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Letter from the Chair

Carrie Oser, University of Kentucky

Happy belated new year! The past four months have been an interesting time for scientists in light of the recent swearing in of President Trump, who has already issued numerous executive orders and confirmed several highly controversial cabinet nominees despite his short time in office. Many of these executive orders relate directly to the ASA’s 2017 timely conference theme of “Culture, Inequalities, and Social Inclusion across the Globe.” In response to the Immigrant Ban, the ASA has participated in a written statement along with other scholarly associations highlighting the need for a free exchange of ideas to advance scientific progress, which will be disrupted by the ban. I hope you will take a moment to read the letter to President Trump if you have not already done so.

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Welcome our new Editorial Committee!

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The next few years will likely be a time of legal and health care policy changes related to drugs of abuse. For example, there has been a push towards dismantling the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or Obamacare, which has played a significant role in providing mandated coverage for the treatment of substance use disorders. An ACA repeal could threaten the health and economic wellbeing of numerous Americans. If the ACA is repealed, there is currently no clear replacement plan. Members of the scientific community are concerned about scientific acceptance by the new administration and science-based policy initiatives, as well as funding streams for science. Thus, organizers have assembled a March for Science on Earth Day, April 22, 2017. The main March for Science will be held in DC, but local satellite March events are being promoted across the U.S. Please visit the March for Science website at https://www.marchforscience.com/ for additional details.

The ASA annual meeting will provide an opportunity to exchange ideas and I hope everyone had the opportunity to submit a paper. This year, the annual meeting will be held in the beautifully quaint city of Montreal, Quebec Canada from August 12 to 15, 2017. You are in for a real treat if you have not been to Montreal! The sessions for the Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco (ADT) section will be held on the last day of the conference, August 15; therefore, we will have the roundtables as well as two exciting sessions. The ADT paper sessions are titled “The Opioid Epidemic” and “Substance Use: A Focus on Inequalities and Social Inclusion,” the latter of which aligns with the 2017 conference theme.

Finally, I’d like to thank Kathryn Nowotny, the new ADT Section Newsletter Editor, for the production of a wonderful newsletter and Andy Golub for his engaged service to the ADT section as outgoing Chair! I’m hopeful that our ADT members will rally by recruiting new members so we can more effectively champion for publicly communicated social science findings on alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. We need your help! If students who are members of ASA are interested in a free ADT membership, please have them contact me at carrie.oser@uky.edu. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Carrie Oser, ADT Section Chair
Research in the Brief

“Deaths of Despair and Support for Trump in the 2016 Election”
By Shannon Monnat, Penn State University
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The U.S.’s unprecedented opiate crisis pervaded many key Presidential campaign issues, including international trade, immigration, and health care. Over the past decade, nearly 400,000 people in the U.S. died from accidental drug overdoses and drug-induced diseases. But nearly 400,000 more committed suicide, and over 250,000 died from alcohol-induced diseases like cirrhosis of the liver, suggesting that opiates are part of a much larger problem. Moreover, mortality rates from these ‘deaths of despair’ are substantially higher among certain demographic groups (especially non-Hispanic whites without a college degree) and in certain geographic regions (small cities and rural areas). It is among these same demographic groups and in these same places where Trump performed best.

Using merged county-level mortality and election data, I examined the relationship between rates of mortality from drugs, alcohol and suicide (2006-2014) and voting patterns in the 2016 Presidential election. I focused on three regions where the drug epidemic has received considerable attention: the Industrial Midwest, Appalachia, and New England. Because much of the narrative surrounding Trump’s election success has emphasized the role of economic distress and working-class voters, I included those factors in my analyses.

Nationally, and in all three regions, Trump performed better than Romney in counties with higher drug, alcohol and suicide mortality rates. The relationship between mortality and Trump’s performance was particularly pronounced in the Industrial Midwest and New England. Much of the relationship between mortality and Trump’s performance is explained by economic factors; counties with higher economic distress and larger working-class presence also have higher mortality rates and came out strongly for Trump.
Ultimately, no single factor (including race, education, income, rurality, or health) can explain this election outcome. To suggest otherwise ignores the economic, social, and demographic complexities that drive human behavior and the contexts of the communities where these voters live. What these analyses demonstrate though, is that community-level well-being played an important role in the 2016 election, particularly in the parts of America far-removed from the world of urban elites, media, and foundations. My findings reflect larger economic and social problems that go far beyond drug and alcohol abuse and suicide. In many of the counties where Trump did the best, economic precarity has been building and social and family networks have been breaking down for several decades. In these places, good jobs and the dignity of work have been replaced by suffering, hopelessness and despair, the feeling that America isn’t so great anymore, and the belief that people in power don’t care about them or their communities. Here, downward mobility is the new normal. Trump capitalized on and exploited these feelings of despair, anger, fear, and frustration.

The full research brief upon which this post is based can be viewed at: http://aese.psu.edu/directory/smm67/Election16.pdf. The brief contains details.

Source: Analyses by Shannon Monnat, Penn State University (smm67@psu.edu) using data from U.S. Election Atlas and CDC.
Notes: Trump overperformance is measured as the percentage difference between share of votes received by Trump vs. share of votes received by Romney; full research brief available at http://aese.psu.edu/directory/smm67/demography.
Research in the Brief Continued

about the data and methods I used and provides examples of counties that illustrate the trends I discuss here.

A Note on my Dissemination Strategy
I knew this topic was timely and had a very short shelf life. After all, how long before we are all sick of reading and hearing about what happened in this election? My own frustration with the lengthy academic peer review process and the disconnect between our academic research and public outreach led me disseminate this brief in a way I never had before (and would not have had the will to do even a couple of years ago). So, I ran it by a few colleagues for review and critique, notified a couple of media contacts it was coming out, tweeted about it, and simply posted it as a PDF on my faculty webpage. Since I posted it on Dec. 4, it has been featured on NPR and in The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Nation, The Huffington Post, Business Insider, and more. I have had lengthy phone conversations with reporters from CNN, CBS, BuzzFeed, and NPR about deeper stories and series they want to explore related to rural towns and small cities. It has been uplifting and energizing talking with these reporters who really do need and want our research to help them identify the stories they should be pursuing. Peer reviewed academic publishing is likely to remain the coin of the realm for a long time to come, but I encourage us to seek strategies to quickly disseminate our research in ways that the public, media and policy makers can easily digest.

Read more!

National Public Radio Study: Communities Most Affected By Opioid Epidemic Also Voted For Trump

NY Magazine More Evidence That Drugs, Suicide, and Despair Fueled Trump’s Win

The Nation Did the Opioid Epidemic Help Donald Trump Win?

Slate Is the Opioid Crisis Partly to Blame for President Trump?

Washington Post Trump over performed the most in counties with the highest drug, alcohol and suicide mortality rates

The New York Times The Peculiar Populism of Donald Trump

Huffington Post Trump Voters and The Drug Epidemic

Business Insider The revenge of the 'Oxy electorate' helped fuel Trump's election upset

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Q&A with 2016 ADT Award Winners

Tebogo Sebeelo, University of Miami Sociology PhD Student

**BRUCE D. JOHNSON STUDENT PAPER AWARD: David Showalter, Social Crisis and Symbolic Power: Institutionalizing Syringe Exchange in California**

Kindly introduce yourself to the readers briefly.
I am a doctoral student in sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. Most of my research examines drug use and drug policy, focusing particularly on opioids (like heroin, fentanyl, and prescription painkillers) and harm reduction programs (like syringe exchange, naloxone distribution, and supervised consumption facilities). I am also working on research projects on the role of psychiatry in the penal system, reality television, and contemporary American politics. In addition to my research work, I also serve as President of the Board for NEED, an all-volunteer harm reduction agency based in Berkeley.

What motivated you to enter into this competition?
I think it is important for researchers to pay attention to how politics and social movements shape drug use and drug policy. I hoped my paper on the history of syringe exchange activism would make the case for that approach by showing how people who use drugs were able to organize with allies to effectively respond to the AIDS crisis.

Is this your first award or have won other awards before?
This is my first award for a paper I’ve written as a graduate student. This paper also won the graduate student paper award from the Sociologists’ AIDS Network.

How did you feel when you were notified that you had won this award?
I am very early in my career and still figuring out how to do the kind of research I care about. So I felt honored that the review committee thought that I had written a convincing paper on a subject that is close to my heart. It gives me confidence to pursue my own interests and ideas, and it makes me feel part of a supportive and vibrant interdisciplinary research community. It has been very rewarding, because it has given me the opportunity to connect with other researchers and gain some validation for my research, which sometimes feels marginal within the broader discipline of sociology.

What advice would you give to fellow students based on your experience in entering & winning this competition?
Don’t be afraid! Like many researchers, I am a bit of a perfectionist, and it is hard for me to get over my fear of rejection or criticism of projects in which I’ve invested a lot of time and care. But win or lose, I have always benefited from letting others read and evaluate my work. Scholarship is a collective and collaborative enterprise, and the only way to be a good scholar is to share your findings with your colleagues.

“Research on the use of drugs is incredibly important in our current moment of social and political upheaval. We need as many young researchers as possible to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to this field. I think competitions like this are valuable ways to encourage the next generation of scholars, and if anything we need more of them!” – David
Briefly introduce yourself to the readers.
I am a medical sociologist and socio-legal scholar working at Saint Louis University where I am an assistant professor of sociology. Broadly, I am interested in how institutional logics play out in micro-level interactions and how these logics shape how professionals make sense of their work. I am currently conducting a tri-state research project on the opioid epidemic that focuses on how two institutional fields—healthcare and criminal justice—address the same social problem. I address how organizations in each of these fields engage in collaboration and contestation, how they use a shared technology in the form of prescription drug monitoring programs, and how each field responds to the adjacent field’s innovations.

Is this your first award or have you won other awards before? If Yes, how is it similar or different to other awards?
I was fortunate to win two awards this year. In addition to the Outstanding Junior Scholar Award from the ADT section, I received the Distinguished Article Award from the ASA’s Section on the Sociology of Law. I have received two previous honorable mentions—the James D. Thompson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper from the ASA’s Section on Organizations, Occupations and Work in 2010 for my article titled “Challenging Professional Self-Regulation: Social Movement Influence on Pharmacy Rulemaking in Washington State” and the Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award from the ASA’s Medical Sociology Section in 2012 for my dissertation titled “Pharmacists of Conscience: Ethical Decision-Making and Consistency of Care.” I also received a Faculty Excellence Award from the Student Government Association at Saint Louis University in 2015. The Outstanding Junior Scholar Award is different from previous awards because instead of recognizing one piece of work such as an article or a dissertation, it recognizes me as a scholar. That feels like a strong affirmation of my existing work and indicates section members’ enthusiasm for my future contributions to the field.

What does this award mean to you?
To me, this award means that my work is on the right track. It says to me that what I am doing is valuable and has the potential to make a strong contribution to the study of drugs. Like many other cases of substance use, studying the opioid epidemic is fascinating from the perspective of sociological theory, but also has the potential to make a real world impact. Recently, I have been working in both academic and policy arenas and am enthusiastic to have my work recognized by colleagues who similarly contribute to both arenas.

Would you say winning this award has been rewarding to you?
Absolutely. So often academic work is a solitary exercise. Receiving this award is an affirming reminder that scholars who do work on ADT are working collectively towards the joint goal of understanding and intervening into social problems.

“I was thrilled to learn that I had won this award. It felt wonderful to be recognized in this way by colleagues that I respect and admire.” – Elizabeth
Senior Scholar Award: Wendy Chapkis

Briefly introduce yourself to the readers.
I am a professor of sociology and women & gender studies at the University of Southern Maine. My research interests range from the sociology of the body, to gender and sexuality studies, to drug policy reform, as the titles of my three books suggest: Beauty Secrets: Women and the Politics of Appearance (South End Press, 1986); Live Sex Acts: Women Performing Erotic Labor (Routledge, 1997); and Dying to Get High: Marijuana as Medicine (New York University Press, 2008). Much of my work over the past decade has focused on marijuana policy reform.

Is this your first award or have you won other awards before? If Yes, how is it similar or different to other awards?
I have been fortunate to receive several awards for my scholarship over the past twenty years including -- an Outstanding Book Award from the Organization for Communication, Language and Gender and an Outstanding Scholarly Book Award from the American Foundation for Gender Medicine and Science. I was also a finalist for the C. Wright Mills Book Award. In each case -- as in this one -- I felt tremendously honored to be acknowledged by my colleagues.

What does this award mean to you?
Because much of my previous research had been in the area of gender and sexual studies, when I moved into drug policy research about 15 years ago, I felt a little bit like an interloper. That feeling may have been intensified by the fact that I do qualitative rather than quantitative research and study drug use not drug misuse. For those reasons, I was especially moved to have my work recognized and honored by the Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco section.

What advice would you give especially to young scholars?
Throughout my career, I have studied marginalized communities – LGBT people, sex workers, drug users – and have done so through a lens of respectful engagement. I also deliberately write in a style intended to allow my work to be accessible, and therefore useful, to those I write about. The risks of such an approach within the academy are clear. But I hope it is helpful to younger scholars to know that none of those choices created insurmountable barriers to my professional success. I am also aware that I have been very lucky to have had good colleagues and supportive mentors throughout my career. One piece of advice to younger scholars is to get involved with professional organizations like the ADT; you will meet critical allies.

Email the Newsletter Committee Chair (Kathryn.Nowotny@Miami.edu) to nominate yourself or someone you know for the Scholar Spotlight!
At the University of Miami Department of Sociology, Dr. Jan Sokol-Katz is enhancing the way her students learn. By integrating a civic engagement component to her juvenile delinquency course, students are able to enrich their studies by interacting with the community. While textbooks focus on theories and concepts, having the opportunity to engage with young adults partaking in an alternative to incarceration program gives a dynamic perspective to juvenile delinquency.

AMIkids is a non-profit organization focused on youth development, striving to help young adults with a troubled past turn their lives around. The program aims to lower recidivism and help each individual fulfill his or her potential. In addition to in-class lectures and assigned readings, Dr. Sokol-Katz invites young adults from the AMIkids program to the University of Miami campus to meet with her students. During these meetings, students have the opportunity to gain insight from the AMI kids and put theory into practice. I had the privilege to sit in on one of these classes and see the power of service-based learning.

The small groups discussed what types of resources are needed in at-risk areas to help prevent juvenile delinquency. The students debated on whether factors such as the presence of positive role models and mentors could help adolescents stay on track. The AMIkids gave their opinions on these issues, while also sharing their stories, revealing what motivated them to change, and plans for their bright future. I was delighted to see the enthusiasm and genuine interest the University of Miami students expressed while engaging with the AMIkids. From my perspective, these group discussions fostered a sense of encouragement and optimism. It is evident that these interactions benefited both the Miami students as well as the AMIkids.

Dr. Sokol-Katz urges those who wish to add a civic engagement component to their course to keep an open mind about their expectations. While it was originally intended to pair the students one-on-one in hopes to develop a relationship throughout the semester, difficulties arose when coordinating schedules. Given that only a few AMIkids were able to attend during the class time, the small group discussions worked just as well. Engaging with court-mandated students may result in higher turnout rates and consistency during meetings, rather than relying strictly on volunteers. While it may not go exactly as a planned, exposing the students to these civic engagement programs helps lay the groundwork for semesters to come. This unique and innovative teaching strategy is undoubtedly changing the way students learn and is an incredible addition to their coursework.

Do you have an innovative teaching strategy or assignment you want to share? Email the Newsletter Committee Chair Kathryn.Nowotny@Miami.edu
**Member News**

Craig Reinarman recently published an article called "Going Dutch: Drug Policy at the Crossroads" in *Criminology and Public Policy*, and in August was honored to receive the 2016 Senior Scholar Award in recognition of a distinguished career of excellence from the Drinking and Drugs Division of SSSP.

Tara Warner had two recently publications: “The Geography of Normative Climates: An Application to Adolescent Substance Use” and “Up in Smoke: Neighborhood Contexts of Marijuana Use from Adolescence through Young Adulthood” both in *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

**Congratulations!** Claire Sterk is new president of Emory University. Bill Pridemore was appointed Dean of School of Criminal Justice at Albany. Hannah Knudson is new editor of *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. Brian Kelly is new co-editor of *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

**NEW! Joint Doctoral Program Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use**

The School of Social Work at San Diego State University and the Division of Global Public Health at the University of California, San Diego are now offering a Joint Doctoral Program Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use. This program is designed to prepare the next generation of leaders in substance use research with the knowledge and skills to advance evidence-based and applied substance use research, interventions, programs, and policies.

Our joint doctoral program opens up a world-wide, Ph.D opportunity for prospective students in the field of Substance Use. Prospective students must have a foundational background in research (e.g., prior courses in statistics and research methods and participation in research (e.g., co-author on peer-reviewed paper).

The focus of the Ph.D is on research and its application to substance use prevention, broadly defined as primary prevention and harm reduction; therefore, its curriculum stands out as unique within the field. Students will also be equipped to conduct research to include co-occurring disorders that often accompany substance use (e.g., Mental Health, HIV, Tuberculosis).

Generous program support for Students: On a competitive basis, the program includes tuition and four training scholarships (Teaching Associateship positions) per year ($20,000/year for up to 4 years).

This non-clinical research degree is the first of its kind in the nation. Graduates of this program will be well-equipped to take leadership positions in substance use and related fields and contribute to the advancement of policies aimed at reducing the burden of substance use among impacted communities.

We are now accepting applications. phdresearchsubstanceuse@mail.sdsu.edu http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/
Postdoctoral Traineeship in Drug Abuse Treatment and Services

The Substance Abuse Research Program at the University of California, San Francisco is currently accepting applications to its two-year postdoctoral research training program. This program, funded by a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) T32 grant, aims to produce the next generation of leaders in the field of drug abuse treatment and services research. With the support of faculty mentors, scholars design and implement studies on treatment of drug dependence. Current research interests of faculty include trials of efficacy and effectiveness of psychosocial and pharmacologic treatment of drug abuse, including:

◊ Tobacco dependence and food insecurity
◊ Innovative methodology including Internet-based studies
◊ Treatment of complex patients in innovative settings
◊ Diagnostic techniques and research on treatment tailored for HIV-positive drug abusers and drug abusers with psychiatric and medical disorders
◊ Provision of services to drug abusing populations
◊ Instrument development in drug abuse

A variety of university-affiliated and community substance abuse programs are available as research sites. These include inpatient and outpatient setting programs that treat a range of problems related to drugs of abuse, including dependence on cocaine, nicotine, alcohol, and opiates. Our program encourages close research involvement with your preceptor, and involvement in selected classes, seminars, and grant preparation. Resources from other significant extramural funding and R01-level grants are also routinely available to scholars. Funds for travel and training opportunities are available. More information can be found at: [http://psych.ucsf.edu/DATSRTP](http://psych.ucsf.edu/DATSRTP). Positions with start dates for July 1, 2017 are available.

NEW! MS in Criminal Justice at University of Miami

The MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice program aims to address issues related to crime and its control in the United States and is intended primarily for individuals interested in bolstering their knowledge and understanding of criminology and criminal justice, potentially as a means to seeking to enter Ph.D. programs, for criminal justice professionals seeking advanced degrees to enhance knowledge and career development, individuals seeking a Master’s degree required for entry into professions in criminal justice, and for individuals seeking to teach in the area of criminal justice at the community college or high school levels. In addition to core courses in criminal justice issues and research methods, there are four elective tracks: Research/Statistics, Geographical Information Systems, Legal Issues in Criminal Justice, and Public Administration. We will have rolling admissions for our first cohort beginning August 2017. For more information contact Dr. Amie Nielsen ([nielsen@miami.edu](mailto:nielsen@miami.edu)).
Graduate Program in the Department of Sociology at the University of Kentucky

Hello!

The Sociology Department at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY is looking for motivated, hardworking, and high-performing applicants to become full-time graduate students in our program. Our department is a stimulating, intellectually vibrant, and supportive place to do graduate work. We have an excellent Department composed of 18 graduate faculty and approximately 30 graduate students in residence. There are 15 graduate faculty members in other colleges who are affiliated with our program.

We offer PhD coursework in the following areas:
- Crime, Law and Deviance
- Global Work and Politics
- Health and Medical Sociology
- Rural, Environmental, and Community Sociology
- Social Inequalities: Class, Race, Gender

We accept students with excellent academic records and who are going to pursue a PhD degree. There are also opportunities for students to obtain Graduate Certificates in Gender and Women’s Studies; Global Health; Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies; Statistics; Social Theory; and College Teaching and Learning, among others residents. Our program emphasizes preparing and mentoring graduate students for teaching assistants. Advanced graduate students may also teach courses independently. Additional professional development experiences are offered through seminars and workshops organized by the department’s Professional Development Committee and other university-wide professional development programs.

Our department and campus are full of friendly professors who genuinely care about students’ success. We integrate graduate students into the life and governance of our department and into the faculty’s research projects. Strong support also involves funding opportunities which are available through the department and via programs administered by the Graduate School. They provide tuition and stipend support. Graduate students have particularly collaborated with faculty on Study Abroad Courses and the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program and serve as Research Assistants on NSF/NIH/NIH grants.

The City of Lexington, ranked #17 best college town by the Institute for Economic Research, offers great cultural and enriching opportunities for its students. Importantly, the Office of Institutional Diversity (OID) promotes important activities for enriching the educational and life experiences of students, faculty, staff, and members of the larger community. These yearlong activities contribute to the creation of a more inclusive campus environment. The Office of LGBTQ Resources also works hard to make our campus a safe and supportive place for all our students. The diverse group of student organizations on our campus also contribute to that mission. At the University of Kentucky, you will receive an outstanding education with superb mentoring and you will build lifelong professional and personal relationships. For more information, please visit our website https://sos.as.uky.edu/ or contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Ana Libeiro at ana.libeiro@uky.edu, with questions.
Training Opportunity for Underrepresented Early-Career Addictions Researchers

We are happy to announce that the Learning for Early Careers in Addiction and Diversity (LEAD) Program is recruiting its new cohort! The LEAD Program is an NIH-sponsored R25 training program that uses the NIDA CTN as a platform for providing research training to early-career investigators from underrepresented racial/ethnic minority groups conducting research in the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and services field. This 2-year training program is based at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Program scholars will spend 4 weeks at UCSF each summer and will develop and execute a pilot study at their home institution throughout the academic year. The program provides travel and housing funds as well as up to $25,000 to conduct the pilot study, which will serve as foundational data to support the submission of an R or K application. The program is directed by Carmen Masson, PhD, and James Sorensen, PhD, at UCSF. The program recruitment flyer containing further information on eligibility criteria and selection process is attached. The deadline for applications is now February 28th, 2017. For any questions or to nominate a qualified candidate, please contact Rebecca Cook at rebecca.cook@ucsf.edu. Additional information can be found at http://psych.ucsf.edu/lead/.

Faculty Sponsors Needed for ADT Graduate Student Membership

The section remains committed to covering the cost of section membership for any interested graduate student. As we are not allowed to use general section funds for graduate student gift membership, we do need to raise money separately for that purpose. Please do consider sending a check in any amount to the section secretary-treasurer Dina Perrone (Dina.Perrone@csulb.edu) at the address below.

Dina Perrone, School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, & Emergency Management, California State University, Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840

Free ADT Student Memberships!

Graduate students who are ASA members are eligible for a free ADT section membership. To obtain a free year of ADT section membership, graduate students should email the ADT Chair, Carrie Oser (carrie.oser@uky.edu) and they will arrange for payment of their section membership annual dues.

2017 ADT Section Officers & Council

Past Chair: Andrew Golub, National Development Research Institute

Chair: Carrie B. Oser, University of Kentucky

Chair-Elect: Ellen Benoit, National Development Research Institute

Section Council: Hannah K. Knudsen, University of Kentucky (2016-2017); Khary K. Rigg, University of South Florida (2017-2018)

Secretary-Treasurer: Dina Perrone, California State University, Long Beach

If you are interested in becoming a student member of the Editorial Committee (1 year term), please email the chair Kathryn Nowotny (kathryn.nowotny@miami.edu).

ASA Elections are next month—keep a look out for the ballot!
Call for Nominations

2017 ASA Graduate Student Paper Award in Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

Papers are currently being accepted for the 2017 American Sociological Association's (ASA) Section on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco (ADT) Graduate Student Paper Award. This award is given to a paper authored by a student currently enrolled in a graduate program. A paper may be coauthored by two or more students who would share the award. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Winner(s) will receive the award at the annual meeting of the ASA in Montreal in 2017.

Papers should be manuscript length, about 25-35 pages. Self-nominations will be accepted. In accordance with ASA policy, all award nominees must be current members of the association in order to be considered. In addition, nominees must join the ADT section if they are not already members. Please send a letter of nomination and a copy of the paper (PDF or Word format) via email to: Dina Perrone, PhD at Dina.Perrone@csulb.edu. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2017.

2017 ASA Junior Scholar Award, Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Section

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2017 American Sociological Association's (ASA) Section on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco (ADT) Junior Scholar Award. This award is given in recognition of research contributions within the scientific discipline, such as publications and grants; however, an outstanding publication may be sufficient for a recent Ph.D. The candidate should also demonstrate an independent line of research. Eligible candidates must have defended their doctoral dissertations within five academic years prior to the annual meeting at which the award is made and be a member of the ADT section.

In accordance with ASA policy, all award nominees must be current members of the association in order to be considered. Self-nominations will be accepted. Winner(s) will receive the award at the annual meeting of the ASA in Montreal in 2017. Please send nominations and a CV to: Elizabeth Sweeney at elizabethsweeney@cox.net. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2017.

2017 ASA Senior Scholar Award, Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Section

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2017 American Sociological Association's (ASA) Section on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco (ADT) Senior Scholar Award. This award is given to an established scholar who has made significant contributions to the scientific discipline as well as provided service to the ADT section.

In accordance with ASA policy, all award nominees must be current members of the association in order to be considered. Self-nominations will be accepted. Winner(s) will receive the award at the annual meeting of the ASA in Montreal in 2017. Please send nominations and a CV to: Carrie Oser, PhD at carrie.oser@uky.edu. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2017.
2016 Reception Highlights

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco and SSSP Drinking & Drugs Division, Tap House Grill

Outgoing ADT Chair Andy Golub & D&D Chair Alice Cepeda

Charles Kaplan & Sam Friedman

Above: David Showalter, Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award Winner, & Dina Perrone, Committee Chair.

Right: Wendy Chapkis, Senior Scholar Award Winner, & Ellen Benoit, Committee Chair
ADT Business Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2016

Outgoing Chair – Andrew Golub
Chair – Carrie Oser
Chair-Elect – Ellen Benoit
Secretary/Treasurer – Dina Perrone
Council Member – Khary Rigg (not in attendance)
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster – Kathryn Nowotny

Also in attendance: Henry Brownstein, Wendy Chapkis, Alice Cepeda, Shannon Fanning, Patrick Habecker, Margaret Kelley, Hannah Knudsen, Zoya Kotelnikova, Adam Lippert, Josh Meisel, William Priddemore, Vadium Radaeu, Elizabeth Sweeney, Avelardo Valdez, Mike Vuolo, Brooke West, Richard Wilsnack,

Section Vitality

⇒Concerned about low membership numbers (159 members, 20% are students)
  • Unclear if new ASA Executive Director, Deborah Brandt, will take any action
  • Use our net assets: $14,002 to build membership
  • (Outgoing Chair Andy Golub) ASA ADT will fund a bus, the Bruce Johnson bus, to drive students within a 300 mile radius from Montreal to the 2017 ASA meeting (Note: details are now at the discretion of Carrie Oser, current chair). Faculty in NYC, Boston, and Philadelphia are encouraged to obtain student participation.
⇒Increase joint sessions and collaborations
  • (Chair-Elect Ellen Benoit) will seek to consider a joint session with Medical Sociology.
  • (Brooke West) Sociologist AIDS Network seeks collaboration since substance use research and AIDS often intersect
⇒Hosting a mini conference
⇒The network will be invited to be part of our reception
⇒Consider changing name of section to include grey and other licit markets. Drugs was proposed.
⇒Improve social media presence

Social Media (Newsletter Editor & Webmaster Kathryn Nowotny)
Seeks high value content from members for the website, twitter, blog posts, and newsletter
ASA re-tweets ADTs tweets, so it reaches a wide audience

ADT Committees
Elections Committee: Andy Golub (Chair), Sheigla Murph, Hannah Knudsen
Must obtain nominations for Chair, Secretary-Treasurer Council Member
Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award: Dina Perrone (Chair), Wendy Chapkis, Kathryn Nowotny
Junior Scholar Award: Elizabeth Chiarello (Chair), Alice Cepeda, Josh Meisel
Senior Scholar Award: Carrie Oser (Chair), Richard Wilsnack, Lalo Valdez

ASA 2017 Meeting on Cultural Inequalities Session Titles (Chair Carrie Oser)
Seeks member input for ASA ADT session title.
Proposed titles are:
1) Meanings, Culture, Inequality, and Drugs
2) Inequalities and Substance Use
3) Cultural Dimension of Substance Use and Treatment
4) Including Substance Use in Our Social Lives
5) Marginalized Aspects of Substance Use
6) Race & Substance Use

7) Diffusion of Drugs: Domestic and Global Perspectives

8) Meanings of Substance Use and Diverse Communities

9) Social Inclusion and Substance Use

Journal of Drug Issues (Council Member and co-editor of special issue Mike Vuolo)

⇒ Special Issue
  • Will have eight or six papers
  • Still waiting on revisions
  • In conversation with editors of JDI to line up the next special issue. Dina Perrone will work with Mike Vuolo.
  • ADT will once again try to obtain the journal

Announcements & Congratulations (Outgoing Chair Andy Golub)

⇒ Senior Scholar Award: Wendy Chapkis

⇒ Junior Scholar Award: Elizabeth Chiarello

⇒ Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award: David Showalter, Social Crisis and Symbolic Power: Institutionalizing Syringe Exchange in California

⇒ Claire Sterk is new president of Emory University

⇒ Bill Pridemore appointed Dean of School of Criminal Justice at Albany

⇒ Hannah Knudson is new editor of Substance Abuse Treatment

⇒ Brian Kelly is new co-editor of Journal of Health and Social Behavior

Thank You (Outgoing Chair Andy Golub)

Josh Meisel for organizing an excellent marijuana panel.
Kathryn Nowotny for completing the newsletter and updating the website.
Dina Perrone for her role as Secretary/Treasurer, excellent reports, and chairing the student paper committee.

REMINDER

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http://www.asanet.org/members/joinasa.cfm