Annual Report for the Section on International Migration

For membership year 2016-2017

Prepared by Jennifer Lee, Past Chair of the Section.

October, 2016
Introduction

Dear Section Past Chair;

Section Annual Reports are an important tool for building your section’s institutional memory and history. In addition, they are one of the most valuable tools that the Association has to assess the vitality of your section. These reports are read and discussed by the Committee on Sections at its Fall/Winter meeting. Afterwards they are retained in the ASA’s Sections archive and will be available upon request for future section members and officers.

Annual Reports should cover your section’s activities during your term as chair, or approximately from the end of the previous year’s Annual Meeting to the end of this year’s.

Please send your completed report to the Executive Office by October 15th of this year. We prefer your reports are sent in electronic format rather than in print. Any printed materials sent to us will be converted into an electronic format.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns. I am here to assist you. Thank you for your hard work and creativity over these last several years, and congratulations for the successful completion of your term as Chair of your Section.

Sincerely,

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Section Governance

This first section of the report details your section’s governance activity during the last year.

Business Meeting

This portion of the report should include an agenda, a count or list of members present and a copy of the meeting’s minutes. If no minutes are available, please provide a summary of decisions made at this meeting.

The Business Meeting was held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. on Saturday, August 12 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 517B, following the Roundtable Session. The turnout was especially strong given that this was Day 1 of the ASA Meetings. There were roughly 150 people in attendance. Below are the agenda and minutes of the business meeting and awards.

I. Report IM Section Chair, Jennifer Lee

a. Thanked Angela Garcia for organizing the IM Section Roundtables, and Chair-Elect, David Fitzgerald for organizing the IM section panels.

b. Welcomed our new elected Council Members

i. Chair-Elect: Cecilia Menjivar;
ii. New Council Members: David Cook-Martin and Joanna Dreby
iii. Student Representative: Stephanie Canizales

c. Thanked our out-going Council Members

i. Past-Chair: Jackie Hagan
ii. Section Members: Tanya Golash-Boza and Emilio Parrado
iii. Graduate Student Representative: Stephanie Pulles, who helped to arrange the mentoring lunch, and also designed the plaques for our section’s awardees

d. Thanked our Current Council Members who have generous and graciously given their time to help plan section events and serve on award committees:

i. Jody Agius Vallejo, Prema Kurien, Van Tran, and Zoua Vang

e. Announced a new feature of our newsletter, World on the Move, “Council Member Spotlight”, in which we highlight one Council Member per issue. Since the section members elected the Council, I thought that they may like to learn more about them.

i. In the Fall, we featured Van Tran, and in the spring, we featured Zoua Vang. We selected these two because they are the most junior on the Council.

f. Thanked the section’s web and social media master, Oshin Khachikian, who keeps the section updated through Facebook and Twitter posts. I encouraged the members to consider following us on both Facebook and Twitter.

g. I welcomed Armand Gutierrez, who is joining Samantha Saghera, as one of the Editors of World on the Move. Samantha will replace Claudia Youakim as the Lead Editor.

h. Reminded our members that our Section’s Reception would take place that evening at L’Assommoir Notre-Dame at 6:30pm. The event is generously co-sponsored by Ethnic and Racial Studies. Address: 211 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest (coin St-François-Xavier).
i. The Section’s Mentoring Lunch will be held at the same venue the following day (Sunday, August 13th) at noon.

j. Announced that next year’s IM sessions in Philadelphia will be organized by the Incoming Chair-Elect, Cecilia Menjivar.

II. Report from Secretary-Treasurer, Loretta Bass
a. Loretta Bass, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that the IM Section has seen a decrease in membership from 2016 to 2017. There are currently 597 members in August 2017, compared with 650 members in August 2016. From the ASA analysis of those who did not renew, 59 members did not renew for the ASA and also for the IM Section. This decrease is related to the overall decrease in ASA membership from 2016 to 2017.

b. Loretta Bass reported that the IM Section is on solid financial footing; detailed amounts are noted below. She highlighted the contribution of Ethnic and Racial Studies (ERS) has been important for the financial health of the IM Section.

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III. Report from Chair-Elect, David Fitzgerald, about the IM Mini-Conference to take place next year in Philadelphia
a. David Fitzgerald announced the formation of a Steering Committee to help organize the Mini-Conference to be held in Philadelphia on August 10 on the University of Pennsylvania campus.

IV. Award Presentations – Each award was presented by the Chair of the specific award committee (according to the IM section practice, the previous award winners serve as chairs of their respective award committee in the following year). The Chair first read out the stated purposes of the award, then announced the awardee(s), and provided a brief review of the recipient’s work. Only the Distinguished Career Award recipient, Professor Min Zhou, received a lengthy award presentation by Chair Jennifer Lee, and gave acceptance speech. The list of award winners is below.

THOMAS AND ZNANIECKI DISTINGUISHED BOOK AWARD presented by Min Zhou
Winner:

Honorable Mentions:


*LOUIS WIRTH BEST ARTICLE AWARD presented by Natasha Warikoo*

Winner:

Honorable Mentions:


*ARISTIDE ZOLBERG STUDENT PAPER AWARD presented by Prema Kurien*

Winner:

*DISTINGUISHED CAREER AWARD presented by Jennifer Lee*

Min Zhou
University of California, Los Angeles

V. Jennifer Lee concluded the Business Meeting by thanking all of the IM Section Award Committee Members. The Business Meeting adjourned on time.

*Thomas and Znaniecki Distinguished Book Award*
Min Zhou (Chair), Katharine Donato, Mary C. Waters

*Louis Wirth Best Article Award*
Jody Agius Vallejo (Chair), Dina Okamoto, Natasha Warikoo

*Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award*
Susan K. Brown (Chair), Kim Ebert, Prema Kurien
Section Council Meeting

In this portion of the report, please discuss your section’s deliberations at its Council Meeting. This portion of the report should include an agenda, a count or list of members present and a copy of the meeting’s minutes. If no minutes are available, please provide a summary of decisions made by the Section Council. Please include information on all other Council Meetings conducted during the previous year.

Business Meeting Minutes (prepared by Loretta Bass, Secretary-Treasurer)

Sunday, August 13
11 a.m., L’Assommoir Notre-Dame
211 rue Notre-Dame Ouest (coin St-Francois-Xavier)

IN ATTENDANCE:
Jennifer Lee (Chair, 2017), David Fitzgerald (Chair-Elect, 2018), Cecilia Menjivar (Chair-Elect, 2019), Loretta Bass (Secretary-Treasurer), Van Tran (Council, 2018), Zoua Vang (Council, 2019), Tonya Golash-Boza (Council, 2017), David Cook-Martin (Council, 2017), Stephanie Pulles (Graduate Student Representative, 2017) Stephanie Canizales (Graduate Student Representative, 2018)

I. Jennifer Lee, Chair, welcomed Council Members to the meeting.
   a. She thanked and recognized the contributions of the 2016 Nominations Committee, the current IM Council Members, and especially to Stephanie Pulles, Graduate Student Council Member, who was instrumental in organizing the 2017 Mentoring Lunch. The mentoring lunch is being held at L’Assommoir Notre-Dame just after the Council Meeting.

II. World on the Move (WOM) and Social Media
   a. Jennifer Lee announced that the membership should contact WOM Editors, Samantha Saghera and Armand Gutierrez, at asa.int.mig@gmail.com to make submissions. Also, she noted that Oshin Khachikian will continue as the IM Section’s Webmaster and Social Media Manager over the next year.

III. Jennifer Lee explained that the WOM newsletter sells advertising space to publishers. In the past, these have included Oxford, Russell Sage, Stanford, and UC Press. We provide free space to Ethnic and Racial Studies (ERS), as they provide substantial support to the section. This advertising yields the section an additional $1200 every year. ERS has pledged to also support the reception at the close of the 2018 IM Mini-Conference to be held in Philadelphia.

IV. Report on 2017 IM Section Program
   a. Jennifer Lee and David Fitzgerald, Incoming Chair, discussed the 2017 ASA IM Section Theme of Forced Migration/Refugee Issues. There are some great topics this year including “Migration in the Global South,” organized by Maryann Bylander, “The Return of Temporary Migration

V. Report on Planning the 2018 IM Section ASA Annual Meeting Program
   a. Cecilia Menjivar will serve as the Program Chair for the 2018 IM Section’s Sessions at the ASA Annual Meeting.

VI. Report on Planning the 2018 IM Section Mini-Conference Program
   a. David Fitzgerald discussed the organizing that is in the works for the 2018 IM Section Mini-Conference, which will center on the 25th anniversary of the IM Section. The conference will be held on the University of Pennsylvania campus; one plenary panel will take stock of what IM scholars have accomplished over this period, and a second panel will look forward as a way to remain relevant in a rapidly changing IM context today. Three workshops are planned in the areas of Public Engagement, Publishing, and Practice. The Council members suggested who are members of the IM Section be given priority to participate in the Mini-Conference.

VII. Membership
   a. Loretta Bass, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that the IM Section has seen a small decrease in membership. There are 597 members in August 2017, compared with 650 members in August 2016. From the ASA analysis of those who did not renew, 59 members did not renew for the ASA and for the IM Section. Overall, ASA membership is down slightly. Council Members plan to reach out to those who did not rejoin and mentioned that the travel burden (i.e., cost or international border) associated with the 2017 ASA meeting in Montreal as a reason for not rejoining the ASA. About 30% of IM Section members are students.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Loretta Bass noted that the contribution of Ethnic and Racial Studies (ERS) has been important for the financial health of the IM Section.

   b. Jennifer Lee offered to solicit advertising donations from publishers to benefit both the IM Section and the 2018 IM Mini-Conference. Presses could then buy space to feature their products in WOM or the 2018 Mini-Conference program. In the past, we have sold space to Oxford, UC Press, and Russell Sage. Loretta Bass acknowledged that the Mentoring Lunch typically pays for itself, because members pay for their lunch with their registration.

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State of the Section Budget

Did your section operate within its budget for this year? Please include a copy of last year’s projected budget and compare it with actual expenses.

Our Section is financially strong. Fundraising from the previous year and press advertisement, along with membership dues and ASA contribution, pushed our budget up to about $6,877.08. We operated well within the year’s budget. We kept the cost of the mentoring lunch and reception by holding both events in the same venue and day and by not being charged for the space because we are a non-profit. We plan to continue to fundraise for the mini-conference in Philadelphia in 2018.

An operating budget for the coming year approved by the Section Council.

A separate spreadsheet is provided to calculate the planning budget and track expenses. Please work with your Section’s Secretary Treasurer on this point. The budget is of critical importance to the Committee on Sections and must be included with the section’s annual report.

Statements, Notes, Observations

Please feel free to use this space for anything that does not fit above.

We appreciate the help of the ASA staff, who have promptly responded to our many queries.
The Previous Year
This section discusses your section’s activities during your term as Section Chair.

See above under council meeting notes.

Overview
Please provide an overview of your section’s programming for the last year. We also invite you to include information on the state of the section, sentiments of the members, important issues in the field.

The Section continues to be a very engaged group of scholars and section membership remains strong. Given the growing numbers and visibility of junior members and graduate students, we expect no significant decline in membership. In fact, we expect an increase in membership since the ASA meetings will be held in Philadelphia, which will make it more accessible to more of our members, some of whom could not travel across U.S. borders to Montreal.

The 2017 IM Section programs included five regular sessions and one roundtable session. The new chair, David Fitzgerald, who was then Chair-Elect, organized an excellent program. The roundtable sessions were also lively.

Recruiting and Retention Efforts
What efforts did your section make to retain last year’s members and reach out to new members? What were the results of the section’s retention efforts?

We promoted recruitment into the section in fall 2016 by reminding colleagues via email to join the section and to fund memberships for their students. We publish an excellent newsletter, On The Move, twice a year, and notices to members are regularly sent out on the section’s listserv. We also post on our section’s Facebook page and Twitter account.

The IM section events were very well attended, including the Business Meeting, Section Reception, and Mentoring Lunch. The mentoring lunch is especially fruitful in bringing together junior and senior scholars, and retaining interest and generating new interest among ASA members.

We will continue to recruit colleagues who were award winners to chair awards committees. In addition, we make efforts to promote institutional diversity when we design the slate of candidates for Council and to serve on award committees.

Communications Strategy
How does your section communicate with its members? Did it begin using any new technologies or techniques, if so were they effective? Please include links to your section’s website, newsletter and other electronic media used.

Our section communicates to members through the e-mail listserv, Twitter, and Facebook. We publish World on the Move (WOM) newsletter, in which members share and obtain updates about the section. The newsletter
is now co-edited by Samantha Saghera and Armand Guiterriez. Steve Gold continues to document section activities by taking photographs of membership at events, which we share on both social media and through the newsletter.

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The Coming Year
This portion of the report discusses your section’s plans for next year.

Elections and Nominations
This section details who is on the section’s Nominations Committee and how they were appointed. If your section does not have a standing Nominations Committee, please discuss your process for nominating candidates for next year’s elections.

The new Chair, David Fitzgerald, has appointed the Section’s Nomination Committee. The Section’s past chair, Jennifer Lee, will serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Other committee members include Jackie Hagan, Emilio Parrado, Zoua Vang, and Stephanie Pulles.

The committee is charged with developing a list of candidates who reflect the diversity of our section. In particular, the committee is mindful of constituting a slate of candidates who are diverse with respect to institution, ethnicity, gender, research approach, and research foci. Each vacant position would have at least two candidates running for election.

Plans for the coming year.
What sort of programming will your section conduct for next year’s Annual Meeting. Will the section begin any new projects before then?

We have several activities planned for next year. First, we will be planning for the 2018 annual meeting program for the section. Cecilia Menjivar, the Chair-Elect, is in charge of programming for 2018. Second, we will organize a mentoring lunch for graduate students to engage with faculty and a reception for all section members. We will continue to fundraise for the section through the selling advertising space in our newsletter to selected presses who publish books on international migration. Any savings will be passed on to help fund the one-day mini conference scheduled for 2018 in Philadelphia.

Statements, Notes, Observations
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The Association and the Executive Office
This is your opportunity to put items onto the agenda of the Committee on Sections and ASA Staff.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the ASA Council and Committee on Sections?
This is your opportunity to make policy suggestions or discuss any difficulties that your section encountered during your tenure as Section Chair.

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What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to ASA Staff?
Please feel free to suggest improvements to sections procedures or services provided to sections.

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