Discussions/Actions from the December 4, 2010 Meeting of the ASA Committee on Publications

Elected members present were Catherine White Berheide (ASA Secretary), Karen Cerulo, Randall Collins (ASA President), Neil Fligstein, Jeremy Freese, Peggy Levitt, Cecilia Ridgeway, and Robert Zussman (Chair).

Editors present for the open session were David Bills, Douglas Hartmann, Karen Hegtvedt, Cathryn Johnson, Daniel Levy, Tim Futing Liao, Kathleen Lowney, Holly McCammon, Alan Sica, Chris Uggen, and Debra Umberson.

Present from the Executive Office were Sally T. Hillsman (Executive Officer), Karen Gray Edwards (Director of Publications and Membership), and Janine Chiappa McKenna (Journals and Publications Manager).

Representatives from Sage Publications, Thomas Mankowski and Eric Moran, were also present.

The Committee voted to:

- Recommend to Council new editors of Contexts and the Rose Series in Sociology
- Recommend to Council an additional 80 pages in the 2011 volume of Social Psychology Quarterly to ease the transitional backlog
- Invite the editors of American Sociological Review, Sociological Methodology, Sociological Theory, Sociology of Education, and Teaching Sociology to extend editorships for one year
- Request editorial teams to appoint a lead contact for Executive Office communication
- Approve nominations for new editorial board members
- Recommend to Council a statement of appreciation to the University of California Press for publishing the first nine volumes of Contexts

Editorial Nominees. The Committee reviewed the applications for the editorships of Contexts and the Rose Series in Sociology and made ranked recommendations to send to Council. Council subsequently appointed the following new editors:

- Contexts: Jodi O'Brien (Seattle University) and Arlene Stein (Rutgers University)
- Rose Series in Sociology: Lee Clarke, Judith Gerson, Lauren Krivo, Paul McLean, and Patricia Roos (Rutgers University)

Additional Pages for Social Psychology Quarterly. The editors of Social Psychology Quarterly requested an additional 80 pages for the journal in 2011 to alleviate the transitional backlog. The Committee voted to recommend an additional 80 pages to Council, which Council passed.
Editorial Extensions. The current *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Methodology*, *Sociological Theory*, *Sociology of Education*, and *Teaching Sociology* editors have been invited to extend for an additional year.

Lead Contact for Editorial Teams. In order to facilitate easier communication between the Executive Office and editorial teams, the Committee voted for editorial teams to appoint a lead contact. The lead contact can change each year, but editorial teams must appoint one.

University of California Press Appreciation Statement. The Committee recommended to Council to submit a formal statement of appreciation to the University of California Press for its role in assisting the Association in developing and publishing *Contexts' first nine volumes (2002-2010)*.

Rose Shepherding Proposal. The current editors of the Rose Series in Sociology proposed the current (outgoing) editorial office continue to oversee the manuscripts it solicited after the editorship has moved to a new institution. The Committee decided the incoming and outgoing editorial offices should work together to submit a new proposal at the August 2011 meeting.

Revise and Resubmit Timelines. The Committee discussed the appropriate length of time to resubmit a revision (and when it should be considered a new submission). It was ultimately determined that papers should be handled on a case-by-case basis and current editors should alert authors of outstanding manuscripts when an editorial transition is going to occur.

Student Reviewers. The Committee restated the Association's policy on reviewers: Manuscript reviews should only be conducted by those invited to review and that only journal editors can use reviews as a teaching exercise with students.

Data Citation Standards. Based on a request submitted by Data-PASS (Data Preservation Alliance for the Social Sciences) to include the Association in improving the citation of publicly available data, the Committee discussed ways to make citations more consistent and ultimately created a subcommittee to research data citation and present the findings at the Committee's August meeting.

Update on Sage Partnership. The Committee discussed the transition of *Contexts* to Sage and the ongoing publishing arrangement for six other journals. Sage representatives came to the Committee on Publications meeting to answer questions and provide updates on the partnership, including the launch of a new web platform and the current subscription numbers.

The Committee will meet next on August 21, 2011.