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Notes from the Chair

by William R. Avison

I am very excited about the Medical Sociology Section's program for the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Our program is the culmination of a great deal of hard work by a number of members of our Section. This year, Medical Sociology Section activities will be spread over three days: **Saturday, Sunday, and Monday**, August 14th to 16th.



Please be sure to highlight the Medical Sociology Section's activities on **Saturday, August 14th**. As you will recall, Janet Hankin has led a group of our colleagues in producing a special issue of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) to celebrate 50 years of our section. An overview of the papers for this special issue, **50 Years of Medical Sociology: Key Findings and Policy Implications**, will be presented at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. What a great way to kick off our Section's participation in the ASA Annual Meeting! Following this session, the **Medical Sociology Section's Reception** will be held at 6:30 on Saturday evening. I want to acknowledge the generous contribution that Blackwell-Wiley has made to our reception on behalf of the *Sociology of Health and Illness*.

On **Sunday, August 15th**, we get to work! The action begins on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. with the **Medical Sociology Refereed Roundtables**. Krysia Mossakowski has organized 19 tables! This certainly speaks to the vibrancy of our Section and to Krysia's organization skills. At 10:30 a.m., we will present the **Roberta G. Simmons Award** to Kerry Dobransky, the **Eliot Freidson Award** to Kelly Joyce, and name Corinne Reczek the **Louise Johnson Scholar**. Peggy Thoits, recipient of the **Leo G. Reeder Award**, presents her address to the section. It is entitled, "Main and Buffering Mechanisms Linking Social Ties and Support to Health." Following Peggy's address, we will hold our **Business Meeting** at 11:30 a.m. where we will review the year's activities, introduce your new Council, and we will also recognize Eric Wright's service to the Section with a Certificate of Appreciation. I will then turn the Section over to Stefan Timmermans. The remainder of the day is highlighted by two sessions. At 12:30 p.m.,

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Reminders:

- **MSN Fall Deadline:**
September 10, 2010
- **2010 ASA Annual Meeting**
August 14-17, Atlanta, Georgia
- **2011 ASA Annual Meeting**
August 13-16, Chicago, Illinois
- **2012 ASA Annual Meeting**
August 17-20, Denver, Colorado



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Don Light has organized an outstanding and timely session on **Health Care as Right – An Embarrassing Omission of the United States**, featuring Alejandro Portes, Fred Block, Howard Waitzkin, and Rafael Hernandez-Arias. At 2:30 p.m., Donna McAlpine has organized an outstanding group of presenters in a session on **Sociological Insights on Health Services, Systems, and Professions**.

There's more! On **Monday, August 16th**, there are four more sessions sponsored by the Medical Sociology Section. At 8:30 a.m., Rich Carpiano presides over a series of important papers on **Social Disparities in Health**. At 10:30 a.m., we feature papers on **Health and Health Care across the Life Course**, a very interesting session organized by Tetyana Pudrovska. At 2:30 p.m., I will preside over what I hope is a provocative session on **The Role of Medical Sociology in the Genomics Revolution**. Then, at 4:30 p.m., our Section has co-sponsored a session with the Marxist Sociology Section, entitled **Socioeconomic Change and Its Ramifications for Health Care and Health Policy: Honoring Ray Elling**. Howard Waitzkin has organized this timely session in honor of Ray Elling's contributions to the

field.

As you can see, it will be a busy three days. I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta. I hope you are as enthusiastic as I am about our program of activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several members of our Section who have really made a difference and have helped me immensely. Our Past-Chair, Janet Hankin, has been a constant source of information and help to me over the past year. Your Council members have been extremely attentive to their various responsibilities and I thank them all for their contributions. I have already mentioned our colleagues who have organized sessions for the 2010 program. Their efforts are central to our success as a Section. I also want to thank Robin Moremen for continuing to edit an informative and interesting newsletter. Tim Gallagher has continued as our website manager and David Bott continues to operate the Brown Medical Sociology listserv. These are all important services to our Section and our profession. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support I have received from Diego de los Rios at the ASA Executive Office. Thank you for your patience and support. If you see any of these people in Atlanta, please acknowledge their contributions.



Renew your Section membership, and please keep signing up your students and encouraging your colleagues to join! We have been hovering around 1,000 members for some time and need to continue the upward momentum.

RESULTS OF 2010 MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY SECTION ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our incoming Section Officers and Council members! The Nominations Committee (*Jeremy Freese*, Chair, [jfreese@northwestern.edu]; *Anne Barrett* [abarrett@fsu.edu]; *Mary-Claire Lennon* [mlennon@gc.cuny.edu]; *Nancy Kutner* [nkutner@emory.edu]; *Abigail Sewell* [aasewell@indiana.edu]) extends a sincere thank you to all section members who agreed to run for office.

Chair-Elect: Eric R. Wright, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Secretary-Treasurer-Elect: Kristen Springer, Rutgers University

Nominations Committee Chair-Elect: Renee R. Anspach, University of Michigan

Nominations Committee Members: Molly Martin, Pennsylvania State University; Brea Louise Perry, University of Kentucky

Nominations Committee, Student Member: Elaine Marie Hernandez, University of Minnesota

Council Member-at-Large: Sara Shostak, Brandeis University

Student Council Member-at-Large: Christy Erving, Indiana University

Membership Committee Chair: Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Rice University

Health Policy & Research Committee Chair: Sydney Halpern, University of Illinois-Chicago

SECTION-SPONSORED SESSIONS AT THE 2010 ASA MEETINGS IN ATLANTA

Editor's note: The following information was taken directly from the ASA website; my apologies if I unknowingly reproduced their errors. Please check online for details about scheduling, last minute changes, and other helpful information regarding the conference program at: <http://www.asanet.org/>.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

4:30-6:10 Special Session. 50 Years of Medical Sociology: Key Findings and Policy Implications—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizers: *Janet Hankin* (Wayne State University), *Elizka K. Pavalko* (Indiana University), *Eric R. Wright* (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis)

Presiders: *Janet Hankin* (Wayne State University), *Eric R. Wright* (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis)

Social Relationships and Health: A Flashpoint for Health Policy, *Jennifer Karas Montez* (University of Texas-Austin), *Debra Umberson* (University of Texas)

Examining Critical Health Policy Issues Within and Beyond the Clinical Encounter: Patient/Provider Relationships and Help-Seeking Behaviors, *Karen Lutfey* (New England Research Institutes), *Carol A. Boyer* (The State University of New Jersey-Rutgers)

Social Conditions as Fundamental Causes of Health Inequalities: Theory, Evidence, and Policy Implications, *Jo C. Phelan* (Columbia University), *Bruce G. Link* (Columbia University), *Parisa Tebranjfar* (Columbia University)

Social Construction of Illness: Key Insights and Policy Implications, *Peter Conrad* (Brandeis University), *Kristin Kay Barker* (Oregon State University)

The Continued Social Transformation of the Medical Profession, *Hyeyoung Oh* (University of California-Los Angeles), *Stefan Timmermans* (University of California-Los Angeles)

Medical Sociology and Health Services Research: Past Accomplishments and Future Policy Changes, *Brea Louise Perry* (University of Kentucky), *Eric R. Wright* (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis)

Medical Sociology and Technology: Critical Engagements, *Daniel Ray Morrison* (Vanderbilt University), *Monica J. Casper* (Arizona State University)

Bioethics, Raw and Cooked: Extraordinary Conflict and Everyday Practice, *Charles L. Bosk* (University of Pennsylvania)

Sociology of Health Care Reform: Building on Research and Analysis to Improve Health Care, *David Mechanic* (The State University of New Jersey-Rutgers), *Donna D. McAlpine* (University of Minnesota)

Abstract:

The session previews the forthcoming Extra Issue of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, entitled "50 Years of Medical Sociology; Key Findings and Policy Implications."

Participants will describe the contributions of fifty years of medical sociology to the understanding of health, illness, and the health care delivery system. The presenters will focus on the policy implications emerging from medical sociology in the era of health care reform.

6:30-8:15 Section on Medical Sociology Reception—Hilton Atlanta

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00-8:15 Section on Medical Sociology Council Meeting—Hilton Atlanta

8:30-10:10 Section on Medical Sociology Refereed Roundtable Sessions—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Krysia Mossakowski* (University of Miami)

Table 01. Legends of Medical Sociology

Table President: *Robyn Lewis Brown* (Florida State University)

Table President: *Danne M. Mouzon* (Rutgers University)

Table President: *Linda K. George* (Duke University)

Table President: *Allan V. Horwitz* (The State University of New Jersey-Rutgers)

Abstract:

Allan Horwitz and Linda George will be discussing their careers.

Table 02. Chinese Medicine and Health

Table President: *Fang Gong* (Ball State University)

A Sociology of Medical Knowledge: Chinese Medicine and Autoimmunity, *Kelly A. Joyce* (National Science Foundation)

Holism and the Doctor-Patient Relationship: Does Chinese Medicine Provide a New Model of Patient-Centered Care? *Marian L. Katz* (UCLA)

Political Power and Health: Social Disparities in Health under Marketization, *Ke Liang* (The City University of New York-Baruch)

Social Contexts of Child Well-being in Rural China: A Comparative Approach, *Ming Wen* (University of Utah), *Danhua Lin* (Beijing Normal University)

Table 03. Defining Illness: Medicalization and the Criminal Justice System

Table President: *Virginia Aldige Hiday* (North Carolina State University)

Institutional Fads and the Medicalization of Drug Addiction, *Tammy L. Anderson* (University of Delaware), *Holly Swan*, *David Lane*

The Medicalization of Women's Bodies and Fertility Treatments,

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Ophra Leyser (University of Kansas)
The Demise of the Insanity Defense, *Robert Lee Cavazos*
(University of Florida)
Control over the Medical Field of Addiction: The Professional
Utility of Fellowship Training Programs, *Christopher R. Freed*
(University of South Alabama)

Table 04. Understanding Health Care

Table President: *Carol A. Boyer* (The State University of New
Jersey-Rutgers)

Beyond the Usual Incentives: What the Conductorless Orchestra
Can Teach the Accountable Care Organization, *Dmitry*
Khodyakov (The RAND Corporation), *Mark Friedberg* (The
RAND Corporation), *Stephen M. Shortell* (University of
California-Berkeley School of Public Health)
Patients as Digital Information Managers: The Internet for
Inclusive and Participatory Health Care Management, *Gul*
Seckin (University of Maryland-Baltimore County)
Trans-National Marketing of Health: How the Medical Tourism
Agency Uses Health Inequalities for Business, *Ashley Price*
(University of Missouri)
Social Capital, Gatekeeping, and Access to Kidney
Transplantation, *Nancy G. Kutner* (Emory University)
Explaining Quality of Children's Mental Health Care:
Conceptualizing Fit between Social Context and Quality
Domain, *Susan E. Stockdale* (UCLA), *Bonnie Zima* (UCLA
Health Services Research Center), *Michael Hurlburt*
(University of Southern California), *Penny Knapp* (University
of California-Davis), *Lingqi Tang* (UCLA Health Services
Research Center)

Table 05. Health Disparities

Table President: *Heather A. Turner* (University of New
Hampshire)
Wealth, Health Care, and the Welfare State: The Impact of
Institutional Arrangements on Health, *Sigrun Olafsdottir*
(Boston University), *Jason Beckfield* (Harvard University)
Bringing You More than the Weekend: Union Membership and
Self-Rated Health in the U.S., 1973-2006, *Megan M. Reynolds*
(Duke University), *David Brady* (Duke University)
Investigating the Relationship between Menopause and
Emotional Well-Being: Explanations, Patterns, and
Variations, *Natalie O. Armstrong* (Florida State University),
Robin W. Simon (Wake Forest University)
Understanding the Mechanisms Contributing to Health
Disparities: The Case of Pediatric Cancer, *Elizabeth Ann Gage*
(Roswell Park Cancer Institute), *Christina Panagakis* (SUNY
Buffalo)

Table 06. Unemployment, Occupational Prestige, and Health

Table President: *Sarah Burgard* (University of Michigan)
Occupational Prestige, Gender, and Race: How they are
Associated with Health? *Jun Xu* (Ball State University), *Fang*

Gong (Ball State University)
County-Level Unemployment Change and Self-Rated Health,
Jennifer Malat (University of Cincinnati), *Jeffrey M. Timberlake*
(University of Cincinnati)
The Effects of Unemployment Duration and Unemployment
Rate on Health: A Longitudinal Korean Case Study, *Kuen*
Bok Lee (Yonsei University), *Chio Soojung* (Yonsei University)
The Impact of Worker Displacement on Health: The Role of
Education, Age, and Time, *Jessica Anne Pearlman* (University
of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

Table 07. Measuring Health and Illness

Table President: *Corey L. M. Keyes* (Emory University)
Statistical Significance: Commensuration and Medical Research,
JuLeigh Petty (Northwestern University)
The Experience of Risk as "Measured Vulnerability": The
Meanings of Numerical Measures of Health, *Chris Gillespie*
(Brandeis University)
The Back Bone in Life – Three Finnish Illness Narratives
Shaping the Sense of Coherence, *Annika Linnea Lilbrank*
(University of Helsinki), *Monica Eriksson* (Folkhälsan
Research Centre, Helsinki, Finland)
Re-examining Pregnancy Intentions as they Relate to Maternal
Health Behaviors, *Maggie Rechel* (The Ohio State University),
John B. Casterline (Ohio State University)
Self-Diagnosis: A Review, *Annemarie Jutel* (Otago Polytechnic)
Learning to Cure but Learning to Care? *Barret Michalec* (University
of Delaware)

Table 08. Politics and Medicine

Disease Politics: Health Social Movements and Federal Medical
Research Funding, *Rachel Best* (University of California-
Berkeley)
Biomedicine and Ethnic Politics in Contemporary Taiwan, *Yu-*
yueh Tsai (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
Interpretations of Scientific Authority and Uncertainty in an
Infectious Disease Journal Club, *JuLeigh Petty* (Northwestern
University)
Tuberculosis, Homelessness, and the Politics of Mobility, *S.*
Harris Ali (York University)

Table 09. Health in Childhood

Table President: *Karen Van Gundy* (University of New
Hampshire)
"Because Being Fat Means Being Sick": Parents and their
Children at Risk of Type-2 Diabetes, *Shelley J. Eriksen*
(California State University-Long Beach), *Beth Manke*
(California State University-Long Beach), *Teresa Parent*
(California State University-Long Beach)
Weighing In on Inequality: SES and Childhood Obesity in the
United States, *Lori Pflingst* (University of Washington)
Transnational Cultural Capital: Negotiating the US-Mexico
Border in Coping with Children's Asthma, *Sara Elizabeth*
Grineski (University of Texas-El Paso), *Nydia Mendoza* (Ysleta
Independent School District)

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Parenting Techniques, Child Health, and Behavioral Outcomes,
Christine Valerie Hochbaum (University of British Columbia),
James M. White (University of British Columbia)

Table 10. Health in Young Adulthood

Childhood Community Contexts and Young Adult Metabolic Syndrome, *Tbulitha Wickrama* (Auburn University), *K.A.S. Wickrama* (Iowa State University)

Early Adult Health Outcomes and the Second Generation: Linking “Ethnic Social Capital” to Life Course Health, *Donna Katrine Maynard* (University of Western Ontario)

Stress and Coping Behaviors in the Mental Health of White and Black Young Adults, *Kari B. Alexander* (University of Colorado), *Fred C. Pampel* (University of Colorado), *Jason D. Boardman* (University of Colorado)

Sexual Networks and STI Transmission: Applying Network Structure in a Linear Framework, *Deven T. Hamilton* (University of Washington)

Table 11. Health Care in Later Life

Table President: *Robert J. Johnson* (University of Miami)

Providers’ Perceptions: A Revised Health Services Use Model for Depressed Elder Nursing Home Residents, *Theresa Viggiano* (Rutgers University)

Do Social Relations and SES Matter for Health Behaviors among the Elderly? *Claudia Leonie Nau* (Pennsylvania State University), *Stephen Matthews* (Pennsylvania State University)

The Role of Doctors’ Religious Faith and Ethnicity in End-of-Life Care, *Clive Seale* (Queen Mary University of London)

Table 12. Racial/Ethnic Status, Health, and Well-Being

Table President: *Verna M. Keith* (Florida State University)

Investigating the Relationship between Racial/Ethnic Misclassification and Physical and Emotional Well-Being, *Irena Stepanikova* (University of South Carolina)

Migration and Health among Dominicans in the United States and the Dominican Republic, *Barbara Zsembik*

An Ecological Approach to Understanding U.S. Latinos’ Health Communication Behaviors, Access, and Outcomes, *Vikki S. Katz* (The State University of New Jersey-Rutgers), *Alfonso Ang* (University of California-Los Angeles), *Roberto Suro* (University of Southern California)

Catastrophic and Progressive Disability Onset by Race and Education, *Kenzie Elizabeth Latham* (University of Florida)

Table 13. Sexuality and Mental Health

Table President: *Elbert P. Almazan* (Central Michigan University)

Mental Health Differences between Young Adults With and Without Same-Sex Contact: Examination of Underlying Mechanisms, *Koji Ueno* (Florida State University)

Dimensions of Sexual Minority Status and Mental Health, *Bethany Grace Everett* (University of Colorado-Boulder)

Sexual Orientation, Parental Support, and Health during the Transition to Young Adulthood, *Belinda L. Needham*

(University of Alabama-Birmingham), *Erika Laine Austin* (University of Alabama-Birmingham)

Table 14. Race/Ethnicity, Neighborhoods, and Health

Table President: *Carol S. Aneshensel* (University of California-Los Angeles)

Neighborhood Racial/Ethnic Composition, Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status, and Incident CHD in Women, *Regina A. Shib* (The RAND Corporation), *Chrisy Eibner* (The RAND Corporation), *Beth Ann Griffin* (The RAND Corporation), *Chloe E. Bird* (The RAND Corporation), *Mary Ellen Slaughter* (The RAND Corporation), *Nicole Lurie* (The RAND Corporation), *Matthew Allison* (University of California-San Diego), *Rachel Gold* (Kaiser Permanente), *Jo Ann Manson* (Harvard University), *Kamal Masaki* (University of Hawaii), *Yvonne Michael* (Oregon Health & Science University), *Milagros C. Rosal* (University of Massachusetts), *Monika Safford* (University of Alabama-Birmingham), *Gloria Sarto* (University of Wisconsin), *Jose Escarce* (The RAND Corporation)

Racial Disparities in Adverse Birth Outcomes: Exploring the Lasting Effects of Disadvantage in Adolescence, *Liana Janine Richardson* (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

Impact of Racial Residential Segregation on Infant Mortality: An Odds Analysis, *Rachel Bernstein Kannady* (University of Memphis)

Neighborhood Disorder and Physical Health: Moderating Effects of Disadvantaged Group Membership, *Kimberly K. Hennessee* (Kent State University), *Elaine J. Hall* (Kent State University), *Stephen William Webster* (Kent State University)

Table 15. Health Care Utilization and Access

Table President: *Donna D. McAlpine* (University of Minnesota)

Health Status and Access Disparities among the Uninsured Working-Age Population in a Safety-Net Healthcare Network, *Courtney M. Queen* (University of North Texas), *Susan Brown Eve* (University of North Texas)

Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Access to Substance Abuse Treatment, *Celia C. Lo* (University of Alabama), *Tyrone C. Cheng* (University of Alabama)

Social Triage in the Emergency Department, *Nicole Esparza* (University of Southern California)

The Role of Psychosocial Well-Being in Perceived Health Care Access in a Sample of U.S. Women, *Melissa Gesbeck Howell* (Loyola University Chicago)

Table 16. Social Support and Health

Table President: *Leonard I. Pearlin* (University of Maryland)

The Effects of Patient’s Trajectory of Psychosocial Well-Being on the Caregiver’s Well-Being at Bereavement, *Georgios Kyriotakis* (Case Western Reserve University), *Linda E. Francis* (Case Western Reserve University), *Julia H. Rose* (Case Western Reserve University)

Social Support, Race, and Mortality: A State Level Analysis, *Syeda Jesmin* (University of Louisiana-Monroe)

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Social Support, Mental Health, and Latinos: Do Latino Youth Really Have Higher Levels of Social Support? *Fernando I. Rivera* (University of Central Florida), *Giovani Burgos* (McGill University)

Table 17. Health Issues in Later Life

Table President: *Kenneth F. Ferraro* (Purdue University)

“In Sickness and in Health”: Couples’ Experiences of Alzheimer’s, *Renee Lynn Beard* (College of the Holy Cross)
The Links between Depression and Oral Health over Time for Black and White Elders, *Corey Remle* (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), *Brenda L. Plassman* (Duke University Medical Center), *Bei Wu* (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), *Jersey Liang*
Predictors of Elderly Depression: A Model from the Health Indicators Project, *William Dane Cabin* (Hunter College/CUNY)

Table 18. Health Risks

Table President: *John Taylor* (Florida State University)

The Differing Benefits of Education and Religion in Smoking Prevention During the Transition to Adulthood, *Janelle Guillory* (University of Texas), *Anna Strassmann Mueller* (University of Texas-Austin), *Chandra Muller* (University of Texas)
Qualitative Insights on the HIV Risk Behaviors Among African-American Male Violent Youth Offenders, *Joseph Richardson* (University of Maryland-College Park)
Risk, Individualism, and Parental Decisions to Opt out of Childhood Vaccinations, *Jennifer A. Reich* (University of Denver)

Table 19. Discrimination and Health

Table President: *Krysia Mossakowski* (University of Miami)

Can Racism Make You Sick?: Symptoms from Racism and the Mental and Physical Health Effects, *Kathryn Freeman Anderson* (Oklahoma State University)
Does Stress “Get Under the Skin” Differently by Race/Ethnicity and Age Cohort? *Gniesha Y. Dimmiedie* (University of Maryland-College Park)
The Impact of Discrimination on Mental Health: A Counterfactual Approach, *Bethany Grace Everett* (University of Colorado-Boulder)
Bias in White: Racial Health Disparities and Statistical Discrimination, *Brian Rubineau* (Cornell University), *Yoon Kang* (Cornell University)

10:30-11:30 Section on Medical Sociology Reeder Award Ceremony—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *William R. Avison* (University of Western Ontario)

Presenter: *Peggy Thoits*, Recipient 2010 Leo G. Reeder Award

11:30-12:10 Section on Medical Sociology Business Meeting—Hilton Atlanta

12:30-2:10 Section on Medical Sociology Invited Session. Health Care as Right—An Embarrassing Omission of the United States—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Donald W. Light* (University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey)

President: *Donald W. Light* (University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey)

Life on the Edge: Immigrants Confront the U.S. Health Care System, *Alejandro Portes* (Princeton University)

Health Care – A Commodity or a Human Right? *Fred Block* (University of California-Davis)

Recognizing Health Care as a Right of Migrants as Workers Crossing Borders: Implications of the Proposed Mexico-United States Medical Health Insurance Program in the Context of NAFTA and Related Free-Trade Agreements, *Howard Waitzkin* (University of New Mexico), *P. Rafael Hernandez-Arias* (University of New Mexico)

Discussant: *Donald W. Light* (University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey)

Abstract:

For both moral and practical reasons, nearly all countries have committed themselves to health care as right. Providing health care for all has not been easy for most countries because they have limited resources. All of them spend much less than the United States per capita. Yet equal access is denied to not only the 47 million without insurance but a larger number who go in and out of insurance, or who have policies with limited coverage, because a commercial ethos dominates health care rather than a rights ethos. Immigrants are a test case of human and social rights, and this session will especially address how they affect the discourse on rights.

2:30-4:10 Section on Medical Sociology Paper Session. Sociological Insights on Health Services, Systems, and Professions—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Donna D. McAlpine* (University of Minnesota)

President: *Donna D. McAlpine* (University of Minnesota)

Restratification Revisited: The Changing Landscape of Primary Medical Care in England and California, *Ruth McDonald* (University of Nottingham)

Sociological Frameworks for Addressing System Fragmentation: Ideology, Power, and Domain Disputes, *Teresa L. Scheid* (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)

Training for Efficiency: Work, Time, and the Management of Systemic Uncertainty in Medical Residency, *Julia E. Szymczak* (University of Pennsylvania), *Charles L. Bosk* (University of Pennsylvania)

Two Cultures—Two Ships: The Rise of Medicine’s Modern Day

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Professionalism Movement & Sociology's Missing Analysis, *Fred Hafferty* (University of Minnesota Medical School-Duluth), *Brian C. Castellani* (Kent State University-Ashtabula)

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30-10:10 Section on Medical Sociology Paper Session. Social Disparities in Health—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Richard M. Carpiano* (University of British Columbia)

President: *Richard M. Carpiano* (University of British Columbia)
 Constrained Choice: A Gendered Framework for Understanding Health Disparities, *Chloe E. Bird* (The RAND Corporation), *Martha E. Lang* (Guilford College), *Patricia P. Rieker* (Boston University)

The Night Shift: Sex Stratification of Sleep among American Adults, *Sarah Burgard* (University of Michigan), *Jennifer A. Ailshire* (University of Michigan), *N. Michelle Hughes* (University of Michigan)

Does Cultural, Economic, and Social Capital Possession Influence Parental Perceptions of Child Weight Level? *Vibeke Tornboej Christensen* (Anvendt KommunalForskning)

Social Stratification and Adolescent Weight: Financial and Human Capital in Families and Schools, *Molly A. Martin* (Pennsylvania State University), *Claudia Leonie Nau* (Pennsylvania State University), *Michelle Frisco* (Pennsylvania State University), *Kristin Denine Burnett* (Pennsylvania State University)

Segregation and Disease Immunity: The Case of Nursing Homes and Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations, *Kate W. Strully* (State University of New York-Albany)

10:30-12:10 Section on Medical Sociology Paper Session. Health and Health Care across the Life Course—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Tetyana Pudrovska* (University of Texas-Austin)

President: *Yuka Minagawa* (University of Texas-Austin)
 Divorce and Women's Risk of Health Insurance Loss, *Bridget J. Lavelle* (University of Michigan), *Pamela J. Smock* (University of Michigan)

Gender and Health Work in Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Long-Term Couples, *Corinne E. Reczek* (University of Texas-Austin)

Health Inequalities and the Role of Supplementary Private Health Insurance in a National Health System, *Amelie Quesnel-Vallee* (McGill University), *Emilie Renaby* (IRIS, McGill University)

Religious Involvement, Health Status, and Mortality Risk, *Terrence D. Hill* (University of Miami), *Amy M. Burdette* (Mississippi State University), *Ellen Idler* (Rutgers University)

The Narrowing Gender Gap in Life Expectancy: The Role of

Health Lifestyles, *William C. Cockerham* (University of Alabama-Birmingham), *Patricia Drentea* (University of Alabama-Birmingham), *Sarah Ballard* (University of Alabama-Birmingham), *Henna Budhwani* (University of Alabama-Birmingham)

Discussant: *Jacqueline L. Angel* (University of Texas-Austin)

2:30-4:10 Section on Medical Sociology Paper Session. The Role of Medical Sociology in the Genomics Revolution—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *William R. Avison* (University of Western Ontario)

President: *William R. Avison* (University of Western Ontario)
 Dopaminergic Genes, Education, and Physical Health in Young Adulthood, *Michael J. Shanahan* (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), *Shawn Bauldry* (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), *Richard A. Miech* (University of Colorado-Denver), *Jason D. Boardman* (University of Colorado), *Eric Whitsel* (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

Genetic Heritability and the Fundamental Cause Perspective on Disease, *Jeremy Freese* (Northwestern University)

Synthesizing Genetic Knowledge and Translating it to Public Health Practice, *Laura Senier* (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

The Genomics Revolution and Conceptions of Normality and Abnormality, *Allan V. Horwitz* (The State University of New Jersey-Rutgers)

The Genomics Revolution: Does It Open a Backdoor to Eugenics? *Jo C. Phelan* (Columbia University), *Bruce G. Link* (Columbia University)

Discussant: *Peter Conrad* (Brandeis University)

4:30-6:10 Section on Marxist Sociology Paper Session. Socioeconomic Change and its Ramifications for Health Care and Health Policy (co-sponsored with the Section on Medical Sociology): Honoring Ray Elling—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Howard Waitzkin* (University of New Mexico)

President: *Howard Waitzkin* (University of New Mexico)
 Medicine, Public Health, and the End of Empire? Building an Alternative Future, *Rebeca Jasso-Aguilar* (University of New Mexico), *Howard Waitzkin* (University of New Mexico)

Paint-by-Numbers: How Doctors Respond to the Corporatization of Health Care, *Courtney Bangert Jackson* (New England Research Institutes), *John McKinlay* (New England Research Institutes)

Discussant: *Daphne Ethlyn Phillips* (The University of the West Indies)

Discussant: *Ray Elling* (University of Connecticut Health Center)

Discussant: *P. Rafael Hernandez-Arias* (University of New Mexico)

OTHER HEALTH-RELATED SESSIONS AT THE 2010 ASA MEETINGS IN ATLANTA

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Saturday, August 14—8:30-10:10 Health & Well-Being—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Gail Wallace* (University of Alabama-Birmingham)

President: *Gail Wallace* (University of Alabama-Birmingham)

Awareness and Management of Hypertension among Older Adults: Do Social Networks and Support Matter? *Erin York Cornwell* (Cornell University), *Linda J. Waite* (University of Chicago)

Health Behaviors: African Americans and Cultural Differences behind Diabetes, *Tangela G. Towns* (University Of Central Florida)

Perceived Discrimination and Physical and Mental Health among Older Adults, *Ye Luo* (Clemson University), *Jun Xu* (Clemson University)

The Hidden Injuries of Racial Employment Discrimination: A Qualitative Analysis of Depression and Psychological Distress, *Lisette M. Garcia* (Ohio State University)

Discussant: *Gail Wallace* (University of Alabama-Birmingham)

HEALTH CARE & CARE DELIVERY

Saturday, August 14—8:30-10:10 Health Care & Care Delivery II—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Srirupa Prasad* (University of Missouri-Columbia)

President: *Jaber F. Gubrium* (University of Missouri)

Between Caring and Control: The Emergence of Silver Alert Systems to Locate Missing Elders with Dementia, *Gina Petonito* (Miami University), *Glenn W. Muschert* (Miami University), *Tirth Bhatta* (Miami University)

Community and Individual Race/Ethnicity and Home Health Care Use among Elderly Persons in the United States, *James B. Kirby* (Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality), *Denys T. Lau* (Buehler Center on Aging, Health & Society and Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine)

Ratings of Physicians' Affective Interactions: Differences among American Indian Older Adults with Varying Ethnic Characteristics, *Eva Marie Garroutte* (Boston College), *Natalia Sarkisian* (Boston College), *Sergey Karamnov* (Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School)

The Usual Source of Care: Implications for the Chronically Ill Elderly, *Michelle Louise Stransky* (University of New Hampshire)

Discussant: *Barbara A. Anderson* (University of Michigan)

Saturday, August 14—2:30-4:10 Health Care & Care Delivery I—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Srirupa Prasad* (University of Missouri-Columbia)

President: *Andrew Miles* (Duke University)

An Atmosphere of Normalcy: How Nursing Care Shapes Patients' Experiences of Health and Illness, *John William Kaiser* (University of California-Berkeley)

Care for the Caregivers? Peer Support Groups and Clergy Mental Health, *Andrew Miles* (Duke University)

Managing Conflicts of Interest in Clinical Care: A National Survey of Policies at U.S. Medical Schools, *Susan Chimonas* (Columbia University), *David J. Rothman* (Columbia University)

Mixed Methods Analysis: Enhancing Understanding of Hospital Care for Dying Patients, *Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld* (Arizona State University), *Brenda Obata* (New York University Medical Center)

Discussant: *David J. Rothman* (Columbia University)

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

Saturday, August 14—8:30-10:10 Medical Sociology—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Sharon L. Larson* (Geisinger Center for Health Research)

President: *Terevira A. Berdahl* (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality)

Talking with Me or Talking at Me? Race and Doctor-Patient Communication during Health Care Delivery, *Sonya Conner* (University of Oklahoma), *Mitchell Peck* (University of Oklahoma)

Changing Landscapes: Physician Experience of Evolving Structures of Healthcare, *Katherine Y. Lin* (University of Michigan)

Delays in Seeking Conventional Medical Care as a Factor for CAM Utilization, *Stephanie Ayers* (Arizona State University), *Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld* (Arizona State University)

Education, Social Well-Being, and Health: An Analysis in Hawaii, *Wei Zhang* (University of Hawaii-Manoa)

Medical Scientists' Standpoints toward the Promotion of Interdisciplinary Research: Variations between Biomedical, Clinician, and Social Scientists, *Suzanne Laberge* (University of Montreal), *Mathieu Albert* (University of Toronto), *Brian David Hodges* (University of Toronto)

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The Unintended Consequences of Biomedical Advances: Socioeconomic Differences in Health Behaviors among Pregnant Women, *Elaine Marie Hernandez* (University of Minnesota)

MENTAL HEALTH

Sunday, August 15—2:30-4:10 Mental Health I—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Colwick Mervyn Wilson* (Loma Linda University)

President: *Michelle A. Harris* (Northern Arizona University)

Continuity and Discontinuity of Depressive Disorders across Young Adulthood, *K.A.S. Wickrama* (Iowa State University), *Rand D. Conger* (University of California), *Frederick O. Lorenz* (Iowa State University)

Exploring Prejudice as an Ambient Strain in the School Context, *Shawna L. Rohrman* (Indiana University)

The Persistent Effect of Learning Disabilities on Depressed Mood: Findings from Add Health, *Marybelen D'Ottavi MacInnes* (Michigan State University)

Do Blacks and Whites Experience Depression Differently: Assessing the Validity of the CES-D, *Chioun Lee* (Rutgers University)

Discussant: *Michelle A. Harris* (Northern Arizona University)

Monday, August 16—10:30-12:10 Mental Health II—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Colwick Mervyn Wilson* (Loma Linda University)

President: *Colwick Mervyn Wilson* (Loma Linda University)

Gender Differences in the Determinants of Distress and Alcohol Misuse, *Marta Elliott* (University of Nevada-Reno), *Victoria A. Springer* (University of Nevada-Reno)

The Relationship between Informal Social Support and Depression among African American Men and Women, *Nicole J. Lucas* (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Gendered Effects of Physical Limitations on Daily Experiences of Psychological Distress, *Alex E. Bierman* (University of Calgary)

Reconceptualizing SES and Gender as Predictors of Mental Health Outcomes, *Victoria M. Stay* (Arizona State University)

Monday, August 16—2:30-4:10 Mental Health III—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Colwick Mervyn Wilson* (Loma Linda University)

President: *Colwick Mervyn Wilson* (Loma Linda University)

Beds or Meds? The Changing Societal Responses to Mental Health Problems in Advanced, Industrialized Nations, 1960-2003, *Sigrun Olafsdottir* (Boston University)

Mental Health, Neighborhoods, and Mobility: Investigating the

Mechanisms of How Neighborhoods Matter for Mental Health, *Ann Owens* (Harvard University)

Reciprocal Relations of Flourishing, Mental Illness, and Volunteering, *John Wilson* (Duke University), *Joonmo Son* (National University of Singapore)

SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

Monday, August 16—4:30-6:10 Inequality & Mental Health—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Richard A. Miech* (University of Colorado-Denver)

President: *Richard A. Miech* (University of Colorado-Denver)

Emotion Work and Depression in Long-Term Marriages, *Mieke Beth Thomeer* (University of Texas)

Marriage and the Mental Health of Low-Income Urban Women with Children, *Megan Reid* (University of Texas-Austin), *Terrence D. Hill* (University of Miami)

Socioeconomic Health Disparities and the Transition to Adulthood, *Arturo Baiocchi* (University of Minnesota), *Jeylan T. Mortimer* (University of Minnesota), *Minzue Kim* (University of Minnesota), *Naomi Duke* (University of Minnesota)

The Science and Politics of the Estimated Prevalence of Suffering, *Blair Wheaton* (University of Toronto)

Tuesday, August 17—8:30-10:10 Mental Health Across the Early Life Course: Continuity and Change in Mental Health Problems from Childhood/Adolescence to Young Adulthood—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *K.A.S. Wickrama* (Iowa State University)

Change and Continuity in Economic Hardship and Children's Well-Being from Childhood to Young Adulthood, *Anastasia S. Vogt Yuan* (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Friendship Dynamics and Depressive Symptoms in Adolescence, *Bridget Goosby* (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), *Jacob E. Cheadle* (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Comparison Opportunities and the Labeling Process: Parenting in the Diagnosis of Emotional Disorders in Children, *Daniel J. Potter* (University of Virginia)

Military Times and PTSD in Young People's Lives: A Perspective from Add Health, *Lin Wang* (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), *Glen H. Elder* (University of North Carolina)

Temporal Instability of ADHD Diagnoses in Children and Youth, *J. Blake Turner* (Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute)

Discussant: *William R. Avison* (University of Western Ontario)

Tuesday, August 17—10:30-12:10 Mental Illness

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Stigma: Individual and Institutional Issues— Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Fred E. Markowitz* (Northern Illinois University)

Presider: *Fred E. Markowitz* (Northern Illinois University)
Stigma and Status Consequences of Psychiatric Labels, *Amy Kroska* (University of Oklahoma), *Sarah K. Harkness* (Stanford University)

The Labeling Paradox: The “Sick Role,” Stigma, and Divergent Reactions to Mental Illness, *Brea Louise Perry* (University of Kentucky)

Relative Stigma, Ambiguity, and Institutional Support for Empowerment Ideologies in Community Mental Health Services, *Kerry Michael Dobransky* (Northwestern University)

Discussant: *Fred E. Markowitz* (Northern Illinois University)

Tuesday, August 17—12:30-2:10 Section on Sociology of Mental Health Roundtables— Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Table 01. Stress, Coping, and Mental Health

Session Organizer: *Brea Louise Perry* (University of Kentucky)

Table Presider: *Krysia Mossakowski* (University of Miami)

Why is There a Long-term Relationship between Disadvantaged Family Background and Symptoms of Depression? *Krysia Mossakowski* (University of Miami)

Aggravating Conditions: Cynical Hostility and Neighborhood Ambient Stressors, *Katherine Elizabeth King* (University of Michigan)

Clarifying the Physical Limitation-Anger Relationship: The Role of Stress Exposure and Psychosocial Resources, *Robyn Lewis Brown* (Florida State University), *Natalie O. Armstrong* (Florida State University), *R. Jay Turner* (Florida State University)

Race, Multiple Roles, Mastery, and Depression, *Elizabeth E. Piatt* (Northeastern Ohio University), *Kristen Marcussen* (Kent State University)

Table 02. Mental Health Care and Recovery

Session Organizer: *Brea Louise Perry* (University of Kentucky)

Table Presider: *Michael Polgar* (Pennsylvania State University)

Community Organizations Provide Continuity of Care for Young Adults with Mental Health Problems, *Michael Polgar* (Pennsylvania State University)

Understanding Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery in Housing First Programming, *Dennis P. Watson* (Loyola University-Chicago)

The Quest for Client Autonomy in Improving (Long-term) Mental Health Care, *Tineke Broer* (Erasmus University)

Table 03. Marriage and the Family in Mental Health

Session Organizer: *Brea Louise Perry* (University of Kentucky)

Table Presider: *Daniel L. Carlson* (Ohio State University)

Explaining the Curvilinear Relationship between Age at First Birth and Depression among Women, *Daniel L. Carlson* (Ohio State University)

Marriage and Subjective Well-Being: New Findings from Recent Cross-National Data, *Sanghag Kim* (University of Iowa)

Self-Mastery of Adult Children with Depressed Mothers: A Longitudinal Study, *Sandra M. Harmon* (University of Northern Colorado), *Angie C. Henderson* (University of Northern Colorado)

Labored Love: Examining the Link between Depression and Parenting Behaviors among Mothers, *Kristin Elizabeth Turney* (University of Michigan)

Young Adult Offspring and Mothers' Depression: What Helps and What Hurts, *Deidre L. Redmond* (Indiana University), *Pamela Braboy Jackson* (Indiana University)

Table 04. Mental Illness, Culture, and Social Change

Session Organizer: *Brea Louise Perry* (University of Kentucky)

Autism, the Internet, and Parenting: Changing Social Fields, *Kate Jenkins* (CUNY-Graduate Center)

Depression & Subjectivity in Chile: A Preliminary Discussion of Globalizing Mental Health, *Courtney A. Cuthbertson* (University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign)

The Fictional Lives of Those with OCD, *Dana Fennell* (University of Southern Mississippi)

SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF AIDS

Saturday, August 14—10:30-12:10 Global Lessons in HIV and AIDS Prevention—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Horacio N. Roque Ramirez* (University of California-Santa Barbara)

Presider: *Victor Agadjanian* (Arizona State University)

Corporate Power and State Resistance: Brazil's Use of TRIPS Flexibilities for its National AIDS Program, *Matthew B. Flynn* (University of Texas)

Exploring the Role of Multiple Transitions in HIV Risk among African School Girl Orphans, *Sanyu A. Mojola* (University of Colorado-Boulder)

HIV-Related Stigma and HIV Testing in Tanzania: Does Religion Matter? *Hani A Guend* (Université du Québec)

Us versus Them... Sometimes: Considering Cultural Identity as Part of Malawian Elites' Experience of AIDS Work, *Norma Jeanne Anderson* (City University of New York-Graduate Center)

Saturday, August 14—4:30-6:10 Legend Theories, Colonial Legacies, and Cultural Responses: HIV and AIDS in Comparative Perspective—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Horacio N. Roque Ramirez* (University of

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California-Santa Barbara)

Presider: *Hector Carrillo* (Northwestern University)

AIDS Origins: Colonial Legacies and the Belgian Congo, *Jenny Folsom* (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Predictors of AIDS Stigma during the Earlier Days of AIDS in America, *Tanni Chaudhuri* (Texas Wesleyan University)

The Culture of Response: HIV, ARVs, and Making a Problem, *Alton Phillips* (New York University)

Using Rumor and Contemporary Legend Theories to Understand HIV/AIDS Conspiracy Narratives, *Jacob Heller* (State University of New York-Old Westbury)

Sunday, August 15—2:30-4:10 Gender, Women, and the State in HIV and AIDS Prevention: International Perspectives—Hilton Atlanta

Session Organizer: *Horacio N. Roque Ramirez* (University of California-Santa Barbara)

Presider: *Beth E. Schneider* (University of California-Santa Barbara)

Barriers and Facilitators to Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence among HIV-Positive Women in Egypt: A Qualitative Study, *Abdallah M. Badabdab* (University of North Dakota), *Daphne Pedersen* (University of North Dakota)

Education and Risky Sex in Africa: Linking Women's Education and Reproductive Health Behaviors in Kenya, *Meredith Greif* (Georgia State University), *Amy L. Adamczyk* (John Jay College of Criminal Justice)

Gender, HIV/AIDS, and State Policy in India, *Mangala Subramaniam* (Purdue University)

Intimate Partner Violence, HIV Knowledge, Perceived Risk, and HIV Testing in Dominican Women, *Hilary H. Cook* (University of Miami)

Monday, August 16—2:30-4:10 Race, Class, Gender, and Religion: HIV and AIDS in Comparative U.S. Contexts—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Horacio N. Roque Ramirez* (University of California-Santa Barbara)

Presider: *Sanyu A. Mojola* (University of Colorado-Boulder)

Doing "Sex Drugs": Accomplishing Social Identities as Young Black and Latino Gay and Bisexual Men, *Tara A. McKay* (University of California-Los Angeles), *Bryce McDevitt* (California State University-Dominguez Hills), *Sheba M. George* (Charles R. Drew University), *Matt G. Mutchler* (California State University-Dominguez Hills)

HIV-Positive African Americans in Rural Alabama: Relationship between Conspiracy Beliefs about HIV/AIDS and

Sociodemographic Variables, *Andrew A. Zekeri* (Tuskegee University)

Proportion of U.S. Congregations with People Who are Living with HIV, *Steven Michael Frenk* (Duke University), *Mark Chaves* (Duke University)

The Continued Significance of Race, Class, and Gender in HIV Intervention Development: The GEMS Program, *Quinn M. Gentry* (Johns Hopkins University)

Monday, August 16—4:30-6:10 U.S. Lessons in HIV and AIDS Prevention—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Horacio N. Roque Ramirez* (University of California-Santa Barbara)

Combating HIV/AIDS Stigma on State Departments of Public Health Websites: A Case Study of Illinois, *Robin D. Moremen* (Northern Illinois University)

Group-Sex Events among Drug Users Where the Event is Not Gay-Identified: An Understudied Risk Environment, *Samuel R. Friedman* (National Development & Research Institute), *NA Group Sex Study Team* (NA)

Pathways from Early Socioeconomic Conditions to Young Adult

Sexual Health: Role of Adolescent Development, *Thulitha Wickrama* (Auburn University), *K.A.S. Wickrama* (Iowa State University)

Waiting to Have Sex: The Timing of First Sexual Intercourse within Young People's Relationships, *Hongwei Xu* (Brown University), *Nancy Luke* (Brown University), *Caroline Kabiru* (African Population and Health Research Center)

Tuesday, August 17—12:30-2:10 NGOs, Labor, Attitudes, and Institutions: Perspectives from Sub-Saharan Africa—Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Session Organizer: *Horacio N. Roque Ramirez* (University of California-Santa Barbara)

"Why Do We Work Without Pay?" Institutional Contexts of Women's Care-Work in South Africa, *Catherine van de Ruit* (University of Pennsylvania)

Facts, Attitudes, and Health Reasoning about HIV and AIDS: Explaining Education Effects in Sub-Saharan Africa, *David P. Baker* (Pennsylvania State University), *Juan Leon* (Pennsylvania State University), *John Collins* (US AID)

Labor Migration and Social Networks on HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa, *Winfred Aweyire Avogo* (Illinois State University), *Victor Agadjanian* (Arizona State University)

Social Resources and Health Disparities: NGOs and HIV Prevalence and Treatment in Sub-Saharan Africa, *Rachel Sullivan Robinson* (American University)

GRADUATE STUDENT AND RECENT PHD GET-TOGETHER AT ASA MEETINGS IN ATLANTA

Come meet other graduate students and recent Ph.D.'s from the Medical Sociology Section at an informal lunch on **Saturday, August 15, 2010, at 12:10**

p.m., immediately following the Medical Sociology Section Business Meeting at the Hilton Atlanta. We will gather in the meeting room at 12:10 p.m. and then walk together as a group the few blocks to a local eatery, where we will be able to purchase lunch. Join us for this opportunity to make great connections with others who share similar interests! For any questions, please feel free to contact: **Dawne Mouzon** (dmouzon@ifh.rutgers.edu) or **Robyn Brown** (rklewis@fsu.edu).

SPECIAL SESSION AT ASA MEETINGS IN ATLANTA

In Atlanta, there is a special session co-sponsored by the ASA program committee and the Medical Sociology Section that highlights the Extra Issue of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. The session is called "**50 Years of Medical Sociology: Key Findings and Policy Implications**" and will be held on **Saturday, August 14** from **4:30-6:10 p.m.** at the **Hilton Atlanta**. The Medical Sociology Section Reception will follow the session at 6:30 p.m.

The session will focus on policy implications, and nine of the eleven authors will be doing short presentations. Findings from the other two papers by Thoits and Williams & Sternthal will be summarized by Janet Hankin. The Extra Issue will be published in November 2010 and will be accessible on-line to all. An executive summary, prepared by Katherine Rosich, will be included. *Contexts* will highlight the Extra Issue in its fall 2010 volume. The ASA will disseminate the findings to policy makers, legislators, and funding agencies. Many thanks to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for funding the special session.

LIANG 2010 REMA LAPOUSE AWARD RECIPIENT

Kung-Yee Liang, PhD, noted biostatistician in health, will be the **Rema Lapouse** Award recipient for 2010. The Rema Lapouse Award is granted annually by the Mental Health, Epidemiology, and Statistics Sections of the American Public Health Association for excellence in psychiatric epidemiology. It was inaugurated by a trust established by Milton Terris, MD in honor of his wife, Rema Lapouse, MD.

An internationally renowned epidemiologist and biostatistician, Kung-Yee received his PhD in Biomathematics-Biostatistics from the University of Washington, Seattle in 1982. He is Professor of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he has taught since 1982. For many years he served as Director of the Graduate Program. Liang has also served as Vice-President and Acting President of the National Health Research Institutes in Taiwan during this time.

Liang has published over 200 articles in professional journals and seminal texts in biostatistics. His *Analysis of Longitudinal Data* (coauthored with Diggle and Zeger, 1994, 2002) is a standard text. Kung-Yee is known primarily for his innovative work in the area of generalized linear models, and in particular, his and Zeger's model for a generalized estimating equation approach (GEE), a breakthrough technique for family studies, multi-stage clustered samples in survey research, and longitudinal data. He is a leading scientist in the field of genetic epidemiology and has studied the genetics of a variety of psychiatric disorders, including especially schizophrenia and obsessive-compulsive disorder. His work in public health has included a range of studies of cohorts and several population-based cohorts with a focus on mental, substance abuse, and personality disorders. Many of his articles are considered classics, winning accolades from leaders

in his field.

Currently editor of *Statistica Sinica*, he serves as coeditor of the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Biometrics*, and *Biostatistics*. Liang has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the Snedecor Award for best publication in Biometry in 1986 by the American Statistical Association and, in 1990, the APHA Spiegelman Award for accomplishments in the field of health statistics. In 1997, Kung-Yee received the 1997 Advising, Mentoring, and Teaching Award from John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.



Known for his brilliance, geniality, and friendliness, Kung-Yee is a well-liked and respected colleague and professor. Considered one of the top biostatisticians in the world has led to his being offered the presidency of the National Yang-Ming University in his native Taiwan where he will be returning this year. In addition, he will direct neuroscience and psychiatry research in the medical school, considered one of the most prestigious in Asia.

The award committee, comprised of C Hendricks Brown, Elizabeth Jane Costello, Bruce Link, and Anthony Kouzis, is delighted to announce Dr. Kung-Yee Liang as the recipient of this year's Rema Lapouse Award. You are invited to attend Dr. Liang's award ceremony and lecture at a special session at the APHA's annual meeting in Denver, Colorado on November 8, 2010.

Papers Sought for Volume 29 of *Research in the Sociology of Health Care: ACCESS TO CARE AND FACTORS THAT IMPACT ACCESS, PATIENTS AS PARTNERS IN CARE, AND CHANGING ROLES OF HEALTH PROVIDERS*

Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving access to care, factors that impact access, patients as partners in care, and changing roles of health providers are sought. This includes examination of the impact of access to care on health, factors that impact access to care such as racial/ethnic, social, demographic, and structural sources, papers that discuss changing patterns of care and changing patterns of interaction between patients and providers of care, and papers that look at changing roles of health care providers within the health care delivery system. Papers that focus on linkages to policy, population concerns, and either patients or providers of care as ways to meet health care needs of people

both in the US and in other countries would be welcome.

The focus can relate to issues of consumers of health care services, providers of such services or a policy perspective. Papers that raise issues of the availability of services, access to those services, quality of services, and the role of government in services provision would all be appropriate. For papers examining social sources of differences in health and health care delivery systems in other countries, the focus could be on issues of delivery systems in those countries and ways in which revisions and changes impact health or health care, especially if those are then also related to broader concerns in health care in the US or other countries as well. The volume will contain 10 to 14 papers, generally between 20 and 40 pages in length. Send completed manuscripts or detailed outlines for review by **February 1, 2011**. For an initial indication of interest in outlines or abstracts, please contact the same address by **January 5th, 2011**. Send to: **Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld**, Sociology Program, School of Social and Family Dynamics, Box 873701, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-3701 (Phone: 480-965-8053; E-mail: Jennie.Kronenfeld@asu.edu). Initial inquiries can be by email.

The LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas-Austin is Proud to Announce the Upcoming Conference

The 2010 ICAA-Critical Issues in Hispanic Health and Aging: Issues of Disability, Caregiving, and Long-Term Care Policy

September 15-17, 2010

AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center
The University of Texas-Austin
Austin, Texas

The 2010 International Conference on Aging in the Americas (ICAA) is the fourth installment of a successful series of

meetings on health and aging in the Hispanic population. This latest conference, co-organized by Drs. Jacqui Angel, Kyriakos Markides, Fernando Torres-Gil, and Keith Whitfield, emphasizes issues pertaining to disability, caregiving, and long-term care policy for older Hispanics in the United States and Mexico.

The ICAA will have a poster session which will bring together emerging scholars' work that demonstrates how social, psychological, and biological factors affect physical and mental health of aging Americans. If you would like to participate in the poster session the submission deadline has been changed to **June 1, 2010**.

The conference will be taking applications for exhibitor space. The deadline for exhibitor registration is **July 15, 2010**. We will have more information regarding exhibitor opportunities soon.

For additional information regarding the conference and poster submission, please visit <http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/caa/index.php>.

Publication of Interest: *No Place For Dying*, by Helen Chapple, published by Left Coast Press – www.lcoastpress.com/book.php?id=290

The U.S. hospital embodies society's hope for itself—a technological bastion standing between us and death. What does the gold standard of rescue, as ideology and industry, mean in the hospital and for the status of dying in American culture? This book shows how dying is a management problem for hospitals; it

occupies space but few billable encounters and of little interest to medical practice or quality control. An anthropologist and bioethicist with two decades of professional nursing experience, Helen Chapple goes beyond current work on hospital care to present fine-grained accounts of the clinicians, patients, and families who navigate this uncharted, untidy, and unpredictable territory between the highly choreographed project of rescue and the clinical culmination of death. This book and its important social and policy implications make key contributions to the social science of medicine, nursing, hospital administration, and health care delivery fields.

Teaching Tips

Keeping the Classroom Interesting by Incorporating Group Projects

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It can be difficult for any teacher to keep the classroom interesting while attempting to challenge students to develop skills necessary for entry into their chosen professions. Crucial among these skills are the abilities to communicate with others and to work together with one's peers. In order to foster these skills and challenge my students, I incorporated a group project related to the design of a healthcare brochure in my "Social Epidemiology of Health and Illness" course. Most of the students in the class had previously completed introductory courses in professionalism and speech communication, and were academically classified as juniors, majoring in a health-related discipline.

Students were randomly assigned to groups consisting of 4-5 students per group, and were provided class time throughout the semester to work on the project. Each group selected a health-related topic for a target population. This served as the basis for the production of an informational brochure for their targeted population. The final brochure was to serve as a tool to educate patients or the general public on the specific issue. Among the topics selected by the groups were hand washing, autism, cholesterol screening, patient rights, hearing screenings, disease prevention, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and alcoholism.

Each student group was required to meet regularly, keep detailed minutes of their meetings, research their assigned topic, evaluate the information to be included in the pamphlet, produce the pamphlet, submit a written account of the group's activities, and give an oral

presentation on their findings and accomplishments. Many groups used their laptop computers during class time to document their progress and to visualize the layout and design of their pamphlets.

The objectives of the this project were to: 1) expose the students to the medical literature; 2) foster group interaction and team dynamics; 3) enhance student abilities to plan and accomplish tasks; 4) expose the students to different computer technologies and publishing software; and 5) improve student communication techniques. Students were graded on the content and appearance of their brochure, completeness of minutes taken to document the group's activities, content of summary paper that reflected the accomplishments of the group, and an oral presentation by the group which detailed their findings and accomplishments.

By participating in this project, these students learned to 1) research a health-related topic using peer reviewed journals and textbooks; 2) research different populations and age groups; 3) determine the language skills necessary to reach a targeted population; 4) use appropriate computer technology and software programs; 5) communicate healthcare information in both written and oral formats; 6) properly conduct and document meetings/group sessions; and 7) deal effectively with different personalities within a group setting.

This group exercise served as a beneficial learning tool for these students by allowing them to be creative and improve their cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills in a single endeavor. This project better prepared them to undertake similar projects which they will encounter in the workplace. It has allowed me to meet a specific challenge and keep my classroom interesting. It is envisioned that these brochures and those produced by future classes will serve as basic information sources in my college's public outreach programs.

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY BOOK RAFFLE

The time has come, once again, to consider donating a book to the ASA Medical Sociology Section's Annual Book Raffle. You may contribute your own (people often have extra copies of books they have written) or extra copies of other people's books that you may have received. **PLEASE, CURRENT TITLES ONLY AND NO TEXTBOOKS.** Remember, these donations are going to a worthy cause – to provide support for the Leo G. Reeder and Roberta G. Simmons Awards.

Please send your donated copies to: Susan E. Stockdale, Raffle Chair, UCLA Semel Institute Health Services Research Center, 10920 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 300, Los Angeles, CA 90024. If you have any questions about potential donations, please contact me at sstockdale@mednet.ucla.edu. Please send books by **August 9, 2010** so that I can transport them to the ASA meeting. Thank you for your generous support!



Student News & Views

by Shiri Noy, M.A.

Having discussed research, employment, and teaching in past columns, I suppose it's only appropriate to address the third of the academic trifecta: service. I believe these are the domains we most worry about and struggle with in graduate school. As graduate students, we have many demands on our time and efforts. While much of the service we do is intra-departmental and often intra-institutional, it continually astounds me the amount of time that my fellow graduate students find to commit to service to the wider community. Personally, I have found that my volunteer work has always dovetailed with my research interests. I work with organizations that are broadly related to my research activities because theoretical and empirical academic work often sharpens the need for social action in a particular arena. For medical sociologists in the U.S., this service has often focused on the broad area of health services: the problematic of people seeking care, how they are treated and processed by the system, and the repercussions of care, including costs, outcomes, and disparities. While

academia does not reward community service in the same way it does research and teaching, there are fellowships and other opportunities that seek candidates who engage in these activities. The more practical solution, however, is to combine service with either teaching or research, or both, when possible.

The idea of combining community service with research is partially captured by the idea of public sociology, the utility, appropriateness, and benefits of which have been debated elsewhere. The idea of public sociology, broadly, is to do sociology that involves a public other than our peers and students – that involves, and possibly benefits, others, often the communities with and in which we work. Sometimes the idea is to simply educate people beyond the proverbial ivory tower; other times the goal is social action and affecting social change. Service learning courses, which can be found across many universities and colleges, seek to combine teaching with

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community work more broadly – sometimes confined to the generation or systemization of data, other times going further in the making of, and lobbying for, recommendations for reform. I am not advocating for either form of service; certainly many are involved in community service that is different and distinctly separate from their teaching and research; however, I would like to highlight that there are forums and avenues, even within academia, that reward and recognize service outside of the university. Indeed, it seems that universities and colleges are increasingly focused on experiential and “field” learning, at the same time that scholarly publications and funding institutions are pushing to consider the “real world” policy and other implications of sociological research. As a graduate student, this was never clearly explained to me. Community service seemed like something you did on the side, something that should not hinder timely academic progress and, while admirable, was somehow separate from your graduate school professionalization. Increasingly, however, at least anecdotally, graduate students are able to integrate their service work and interests in applied problems and challenges with their academic work – both in research and in teaching – which hopefully translates into tangible benefits for our career options – a win-win for all.

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