ASA Files Amicus Brief Objecting to Citizenship Question in 2020 Census

The American Sociological Association, the American Statistical Association, and the Population Association of America this week filed an amicus brief in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York supporting a challenge to the late addition of a citizenship question in the 2020 Census. Read more.

ASA Sends Letter to DHHS Opposing Proposed Definition of Sex

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is seeking to establish a legal definition of sex under Title IX based on "a biological basis that is clear, grounded in science, objective and administrable." The proposed definition would allow only a binary classification that is immutable and based on genitalia at birth. ASA sent a letter to the Secretary of DHHS expressing strong objection to this proposal which fails to reflect the findings from extensive sociological literature on this subject. Such a policy stands to have detrimental impacts on the physical and mental health of transgender and intersex individuals, and is not grounded in science.

Candidates for 2019 ASA Election

- We are pleased to announce the 2019 slate of candidates for ASA officers, Council, Committee on Committees, Committee on Nominations, and Committee on Publications. Ballots for the 2019 ASA election will be distributed in April 2019.
- 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, International Associate, and High School Teacher members are eligible to vote only for the section elections in which they have membership. Membership must be active as of March 31, 2019, to receive a ballot. If you have any questions regarding the election, please e-mail mfernando@asanet.org.
- Additional candidates may be added via petition. Petitions supporting additional candidates for the offices of President-Elect and Vice President-Elect 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, 2019.

2019 ASA Annual Meeting Updates

- Submission Site is Now Open. Members may submit papers to regular session topics, section paper sessions and roundtables, and open-refereed
roundtables. Proposals are also being accepted for the visual media poster session, workshops, preconferences, courses, and symposia on sociology in practice settings and teaching and learning. 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 2019 Call for Submissions web page which includes links to all of the individual calls. Submitters will need their ASA ID and password to log in to the submission site. The submission deadline is January 9, 2019.

- **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. For more information on these roles and to volunteer, please visit the Volunteer Information page.

- **Registration is Open!** Register now for the 2019 Annual Meeting to take advantage of the early registration rate discount. Registration prices will increase on July 11, 2019. 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 Applications to Edit Sociology of Race and Ethnicity**

Individual and team applications are invited for the position of editor of Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, a journal of the ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. The official term for the new editor (or co-editors) will begin in January 2021. Read the call for applications.

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**Call for Papers for Special Issue of Social Psychology Quarterly**

Social Psychology Quarterly invites papers for a special issue on social networks and social psychology, to be edited by Weihua An, Matthew Brashears, and Cathryn Johnson. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2019. Read the call for papers.

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**Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights**

- **Featured Essay: Lost and Saved . . . Again: The Moral Panic about the Loss of Community Takes Hold of Social Media** by Keith N. Hampton and Barry Wellman (Contemporary Sociology, November 2018)

- **Should I Stay or Should I Go? Religious (Dis)Affiliation and Depressive Symptomatology** by Matthew May (Society and Mental Health, November 2018)

- **Reservation Lands as a Protective Social Factor: An Analysis of Psychological Distress among Two American Indian Tribes** by Kimberly R. Huyser, Ronald J. Angel, Janette Beals, James H. Cox, Robert A. Hummer, Arthur Sakamoto, Spero M. Manson, and the AI-SUPERPFP Team (Socius, November 12, 2018)

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