Candidates for 2018 ASA Election

The American Sociological Association is pleased to announce the 2018 slate of candidates for ASA officers, Committee on Nominations, Committee on Publications, and Committee on Committees. Ballots for the 2018 ASA election will be distributed to eligible members in April 2018. Voting will close on June 1, 2018.

Additional candidates may be added via petition. Petitions supporting additional candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, and Secretary must be signed by at least 100 voting-eligible ASA members; petitions supporting additional candidates for other positions must be signed by at least 50 voting-eligible members. All petitions must be submitted by January 31, 2018.

Regular, student, retired, and life members are eligible to vote in all ASA-wide elections and in the elections for the sections in which they have membership. Associate members are eligible to vote only for their section elections. Membership must be active as of March 31, 2018 to receive a ballot. If you have any questions regarding the election, please e-mail governance@asanet.org.

Sociologists Receive ASA Funding to Study Impact of Concealed Weapons on College Campuses

Despite legislation in many states permitting concealed carry, virtually nothing is known about the impact of allowing concealed carry license holders to bring their weapons onto campuses. ASA Council issued a special, one-time request for proposals to provide the resources to begin exploring this issue, and we are pleased to announce grants to three teams of sociologists engaged in groundbreaking work.

2018 ASA Annual Meeting Updates

- **Now Accepting Submissions.** Members may submit papers to regular session topics, section paper sessions and roundtables, and Open-Refereed Roundtables. Proposals for the Visual Media Poster Session, Workshops, Preconferences, Courses, and symposia on sociology in practice settings and teaching and learning, as well as discussion topics for informal discussion roundtables, may also be submitted at this time. Submitters are advised to review the Annual Meeting program policies on the 2018 Call for Submissions web page which also includes links to all of the individual calls. Submitters will need an ASA ID and password to log in to the submission site. The submission deadline is January 11, 2018.

- **Volunteer to be a Presider, Table Presider, or Discussant.** Volunteers identify the topics in which they are interested, and session organizers will contact volunteers directly if they are looking for presiders or discussants. Volunteering does not guarantee an invitation will be extended, and these
roles do count towards the program participation limit of two appearances. For more information on these roles and to volunteer, please visit the Volunteer Information page.

- **Registration is Open!** Register now for the 2018 Annual Meeting to take advantage of the early registration rate discount. Registration prices will increase on July 10, 2018. Visit the Registration Information page for more information. Registration for tours, child care, courses, and preconferences will be added in May.

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**Call for Volunteers for ASA Status Committees**

ASA invites members to volunteer to serve on one of four status committees: Persons with Disabilities in Sociology; LGBTQ Persons in Sociology; Women in Sociology; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology. Status committees address educational, workplace, research, and visibility issues pertaining to groups that have experienced a pattern of discrimination in society. They monitor these issues primarily through conducting formal research on specific questions. If you are interested in serving, e-mail a letter of interest and curriculum vitae by November 30 to Jean H. Shin (shin@asanet.org).

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**Featured ASA Professional Development Resource**

[Department Leaders' Toolbox](#). ASA has curated and compiled useful resources on a wide range of topics of interest to department chairs and other administrators. These include materials on: program assessment, department renewal, student recruitment, connecting with other department chairs, managing joint departments, and assessing the library's sociology collection.

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**Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights**

- **Work-family Balance and Marital Satisfaction: The Mediating Effects of Mental and Physical Health** by Deniz Yucel ([Society and Mental Health](#), November 2017)

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.