COVID-19 Resources for Sociologists

Every day we face new challenges related to COVID-19. ASA wants to help sociologists navigate those challenges. We are offering several resources to help sociologists in their work during this period.

ASA Webinars  
ASA Advocacy  
Teaching and Advising  
Resources for Students  
Research in ASA Journals  
COVID-19 Projects Initiated by Sociologists  
Sociologists in the News  
Additional Research and Resources

New ASA Professional Development Video Series:  
Careers for Sociologists in Practice Settings

Are you curious about careers for sociologists in practice settings? Are you looking for practical advice to help you navigate careers outside of academia? This professional development video series from ASA can help. Featuring sociologists who work in government, industry, and non-profit organizations, the nine-part series provides knowledge and advice about how to search for jobs in practice settings, apply for these jobs, navigate the hiring process, and understand workplace cultures. The videos, designed by and for sociologists, include practical information, such as how to convert a CV into a resume, how to prepare for a job interview, and how to negotiate a compensation package. The series also includes personal narratives from sociologists working in practice settings who describe their professional experiences and career trajectories. Members can access the videos here and through their ASA portal. To view other ASA professional development videos, click here.


Arthur Alderson and Dina Okamoto (Indiana University) have been selected as the next editors of the American Sociological Review.

Jody Clay-Warner, Dawn Robinson, and Justine Tinkler (University of Georgia) have been selected as the next editors of Social Psychology Quarterly.

Iddo Tavory (New York University) has been selected as the next editor of Sociological Theory.

The new editors' terms will officially begin on January 1, 2021, although the manuscript transition dates will occur earlier. Read upcoming issues of Footnotes for transition information and profiles of all new editors.
2020 Annual Meeting Update

- ASA is carefully monitoring recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and others regarding the COVID-19 situation as we move toward our August Annual Meeting in San Francisco. At present, we are proceeding as planned, but we will adjust as necessary to ensure the health and well-being of our community. Should we need to cancel or amend the meeting plan, we will provide adequate notice to potential participants.
- **Access for All.** ASA is committed to making the Annual Meeting accessible to all. ASA will make arrangements for sign-language interpreters, sighted guides, and other communication tools for meeting registrants. You may email any requests or questions to [ASA Meeting Services](mailto:). Requests must be received by July 1. Attendees who do not make advance arrangements for services or equipment may inquire at the ASA Information Desk onsite. Every reasonable effort will be made to assist attendees onsite. Learn more on the [Access for All](#) web page.
- **Courses and Preconferences.** Registration is now open for Preconferences and Courses which will be held on Friday, August 7. Registration is required and seats are limited. You can view the slate of offerings on the [Courses and Preconferences](#) web page.
- **Disability Awareness/Sensitivity Training.** ASA is offering a special course on [Disability Awareness/Sensitivity Training](#). It is ASA's hope that members completing this course may be called upon to serve as assistant/guides to their colleagues requiring such services at future ASA events. There is no cost to attend the course but registration is required.
- **Print Program.** Beginning in 2020, we will no longer print an Annual Meeting program book. Instead of a printed book we will offer an online PDF version which will be publicly available and printable. With an online and PDF program, we eliminate the need for paper resources as well as reduce the carbon footprint from printing and freight. About half of meeting registrants already opt out of receiving a printed program. This number is increasing significantly each year, reflecting a shared commitment among sociologists to environmental sustainability. Further, among those who request a printed program, many fail to pick up their copy, thereby creating substantial wasted resources. The timing of this decision also aligns with the uncertainty surrounding the 2020 meeting in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Should our meeting be compromised, the waste would be even greater than usual this year. The [2019 PDF version](#) will give you a sense of what it will look like. Thank you for joining ASA in a commitment to environmental sustainability.

2021 Annual Meeting Deadline Extension

The 2021 Program Committee is now accepting proposals for the invited session component of the annual meeting program and volunteers to serve as session organizers. The deadline to submit/volunteer has been extended to April 22 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern. Visit the [2021 Annual Meeting](#) web pages for more information.

New in the ASA Store

**2020 Guide to Graduate Departments of Sociology**

The [Guide to Graduate Departments of Sociology](#), published by the ASA since 1965, provides comprehensive information for academic administrators, advisers, students, and others seeking information on sociology departments around the world. The 2020 edition includes listings for 186 graduate departments of sociology. In addition to name and rank, faculty are identified by highest degree held, institution and date of degree, and areas of specialty interest. Special programs, tuition costs, types of financial aid, and student enrollment statistics are given for each department, along with a listing of recent PhDs with dissertation titles. [Read more.](#)

Register for ASA Member Webinar on Online Teaching

**Best Practices and Strategies for Successful Online Teaching**  
April 22, 3 p.m. Eastern time

Melinda Messineo (Ball State University) will cover best practices for online teaching and learning, as well as sociology-specific recommendations to help faculty prepare for and improve their online teaching.

Click on the link to learn more and register.

New Teaching Resources in TRAILS

**Using “Eyes” from Handmaid’s Tale to Teach Surveillance** by Jennifer Vanderminden and Julia Waity
Bringing Text to Life: Enhancing Introduction to Sociology with the Memoir “I Am Malala” by Jamie Oslawski-Lopez

Access to TRAILS, a peer-reviewed digital teaching resources library, is free to ASA members. It is also currently free to non-members because of COVID-19. Every month we highlight new resources.

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**Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights**

- **Small-City Dualism in the Metro Hinterland: The Racialized “Brooklynization” of New York’s Hudson Valley** by Leonard Nevarez and Joshua Simons (*City & Community*, March 2020)
- **Pharmaceutical Side Effects and Mental Health Paradoxes among Racial-Ethnic Minorities** by Jason Schnittker and Duy Do (*Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, March 2020)
- **Journal of World-Systems Research**, Volume 26, Number 1 (Winter/Spring 2020)
- **Revisiting China’s Social Volcano: Attitudes toward Inequality and Political Trust** in China by Ya-Wen Lei (*Socius*, April 16, 2020)
- **Teaching about Animals: Incorporating Nonhuman Animals into Sociology Classrooms** by Liz Grauerholz, Julianne Weinzier, Erin N. Kidder, and Nicole Owens Duffy (*Teaching Sociology*, April 2020)

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, printing and shipping of ASA journals is being suspended until further notice. This is primarily to protect the health of the people who would otherwise be printing and delivering our journals. Many of our journal recipients are currently unable to receive print copies in any case given country-wide lockdowns and lack of access to institutional mailboxes. ASA members will continue to receive online access to all ASA-wide journals, as well as journals published by their paid sections, by logging into their member record at www.asanet.org. Please note that April issues have mailed as scheduled.

Visit the journals homepage for centralized information on all ASA journals, including how to subscribe or purchase a single article, submit a manuscript, or view recently featured articles.