Welcome to New ASA Retired Members!
If you are newly retired, you may be receiving this newsletter for the first time. All ASA Retired Members (by membership category) are also members of the Retirement Network (ASARN). We hope you will enjoy this way of keeping in touch with your colleagues and your profession. (If you do not wish to receive future issues of this newsletter, you may opt out by clicking on the link at the end of the newsletter below.)

Our Newsletter has a New Name: Postscripts
The change in our name from ASA Opportunities In Retirement Network to American Sociological Association Retirement Network required changing the name of our newsletter. Members were invited to suggest new names. We received 23 nominations which were screened by the advisory board and the ASA Executive Office. One suggestion stood out. Postscripts was nominated independently twice, and once it was posted, it stimulated a groundswell of online support. Postscripts was also ranked first by a majority of the board members.

The first member to suggest Postscripts was William Mihalo, who holds BA, MA, and PhD degrees in sociology, and began a traditional academic career. However, he developed an early interest in computers, and in 1981 he left his academic position to work as an analyst at the Northwestern University computer center. He subsequently held systems engineering positions at NORC, Loyola University, Argonne National Laboratories and the University of Chicago before returning to Northwestern, from which he retired as a Senior Systems Engineer. As a sociologist, he has maintained an interest in privacy and the social impact of computers upon societies.

Meet the 2019-20 ASARN Officers and Advisory Board
- Harry Perlstadt, Chair (Michigan State University)
- Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Secretary-Treasurer, (Arizona State University)
- Maxine Baca Zinn (Michigan State University)
- Sarah Fenstermaker (University of California-Santa Barbara)
- Jeffrey E. Nash (Missouri State University)
- Roberta Spalter-Roth (American Sociological Association)
- David Segal (University of Maryland)

We owe a big thank you to the board members who completed their terms in August 2019: Marcia Texler Segal and Edward Tiryakian.

Sessions Held During 2019 ASA Annual Meeting in New York Very Successful
We held two excellent sessions at last summer’s Annual Meeting.

The "Life in Sociology" lecturer was Judith Lorber, Professor Emerita of Sociology and Women’s Studies at The Graduate Center and Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Dr. Lorber spoke on "Expanding the Borders of Sociology." Read or listen to her lecture here.

A Professional Development Workshop was held in collaboration with the ASA Honors Program. Organized by Roberta Spalter-Roth and Honors Program
Sessions for San Francisco (ASA 2020) Being Organized

The Retirement Network will have three sessions at the 2020 ASA Annual Meeting:

- ASARN is very pleased to announce that Howard S. Becker will be presenting the 2020 "Life in Sociology" lecture, followed by a reception in his honor. Becker is a sociologist known as much for his dry wit as for his groundbreaking work examining deviancy, art and music. Becker is a sociologist known as much for his dry wit as for his groundbreaking work examining deviancy, art and music.
- A paper session organized by Jeffrey E. Nash and Marcia Texler Segal on "After Retirement." Papers are invited on any retirement-related topic including, but not limited to, planning retirement, engaging in new activities, ways to continue career-based activities, lifestyle decisions and options, down-sizing and relocating or issues related to aging. Both retirees and those not yet retired are welcome to submit papers based on research or personal experience. The submission deadline is January 29, 2020. Submission details.
- A Professional Development Workshop to be organized by Roberta Spalter-Roth and Marcia Texler Segal.

Stay Connected!

ASARN has a discussion listserv, which all retired members may join. If you have not already joined the listserv, click here for instructions. Subscribers may send news or questions to other retired members by sending a message to ASA RETIREMENT@LISTSERV.ASANET.ORG.

If you are on Facebook, please join the ASARN Facebook group. We encourage group members to post about their professional and personal work and experiences, as well as pass along items of interest to those who are already retired or considering retirement.

Visit the ASA Retirement Network home page.

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