25 Years On
- Ecological Unequal Exchange
- Race, Gender, and Class: Environmental Justice & Global Climate Change
- Population and the Natural and Built Environment
- Tour 3. Environmental Justice: A Tour of Boston's Alternatives for Community and Environment
Didactic Seminar. Creating Segmentations  
Friday, August 1, 4:30 – 6:10 pm  

Session Organizer and Leader: Leora Lawton, Tech/Society Research  
Description: Creating segmentations is a statistical technique to group respondents together by similarity of attitudes and/or characteristics. These segmentations—sometimes known as typologies—have long been used in marketing but are also very useful in understanding how people relate or behave with respect to social services, political behavior, or any kind of relationship. This workshop will first discuss the logic and structure behind segmentations. Then, we’ll go through examples of creating segmentations, first by using a combination of factor analysis and cluster analysis, and then a technique known as a Classification Tree (CHAID or CRT). We’ll end with a discussion on how to interpret and apply the results. Attendees are expected to have a working knowledge of SPSS and multivariate analysis. It will be useful to attend with a laptop or SPSS (and a full one-month demo copy can be downloaded for free from www.spss.com) but powerpoint and handouts will detail the entire process. Handouts will be provided, including SPSS syntax.

Didactic Seminar. Affect Control Theory  
Sunday, August 3, 8:30 – 11:30 am  

Session Organizer: Lynn Smith-Lovin, Duke University  
Leaders: Lynn Smith-Lovin, Duke University; and Dawn T. Robinson, University of Georgia  
Description: Affect Control Theory is a mathematical theory that links cultural meanings and the control processes underlying social behavior. It assumes that people learn meanings about identities and actions from their culture, and then attempt to maintain those symbolic meanings in social interaction. It differs from other theories in that it measures meaning in a three-dimensional metric, estimates changes in meaning from interaction empirically, and represents the control process of meaning maintenance with a mathematical model. The seminar will cover the intellectual history, current structure, and substantive applications of the theory, concentrating on teaching interested participants the more formal (mathematical) structure of the theory. A large part of the seminar will focus on how to use the simulation program, INTERACT, that represents the formal theoretical model. Since INTERACT is useful in both teaching (undergraduate and graduate) as well as research applications, the objectives of the seminar will include both an introduction to the formal structure of the theory for potential researchers and the development of tools for those interested in teaching the theory.

Didactic Seminar. Designing and Implementing Large Scale, Comparative, Qualitative/Ethnographic Research  
Friday, August 1, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm  

Session Organizer: Kathryn Edin, Harvard University  
Leaders: Kathryn Edin, Harvard University; and Susan Clampet-Lundquist, St. Joseph University  
Description: Large scale, comparative, qualitative research is one of the most exciting areas in sociology today. In this workshop, we will focus on how to design and implement such research projects. First, we will discuss the opportunities and challenges of large scale, comparative qualitative research. Second, we will discuss how to manage large scale qualitative research projects. Finally, we will discuss the role of software tools in managing this type of research. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own research projects and receive feedback from other attendees.

Didactic Seminar. Emergent Technologies For Qualitative Research  
Friday, August 1, 1:30 pm – 4:10 pm  

Session Organizer and Leader: Sharlene 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) in the service of gathering qualitative data. The mobile phone allows the researcher to capture personal experience in real time and space. The collection of user experience data has enormous implications for the study of human interaction. 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 will 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 Multi-media Analysis. We demonstrate the latest data gathering and analysis software for analyzing multi-mediated data qualitative data—web-based data, audio, video and images using the computer-assisted data analysis package, HyperResearch (www.researchware.com) (3) Transcription Software for Qualitative Data Analysis. We will also demonstrate computer software for transcribing data (narrative and survey) and discuss the importance of transcription and its role in analyzing your qualitative data. We will demonstrate the transcription software, HyperTranscribe (www.researchware.com).

Didactic Seminar. Introduction to Atlas.ti  
Saturday, August 2, 10:30 am – 12:10 pm  

Session Organizer and Leader: Yuki Kato, Towson University  
Description: This seminar is designed to introduce participants to the software and answer some common questions beginning users confront. It is recommended for those who have never used Atlas.ti before or have only limited experience with the software. Researchers who have some familiarity of Atlas.ti are also welcome to attend to refresh, to participate in the open-discussion, and/or to share tips and advice. Participants are not required to bring Atlas.ti software with them or to have ever worked with the software.

Didactic Seminar. Seeing Through Our Subject’s Eyes: Using Photography in the Research Process  
Sunday, August 3, 4:30 pm – 6:10 pm  

Session Organizer and Leader: Elaine Kaplan, University of Southern California  
Description: This seminar will explore the promises, possibilities, and pitfalls of using photography while conducting sociological research. The photo essay medium can provide a unique opportunity for the participants to document and to express their experiences through personally meaningful imagery. We will examine how photography allows us to explore the complexity of the interior and exterior lives of those whose experiences often remain silent and hidden from the world. We will discuss and demonstrate how photography can add to our understanding of our study participants’ lived experiences. We will also examine how photographs can facilitate the interview process. This session will also consider how photography introduces new possibilities for activism and social change, on part of both researchers and informants. The organizers will focus in particular on using photography with adolescent subjects and provide visual examples from their research. Workshop participants are also encouraged to share their experiences using photography and other visual aids in research. We will also discuss the potential of this method as a teaching tool in helping college students create visual paper projects.

Didactic Seminar. Using NVivo7 in Qualitative Social Research  
Saturday, August 2, 2:30 pm – 4:10 pm  

Session Organizer and Leader: A. L. Smikka Dixon, Canadian Social Research University  
Description: The didactic seminar focuses on two separate research topics as illustrations of the usefulness of NVivo7. I will be using NVivo7. QSR International Pty Ltd 1999-2007) The first is a study of marital satisfaction. I will illustrate how NVivo7 can be used to enrich secondary analysis of quantitative data by open coding open-ended questions embedded in the survey initially analyzed by SPSS. In the second study I am interested in life histories based on semi-structured interviews of husbands and wives, focusing on their involvement in what I have theoretically called life cycles: age-life cycle, family-life cycle, education-life cycle, work-life cycle, and leisure-life cycle. Over the life course, we engage in and disengage from these various life cycles, which then become the backbone of our life histories, as well as the fabric of our involvements with those to whom we are emotionally and functionally linked. Prior to the didactic seminar, the participants will receive a pre-test that they will e-mail.

Film & Video Screenings  
The Program Committee is again sponsoring a meeting room where new films/videos may be screened during the Annual Meeting. Members who wish to propose a film for inclusion in the 2008 screening series may submit a copy of the film/video and a brief description of the work and its relevance to social research instruction and research. Film/video nominations (preferably in DVD format) were to be submitted no later than April 1, 2008 to be considered. If you would like additional information on the Film & Video Screenings, please contact: Kyle Murphy, Academic & Professional Affairs Program, American Sociological Association, 1430 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005. For more information, contact APAP staff at 202-383-9005, x318; apap@asanet.org.  

Submitters will be notified of the decision about inclusion in the screenings, and copies of the films/videos will be returned after the annual meeting.

Courses  
This educational component provides an opportunity for attendees to gain 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 day of program sessions. Attendance limits and fees are noted below, and prepaid registration is required. Registrations are accepted in order of receipt in the ASA Executive Office. Fees are non-refundable after July 1.

Early Childhood Studies at the National Center for Education Statistics: The Early Childhood Longitudinal Studies and the National Household Education Surveys Program  
Thursday, July 31, 10:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Fee: $50.00; Attendance Limit: 40  
Organized by: Chris Chapman, U.S. Department of Education  
Leaders: Gail M. Mulligan, NationalCenter for Education Statistics; Amy Rathburn, American Institutes for Research; and Jill Walston, American Institutes for Research  
www.asanet.org/cs/2008_meeting
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 beyond, the 2008 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 Issues
- Creating a Public Sociology Oriented Department

Across Disciplines
- Grant Writing for Sexualities Research and other Controversial Topics in the Current Political Climate (part of the Research Support Forum)
- Cultivating Literacy: Integrating Quantitative Data Analysis into the Undergraduate Sociology Major (part of the Research Support Forum)
- Bridging the Gap Between Cultures of Teaching and Cultures of Research (part of the Research Support Forum)

Policy and Research
- Disability Policies/Programs and Research Opportunities
- Family Policy and the Implications for Research
- Immigration Policy and the Implications for Research
- Sociological Research and Military Policy

Datasets and Resources
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics - 40 years of American Family Lives
- Studying Child Care and Education in the United States: Using Data from the National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES)

Social Action Research
- Public Sociology from the Bottom-up: Teaching for Social Justice and Social Change

Professional Development
- ASA Initiatives: Training Students and Faculty on Ethical Practice
- ASA Workshop on Public Policy and Sociology
- Editors Talk: How to be a Good Reviewer
- Publishing Books in the Social Sciences
- Succeeding at a Liberal Arts College
- What IRB Tutorials Don’t Tell You: How to Negotiate with Your IRB
- Writing a Successful Grant Proposal
- Starting, Reactivating, and the Benefits of an AOQ Chapter

For Graduate Students and New Professionals
- The Art of the CV
- Making the Most of Post-Doc Positions
- Ensuring a Successful, First Solo Teaching Experience as a Graduate Student
- Problem-Solving Workshop for Students
- Academic First Year Programs
- Providing Undergraduate Majors with Career Advice

Employment and Career Issues
- Academic Job Search
- Careers in Medical Sociology (co-sponsored by the ASA Section on Medical Sociology)
- Networking with Clinical and Applied Sociologists
- Networking with Sociologists in Applied and Research Settings: Sociologists in Research Careers
- Officially Retired, Hardly Retiring
- ASA Initiatives: Sociology and Criminal Program
- Opportunities and Obstacles to Faculty Professional Development at Community Colleges
- Practice Programs in Sociology: Why Pursue Accreditation the Pros and Cons
- Writing about Multivariate Analysis (part of the Research Support Forum)

Careers in Sociological Practice
- Career Advice for Sociologists Committed to Public Sociology
- Sociology in the High-Technology Workplace

Teaching Sociology Courses
- Teaching about Human Rights
- Teaching About Work and Family Life
- Teaching Demography
- Teaching Sociology from a Marxist Perspective
- Teaching Sociology of the Middle East
- Teaching Sociology through Film and Television
- Teaching the Sociology of Asian Americans
- Teaching the Sociology of Gender
- Teaching the Sociology of Peace, War, Military Institutions, and Social Conflict
- Teaching the Sociology of Sport
- Teaching Visual Sociology
- Teaching about Darfur: Genocide Before our Eyes and the Ongoing Challenges of Humanitarianism

Teaching Techniques and Innovations
- Introduction to Sociology Using Classroom, Internet & Community
- Using Commerically Produced Simulations and Creating Your Own for the Classroom
- Teaching Social Problems: A Discussion of Creative Classroom Techniques
- From the Trenches: Teaching Large Lecture Classes Effectively
- Alternative Approaches to Teaching Sociological Theory to Undergraduates
- Effectively Teaching Undergraduate Social Statistics
- Teaching the Non-Traditional Student
- Integrating Critical Thinking Through Writing-Intensive Classes

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 on the size of the Section membership. Over 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 into one day (*marked below) will have the overflow accommodated on an adjacent day. Check the online Searchable Program for specific information on section-sponsored sessions.

Friday, August 1
- 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*

Saturday, August 2
- Community and Urban Sociology*
- Ethnomethodology & Conversational Analysis
- History of Sociology
- Latina/o Sociology
- Law, Sociology of
- Mathematical Sociology
- Mental Health, Sociology of
- Political Sociology**
- Population, Sociology of
- Science, Knowledge, and Technology
- Sex and Gender***
- Human Rights+

Sunday, August 3
- Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco
- Comparative and Historical Sociology*
- 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*
- Sexualities, Sociology of
- Sociological Practice
- Disability and Society+

Monday, August 4
- 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——

*One session must be scheduled on the preceding day
**Two sessions must be scheduled on the preceding day
-----Three sessions must be scheduled on the preceding day
+section-in-formation

Description: This course introduces researchers to three nationally representative early childhood studies conducted by the Institute of Education Sciences’ National Center for Education Statistics: the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998–99 (ECLS-K), the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort (ECLS-B), and the National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES). The seminar provides overviews of the studies’ content and design, highlights about data pertaining to children from birth through 8th grade, and information about how the three surveys complement each other. The seminar also highlights technical issues researchers must recognize to correctly analyze these data, such as the use of weights and correct standard error estimation. This seminar is for graduate students, faculty, and researchers who seek knowledge about the structure and potential uses of the surveys and have little experience with these data.
Experience Boston: Regional Spotlight

Named for Boston, England, which had a sizeable population of Puritans—the people who settled the place—“Boston” itself is a shortening of St. Botolph’s Town. Also, the original name for Boston was Tremontaine, in honor of the three hills that were the first thing you would see on the Shawmut Peninsula. Two of the hills no longer exist (they were flattened in part to supply fill for the Back Bay); the third is Beacon Hill, which itself was shortened. The original name survives in Tremont Street. The location of the Annual Meeting in Boston affords meeting attendees a special opportunity to see interesting sites and discuss political and cultural issues bubbling in this historical city. President Arne Kalleberg appointed a local arrangements committee chaired by Thomas Koenig to propose special panels, develop a program of local tours, prepare a restaurant guide, and write special articles for ASA Footnotes.

You have already enjoyed some of the special feature articles about Boston that have appeared in this newsletter. Check the Tours section below for information about the guided tours and sightseeing opportunities being offered to meeting attendees. Look at the Regional Spotlight on the website for details on the fascinating topics covered by this year’s spotlight sessions, including:

- Boston area Resources for the History of Sociology
- Reflections on the Political History of Boston Massachusetts
- Sociologists and the Health of Bostonians
- What Newspapers Really Think About Boston
- The Massachusetts Initiative Toward Universal Health Insurance
- Casino & Online Gambling in Massachusetts
- The Struggles of Boston's Disadvantaged

And, don’t forget to look for the online restaurant guide prepared by the local Arrangements Committee. Each registrant will also receive a copy of the printed restaurant guide in the final Program packet distributed onsite in Boston. Make your reservations today through the online guide.

Tours

Plan your schedule now to take advantage of one or more of this year’s local tours. No matter which tour 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 provided below, with descriptions and capacity limits. Reservations are required and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Confirmations will be mailed prior to the Annual Meeting. If insufficient enrollment causes cancellation of a tour, fees will be refunded in full. See the ASA website for further details about reservations.

Tour 1. The West End: Fifty Years after Herbert Gans’ Urban Villagers

Friday, August 1, 2:30 – 5:00 pm

Fee: $10

Leader: Thomas Koenig, Northeastern University

NOTE: The admission price will include the roundtrip fare on Boston’s transit system. The transit cards will be distributed on-site to paid attendees at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is often construction and some streets may be cobblestone in this area. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternate routes. (Subway/walking tour; limited to 20 participants)

Tour 2. Black Boston

Friday, August 1, 2:30 – 5:00 pm

Fee: $10

Leader: Robert Hall, Northeastern University

Description: This tour will take attendees to various sites that are important in the historical and cultural life of Boston’s Black community.

NOTE: The admission price will include the roundtrip fare on Boston’s transit system. The transit cards will be distributed on-site to paid attendees at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is often construction and some streets may be cobblestone in this area. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternate routes. (Subway/walking tour; limited to 20 participants)

Tour 3. Environmental Justice: A Tour of Boston’s Alternatives for Community and Environment

Saturday, August 2, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Fee: $25

Leaders: Daniel Faber, Northeastern University and Eric Krieg, Buffalo State College

Description: A growing body of research by environmental sociologists in recent years demonstrates that hazardous industrial facilities and waste sites are disproportionately located in communities of color and lower-income neighborhoods. As a result, citizens do not share the same access to a healthy environment. In Massachusetts, community-based environmental justice (EJ) organizations are working for the establishment of local state, 2006 federal government programs and policies which impact area location equity, and that promote greater citizen participation in state decision-making processes. Join the staff of Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE) and Professors Daniel Faber and Eric Krieg for a walking tour of Roxbury that allows you to see how environmental injustices impact this community and how taking action can lead to real change. Much of this portion of the tour will focus on land use/development, transportation and air quality work ACE has conducted over the past 10 years. Coach bus service will transport tour members round trip from the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center to ACE headquarters in Roxbury. (Coach Bus/walking tour; limited to 35 participants)

NOTE: $5.00 of the sale of each ticket will be donated to ACE in support of their environmental mission.

Tour 4. The Filling of Boston’s Back Bay: A Walking Tour

Saturday, August 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Fee: $10

Leader: William Holton, Northeastern University

A recent book has explored the social class motivations behind the planning of the massive urban development project that transformed Boston Harbor and created the Back Bay neighborhood in the 19th century. This tour will cover the tour guide, William Holton, is an Associate Professor at Northeastern University and co-author of Back Bay: The Story of America’s Greatest 19th Century Landfill Project (University Press of New England, 2006). Tour registrants will meet at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is often construction and some streets may be cobblestone in this area. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternate routes. (Subway/walking tour; limited to 20 participants) (Walking tour; limited to 20 participants)

Tour 5. The Massachusetts Government

Saturday, August 2, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Fee: $10

Leader: Timothy Howard, Northeastern University/Boston University

Description: This tour will take attendees through the public buildings that house Massachusetts and Boston’s elected officials.

NOTE: The admission price will include the roundtrip fare on Boston’s transit system. The transit cards will be distributed on-site to paid attendees at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is often construction and some streets may be cobblestone in this area. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternate routes. (Subway/walking tour; limited to 20 participants)

Tour 6. The Boston Founders Trail: A Walking Tour

Sunday, August 3, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Fee: $10

Leader: William Holton, Northeastern University

Not to be confused with the “Freedom Trail”, the Boston Founders Trail was created in 2003 by The Partnership of the Historic Brotes (PHB). This tour in Downtown Boston covers sites in the Puritan town of Boston from the 17th century, bringing to life the sociological, cultural, religious, political, and economic elements in the early Colonial period. The tour focuses on early residents from the area around Boston, England in Lincolnshire, including several early political and religious leaders, and the two best known women from the early English colonies—Anne Hutchinson and Anne Bradstreet. The tour guide, Will Holton, is an Associate Professor at Northeastern University and the President of the nonprofit PHB.

NOTE: Tour registrants will meet at the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is often construction and some streets may be cobblestone in this area. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternate routes. (Walking tour; limited to 20 participants)
Tour 7. “Immoral Boston”  
Sunday, August 3, 2:30 – 5:00 PM  
Fee: $20  
Leaders: Jamie Fox and Jack Levin, Northeastern University  
Two criminologists lead a bus tour of locations in Boston, where infamous crimes and criminals have occurred through history. Included in the tour are the Boston Strangler, Charles Stuart, Whitey Bulger; the Combat Zone, the Brinks Robbery, and the Boston Massacre of 1770. Coach bus service will transport tour members roundtrip from the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. (Coach Bus/walking tour; limited to 35 participants)

Tour 8. Field Trip to the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative Area  
Monday, August 4, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Fee: $20  
Leader: William Holton, Northeastern University  
Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI) is well known for its successful development of housing and social services in one of Boston’s poorest neighborhoods where many multi-family buildings had been burned down in the 1970’s by their owners for the insurance money. Many participants will know the book about DSNI, Streets of Hope, and the video, “Holding Ground.” Professor Will Holton of Northeastern University will lead a bus tour from the conference site and lead a walking tour in the DSNI development area in Roxbury and Dorchester. A DSNI staff member will host the group, presenting on its successes and answering questions. Coach bus service will transport tour members roundtrip from the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. (Coach Bus/walking tour; limited to 20 participants)

Tour 9. City Year: An Innovative Non-Profit 20 Years Strong  
Monday, August 4, 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
Fee: $10  
Leader: Thomas Kenning and Lisa Worsh, Northeastern University; Elaine Mak, City Year  
City Year was founded in 1988 on the belief that young people can change the world. The organization unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving back to communities and helping them to succeed. The leaders of this organization will host a bus tour of the organization’s headquarters, sharing stories of success and opportunities. Coach bus service will transport tour members roundtrip from the Tour Assembly/Departure Area located at the Boylston Street Entrance of the Hynes Convention Center. Attendees in wheelchairs should be advised that there is only concrete and some streets may be cobblestone in this area. Every effort will be made to avoid less accessible routes or to provide alternative routes. (Walking tour; limited to 20 participants)

Visit the Annual Meeting Website at <www.asanet.org/cs/2008_meeting> to:  
- Search the online program  
- Make your schedule ahead of time  
- Book your hotel reservations  
- And, of course register

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 <www.asanet.org/members/membership.html>
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 and syllabi sets, career publications, sociological practice materials, and directories and reference volumes.

Located adjacent to the ASA Exhibits at Hynes Convention Center in Exhibit Hall C, the on-site Bookstore will be 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 you 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 14th 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 also meet with chairs from similar institutions to discuss common issues.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Assessing Our Work in Terms of Student Learning and Department Effectiveness.” The entire conference will take place July 31, from 9:00am-5:30pm. While providing a clear focus on assessment, the theme also makes room for a variety of related topics. A department’s effectiveness is certainly enhanced when conflicts are managed appropriately and administrative support is provided. Payment and fee payment are required. Fees for the Chair Conference are $120 for Chairs from affiliate departments, $150 for Chairs from non-affiliate departments. The registration fee includes all conference materials, continental breakfast (lunch is not included), morning snack, and afternoon snack on July 31. 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 on Thursday, July 31, at 1:30–3:00 pm 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 department, $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.

Undergraduate Advisers and Their Students Take Note!

Poster Resource Area Showcasing Graduate Programs

This poster area features exhibits on graduate training from over 30 graduate programs. Representatives from these institutions will be available to talk to undergraduate advisors, undergraduate students, MA-level students, and other interested meeting attendees at 2:30–4:10 pm on Friday, August 1. The department posters will be available for viewing through the four days of the Annual Meeting. All attendees are welcome to drop by to view the exhibits and to download forms to sign up.

ASA and the Student Forum

Welcome Students!

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, and orientations 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 Friday, August 1, at 6:30–8:00 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 at 2:30-4:10 pm on Friday, August 1.

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 Monday, August 4, 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 Friday, August 1, is simply 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 Party

All meeting registrants are invited to the Welcoming Party which follows the Opening Plenary Session on Thursday evening, July 31, and celebrates the opening of the 103rd 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, please plan to attend an orientation session at 10:30 am on Friday, August 1, 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 Association 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 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 Friday, August 1, at 6:30-7:30 pm.

Departmental Alumni Night (DAN)

The Departmental Alumni Night (DAN), now in its 35th year, is a social event held after the first full day of sessions, where attendees can connect with friends, colleagues, and fees 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 Friday, August 1.

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. Only a small fee is charged to assist in covering expenses for this affair. Remind your department chair to reserve a table now! Visit the Annual Meeting website for more information and to download forms to sign up.

Tables will also be provided for sociologists in business and industry as well as for international scholars and guests. Other groups wishing to participate by sponsoring a table are requested to contact ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005 x305, meetings@asanet.org) before May 30.

Community College Faculty Breakfast

Sociologists teaching in community colleges are invited to a special bagel breakfast at 7:00 am on Saturday, August 2. 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 Saturday, August 2, to express appreciation, congratulations, and best wishes to President Kalleberg and the major 2008 ASA award recipients on this festive occasion.

Since 1984, social science departments and regional societies have joined the American Sociological Association 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, please contact Dan Spar at the ASA Executive Office (202-383-9005, x334; spar@asanet.org) by June 6 to request a pledge form.

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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 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. Please refer to the online Searchable Program for details on activities of other groups. Some groups will also have membership information and publications on display in the ASA registration area at the Hynes Convention Center.

Services

Registration

Online meeting registration is now open; you may register online via a secure server, or download the full registration form to sign up for the 2008 Annual Meeting and the various services, special events and conferences, seminars, courses, conferences, and tours. You are also welcome to use the full registration form printed in this issue of Footnotes. Annual Meeting attendees are urged to register for the meeting in advance. Advance registration not only assists ASA in planning for the Annual Meeting but also allows savings for the registrants.

Program Participants. Please note that the deadline for preregistration by program participants is May 7. Presenters who have not preregistered will be dropped from the online and final programs beginning on May 30.

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 Desserts, and MFP Benefit) is restricted to those who have registered for the meeting.

Confirmation: Registration confirmation will be mailed on a weekly basis until preregistration closes on July 1. Those who register online will receive an email confirmation.

Preregistration Pickup. Attendees who preregister before July 1 may pick up badges, program packets, and special tickets at the Preregistration counters at the Hynes Convention Center. Please see registration service hours below.

On-site Registration. Those who miss the July 1 preregistration deadline should go to the On-site Registration area at the Hynes Convention Center to complete the on-line registration form and submit payment.

Registration Service Hours during the Annual Meeting:

- Thursday, July 31 1:30-7:00 PM
- Friday, August 1 8:00 AM-5:30 PM
- Saturday, August 2 8:00 AM-5:30 PM
- Sunday, August 3 8:00 AM-5:30 PM
- Monday, August 4 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Accessibility Resources and Services

The ASA offers several services and overnight 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 Sheraton Boston 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 Jefferson Room, third level at the Sheraton Boston for assistance in feeding your baby.

Sessions. ASA will make arrangements for sign-language interpreters, sighted guides, and other communication avenues for meeting registrants. Please use the ‘Accessibility Services’ portion of the registration form to identify the services that you need. Meeting Services staff will contact you to discuss needs and possible arrangements.

Travel. For travel tips and access information, visit the Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality (SATI) website, www.sati.org. Attendees with mobility impairments who are not pre-registered in advance can notify these airline 24 hours before departure if they need assistance in getting from their arrival gate to the baggage claim area. Airline and airport personnel will gladly assist any meeting attendee needing special assistance. A reverse shuttle bus service is available to and from the Economy Lot and Boston Logan’s terminals every 20 minutes. Disabled parking is also available near the bus shelter.

While in the terminal, Massport also provides Accessible Van Service to terminals, the Airport MBTA Station (which is not currently wheelchair accessible) and to Wood Island MBTA Station (which is wheelchair accessible). To request service use the “Fly Access/Phone” in terminal baggage claim areas or call (617) 561-1770.

For more information regarding public transportation services for the physically challenged in Boston, contact the T’s Office for Transportation Access – 617-222-5970 (voice), 1-800-543-8287 (voice), 1-800-354-8287 (TTY). The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM. The office is closed weekends and holidays. The T’s Office for Transportation Access oversees programs and services for persons with disabilities or senior citizens, and manages the Reduced Fare program, and para-transit program THE RIDE. Office for Transportation Access/Bak Bay addresses all customer questions and concerns regarding station, vehicle, and program access and provides travel information for customers who require accessible routes to get to their destination.

Other Services. If you have a physical disability and need special services, equipment, or accommodations, please fill out the “Accessibility Services” portion of the form, provide daily child care registration information or call ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005, x305) to arrange in advance for the necessary services.

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 children’s program from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM on August 1-4 for children between the ages of 6 months to 12 years. The Child Care Service will be located at the Sheraton Boston and will open before the 2008 Annual Meeting. The Sheraton is connected to the Hynes Convention Center, where ASA registration and exhibits are located.

Families intending to use the ASA Child Care Service must preregister before July 1. The non-refundable registration deposit is $50 per child. The deposit will be applied toward the on-site daily usage fees, which are $50 full-day and $30 half-day for preregistered children. Parents may use the full registration form printed in this issue of Footnotes online via the ASA website. For more information about the service, please check the Annual Meeting homepage.

Scholarships. Several financial assistance scholarships are available to provide reduced or 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 or send it to ASA Meeting Services, 7403 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 638-0882 fax; meetings@as.anet.org. Be sure to fill out the Child Care Registration portion of the form, provide daily usage estimates, and remit the basic child care registration deposit.

Space for Non-Preregisters. 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 participants and on the number of spaces available. 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 op- portunities for interviews and job search meetings in a neutral, monitored environment for initial short interviews during the Annual Meeting. Last year in New York City, 92 employers listed 126 positions, including 9 openings for junior sociology. 436 candidates registered with the service, and nearly 1,835 screening interviews were scheduled.

The ASA Employment Service is an online service with an interactive scheduling calendar for setting up interview meetings.
students may make arrangements directly with the facility of their choice.

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 3 days before and after the meeting, but the number of rooms is limited at each hotel. Pre- and post-convention availability is at the discretion of the hotels.

Reservation Deadline: July 1, 2008. 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 Deposit. A reservation deposit equal to one-night’s stay is required, and your room reservation must be guaranteed by a major credit card.

Cancellation. Hotels will not refund guarantees/deposits unless cancellation is received at least 72 hours prior to arrival. Please 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, please send your hotel request to: ASA Special Housing, 1430 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005-4701; fax 202-638-0882; meetings@asanet.org.

Airport Transportation

General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport (BOS) services the Boston area. Information on taxi and shuttle bus options for Logan Airport is provided below. For more details, visit www.massport.com, to help plan your trip.

General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport (BOS) Logan Airport is located in the East Boston neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts, is one of the 20 busiest airports in the U.S., with over 27 million passengers a year. The airport serves as a focus city for American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, US Airways, and JetBlue Airways. It covers 2,400 acres (10 km²), has six runways, and employs an estimated 16,000 people.

Taxi. Boston taxis are available at Logan terminals 24 hours a day and service to all of New England. All areas within a 12-mile radius of downtown Boston are charged a metered rate. All fares are based upon the occupancy of one to four passengers per taxi. All fares departing Logan are charged an additional fee of $2.25, plus a $5.25 fee for harbor tunnel crossings. Always ask your driver for a receipt. Metered rates from Logan to the Boston area and ASA Annual Meeting hotels range from $20 to $45 (approximate).

Shared Van/Shuttle Buses. The following companies offer Shuttle Service between Logan and the Greater Boston Area (including the convention hotels):

- Ace American (800) 517-2281. Service from Logan Airport at quarter past and 10 minute of the hour from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. in addition Boston Hotels, service between Logan Airport and the Newton/Waltham area is also available.

Easy Transportation (617) 445-1107 (617) 869-7760 www.easytransportationinc.com. Service operates seven days a week, on 700 am until 2:00 am.

J.C. Transportation Inc (781) 598-3433 (800) 517-2281 http://www.jctransportationshuttle.com. Service operates seven days a week, from 7:00 am until 7:00 am.

Logan/Boston Hotel Shuttle (617) 331-8888. Service operates seven days a week, from 8:00 am until 2:00 am.

Star Shuttle Inc 1-877-970-STAR (7872) (617) 230-6005 (617) 771-2836 www.starshuttlesboston.com. Service operates seven days a week, every 20 minutes starting at 5:30 a.m. till 2:00 a.m.

Hotel Accommodations in Boston

The 103rd ASA Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Boston, the Boston Marriott Copley Place, the Hilton Boston Back Bay. The ASA hotels are located in the Back Bay/Copley Place area of downtown Boston. The Hynes Convention Center will host the ASA Exhibits, Registration, Bookstore, and Cybercafe will be located at the Hynes Convention Center. Program sessions will be held at all three hotels; all poster sessions will be held at the Hynes Convention Center.

Blocks of sleeping rooms for ASA meeting attendees have been arranged at the three hotels. All hotel 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. You may make your reservation online, via phone, or download the reservation form on the ASA website to fax/mail.

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.

Room Rates. The Sheraton Boston is offering rates of $201 single, $221 double, $261 triple. Rates at the Boston Marriott/Copley Place are $191 single, $214 double, $234 triple. Rates at the Hilton Boston Back Bay are $180 single, $190 double. Please note that rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 12.45%.

Student Rooms. The ASA hotels are unable to offer dis-
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### Entertainment

- Concert A: 2022-06-27, 8:00 PM
- Film Screening: 2022-06-28, 7:00 PM

### Holiday Schedule

- **Thanksgiving Day**: Closed
- **Christmas Day**: Closed
- **Memorial Day**: Closed

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*Please check website for current availability and prices.*

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