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Rethinking the Intellectual Challenge

Many readers are aware of at least some of the details involved in the battle within the National Academy of Sciences over the nomination of Samuel Huntington, professor of Political Science, to its membership. The battle against Huntington has been led by Professor Serge Lang, a pure mathematician, and himself a nemecurom to the Academy. We have already published a piece on this in the August issue (pp. 11), but feel that further comment is appropriate, in light of another thought-provoking piece on the subject.

Dr. James Simons, now at the Sloan-Kettering Medical School, and a member of the Academy, wrote a piece for the August issue, entitled "Soft Sciences Are Often Harder than Hard Sciences." (Pages 36-39). Serenity of summary of that piece follows:

Diamond begins with a review of the Huntington-Lang battle, focusing on the differences in the principles of what constitutes science, as Lang had accused Huntington of using pseudo-scholarship. After presenting the usual list of accepted and acceptable definitions of science, Diamond points out that science, as often confused with science is generally seen as having a certain framework, which is not the case. The heart of the problem, as Diamond sees it, lies in the "operationalization" of concepts. Lang and other hard scientists can't imagine how social scientists can measure things like "social frustration," and Diamond points out that social scientists often find correlations between variables to see how they are related. He also mentions that social scientists often make decisions based on the data and form conclusions based on these decisions, which leads to the notion of causal relationships.

The piece goes on to discuss the limitations of second-order systems and how first-order systems operate. It also discusses the importance of the original work of others in the field and how this work is built upon by new researchers.

The piece concludes with a call for more open-mindedness and a recognition of the value of all scientific disciplines.

Sociologist-Journalist Sought for Clearinghouse

Are you a sociologist with a "nose for news"—someone who thinks sociology is an untapped mine of newsworthy information gathering dust in obscure journals and conference papers? Are you a journalist looking for interesting stories about social trends and social problems, but can't find scholars who occupy the newsworthiness of their own research?

If you fall into either of these categories, the ASA's Committee on Public Information would like to know about you. This person should be a sociologist and/or a journalist with media skills and news sense who can spend a semester, or an academic year, building bridges between sociology and the media. The goal is to create a Sociology Media Clearinghouse of potential, but underused, sociological findings....now buried in published or pending journal articles; conference papers; and research reports.

NIMH Increases Funding for Sociology

NIMH has announced that its budget for 1986 will be increased by 11% in order to support new investigators initiated research on the organization, financing, and delivery of services to the severely mentally ill. The application deadline is February 1, 1986.
August 24-28, 1988
Atlantis Marriott

Theme: Sociology in America

Borrowing from de Tocqueville's classic Democracy in America, the 1988 Program Committee, headed by President Herbert Gans, has set up a program to look at what the past and the present tell us about the United States. The thematic sessions will look at how sociological tools can help us understand the discipline's relations to, and conflicts with, a number of significant groups in the country.

Geography, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521.
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Environment and Technology, William Frey, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

Society, Family, Race, and Work, Sociology Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

STUDENT SESSION

The Honors Program Student Association is organizing a paper session on "Sociology in America: The Student's Perspective." The focus of the session is the influence of America on sociology from the student's perspective. How American society has affected the way sociology has developed is the central theme. Relevant paper topics include, but are not limited to, the critical assessment of the development of sociology in general or some part of it (e.g., criminology, aging, race and ethnic relations, organizations, etc.) in the context of American society; the implications of the American research setting for the development of sociology as a discipline; the promise, prospects, and problems of doing sociology in America, and the future of the discipline in America. Both theoretical and empirical papers are invited. Send submissions to: Tradr F. Miller, HSFA President, 32 N. Lincoln Avenue, Newton, IA 50201.

SECTIONs

Aging, Sociology of. Three paper sessions and a one-hour roundtable are planned. (1) "Political and Economic Perspectives on Aging Societies," John B. Williamson, Department of Sociology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02168. (2) "The Bio-medicalization of American Social Gerontology," Darrell砷, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627, and George Meador, Box 2026, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC 27708. (3) "Frontiers of the Life Cycle: Social Consequences of the Mortality Revolution" (co-sponsored by the Socio- logical Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0171. A one-hour roundtable (one-hour), John Coltrin, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. Asia and Asian America. The section is putting together a very exciting program for 1988. In addition to the regular paper session, there will be a series of thematic roundtables, a graduate student paper session, and the section reception. Anyone interested in participating in this session should contact: Susan Talata, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Box 2003, Kenosha, WI 53141.

Collective Behavior and Social Movement. Pamela L. Oliver, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

Community. Formal paper presentations:
Gerald Safire, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637. Roundtable submissions: James Hudson, Pennsylvania State University at Altoona, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona, PA 16601.

Comparative Historical Sociology. 11:30-12:45: Department of Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306.

Criminology. Malcolm W. Klein, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Culture, Sociology of. Two paper sessions and a one-roundtable session are planned. (1) "1870s Masters and the Sociology of Culture," Robert Alford, 4th Annual Conference—Department of Sociology, New York University, 260 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10003; after January 1—Merrill College, University of California—Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95064. (2) "Alternative Approaches and Methods in Cultural Sociology," Ann Swidler, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. (3) "In-Formal Roundtables (one-hour): Social and roundtable organizers and topics have been designated: (a) "Political Discourse and the Political Subject," Robin Wagner-Pacifico, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, St. Lawrence College, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; (b) "Social Processes and Transformation," Werner Grunfeld, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637; (c) "Subcultural, Regional, Ethnic, Class and Other," Michele Lamont, Department of Sociology, 25-2-2 Green Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544; (d) "African-American" Culture in Modern Society," Laila Greenfield, Department of Sociology, William James Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02163; (e) "Social Significance of Cultural Form," Judith Kelly, College of St. Mary's, St. Louis, MO 63105; (f) general submissions, Venta Zolberg, Committee on Liberal Studies, New School for Social Research, 65 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003.

Education, Sociology of. Jeanne Ballentine, Department of Sociology, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435.

Emotions, Sociology of. Submissions are invited for three sessions. (1) "Subcultural Differences in Emotions: Ethnicity, Social Class, Gender, and Age," Randall Collins, Department of Sociology, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521. (2) Referenced Roundtables. Cnadcand Clark, Department of Sociology, Mount Holyoke College, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. Each roundtable will be organized around a theme and will have a presider and at least two paper presenters. Themes include organizing a table, presenting, or proposing a theme should submit materials as soon as possible.
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Family Sociology. Shawn Housewright, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, 190 North Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210.

Marxist Sociology. Three paper sessions and a one-hour roundtable are planned. (1) "Marxist Sociology," Samuel R. Fridman, 250 Lawrence, Highland Park, NJ 08906; and Fred L. Pincus, 210 Ward Street, Apt. 10F, New York, NY 10012. (2) "How Autonomous is the State? Developments in State Theory since the Postmaterial-Millennial Debate," Barry Trushel, Department of Sociology, Rider College, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. (3) "A Panel Discussion of Winch's The Trivial Disastrously: Conceptual Explorations" (co-sponsored with the sections on Sex and Gender and Race and Ethnic Minorities), James Graubard, Department of Sociology, State University of New York, Binghamton, NY 13902. (4) Roundtable Discussions (one-hour session), Frank Fitzgibbons, Sociology, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12223.

Medical Sociology. The Society invites submissions to its program sessions and co-sponsored activities. (1) "The Sociology of Health in America: The State of the Field," Peter F. Conrad, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University, Pearlman, MA 02160. "The Sociology of Health in Developed Countries: Empirical Studies and Theoretical Perspectives," Dovick Glick, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, 3401 Williams Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228; (3) "The Social Context of AIDS," John Calhoun, Columbia University School of Public Health, 600 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032. (4) "Disability and Rehabilitation: The Interaction of Epidemiology and Policy," Jerome Aalten, Department of Sociology, Art and Social Sciences, University College, Parkville, Maryland, MD 20742. (5) "The Restructuring of American Health Care," Donald W. Light, Departments of Psychiatry and Sociology, UMDNJ and Rutgers University, Lucy Stone Hall, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. (6) Roundtable Discussions, Philip Leaf, Center for Mental Health Services Research, Yale University, 338 Congress Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519. (7) "Emerging Issues in Women's Health" (co-sponsored with Sociologists for Women in Society, Stergl Rozen, Department of Health Education, Temple University, 301 South 13th, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

Methodology, Ron Schram, NIH, Building 31, Room 4C-11, Bethesda, MD 20205.

Organizations & Occupations. The section is planning the following sessions for its 1988 program: "New Forms of Organizational and Occupational Control and Coordination," Robert N. Stern, Chair, Department of Organizational Behavior, New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Cornell University, 300 College Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850; "Cultural vs. Technological Perspectives on Organizations and Occupations," Judith R. Blau, Department of Sociology, University of New York, 269 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10003; and "Role and Style in Occupations," James M. Flin, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

Peace & War, Sociology of, James M. Shelly, IJCC, Q-960, University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92035.

Political Economy of the World System. Two regular sessions and a one-hour series of informal roundtables are planned. (1) "Commodities and Class in the World System," Stephen Bunker, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218; and David Smith, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717. (2) "Gender in the World System," Karen Hirsch, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106; and Kalyne Ward, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901. (3) Informal Roundtables (one-hour session), Jeffrey Parje, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Political Sociology. (1) "The Role of Elections in Social Change," Morrow Olsen, Sociology Department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; (2) Referenced Roundtables (see any topic in political sociology), Deborah Ader- whit, Department of Sociology, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837; and Richard Scrat, School of Social Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Box 90866, Richardson, TX 75080. (3) Round topics to be announced, Richard A. Putney, Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Buffalo, N.Y. 14222; and William A. Gamm, Sociology Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

Population, Sociology of. In addition to the sessions listed below, the section is cosponsoring a session on the Section on Aging. See listing under the Aging Section for details. (1) "Sociology of Population" (see program page 10).
Sections Present 1987 Awards in Chicago

Four Win Section on Community Awards

The work of Stein, Vidich and Bensman has helped us all see the place of communities in a mass society in a new and fuller light.

Members of the committee were Sylvia Fava and Ruth Horowitz co-chairs, Carole Silverman and Barry Wellman, members.

Sylvia Fava, City University of New York Lynd Award Co-chair

Robert E. Park Award

In its inaugural year, the Robert E. Park Award has been given by the Community Section to the authors of two monographs about white ethnic community life. The Park Award, given annually, recognizes an outstanding book-length work in the community urban area published in the preceding two years that reports the results of a single scholasitc effort. Jonathan Rieder wrote Carnavalet: The Jews and Italians of Paris Against Liberalism (Harvard University Press) after completing a half-decade of ethnographic fieldwork in the Brooklyn neighborhood named in the book's title. Ultimately concerned with the abandonment of the Democratic party by traditional liberal constituencies in the 1980 elections, Rieder argues Jewish and Italian Carnavalet's Instruction on the perceived weakening of cherished values during the 1860s and 1970s. The story of how residents came to equate racial change at the local level with this value erosion, and of how they responded to the threat of black encroachment, is told in lucid, passionistic style. Carnavalet deepens our understanding not only of the social psychology of racism, but also of the connections between national politics and neighborhood circumstances.

The significance of community context is a major theme in Grant's Out Class and Community in the Lives of Working-Class Youth (Temple University Press). Authors Victor Stein and Ellen Solomon conducted in-depth interviews with working-class youth living in three Boston suburbs of contrasting socioeconomic composition, population size, and proximity to the city. Their insightful analysis of the beliefs, aspirations, and values held by these young people challenges the conventional portrayal of adolescent development as a single, generic process. Places are differentiated, as are the types of working-class milieux found within them. Consequently, where one grows up may prove crucial to the formation of personal identity. The intuitive appeal of this idea—that socialization outcomes are place-specific—is confirmed by the rich case materials and interpretations presented in Grant's Out Class and Community in the Lives of Working-Class Youth.

Vicenta Steinberger and Ellen Solomon

Jonathan Rieder

Joseph Bensman

Maurice Stein

Arthur Vidich

Medical Sociology Award

The 1987 recipient of the Leo G. Riesner Award for Distinguished Contributions to Medical Sociology is John Claassen, President Emeritus of the University of California, Berkeley. Claassen has had an outstanding influence on the development and direction of Medical Sociology, particularly in the area of mental health, and of the Medical Sociology Section including serving as Section Chairperson in 1972. In 1982, Claassen organized and directed the Laboratory of Socio-Environmental Studies within the Intramural Research Program of NIMH. The Laboratory was unique for it assembled the old group of social scientists in a government agency whose mission was to conduct research into the health and well-being of people. Dr. Claassen's own research program over the past decades includes studies of the social origins of schizophrenia, of societal reactions to mental illness, and of pathways to hospitalization. Since leaving the Laboratory in 1980, Professor Claassen has an extensive career representing the interests and perspectives of sociology to the agencies and commissions that regulate health research. His administrative vision, his research, his prolific writing and his effectiveness as a spokesperson for sociology makes him a most deserving recipient of this award.

John Claassen

Turner Wins Social Psychology Section's Cooley-Mead Award

The Social Psychology Section awarded the 1987 Cooley-Mead Award to Ralph H. Turner. Turner gave a special address at the Section meeting entitled “Personality in Social Structures: Social Psychology's Contribution to Sociology.” The Award Committee was chaired by Louis Zurcher, University of Texas-Austin. He was joined by Lawrence Bobo, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Guillermina Josso, University of Minnesota, Thomas Scheff, University of California-Santa Barbara, and Roberta Simmons, University of Minnesota. Ralph H. Turner, Duke University Chair, Section on Social Psychology

Dissertation Award to Umberson

The Medical Sociology Section is pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the award for the outstanding dissertation in medical sociology is Debra Umberson, University of Michigan. Her dissertation, "Parenthood and Social Integration: Implications for Psychological Well-being and Risk-taking Behaviors," was completed at Vanderbilt University under the direction of Walter Covey. Dr. Umberson received her award at the Section's business meeting, Michael L. Radford, University of Florida Chair, Medical Sociology Section Awards Committee
Michelson, Levine Win Environment and Technology Section Awards

At the business meeting of the Section on Environment and Technology at Chicago, William Michelson, Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto, was given the 1987 ASA Section on Environment and Technology Award for Distinguished Contribution. It was also announced that Adeline Levine, Professor of Sociology at State University of New York at Buffalo, would be the recipient of the 1988 Award for Distinguished Contribution. Levine will formally receive her award at the Section business meeting next year in Atlanta.

William Michelson has had his invention of the Section in the mid-1970s been one of the foremost contributors to environmental sociology in terms of his sustained career of distinguished scholarly achievements, his creative forging of linksages with other sub-disciplines of sociology (especially urban sociology and social psychology), and his participation in Section activities (particularly his service as chair of the Section).

Adeline Levine, the recipient of the 1988 Section Award, was cited for her influential book, Love Canal: Science, Politics, and People, which has received wide acclaim from diverse quarters within sociology—including the sociology of science and sociology of medicine—well as environmental sociology—and from a variety of other disciplines such as law, public policy, and even epidemiology. Her Love Canal has become one of the classic books in the area of technological risk and the sociological consequences of technological change, which has become one of the major areas of emphasis in the Section on Environment and Technology over the past several years. Levine has also been a stalwart contributor to the organizational life of environmental sociology. She has served as chair of the Environment and Technology Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, currently is a member of the Council of the ASA Section on Environment and Technology, and has organized numerous environmental sociological sessions as both ASA and SSP.

I take pride in congratulating William Michelson and Adeline Levine for their awards and am pleased to call to the attention of the membership of ASA how Michelson and Levine have made the Section on Environment and Technology far richer than it otherwise would have been.

Friederich B. Baufall, Cornell University Chair, Section on Environment and Technology

Comparative Historical Sociology Section Paper Award

This is the first year the Section on Comparative Historical Sociology has awarded a prize for the best paper. The 1987 winner is Ewa Moawad, University of Pennsylvania, for her paper "Labor Migrations of Poles in the Atlantic World Economy, 1860-1914."

Judged the best of thirty articles submitted for consideration, Moawad's article impressed the Award Committee with its combination of theoretical vision and rich ethnographic detail. A contribution both to studies of migration and to world-systems analysis in the tradition of the Annals School, this article is especially notable for linking processes at different "levels," meets the world economy and geopolitical systems to national economies to interpersonal networks. The article embodies an approach worthy of wide emulation. Honourable mentions went to: Jack A. Goldstone, "State Breakdown in the English Revolution: A New Synthesis," American Journal of Sociology (1986).


(All Quotations, Florida State University)

Family Award to MacFarlane

The William J. Goode Award of the Family Section of the American Sociological Association has been given to Alan MacFarlane for his book Marriage and Love in England, 1300-1840, published by Basil Blackwell. Alan MacFarlane is Reader in the sociology of the University of Cambridge, and Fellow of King's College. Professor MacFarlane has published widely on English history and has also published a study of the Congos of Nepal.

Wiley Wins Theory Section Award

The 1986-87 ASA Theory Prize has been awarded to Norbert Wiley of the University of Illinois. This year's prize recognizes the contributions of Wiley's article, "Early American Sociology and the Polish Positivist," an historical and constructive examination of Thomas and Znaniecki's classic, Wiley's article appeared in Social Theory, Spring 1986 (Volume 4: 20-40).

In his letter of commendation, Charles Lemert, chair of the Prize Committee, said, "You have managed to use historical exposition for constructive purposes, thereby providing others a model for theoretical work itself while, simultaneously, making a substantive contribution to our knowledge." An anonymous reviewer of this article added: "This is one of the best pieces of historical scholarship ever done on a work of classical sociology. Wiley manages to show why this now-neglected classic was the dominant influence for the early decades of our discipline. And, as an unexpected bonus, he brilliantly shows how and why Thomas and Znaniecki's account of Polish-Americans was empirically wrong and that a more accurate, more conservative account would have even better supported their theory. A tour de force."

The Committee also awarded honorable mention to the work of Stejpan Miroslavova and Helene Brown of Lander College for their article "Durkheim's Concept of Anomie as Degradement," (Social Problems, Volume 24, No. 2, December 1985:81-99). The ASA Theory Prize is awarded annually for articles, monographs, or book chapters, published or unpublished. The purpose of the Prize is to encourage the advancement of theoretical knowledge with special attention to the full range of theoretical approaches. This year's winners were selected from entries representative of virtually every major sociological perspective.

In addition to myself, the members of this year's Committee were: Randall Collins, University of California-Riverside; James Dale, Bingham Young University; Gary A. Keppe, College of William and Mary; and Charles Lemert, Queens College, City University of New York.

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Four Win Criminology Section Awards

The Section on Criminology presented two awards at the 1987 meetings of the ASA. These were the Distinguished Scholar Award and the Latin American Scholar Award.

Distinguished Scholar Award

The Distinguished Scholar Award Committee consisted of Bill Chamblin (George Washington University), Martha Haggins (Union College), Rosa del Coto (Universidad Central de Venezuela), and John Horton (University of California-Los Angeles) as chair. Nine books were nominated for consideration. The committee was looking for recent books that made an outstanding contribution to the study of crime and criminal justice within the field of crime and social justice. This year’s award is shared between Eleanor Miller for Street Women (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1986) and Hermann Schwendinger and Julia R. Siegel-Schwindt for Adolescent Subculture and Delinquency (New York: Praeger, 1985).

Eleanor Miller

Miller’s book is a detailed study of the lives of women hustlers—their street networks, patterns of recruitment, their dreams and aspirations. Raising her explanation on an analysis of life histories, Miller convincingly argues that hustling can best be understood as “illegal work,” a method of survival in the poverty environment of America’s underclass. Her data add to the still scant literature on female criminality. Her theory challenges the currently fashionable thesis that the apparent increase in female criminality is a response to the women’s movement and women’s changing roles. Like Street Women, Hermann Schwendinger and Julia R. Siegel-Schwindt’s study of delinquency challenges dominant theories of criminology. Opportunity, social differentiation, and social disorganization theories are all called into question by this carefully researched and methodologically and theoretically sophisticated study of adolescent subcultures. They use the sociological metaphor of youth to identify actual adolescent subcultures and the kinds of rational, instrumental behaviors that some of the subcultures produce. Their methods are both ethnographic and quantitative; their approach, empirical, theoretical, and historical. They describe distinctive adolescent formations, trace their origins within the capitalist system, and their variations and cyclical reproduction within age groups. The result of their many years of research is an original and pathbreaking explanation of delinquency.

Julia and Hermann Schwendinger

Latin American Scholar Award

The Latin American Scholar Award Committee consisted of Martha Haggins (Union College), Gary LaForce (University of New Mexico), Ray Michalowski (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), and Marjorie Zola (Arizona State University) as chair. The committee was looking for exceptional scholarship by Latin Americans in the area of criminology and the sociology of law. Eight scholars representing seven Latin American countries were nominated and their vitae and representative publications were carefully considered by the committee. The recipient of this year’s award is Dr. Margarita Viera Hernandez, of the Faculty of Law, Universidad de la Habana, Cuba. Dr. Viera has earned doctorates in Criminology, Judicial Sciences and Education, as well as Master’s degrees in Philosophy and Psychology.

Margarita Viera

Unfortunately, the U.S. State Department denied Dr. Viera a visa to enter the U.S. as a result, she was unable to present her paper or receive her award at the 1987 ASA meetings. The State Department’s explanation for denial of her visa request was that they define Cuban university professors as government officials and by (U.S.) presidential proclamation, Cuban government officials may not enter the U.S. Dr. Viera will be attending the 1987 meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Montreal, Canada in November, and she will be presented with her award from the ASA Criminology section at that time.

Marjorie Z. Zeit, Arizona State University

Clogg, continued

of the record suggests. Aside from being a methodologist proper, Clifford Clogg is profoundly concerned with basic social scientific social processes. And he has chosen the subtle and indirect approach of latent structure analysis, pioneered long ago by Lazarsfeld. Economists and others have been content with analysis of employment predicted on the unproblematic nature of the public data. Clogg insisted on probing for the real nature of partial and problematic matches of persons with varying skills to employment which lay below the surface. He has thereby helped to show how serious are the quandaries of underemployment of minorities. Latent social processes have been uncovered. Philip Hauser earlier treated so-called developing countries in a frame of analysis which Clogg has the boldness to see would be applied, in much advanced technical form, to developed economies.

We all have noted how Clogg has continued to be an invaluable citizen and colleague all during these major research endeavors. One is an award of the deathless and rigorous Clogg brings to his commentaries, written and oral, as one is pleased by the unfailingly constructive and kindly tone of his help. Clogg is unusual in another respect. We admire our colleagues who work effectively and publish with younger colleagues and students. We admire those able to work and publish with their senior mentors. We do not often see such switch-hitters like Clogg who show both forms of collegiality. In the tradition of good methodologists, Clogg has shown that a wide scope of problems are amenable to his analytic insights, ranging from drug use to marketing analysis. The committee felt it especially appropriate, and helpful to our field, to recognize someone who has been such an effective ambassador to neighboring fields, notably through professional societies in statistics, demography, in biometry and in psychometry. The committee takes pride in recognizing the contributions, philosophical and methodological, to which is an award in recognition of his many-hued excellence of his contributions.

Harrison C. White, Chair, James S. Coleman, Robert M. Hauser

Vaughan Wins Undergraduate Education Section Award

As Chair of the ASA Undergraduate Education Section’s Hans Mauskopf Award Committee, I am pleased to announce that this year’s recipient is Charlotte Vaughan, Cornell College (lowa). Charlotte’s outstanding achievements during her years of teaching made her an excellent recipient of this prestigious award.

Charlotte’s many accomplishments must be categorized in order to appreciate her depth of commitment to sociology. As a teacher, she has pioneered the “course at a time” format at Cornell College and continues to refine this unique approach.

As a researcher, she was an active participant in the KAKN (Knowledge Available, Knowledge Not Available) effort of the ASA Projects on Teaching. As an organizational leader, she has served as chair of the Undergraduate Education Section in 1986; as a writer, she has contributed articles on teaching to many publications and recently published an introductory volume which focuses on original source material with one of her colleagues.

As a pioneer, she has been a leader in efforts to enhance teaching in sociology as we know in her energetic participation in the ASA Projects on Teaching. As of this writing, she continues to contribute to national and regional meetings on the subject, most recently at the 1987 SSSM meetings where she participated in a session on “What We Learn From Our Introductory Students.

Many other contributions can easily be mentioned, but most important is that Charlotte is a role model in the continuing process of making contributions to teaching.

Dr. Viera has published widely in the areas of juvenile delinquency, human rights, and the CRW campaign. In addition, she is one of the foremost scholars in the theoretical and methodological study of Latin American criminology. Her book entitled Criminology, which has undergone several editions, has been the official text for the Criminology track within the University of Havana’s Law School since 1975. In addition to regular conference papers and publications throughout Latin America, Dr. Viera has served on several occasions as a member of a United Nations panel investigating the prevention of crime and the treatment of delinquency. Within her own country, she has worked closely as a consultant for the Attorney General of Cuba and for the National Assembly (the Cuban variant of our Congress).
Rubinson Wins SOE Award

At the recently concluded meetings in Chicago, Professor Richard Rubinson of the Department of Sociology at Florida State University received the 1987 William Waller Award for Distinguished Scholarship, awarded by the Sociology of International Sections.

One of her major accomplishments was to head up a study team on minority health concerns. Fellow sociologists can guess the outcome, but the data were quite a jolt to the medical establishment. She handled the questions and delicate politics with aplomb.

Katriina Johnson has been of great service to the ASA. She was on the selection team for the Professional Development Program Director. She now chairs the ASA Committee on Sociological Practice. She also served on the Task Force to consider a journal in sociological practice. In all these areas, she is a clear-thinking contributor who has a wide view of sociological practice. She is never defensive or overly evangelistic about her views. She is a reasoned voice and an effective one. Her leadership and her own professional work will advance the standing of sociological practice within our discipline and certainly to the broader community.

Arthur L. Shaw, East University Chair, Awards Committee

O & O Section Award to Tolbert

Every year the Organizations and Occupations Section makes an award for the most outstanding recent publication (either a book or a journal article) by a younger section member (no more than seven years beyond the doctorate). This year the EPOS award (European Group for Organizational Studies) has been won by Pamela Tolbert of Cornell University, for her article, "Institutional Environments and Resource Dependence: Sources of Administrative Structure in Institutions of Higher Education," which appeared in the Administrative Science Quarterly in 1985.

Tolbert is on the faculty of the Department of Sociological Science, New York School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, and affiliated with the Department of Sociology there. She is interested in developing both institutional theory and organizational demography. Her research projects have focused on professionals in organizations, the government systems of large law firms, and differences between public and private organizations.

The EPOS award is for the publication that has made the most significant theoretical, substantive, or methodological contribution to the study of organizations and occupations within the last few years. Last year's award was for a book, this year's competition was limited to journal articles. Tolbert's article was deemed the best of five nominated articles. Nominations were sought from the Section membership at large last winter, and the nominated papers were judged by an award committee consisting of Mary L. Terrell (chair) of Pennsylvania State University, Anne McMahon of Youngstown State University, and Carol Demon of Northwestern University.

Tolbert will be awarded $800 to support her participation in the meeting of the European Group for Organizational Studies, which regularly convenes to discuss and examine research findings. The expressed purpose of the award is to permit younger section members to meet and interact with their European peers. The EPOS Award carries with it the sole requirement of preparing a brief written report of the EPOS meetings to be published in the Organizations and Occupations Newsletter.

Mary L. Terrell, Pennsylvania State University Chair, EPOS Award Committee

SSSI Annual Spring Symposium Held in Urbana

By Norman K. Denzin and E. Doyle McGilly

The Annual Spring Symposium of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction was held on the Urbana campus of the University of Illinois May 7-8, 1987. The theme of the symposium was "Critique and Renewal in Sociological Interaction." Participants were asked to compare the task of evaluating the present state of symbolic interactionist theory and research on the 25th anniversary of Manfred Kahn's 1962 Presidential Address to the Midwest Sociological Society entitled, "Major Trends in Symbolic Interaction Theory in the Past Twenty-Five Years." In this address Kahn looked back to the year 1932 to gauge the direction the field had taken. The first session of the 1987 symposium focused on interactionist text-contextual formulations, the journal Symbolic Interaction, and the view of the tradition in theory texts. The final session featured an evaluative review of the symposium papers and topics by SSSI President-elect, Louis Zurcher of the University of Texas at Austin. At the same session the symposium's featured speaker, Howard S. Becker, provided "Trick of the Trade," some provocative questions for sociologists to ask themselves about the things they look at.

Over sixty participants represented universities and colleges from all regions of the country including the University of Missouri, Minnesota, Dayton, California at San Diego and Santa Barbara, Houston, Hartford, Texas, South Carolina, Southern Florida, Iowa and Central College (Iowa), Fordham University, Cornell, Hunter College (CUNY), Rutgers, Skidmore College, Southern Illinois and Illinois State University, Northwestern, Western Illinois University (St. Louis), Southern Illinois, Southern Florida, Oregon, Maryland, Indiana, Texas, and Louisiana. A&M and Texas State University, Arizona State, Macalester College, Eckerd College, and Northern State College (South Dakota). Participants from out of county represented National Taiwan University, Herc-Gail College, Eckerd College, Australia, and York University, Canada.

Damaged Journals?

All members, please note: The ASA has a policy of sending out a new copy, free of charge, of any journal that arrives at its destination damaged, torn, or waterlogged. If any of the journals to which you subscribe arrive in poor condition, please call or write to Caroline Bogus at the ASA Executive Office asking for a new copy. Be sure to specify your address and tell us the item is unreadable. A new copy will be sent forthwith in a sealed envelope.

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an effective advocate at such moments can be disastrous. Having a respected senator is a kind of organizational insurance that no sociology department can afford to take lightly. In the jargon of government, such people provide a sobering example. In recent years Michigan, Chicago, and Notre Dame have done best by taking advantage of the expanding stock of both tenure and the quality of their graduate work. In the long haul, university service is self-service.

Third, departments should participate fully in college or university curriculum committees. The folks who are good at developing new programs are often the ones who are also good at getting things done. The same goes for curriculum committees. These committees are often the only ones that influence the way students actually spend their time. More departments are beginning to realize this. In my department we are beginning to explore the idea of a one-year program in sociology. This will be a much bigger challenge than our current program, which is three years long. But it is a challenge that we must meet if we are to remain relevant to our students.

Fourth, sociology faculty should follow the university rules that govern teaching. This means that we should be prepared to deal with unexpected changes in the way our courses are taught. In my department, for example, we have had to make several changes in the way we teach our introductory course. We have had to adjust our syllabus and our teaching methods to accommodate the needs of our students. This has been a difficult process, but we have been successful in doing so.

Fifth, sociology faculty should follow the university rules that govern research. This means that we should be prepared to deal with unexpected changes in the way our research is conducted. In my department, for example, we have had to adjust our research methods to accommodate the needs of our students. This has been a difficult process, but we have been successful in doing so.

Sixth, when university resources become scarce, departments need to deploy their faculty so as to maximize the number of students served. Graduate courses should include some minimum number of students in order to count as a part of a faculty member's teaching load. A department cannot afford to get the reputation of being a haven for professors who teach very few students. No sociology department can enjoy high standing in the university without acquiring a reputation for doing quality research. Among the indicators of quality is the ability to secure external funding.

A Letter From A Publisher...

Dear Professor,

Some of you who came to the annual ASA meeting in Chicago may have missed us. Unhappily, our offices were flooded for the first time ever—and we missed a full day at the exhibit.

We would like to have discussed with you two of our forthcoming texts, viz., the second edition of the highly regarded STATISTICS AND SOCIAL DATA ANALYSIS by George Bohrnstedt and David Knoke as well as the long-anticipated second edition of Ronald Pavlicek's SOCIOLOGY OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESIONS.

The former is to be published in November 1987 and the latter early in 1988.

Of course, we know that many of you who did not come to Chicago will also be interested in these new texts. If you wish to consider either or both for class adoption, simply write to Ed Thomas and you will receive a free press copy.

Sincerely,

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Soviet, U.S. Sociologists Work Together

by Michael Szwedoff, Vanderbilt University

Scarcely a week passes now without news from the USSR that surprises even seasoned Sovietologists. Newspapers such as Pravda and Trud have taken to publishing bold articles on previously taboo topics: the collapse of the KGB; the loss of Soviet control over the USSR; Soviet newspapers have recently run stories on the collapse of the Soviet Union; and even on the status of Soviet politics, a discipline that has been under attack for many years. This is a significant development in the field of Sovietology, a discipline that has been under attack for many years. This is a significant development in the field of Sovietology, a discipline that has been under attack for many years. This is a significant development in the field of Sovietology, a discipline that has been under attack for many years.
Media Beat

Sociologist As Columnist

by Gordon Clanton, San Diego State Uni-

versity

Where I Live. Social science is my vocation but politics is my life-long avocation. Since March of 1986 I have written a twice-monthly "One View" column for a local newspaper, the Del Mar Citizen. Del Mar California, is a coastal community of about 3,000. There are about 8,000 Del Mar residents, but parts of which are within the far-flung boundaries of San Diego. The Citizens reaches about half of those households.

The opportunity to write the column presented itself when the Citizen's "lib-
eral" columnist resigned just before an important local election in which I was actively supporting two slow-growth city council candidates and a growth-management initiative. When both candidates won and the initiative was approved I wondered how I would fill up a column. I need not have worried. Del Mar is sel-

on with the victory because Del Mar resi-

dents of the city and people of the city. The politics of this small City of 13,000 has become a standard-bearer for the quality such that regular commentary on local affairs brings risks as well as re-

wards.

What I Write About. Although the newspaper sometimes identifies me as a sociologist by profession, my few columns are focused on academic settings or scenes. I wrote three columns which re-
moved to the book Habits of the Heart by my teacher Robert Bellah. (The third of these was submitted as an article to a local community, a Randite free-marketeer. I wrote a column about the sight, sounds, and smells of New York City as I flew home from the 1986 ASA meet-
ings. One column featured amusing malapropisms from papers written over the years by my undergraduate students along with a few pages on the outstanding results of this student's class on current events.

Many of my columns involve advocacy or support of initiatives and recom-

mendations for appropriate de-

velopment. I called for a substantial reduction in the high-priced home-improvement shopping center and then endorsed the smaller project when it came up for public vote. Several recent columns argued against construction of a large hotel and timeshare complex in the heart of the village. I have written about traffic, about crime, about sewage in the ocean.

Readily one column in three outside Del Mar to consider larger issues of the city and county of San Die-

go. So far, only a few have focused on state or national affairs. (I could not re-

sist doing a Current Space piece called "Olde, Rennie, and the Seven Deavers." I anticipate that I shall write more fre-

quently about state and national affairs in the future—and that I shall send some such columns to regional and national publications as well as to the local paper.

Ironically, my most controversial col-

umn was my homage to the widespread journalistic practice of the editor supplying a column of opinion with a handwritten "ghost" on the author's own title. Although I did it in a light-

way, I suggested that the tyranny of the headline writer (my paper and at-

papers) constituted a kind of subtle censorship. Taking the matter quite phi-

losophically, my editor told me that it is completely opposed to censorship and that he reprinted my misspellings in the contrary. In addition, he tossed out my titles for the column in question in favor of headline reading "Another Clanton 'title' on editing room floor." And "We'd use his headlines if they made more sense." He also told me that he would refuse to print any future col-

umn which mentioned the issue of headline writer as censure. That's a true story.

How and Why. I write my columns on weekends (sometimes at the beach) so they do not cut into my professional writing. Each column takes about three or four hours, including typing, proof-

reading, and driving it down to the newspaper office. I read with amaze-

ment that William F. Buckley badges just 20 minutes to compose his col-

umns. (Perhaps it's easier from the right.) I am paid $25 for each column.

Writing the column has been a good experience. I feel I am making a con-

tribution to the community but without the enormous commitment required to run for and serve on the city council. Like most professors, I am somewhat eclectic and so am glad to have this two-page memo to my neighbors every two weeks. The discipline of writing the column is very much seeing me a better writer. The regular deadlines require me to let go of my perfectionism and the 750-

word limit forces me to be concise.

Media as Bulletin Board. The columns is an extension of my practice from the beginning of my career, of causing the popular media as a way of disseminating social science findings and of modeling sociological perspective on current issues. While acknowledging the limitations and frustrations involved in this endeavor, I have appraised gains in television and radio programs. Mate-

rials attributed to me or based on my ideas have appeared in newspapers in all parts of the country (including USA TODAY) and in two dozen magazines from Seventeen to the Saturday.

Of course, a regular column of opinion is very different from interviews in which I spoke with a measure of objectivity on some matter on which I was presumed to be an expert: jealousy and envy and future of the family, emo-

tions in the workplace, American de-

cline and renewal, etc. A column is more personal. As sportswriter Red Smith 95 to say, providing a column is not so hard. All you have to do is keep up a vein and bleed.

My column is not presented as value-

free analysis but as well-informed and prescriptively-oriented opinion. As the most readers of "One View" know "where I'm coming from." They know I am a conservative, pro-growth Democrat who advocates maximum citizens in-

volvement in policy-making and who is opposed to political questioning.

Sociological Practice. A paper session and a roundtable session are planned. Those interested in participating are re-

quested to send submissions to Soci-

ological Practice Section Program Orga-

nizer, via Jan Feirt, Chair, ASA Section on Sociological Practice, 1009 Ginko Pkwy, Perry, MD 21002, 301-534-9392.

Theoretical Sociology. The Section plans to continue its mini-conference format for 1989, along with a general theory session and one-hour roundtable session. (1) "Emerging Sociologi-

cal Theory" (mini-conference), Ruth Wallis, Departrue of Sociology, George Washington University, Wash-

don, DC 20052. (2) Sociological Theory", Stephen Turner, until December 15—Department of Sociology, Boston University, Boston, MA 02215, after Dec-

ember 15—Department of Sociology, University of South Florida, 140 7th Ave,

nade South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707. (3) "Current Roundtables (one-hour), Marlon Johnson, Department of Sociolo-

gy, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403.

Undergraduate Education. Papers and proposals for symposia are encouraged on all and aspects of undergraduate education. Send submissions to: Caroline Ferril, Department of Sociology, New York University, 264 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10003.

GSS Survey: An Update

by Diane F. Alwin, University of Michigan

The National Science Foundation has recently announced support to the National Opinion Research Center (University of Chicago) for the National Data Program in Social Sciences, the major focus of which is the General Social Survey, or GSS. The principal investigators of the GSS project are James A. Davis (NORC and Harvard University) and Terri W. Smith (NORC). The major goal of this project has been to provide the social science community with large-scale, substantively important annual survey data of high quality (about 1500 respondents each year). The GSS has been con-


For several years the National Science Foundation has supported the GSS, along with two other major ongoing survey data collection efforts (Michi-

gan’s Panel Study of Income Dynamics and the Michigan Election Studies) as National (Data Resource for the social sci-

cenes. These three datasets (among others) represent an important part of the infrastructure of modern social science. Many universities and colleges have access to these through membership in the University of Michi-

gan’s Survey Research Center (Norton for Political and Social Re-

search). The GSS data are also distrib-

uted at cost by the Roper Public Opinion Research, P.O. Box 440, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268.

The GSS, affiliated with NORC's Center for the Study of Politics and Society, is run by Davis, Smith, and a small staff of research assistants. The GSS staff launches a survey within the first sever-

al months of each year, and routinely produces a machine-readable data set for distribution annually in early July. Since 1977 the data have been released as a cumulative data file, consisting of all GSS data from 1977. The General Social Survey seeks prop-

osals for future topical modules, as well as small proposals seeking to im-

prove the measurement of relevant social phenomena. For a detailed state-

ment describing the guidelines for the development of such proposals, inter-

ested readers should write to Diane F. Alwin, Chair, GSS Board of Overseers, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106-1285.
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Awards, continued

Graham Spanier, Oregon State University, received the James D. Moran Memorial Research Award for outstanding achievement in research in family relations and child development.

Martha Wilkerson and Robin Annem- ter received University Distinguished Teaching Awards. Michelle Littig received the 1990-91 Edina Sigma Delta Teacher Award. Junia Zaizen received a Distinguished Research Award. All are on the faculty at Southwest Missouri State University.

People

Charles E. Rabbitt has finished a year as Scholar-in-Residence at the Corvallis School of Education and Visiting Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Oregon. Recently he was appointed Chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Welfare at Idaho State University in Pennsylvania.

Cynthia M. Ellman is the new Director of Off-Campus Programs and Continuing Education at the School of Sociology at Brandeis College.

Edward Gross, University of Washington, was a Fulbright scholar in Australia during summer 1997. He also gave guest lectures at Beijing University, and East China Normal University during August.

John H. Lamond, Hunter College and Graduate Center, City University, presented an invited paper on "Populism: The Myth and the Reality" at the international Conference on Human Values in Tokyo on May 24.\footnote{\thefootnote}

Mentina Hardy, Florida State University, was appointed to the Human Development and Aging Study Section of the National Institute of Health.

David Hartman is the new Director of the Center for Social Research at Southwest Missouri State University.

Joe Hendricks, University of Kentucky, has been elected Chair-elect of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the Gerontological Society of America.

Jean Hulse, The Ohio State University, was keynote speaker at the Nebraska Undergraduate Sociology Symposium.

Larry Isaac, Florida State University, was elected Chair of the Labor Studies Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. He was also appointed to editorial boards of the American Journal of Sociology and Research in Stratification and Social Mobility.

Sven E. Olsson, University of Stockholm, Sweden, has joined the faculty of Mount Vernon College as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar for 1997-98.

James D. Ovand, Florida State University, was elected Vice President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

James P. Piltch in the new Dean of Academic Advisor at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Harriet Prouser, University of Maryland, was elected President of the Population Association of America.

Competitions

The ASA Section on Sociology of the Family invites nominations for the 1998 William J. Goode Book Award, honoring the outstanding book contributing to scholarship in the area of sociology of the family. The 1998 award will honor books with copyright dates of 1986 and 1987. Send nominations by December 1, 1997, to Claire L. Eisler, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

The ASA Section on Sociology of Education invites nominations for the 1998 Willard Waller Award for a career of distinguished scholarship in the sociology of education. The award will be presented at the 1999 Annual Meeting. Send a letter of nomination by February 13, 1998, to the Section chair, Mildred Hall, Department of Sociology, York University, 480 Millert, Wright State University.

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Last spring students in several sociologically-social science classes in my college discovered for themselves that "true" is the correct answer to each of these questions. How can you analyze real data from the General Social Surveys? By testing their own hypotheses in class, these students have new respect for social science. And, now students everywhere can do real sociology in class.

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College, where she had been a Research Professor. In 1968, the College established the Dr. Hilda D. Colston Chair in Molecular Biology, named in her honor.

Dr. Colston had a long and distinguished career in science and education. She was a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was also a recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the National Medal of Science, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

In 1987, Dr. Colston died of cancer. She was survived by her husband, Dr. Robert Colston, and their two children, Michael and Susan. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and colleagues.}

Milla A. Alhorn (1906-1987)

Milla A. Alhorn (also known as Milla Alhorn Haskins) was a prominent physician and public servant in the United States. She was born in 1906 and passed away in 1987.

Dr. Alhorn was a pioneer in the field of public health, and she dedicated her career to improving the health of communities across the country. She served as the first female director of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, becoming the first woman to hold such a position.

In addition to her work in public health, Dr. Alhorn was also a champion for women's rights and gender equality. She was a strong advocate for women's access to education and opportunities in the medical field, and she worked tirelessly to create a more equitable society.

Dr. Alhorn's legacy continues to inspire generations of public health professionals and advocates for women's rights. She will be remembered for her dedication and commitment to improving the health and well-being of communities across the United States.

Mass Media

Janet Alger, Siena College, has had her research on television featured in the Associated Press.

F. Joseph Huchh, Jr., Fordham University, was featured on NBC News. His comments in a discussion of Hispanics and the Catholic Church in relation to the U.S. Census.

Stuart L. Mills, St. Lawrence University, was interviewed on a radio station in Seattle. His comments were about the short-term and long-term effects of gun violence.

Levin and Arnold Arons, North Carolina State University, were interviewed on a report on the September 9th terrorist attacks.

David P. Phillips, University of California-San Diego, had a research on media coverage of suicide and violence rates covered in the September 9th issue of the journal Science.

Juliette Salmon, Fisk University, had the papers she presented at the AAAS Annual Meeting in Chicago, reproduced by the Chicago Tribune, Milwaukee Journal and Rochester Courier.

Leif Hoffman and Suzanne Rettig, University of California-Santa Barbara, were interviewed in a September 10th New York Times article on bias.

Martin Trow, University of California-Los Angeles, was interviewed on public health and environmental issues. He is the author of a new book on public health and environmental issues.

Dana Yannopoulos-Hill, University of Cincinnati, and William Philiber, State University of New York at Plattsburgh, had their research on broadband Internet and digital divide published in a June 8th Cincomhz Enginner article.

Summer Programs

Simonne College, Program of International Relations, announced its annual study-abroad program for students to travel to Russia.

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in studying in Russia. The program will run from May 31 to July 15, 1987. For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Simonne College, 30 The Emery, Boston, MA 02115, (508) 738-3391.

Official Reports and Proceedings

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the 1987-1988 Council

The third meeting of the 1987-1988 Council was held on August 20, 1987, in the Palmer House Hotel, Chicago. The following officers were present: Michael T. Akin, Judith R. Blau, Charles M. Rambujan, Nancy Dellas Mosca, Peter Hackett, James Hall, Marko E. Sick, H. S. R. Hille, Melvin L. Knoll, Stanley Liebensohn, J. A. Miller, Matthew W. Riley, and David W. Watts. The council met in two sessions. The first session was held on August 20, 1987, and the second session was held on August 21, 1987.

The council approved the agenda. The agenda was approved as proposed.

Report of the President: Kohl's final report as President will follow. You should remember that we initiated quite a number of activities at our January meeting, and since we had only between-convention meetings of Council this year, further work on most of these activities was assigned to newly-designated committees. As a result, we shall have to act on many committee reports today and at the weekend meeting of the next Council. This will make for a heavy agenda. I refer you now to the usual green notebook.

Colleen Joffe, Bryn Mawr College, avowed a September 15 Washington Post article on the use of the word “American” in the Reagans' address.

Jack Levin and Arnold Aron, North Carolina State University, were interviewed on a report on the September 9th terrorist attacks.

Thomas J. Hirschhorn, University of California, and Michael F. Philiber, State University of New York at Plattsburgh, had their research on broadband Internet and digital divide published in a June 8th Cincomhz Enginner article.
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response of the Publications Committee to the Board of Directors. Of the OB.C. Publications endorsed the ASA’s recommendations to the new journals and the news media. The Council Committee endorsed the recommendations for publication of SM, 87, and 88. An extended discussion followed on use of condensed journals. The delays in publication SM, 89, and 88 were not clarified.
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Report of the Executive Officer, A.D. Amato reported that there were 3,700 new members in the society for the first half of the year. The New York and New Jersey chapters had over 900 new members each.

Report of the Committee on Committees.

Russell Cacho, chair, re- ported that the committee had reviewed the membership report and had recommended an increase in the number of members from the regions.

Report of the Committee on Nominations.

The committee recommended the following changes: (1) that the Executive Committee be responsible for the recruitment of new members, (2) that the committee is to be responsible for the selection of new members, and (3) that the committee be responsible for the selection of new members.


Allan reviewed the committee’s report and recommended that the committee make the following recommendations: (1) that the committee be responsible for the recruitment of new members, (2) that the committee be responsible for the selection of new members, and (3) that the committee be responsible for the selection of new members.

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Report of the Subcommittee on ASA Relations with Other Associations. Miller indicated that the only problem which surfaced was participation in other associations at the ASA Annual Meeting, particularly requests for facilities. Much of the problem seems to stem from lack of information and familiarity with the provisions, procedures and deadlines of the Program Committee. As a result, false expectations often develop. The Committee recommended other means of informing prospective programs participants and use of a "mirror" for facilitating requests for services.

MOTION: To accept (without end to dissolve the Subcommittee on ASA Relations with Other Associations. Carried)

Report of the Committee on Sections. Miller summarized discussions with the Section Board and the Committee on Sections. Several proposals were forwarded to Council. Brief discussion was followed by these actions:

MOTION: To allow each Section to have its own "mirror"; one of which is to be restricted to students. Carried.

MOTION: To approve the formation of a new Section to be known as the Society for Information Knowledge and Technology. Carried.

MOTION: To refer the Council subcommittee studying section dues the issue of extending the formula by which sections are allocated resources at the Annual Meeting. Carried.

MOTION: To refer to the Council subcommittee studying section dues the matter of permitting section newsletters to receive paid advertisements, the proceeds from which would be credited to the section in the section's restricted account. Carried.

Council adjourned its evening session at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened in Executive Session on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.; at 9:40 a.m. Council reconvened its regular session.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on New Dues Structure. Zeldoff offered a preliminary report, a final report was not due until January, 1988. Zeldoff said that the Committee had been inadequate, having been asked to consider a variety of concerns and problems. Carried.

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