COSSA Annual Meeting Takes Up Key Issues

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), held its Annual Meeting in Washington on December 4. Meeting at a time of considerable post-election uncertainty about the leading players for science (on key Congressional committees, at the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and in the Office on Management and Budget), over 70 representatives of social science journals and academic institutions gathered for this day-long event. Not to be stymied by political unknowns, those assembled faced key issues for the social sciences and how to effectively advance an important agenda of work. The Annual Meeting followed, the COSSA Board meeting held on December 3.

Sociologists were well represented at the Annual Meeting including ASA President Douglas Massey; Florence Bonner, and Executive Officer Felice Levine (stepping down as chair of the COSSA Executive Board, but remaining on for two years). Among the other sociologists in attendance were John Kasarda (COSSA Board Member and President, Law and Society Association), and Margaret Zahn (COSSA Board Member representing the American Society of Criminology).

The Annual Meeting focused on major science policy and funding issues currently before the social and behavioral sciences. The meeting started with a lively briefing on “What Happened in the 2000 Elections and Why?” from political scientist Kathleen Frankovic (COSSA Board Member who is Director of Surveyors and Producer for CBS News). Also, two experienced Congressional staffers—David Goldston from the Office of Representative David Price (D-NC)—addressed prospects for the social sciences in the 107th Congress. COSPA representatives then turned their attention to the substantive challenges and opportunities ahead for the social sciences.

Key issues included plans for a major new initiative at NSF in 2003 grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, the current climate for major reform of the regulatory system with respect to the protection of human participants, and learning from and looking beyond Census 2000. Featured speakers included Rita Colwell, NSF Director; Greg Koski, Director of the Office of Human Research Protection in the Department of Health and Human Services; Jonathan Knight, Associate Secretary for the American Association of University Professor; and Kenneth Prewitt, Director of the Census Bureau.

Colwell of NSF was the keynote luncheon speaker. Pleased by the recent 14 percent budget increase for NSF, she was strong in her advocacy for continued enhanced support—emphasizing the costs to the nation of having insufficient funds to support a large number of what she called “gems” in the competitive funding group. She was equally strong in her support of launching a social science-led initiative in 2003. Speaking boldly about the social sciences, she said there was “no question” that those sciences were “part of NSF’s vision of research at the frontiers of discovery.”

Colwell specifically addressed what she saw to be important “focal points” for an initiative in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences. She saw the 2003 initiative as advancing understanding about the processes of innovation; fostering knowledge about responses and adaptations to technological change; illuminating the social, economic, and environmental effects of new technologies; increasing the benefits of technology through research on learning and cognition; and developing improved methodologies throughout the social sciences.

She urged all in attendance to help in the development of the initiative and to work to explain the importance of fundamental research to those outside of science.

Protection of human research participants was another priority issue addressed at the COSSA Annual Meeting. As discussed elsewhere in Footnotes (page 2), the issue of protecting human subjects and the role of Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) has surfaced again as a topic of serious concern. Koski outlined how the present system works and what some reform strategies might be.

In particular, he discussed current efforts to certify individuals on IRBs and potentially to accredit IRBs themselves through non-governmental bodies. Knight addressed the actual operations of IRBs and questioned whether they showed sufficient knowledge and expertise about ethical issues as they pertain to social and behavioral science research. The briefing led to an engaging discussion by attendees—a conversation likely to continue and increase in colleges, universities, and research institutes throughout the nation.

The Annual Meeting concluded with Census Bureau Director Prewitt discussing the Census 2000 and strategies to ensure an accurate count. Prewitt praised also the role of COSPA for its important work on the Census and many other issues over its almost 20 year history. He spoke of the stature of COSPA and its credibility in Washington circles and reminded attendees how much had been accomplished since the creation of COSPA in 1981 when the social sciences and their continued federal funding were under attack. His remarks reminded all present of the progress made and the advancements yet to come.

Prewitt addressed issues and raised questions well beyond the Census 2000 and federal statistics. These issues no doubt will animate future COSPA Annual Meetings and what COSPA does daily throughout the year.

2001 Annual Meeting
What to See in Orange County, California

You'll approach the Anaheim/Orange County Convention Center, to arrive at the ASA Annual Meeting, by one or more busy freeways, three of which converge in a huge tangle close to the meetings. Radio traffic reports call it the Orange Crush, or simply The Crush. The term is a sign and a symbol of the most visible property of this region, the full flowering of the car culture and the resulting urban sprawl. Other cities may be marked by the same cure, but Anaheim represents an extreme case.

So after listening to paper sessions, schmoozing with colleagues, eyeing books, and trolling for party invitations, any effort to break away and explore the larger world will require a car unless you're prepared to take long hikes. The Convention Center is isolated, surrounded by parking structures and monstrous hotels. Public transportation is sparse, inflexible, and not well suited to the needs of conventioners.

Nevertheless, if you can rent or borrow a car, here are some suggestions for getting away. The first is no surprise. If you want an immediate grasp of the culture and political landscape surrounding Anaheim, simply drive 12 miles to 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd., the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace. No, really! As a California teenager might say, "It is so Orange County!"

The Nixon Library is declaratively Republican, of course, and it combines fantasy, nimble reconstructions of history, and shameless hero worship. The museum displays the expected posters, pictures, and videos, and it also contains a large room populated with ten life-sized bronze statues in small conversational groups, figures of world leaders who were active during Nixon's presidency. It's pure kitsch, but I sheepishly confess it's my favorite exhibit. The small house in which Nixon was born stands across a pretty garden and can be admired inside and out by sociologists so inclined.

If you do visit the Nixon Library, you'll return home with memories you won't forget—which is more than you can expect from Disneyland, which you've probably already seen, either here or in Orlando.

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Footnotes

Keep Your Connection with ASA!

At this busy time of year, please do not forget to renew your membership in the American Sociological Association. Send in your renewal now and your journal and Footnotes subscriptions, as well as your connection with your national professional association, will remain uninterrupted. That's a New Year's resolution that is easy to keep!
Ridgeway Aims for a Broad Sociological SPQ

by Morris Zelditch, Jr., Stanford University

Social Psychology Quarterly (SPQ) has had a succession of exceptionally able editors who have maintained its distinctive sociological perspective while progressively improving its quality and broadening its scope. According to Cecilia Ridgeway, this year’s newest editor, her goal is to maintain its high quality and distinctive perspective and continue the efforts of past editors to broaden the range of work that it publishes.

Ridgeway earned her PhD at Cornell in 1972 and has taught at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Iowa, and, since 1991, Stanford University. She was president of the Pacific Sociological Association in 1998-99 and has been active not only in the section on social psychology, of which she is on the board of, but also in the section on sex and gender, chairing its Workshops Committee (1992-93), and theory, currently serving on its council. She has served on the editorial boards not only of SPQ, but also of Social Forces, Sociological Theory, Sociological Perspectives on Social Psychology, Pacific Sociological Review, and the Stanford University Press, and as consulting editor of the American Journal of Sociology (AJS). She has also edited or co-edited two special issues for past editors of SPQ, including Conceptualizing Structure in Social Psychology in 1994 and Gender and Social Interaction in 1996. Her research has ranged widely across the field, from emotions to status cues to gender to conceptualizing structure. Her earliest papers include three on music and social interaction. But her most notable accomplishments have been two systematically, sustained, evolving bodies of cumulative theory and research, the study of the structure of informal status orders, the other on the social construction of such status characteristics as race and gender.

Ridgeway’s earliest research on legitimation of informal status orders, “Conformity, Group-Oriented Motivation, and Status Ascription in Small Groups,” (SPQ [1978:1:175-188] was concerned with group-oriented motives as accounts legitimating status attainment, especially important in legitimating influence attempts by lower-status members of a group. Evolving from this early theory and research, a multi-level theory, “The Legitimation and Delegitimation of Power and Prestige Orders” (with Berger et al., ASR [1998:6:379-405], conceptualized the legitimation of informal status orders as a process at the intersection of macro-level structure and micro-level action. The process is driven by a pre-given structure of beliefs and values that describe what “everyone knows to be true” about the way valued positions and associated attributes (e.g., gender, ability levels (e.g., competence), or contributions to outcomes (e.g. success, failure). It creates expectations for the allocation of valued positions in informal status orders in any particular encounter. Given collective goals, the likelihood that behavior in particular encounters is validated, hence legitimated, by the contingent reactions of others increases to the extent that performance expecta-

Cecilia Ridgeway

tions, and task behavior in accord with them, are congruent with such expectations for valued positions.

Ridgeway’s pathbreaking “The Social Construction of Status Value: Gender and Other Nominal Characteristics” (Social Forces [1991:70:376-386] led to the growth of a similarly cumulative body of multi-level theory and research on structural conditions and micro-processes sufficient to transform non-valued nominal characteristics like skin color into status characteristics, like race, that associate color with performance capacities and ideas of social desirability.

(And the most elaborate development of this theory is described in “Creating and Sponsoring Status Beliefs (with Erickson) forthcoming in AJS” for which she is the author.)

Ridgeway argued that one way, though not the only way, that status characteristics come to be socially constructed is that, if at the macro-level a nominal characteristic (such as gender) is correlated with differences in resources and/or rewards, then, at the micro-level, differences in resources and/or rewards create inequalities in social interaction (e.g. in participation and influence) that are correlated with the nominal characteristic. One form of status legitimation is that the cause of these behavioral inequalities is (mis)attributed to imputed dispositional characteristics, such as performance capacities, supposedly possessed by actors who differ in states of the nominal characteristic. If they form such status beliefs, actors carry them into other situations where, if the same nominal characteristic differentiates the actors, alternation shapes the behavior of others, even those disadvantaged by such beliefs, reproducing these beliefs and diffusing them to others.

Both theories fit rather neatly the mission of SPQ, which is to publish theoretical and empirical papers that focus primarily on the relations of individuals to one another and on the linkages between the individual and groups, collectivities, and institutions. Any form of SPQ’s aims is to attract more work that explicitly addresses the link between micro- and macro-processes. Work that explicitly addresses this linkage is being done in a number of substantive fields, such as gender, identity and social movements, race and ethnicity, and stratification and inequality and she would like to attract more work from these fields to SPQ. One method by which she hopes to do this is to invite one or two special issues, e.g., on the social psychological aspects of the social construction of racial and ethnic characteristics.

But social psychology within this distinctive sociological perspective has, in House’s widely accepted phrasing, three rather distinct faces: Group processes, relating heavily on experiments; symbolic interaction, diverse in method but including much qualitative research; and social structure and personality, relating heavily on survey research. In recent years, much work that bridges these faces has emerged as well, particularly in research on emotions, identity, networks, and conversation analysis. Ridgeway’s aims is to extend even further the efforts of past editors to open SPQ to all these different dimensions of sociological social psychology.

She has asked three deputy editors to assist her in further broadening the scope of SPQ. Karen Hegtvedt, Emory University, much of whose work has been in group processes; Douglas Maynard, Indiana University, whose work has been in conversation analysis, with much experience in qualitative research; and Marylee Taylor, Penn State, much of whose work has been on prejudice and discrimination, largely with survey methods.

Judging from her work, what I think we can expect Ridgeway to bring to SPQ is a combination of creative imagination, high standards of excellence, wide knowledge of the field, and, judging from her roles in other organizations, great organizational capacity. So I think we can all look forward to a succession of fine editors, and it is obviously going to have another.

The Executive Officer’s Column

Weighing In On Protecting Human Research Participants: Let Our Voices Be Heard

As Executive Officer, I receive calls and emails on a host of issues every week. That is part of what makes the job of serving sociology and sociologists so interesting. But this fall, somewhat unexpectedly, there has been a decided increase in inquiries about one such topic: that is, what to do in the face of unanticipated actions of Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) with respect to the approval of research involving human participants. From graduate students to seasoned scholars, many more questions are being raised about the rules governing IRBs and, more to the point, about how IRBs are interpreting federal guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects (Title 45 CFR 46). IRBs may be overreaching in what they do because of the high level of attention to their work. The death of a teenager in September 1999 in a gene therapy experiment at the University of Pennsylvania and other recent events have set in motion considerable rethinking about the federal system for the protection of human subjects in research.

Over the past year, the National Bioethics Advisory Commission has been undertaking a review of the relevant regulations and the role and functioning of IRBs. The Commission met on December 7 and is expected to release a draft report very soon. Sociologists are urged to comment during the 60-day period (see www.bioethics.gov).

Also, the newly created Office of Human Research Protection, located in the Office of the Secretary in the Department of Health and Human Services, is off to an active start. This Office is examining the system for the protection of human subjects and whether reform should include accreditation of IRBs and certification of IRB members. It is hearing a succession of fine editors, and it is obviously going to have another.

Let Our Voices Be Heard

The Open Window

As the above should make clear, much is going on engaging ASA’s attention and decision-making by members. Unfortunately there is only limited presence of social psychology within the American Association of University Professor’s (AAUP) on the role of IRBs. A report on that topic was posted on the ASA homepage last April to do so now. They are still posted on the ASA homepage.
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universities, governmental agencies, private
laboratories, or research institutions.

Funding
International University for Social Science (IUST), in partnership with the Indonesian Primary Care Association, invites applications for two
fellowships for PhD students in the Netherlands. The IUST is a research organization with its
headquarters in Bonn, Germany. The
fellowship programs are available in the
field of health policy research in the
context of primary healthcare. The
fellowship period is five years, with a
maximum of 10000 euros per year. The
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Data collection and analysis are organized around a core set of four terms of graduate courses, and a one term field placement to integrate and practice mastery of what has been learned in the course work experience. The Master of Science degree in Mental Health provides opportunities for women and minorities to be encouraged to pursue graduate studies.
New Books, continued
Jerome Krass, Brooklyn College, CUNY and Frank M. Sormonite (editors), The Ethnicity of American Indian Studies (Lan­ging: Charles E. Tuttle, 2000)
Judith Lerner, Professor Emeritus Brooklyn College, CUNY, Gender Inequality Feminist Theorists and Politics, 2nd Edition (Routledge, 2001)
Guest: Editors: International Sociological Association (ISA), Publication Committee. The ISA has decided to explore the possibility of publishing books under the ISA banner. Books may be expanded as needed to address issues of professional interest to sociologists. An Editor is now wanted to work on the development of the new look books in conjunction with the Publications Committee and the Secretariat. Individuals who are interested in this innovative development should contact the Vice-President of Publications, Christine Inglis, e-mail c.inglis@edefac.dcu.ie. They are also asked to send an expression of interest for the position of the Editor of the Bulletin, which includes information about their experience in electronic publishing, their ideas for the way in which the Bulletin could be developed as an electronic supplement to complement the other ISA publications. Interested persons must also provide information on the resources they have for publishing books of this sort and any other questions they may have.

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Summer Programs
Kinsey Institute has been awarded funding for several institutes to provide re­search training in human sexuality. The first summer institute, "Understanding High-Risk Sexual Behavior," will be held July 22-25, 2000 at Indiana University-Bloomington. The program will involve eight external faculty, as well as ISU fac­ulty and Kinsey staff, all of them active researchers in the area of HIV/AIDS and high-risk sexual behavior. Travel, accom­modation, and the registration fee will be provided. Preference will be given to gradu­ate students but post-doctoral and other researchers may apply. Students from minority groups, under-represented in this area of research, are strongly encour­aged to apply. For further information or to request an application form, visit the Kinsey website <http://www.indiana.edu/~kinsey/institute/summer.html>

Deaths
Jeanne Bowman, chair at David Lipscomb College in Nashville, TN, died recently.
Vate Murvac, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, died recently.

Obituaries
J. Allan Beegle
Joseph Allen Beegle, Professor Emeri­tus of Sociology at Michigan State Uni­versity, died on September 13, 1999 at his home in East Lansing, Michigan. Born September 13, 1918 in Bedford, Pennsylvania, he grew up on his family’s farm and throughout his long life and produc­tive career he remained true to values that were associated with those rural ori­gins.
After graduating from Bedford High School, the young ambitious Al went on to earn his B.S. from Penn­sylvana State University, a master’s degree at Iowa State University, and a doctorate in sociology at Louisiana State Uni­versity. His academic career was spread across the Midwest, the South and the Northeast.
He joined the faculty at Michigan State University in 1945, and from then until his retirement in 1988, he was the Soci­ology Department’s thematic leader of its mid-year meetings. As an international sociological association, the ISA was created to foster sociologists to connect to one another. To this end the ISA will send the following message to jeane@indiana.edu for more information.
gender-religion@indianu.edu, a new e-mail list, has been set up on the UK's National Academic Mailing List Service to promote informal corres­pondence among sociologists who work in the field of gender and religion. This is sponsored by the Gender and Religion Research Centre in the Department of the Sociology of Religion, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. To join the list, send the following message to jeane@indiana.edu: join gender-religion@indianu.edu
Sabbaticalhomes.com is dedicated to bringing academics on sabbatical leaves, research trips, or exchange programs together on the web. It is a place where scholars can go to post their homes for rent and/or exchange, list their accommod­ation search, or search for what other academics are looking for in the database. TheScientificWorld has selected Alchematrix Inc., to power the online system of equipment and supplies for its members. TheScientificWorld, owned by ScientificResearch.com, is an e­Science internet company focused on en­abling collaboration, communication, and medical research by providing science professionals with online access to inform­ation. Their goal is to help researchers create, manage, and acquire scientific knowledge.

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ASA Funding Opportunities

ASA is currently soliciting applications and proposals for its fellowships and small grants programs. Sociologists in all employment sectors are encouraged to apply. For additional information visit our website at http://www.asanet.org or contact us at (202) 383-9005 (see extension below).

Mass Media Science Fellow Program
- Ten-week summer placement at a major newspaper, television, or other media site
- Enhances skills in and commitment to public communication
- Quality mentoring and interaction with fellows from other fields of science
- Post-fellowship work with ASA on public communication
- Jointly administered with the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Deadline: February 1
Stipend: $3,500 plus travel expenses
Eligibility: PhD in sociology or equivalent or advanced graduate students (ABD)
Contact: Johanna Ebner, ext. 320

Community Action Research Initiative
- Supports projects that develop social science knowledge, methods, and expertise to community-identified issues and concerns
- Use sociologist's skills in community organizations or local interest groups.

Deadline: February 1
Stipend: Up to $2,500 to cover direct project costs
Eligibility: PhD in sociology or equivalent
Contact: Johanna Ebner, ext. 320

Congressional Fellowship
- Six-month placement as a Congressional staff member
- Learn about legislative process and apply sociological expertise to current policy issues
- Assist ASA with public policy briefings and workshops

Deadline: February 1
Stipend: $15,000
Eligibility: PhD in sociology or equivalent
Contact: Johanna Ebner, ext. 320

Teaching Enhancement Fund Small Grants Program
- Supports seed projects to enhance the quality of teaching sociology
- Core evaluation criteria include:
  - significant and feasibility of the project
  - innovativeness and promise of the project
  - generalizability of outcomes

Deadline: February 1
Award Amount: range up to $1,000
Eligibility: Individuals, a department, a program or a committee of a state or regional association
Contact: Meghan Rich, ext. 318

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