ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Program

The American Sociological Association has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to manage the Sociology Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for the next four years. The ASA DDRIG program will support theoretically grounded empirical investigations to advance understanding of fundamental social processes. Up to 25 awards of a maximum of $16,000 will be given each year. Deadline: November 1.

New ASA Sociological Insights Videos

ASA has recently released several new Sociological Insights videos, a series of short videos designed to inform viewers on issues that are both relevant and supported by empirical research. The most recent include: Anna Hawkins (Cornell University) on the impact of external validation on the educational outcomes of children; Kara Golden-Rain (Temple University) on college affordability; and Andrew Whitehead (Clemson University) on Christian nationalism.

ASA Sections Contribute to the Campaign for Inclusion

ASA is in the midst of a Campaign for Inclusion to support our longstanding Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) and our Annual Meeting Travel Fund. Not only have we continued to appreciate the generosity of individual ASA members in recent weeks, but we are grateful for the mobilization of sections to donate the money they were going to use in San Francisco to the MFP. This effort has so far resulted in donations from 40 sections totaling almost $60,000. Please contribute financially to the Campaign for Inclusion if you are able. Donations of any amount are welcome, and you can decide whether to donate to one of the two funds or distribute your donation across the funds.

ASA Professional Development Video Series Can Answer Your Questions

Worried about the academic job market and thinking of alternatives? Check out our video series “Careers for Sociologists in Practice Settings” with practical tips such as how to change your CV into a resumé and how to negotiate your sound bites count, and avoid being misquoted. On the evergreen topic of publishing articles and books, consult our “Academic Publishing” video series. As an ASA member, log in on the Videos and Webinars page to get full access.

2020 ASA Virtual Engagement Event Update

Registration. Registration is required for the Virtual Engagement Event. Registration is free for ASA members and $25 for non-members. If you registered for the in-person ASA Annual Meeting as a member, your registration will be refunded but your registration remains valid. Only registered individuals will be able to access information about joining or viewing a virtual session. For more information on how to register for the virtual engagement event, visit the Registration web page.

Accessing Virtual Engagement Event Session Information. The online program is available to everyone, but you must be registered for the event to view information about how to participate in sessions. To access the online session information after you have registered, you first need to log in to your ASA account. Once logged in, click on Virtual Engagement Portal listed under the Annual Meeting heading. Then click View the Online Program. Welcome [Your Name] will appear at the top of the page to show you are logged in.

Virtual Exhibit Hall. In lieu of an in-person exhibit hall at the Annual Meeting, ASA is offering a Virtual Exhibit Hall in conjunction with the virtual engagement event. Many of the exhibitors and advertisers that would have participated in San Francisco have created virtual exhibit booth web pages. More exhibitors will be added, so check back often.

Resources on COVID-19 and on Race, Police Violence, and Justice

Even if you’ve visited these resource pages before, new information is being added all the time. To learn about sociological research on COVID-19, find webinars for faculty and students about managing the public health crisis, and more, visit the COVID-19 Resources for Sociologists page. The Resources on Race, Police Violence, and Justice page has media appearances by sociologists and curated videos, teaching exercises, research articles, and more.

Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights

- The Resistance, the Civil War, and the World That’s Coming by Dan Casino (Contemporary Sociology, July 2020)
- Gender, Emotions, and Mental Health in the United States: Patterns, Explorations, and New Directions by Robin W. Simon (Gender & Mental Health, July 2020)
- Shared Identity: Development at Woodward Middle and Hrabovsky Black Colleges and Universities by Kristen A. Clayton (Contemporary Education, July 2020)
- Free Speech, Free Press, and the Motherhood Wage Gap in 140 Occupations by Lisa Christin Landivar (Hypothesis, July 2020)
- Societalized May 27, 2016 toward a Feminist Pedagogy in Black Studies by Anima Zarrugh, Erin Carpenter, Jason Grumini, Denery Kador, and Suzanne West (Black Studies, July 2020)

Visit the journals homepage for centralized information on all ASA journals, including how to subscribe or purchase a single issue, download a Table of Contents, or view recently featured articles.