Annual Report for the Latina/o Sociology Section

For membership year 2016-17

Prepared by Marta Maria Maldonado, Past Chair of the Section

October, 2017
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 10th 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

Business Meeting
Members present: approximately 100

Latina/o Sociology Section Business Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2017
11:20-12:10am
Chair: Marta Maria Maldonado

I. Moment to acknowledge Latinx scholars in ASA presidency: Incoming president, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, and President-Elect, Mary Romero
  • Brief remarks

II. Congratulations to our newly elected officers:
  • Elizabeth Aranda, Chair-Elect
  • Secretary-Treasurer: Elizabeth Vaquera
  • New Council Members: Daisy Verduzco-Reyes and Joanna Perez
  • Student Representative to the Council: Maria Duenas

III. Acknowledgments
  • THANK YOU to Victor Rios, our chair-elect, for his work putting together our programming for this year. Thanks to Juanita Garcia and Lorena Murga for organizing our roundtables.
  • To those who served on the various award committees this year.
  • To Isabel Sousa-Rodriguez and Stephanie Canizales, for their amazing work keeping us current and active in various social media outlets. Facebook page, Twitter.
  • Thanks to Andrea Gomez Cervantes for her awesome work on NOTAS, our newsletter.

IV. Treasurers Report: Secretary Treasurer Ed Flores was unable to attend. Here are the highlights from the report he put together.

1) Assets
   We started the year with $2,007 in assets, and received $1,818 in member dues, for total net assets of $3,825.

2) Expenses
   The only expenses we will report for ASA this year are the reception, the plaques and the council meeting breakfast. (This year we skipped the Norma Williams workshop, because we are in Montreal and it is expensive to be here one extra day). The costs were:
   Council meeting (breakfast)- $150?
   Plaques- $209.37
   Reception costs- about $2,389 (it costs about $3,589, minus $1,200 that members paid)

3) Net Total
   In sum, after these ASA meetings LSS will have about $1,076.63.
4) Other remarks
As a section, LSS has been consistently losing money—about $1,000 per year. Including section member dues, we started the 2013-14 year with $6,576, the 2014-15 year with $5714, the 2015-16 year with $4,264, and the 2016-17 year with $3,825. We are projected to start this next year with $2,893.

Section allocation for member dues have been very consistent, about $1,800 every year for the past four years. The high cost of the receptions is what is depleting our funds.

We should think about fundraising for two important considerations: first, replacing some of the depleted funds, and second, planning for the Norma Williams workshop next year

V. SECTION AWARDS
- Cecilia Menjivar to present the Founders Award
  - Rodolfo Alvarez, Emeritus Professor, UCLA (in absence)
- Vilma Ortiz will present the Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award
  - Ruben Rumbaut, University of California, Irvine (Remarks by Ruben, in honor of Julian Samora)
- Syl$va Dominguez will present the Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award
  - Joanna Dreby, Everyday Illegal (in absence)
- Laura Enriquez will present the Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Awards:
- Joanna Perez will present the Cristina Maria Riegos Distinguished Student Paper Award
  - Armand René Gutierrez, "The Determinants of Remittances among the Children of Mexican- and Filipino-American Migrants"
  - Archibaldo Silva, "Acting straight, going exclusive: same-sex relationships and family life among gay Latinos" (in absence)

V. Discussion of Membership Drive, encourage new members and gift memberships. On-site fundraising, pledge requests by Victor Rios.

VI. Sign-in sheets for committees: Norma Williams Workshop, Programming, Awards, and Media/Web design.

VIII. Reception information

IX. Open discussion of ideas for next year’s panel sessions: Feeling Race: An Invitation to Explore Racialized Emotions. Elizabeth Aranda took notes on members’ ideas.

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**Section Council Meeting**

*Monday, August 14, 8:30-9:45am*

*Across from the Tim Horton’s (located on the floor below ASA registration)*

In attendance: Victor Rios, Sylvia Zamora, Cristina Mora, Andrea Gomez-Cervantes, Elizabeth Aranda, Elizabeth Vaquera, Veronica Terriquez, Maria Duenas, Isabel Ayala, Joanna Perez, Marta Maldonado

I. Introductions
II. Reception Details. Sign-up sheets to check people in to reception. Reception will take place starting at 6:30pm, at Tapas 24, located at 420 Notre-Dame Ouest (West), local 4, about an 8-minute walk from the Palais Des Congres.

III. Discussion of request for support for the 2018 Sexualities preconference. Decision to support in non-monetary ways.

IV. Discussion about next year’s reception in Philadelphia. Colleagues and/or departments which might be able to help identify a location, or help fund the reception.

V. Discussion of budget. Possible online fund-raising drive. Discussion of other fundraising possibilities.

VI. Discuss plans to maintain/increase membership, gift membership for graduate students.

VII. Discussion of next year’s activities. Norma Williams Workshop. Discussion of best meeting date and time to hold the workshop to maximize attendance and to make it affordable for students. Several members propose that the workshop be held in the afternoon of the day before LatSoc sessions. Discussion about re-distribution of duties/responsibilities among the Council so that everybody shares the load more equally. Proposal to create a Programming committee instead of having all the programming duties fall on the Chair-Elect. Proposal to create an Elections Committee.

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Statements, Notes, Observations

The Previous Year

Overview

Our section is dedicated to scholarship on Latina/o populations. We are a vibrant and growing section, surpassing 400 members three years ago. Our membership consists of many young scholars in graduate school or on the tenure track, as well as leading scholars in Latino/a Sociology.

Our 2017 ASA program included three regular sessions, which were organized by our Chair-Elect, Victor Rios: 1) Latinas/os, Gender and Sexuality, 2) Latino/as and Gentrification, and 3) Latina/o...
Youth and Social Change. Our section also had a roundtable session organized by Juanita Garcia and Lorena Murga. All sessions and the roundtables included exciting, cutting edge scholarship in the field. The sessions were well attended and drew large and engaged audiences.

Our section events also included a section council meeting and business meeting, as well as a solo reception. The business meeting was well attended (about 100 members), and gave us an opportunity to recognize our section’s achievements and begin discussions for next year’s activities. At the Business Meeting we recognized the important work of our section members, through five established section awards. These awards include the Founder’s Award, the Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award, the Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award, the Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award, and the Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award.

Like last year, this year we held a solo reception off-site. The reception was very well attended (more than 200 hundred attendees). Newer members and oldtimers of the section connected with one another. Feedback from section members suggest that the reception was experienced as a great and enjoyable opportunity to connect with colleagues and friends.

Recruiting and Retention Efforts

In congruence with the efforts of section Chairs the previous two years, I set a goal to maintain our membership above 400 members. With the support of existing members, we recruited new graduate students and junior faculty, and some of our senior section members gifted memberships to their students. Thanks to the efforts of many committed members we reached and exceeded our goal, ending up with 411 members for the year.

Communications Strategy

Section Websites:
http://www.asanet.org/communities/sections/sites/latino-sociology

Section Newsletter, NOTAS:
Two issues of Notas, our section newsletter, were published last year in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

Section Twitter:
Started 2014-2015
ASA Latino/a Soc @ASA_LatinoSoc

Section Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/American-Sociological-Association-Section-on-Latinoa-Sociology-158966549101/

Section Listserv:
Maintained by Chair, membership is sent a weekly announcement containing information on jobs, conferences, call for papers, grant and fellowship announcements, and other pertinent information of interest to our members.
**The Coming Year**

**Elections and Nominations**

The section chair, in consultation with the council, appoints a chair for the Nominations Committee following the annual conference, in keeping with the section bylaws. The Council will work with the Nominations Committee Chair and the Section Chair to ensure a full slate of candidates.

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**Plans for the coming year**

- Mentoring Activity: Council will decide when and where to hold the Norma Williams mentoring workshop at the 2018 Philadelphia meetings. The workshop was not held this year given that the meetings were held in Montreal (a non-US site), and the Chair and Council had concerns about maximizing student attendance.
- Elizabeth Aranda, Chair-Elect, in consultation with the Council, and after considering suggestions from members, will develop a slate of panels for the 2018 ASA meeting in Philadelphia.
- Recruitment and Retention: We are committed to maintaining and growing our membership, and to sustaining our efforts at outreach for this coming year.
- A local coordinator (Philadelphia) will be appointed by the Chair, in consultation with Council, to begin plans for the 2018 LatSoc reception.

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**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?**

As previous Chairs of the LatSoc section have noted in past years, the costs for on-site conference section activities are prohibitive for smaller sections like ours. We need additional resources or more affordable options that will not wipe out our budgets. We routinely go off-site for section events, but costs in the vicinity of conference locations are typically high, and continually erode our budget. This remains an issue—one that we hope ASA will take up and address in the near future.
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to ASA Staff?

I lament Justin Lini’s departure from ASA. He and Jamie Arca were great resources to me in my work for the Latino/a Sociology Section since I became Chair-Elect two years ago. The shuffling and reconfiguration of staff duties within ASA over this past half year presented some challenges, including delays in communication, and confusion about who was handling what. I trust that it is just a matter of time for this all to be sorted out.

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