



# Member News & Notes

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## ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Proposals Due November 1

The ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) program will award up to 25 grants of a maximum of \$16,000 each to support theoretically grounded empirical investigations that advance understanding of fundamental social processes. Proposals are due by November 1 and must be submitted via ASA's dedicated grants platform. Please visit the [ASA DDRIG program page](#) to learn more about the proposal process, watch a recording of our informational webinar, and access the application link.

## Section Updates

ASA Council has approved the creation of a new Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations section. Currently a section-in-formation, the purpose of the section is to encourage and promote research with, by, and for Indigenous peoples, as well as the teaching of issues relating to Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations.

Members of the Section on Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco voted in June to rename the section as the Section on Drugs and Society. The section continues to encourage and enhance research, teaching, and other professional concerns in the study of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs as well as promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in the field of alcohol, drug, and tobacco studies.

For more information on ASA's 53 special interest sections, click [here](#).

## Call for *Sociology of Education* Editorship Proposals

The ASA Publications Committee encourages applications for the editorship of *Sociology of Education*. The official term for the new editor (or co-editors) begins in January 2022, with the transition starting in summer 2021. The editorial term is for an initial three years with an extension of one or two years possible. Proposals are due December 1. ASA Council will appoint the new editor in March 2021. See [complete application procedures](#) and [examples of previous successful proposals](#).

## Upcoming Member Webinars

[Qualitative and Quarantined: Techniques and Ethics of Online Interview Research](#)

September 22, 1 p.m. Eastern

Presenters: Erin Cech (University of Michigan), Brooke Dinsmore (University of Virginia), Angela Jones (Farmingdale State College, SUNY), and Allison Pugh (University of Virginia).

[Getting the Word Out: Promoting Your Research to the Public](#)

October 21, 2 p.m. Eastern

Presenters: Tristan Bridges (University of California-Santa Barbara), Victor Ray (University of Iowa), Stacy Torres (University of California-San Francisco), and Adia Harvey Wingfield (Washington University in St. Louis).

Click on each link to learn more and register.

## Open Call: ASA Online Presidential Biographies

The Committee on ASA Presidential Biographies seeks contributions for revision of the biographies of the Association's more than 100 former presidents on the ASA website. The revision of the biographies will be carried out in several waves. For the current inaugural wave, proposals are solicited for biographies of the presidents serving from 1906 to 1938. Prospective authors are asked to submit a short letter of interest and a CV by November 9, 2020. For details, click [here](#).

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## Call for ASA Award Nominations

Honor your colleagues by submitting nominations for ASA awards. Click on the links below to read the award calls. The deadline for nominations is January 1, 2021.

[Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award](#)

[Dissertation Award](#)

[Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology](#)

[Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award](#)

[Distinguished Scholarly Book Award](#)

[Jessie Bernard Award](#)

[Public Understanding of Sociology Award](#)

[W.E.B. Du Bois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award](#)

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## Have You Heard about ASA Program Reviewers and Consultants?

ASA Program Reviewers and Consultants (PRC) are available to assist departments with program review, curriculum development, assessment, department retreats, and teaching workshops. Reviewers receive training at each ASA Annual Meeting and are in regular communication throughout the year about trends, data, and new resources that can help strengthen departments. ASA Program Reviewers and Consultants are dedicated to empowering department chairs and faculty during periods of self-reflection, external review, or general department revitalization. For more information, including how to apply to become a member of the PRC, consult the [PRC webpage](#) or email [rpa@asanet.org](mailto:rpa@asanet.org).

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## 2020 Virtual Engagement Event

Links to recorded sessions and presentations will remain posted in the [online program](#) until September 30. You may still [register](#) for the virtual engagement event to access the links. Videos of the plenary sessions, including the 2020 Presidential Address, have been posted to the [ASA Annual Meeting Video Archive web page](#). These videos will remain accessible after September 30, and additional presidential session videos will be added as they become available.

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## ASA Is Hiring: Director of Communications

During this critical period in American history, a time characterized by racial and gender divisions, increasing economic inequality, health disparities, and fractious politics, sociologists have an important role to play in helping communities make sense of and respond to emerging issues and events. ASA ensures that the work of sociologists reaches the public and relevant policymakers. This position provides the opportunity to productively influence the current narrative about a wide range of issues in today's news. For the full job advertisement, visit [here](#). Review of applications is underway and will continue until someone has been hired.

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## NHA's Between Two Bookshelves on Advocating for Department Resources

Whether launching a new program or facing budget cuts, consolidation, or elimination, humanities departments are called upon to make the case for resources to deans and provosts. Join the National Humanities Alliance (NHA) on October 1, 1:00 p.m. EST, for a [webinar on how to advocate for the humanities to senior administrators](#). Sociology spans the space between the sciences and the humanities. This webinar may help departments think about how they can draw on arguments from both in making a case for resources with administrators, while employing tactics that are applicable to any field of study. The Between the Bookshelves series is open to all NHA member organizations, including ASA.

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## New Teaching Resources in TRAILS

[Let's Build a Prison: Exploring Structural Functionalism](#) by Stephanie Marie Baran

[Interrogating Causation with Screencasts, a "Clickbait" News Activity, and Short Essays](#) by Christian Michael Smith

[Occupational Licensure Activity](#) by Erin Jane Davenport

Access to [TRAILS](#), a peer-reviewed digital teaching resources library, is free to ASA members. It is also temporarily open to non-members as well in light of COVID-19.

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## Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights

- [New Profiles of Marx after the Marx-Engels-Gesamtausgabe \(MEGA<sup>2</sup>\)](#) by Marcello Musto (*Contemporary Sociology*, September 2020)
- [What Is Driving the Drug Overdose Epidemic in the United States?](#) by Ryan P. Thombs, Dennis L. Thombs, Andrew K. Jorgenson, and Taylor Harris Braswell (*Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, September 2020); [listen to podcast](#) with Ryan Thombs discussing the article.
- [Journal of World-Systems Research](#), Special Issue: World-Systems Analysis in the Anthropocene (Summer/Fall 2020)
- [Unpacking the Parenting Well-Being Gap: The Role of Dynamic Features of Daily Life across Broader Social Contexts](#) by Daniela Veronica Negraia and Jennifer March Augustine (*Social Psychology Quarterly*, September 2020)
- [Faith in Trump, Moral Foundations, and Social Distancing Defiance during the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) by Amanda Graham, Francis T. Cullen, Justin T. Pickett, Cheryl Lero Jonson, Murat Haner, and Melissa M. Sloan (*Socius*, September 10, 2020)

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