

2019 Section Annual Report for Economic Sociology

This annual report covers the period of section activity from September 2018 to August 2019 and a fiscal year from January 2019 to December 2019.

Section Governance

Provide details of your section's governance activity during the period between September 2018 and August 2019.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and approved meeting minutes from the section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting.

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Council Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and approved meeting minutes of all Council Meetings conducted between August 2017 and September 2018. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

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Awards

Provide a list of section awards conferred in the past year.

Winner, Burt Award for Best Student Paper: Georg Rilinger (University of Chicago). "Corporate Conspiracies and Complex Secrets: Structure and Perception of the Insull Scheme in 1930s Chicago." *American Journal of Sociology* 124 (4): 1043-1089. <https://doi.org/10.1086/702730>

Honorable Mention, Granovetter Award for Best Article: Emily Erikson and Mark Hamilton. "Companies and the Rise of Economic Thought: The Institutional Foundations of Early Economics in England, 1550–1720," *American Journal of Sociology* 124(1): 111-149. <https://doi.org/10.1086/697498>

Honorable Mention, Granovetter Award for Best Article: Patrick S. Park, Joshua E. Blumenstock and Michael W. Macy. "The strength of long-range ties in population-scale social networks." *Science* 362(6421): 1410- 1413. <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/362/6421/1410>

Winner, Granovetter Award for Best Article: Angèle Christin. "Counting Clicks: Quantification and Variation in Web Journalism in the United States and France," *American Journal of Sociology* 123 (5): 1382-1415. <https://doi.org/10.1086/696137>

Honorable Mention, Zelizer award for Best Book: Stephanie L. Mudge. 2018. *Leftism Reinvented: Western Parties from Socialism to Neoliberalism*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Winner, Zelizer Award for Best Book: Monica Prasad. 2018. *Starving the Beast: Ronald Reagan and the Tax Cut Revolution*. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation.

2019 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2019 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2019. Please account for any substantive differences.

The Economic Sociology Section continues to hold a healthy surplus. The Section began the year with \$6,523 in assets and is projected to end the year essentially steady at \$6,433. Our expenses in 2019 largely matched expenses, with a somewhat higher expenditure on the reception than budgeted that was more than offset by a \$2,000 donation from New York University, garnered by Chair Sarah Babb. The main opportunities to continue to increase the Section assets are increasing membership counts, continuing to seek external donations, and raising money from events such as pre-conferences. At the same time, the Section has likely developed sufficient surplus that Council could consider increasing spending resources on initiatives to support the membership.

ASA Economic Sociology Council Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2019

Members Present: Sarah Babb, Neha Gondal, Emily Erickson, Emily Barman, Daniel Fridman, Lexi Gervis, Nate Wilmers, Adam Golstein, Jeff Sallaz, Nitsan Chorev

1. Sarah Babb--thanks/acknowledgement to section governance and committee members.
2. Budget

Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Rachel Dwyer delivered her budget report (remotely, on speakerphone). The section finances are in good shape. Budget was approved unanimously (10 in favor, none opposed).

3. Membership:

Dani Fridman, chairperson of the Membership Committee, led a discussion on membership. Last year's drive was somewhat successful. No vote was taken.

4. Kaufman Foundation Proposal:

Incoming section Chairperson Emily Barman provided details about the Kaufman foundation offer for paper prize and associated monies. The council had an extended discussion about their offer. Several members felt that an external organization should not influence internal decision-making of the section. In place of paper prizes, the council decided by consensus to: a. To make a counter offer for travel awards for students who have accepted papers at ASA on the theme of entrepreneurship; and b. To get feedback from the rest of the section at the business meeting. No vote was taken.

5. Discussion on the possibility of hosting a preconference at ASA 2020. Nobody was opposed, but nobody was willing to take the lead.

ASA Economic Sociology Business Meeting: August 13, 2019

Number of members present: 50 (including section chairperson Sarah Babb).

1. Sarah Babb – welcome and thanks.
2. Dani Fridman, chairperson of the Membership Committee reported on membership drive results and overall membership.
3. Discussion of Kaufman award (see business meeting minutes above).
 - a. Paper award vs. travel award.
 - b. Chris Yenkey made impassioned argument in favor of award and volunteered to chair that committee.
 - c. More discussion on the merits of resources for graduate students versus external influence.
 - d. Conclusion: Emily Barman would make a counter-offer to the foundation for travel award for graduate students in place of a paper award. That helps us retain control.
 - e. Vote: 46 in favor; 2 opposed; 2 abstained.
4. Award presentation.

5. Thanks to outgoing officers and goodbye until next year.