

ORNNotes

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Welcome to new ASA emeritus/retired members!

If you are newly retired, you may be receiving this newsletter for the first time. All Retired/Emeritus members of ASA are eligible for membership in the Opportunities in Retirement Network (ORN). We hope you will enjoy this way of keeping in touch with your colleagues and your profession.

Meet the New Advisory Board

The newly elected ORN Advisory Board began their terms of office following the annual meeting in Seattle. They are:

- *Ronald Anderson*, University of Minnesota
- *William D'Antonio*, Catholic University
- *Rosalyn Benjamin Darling*, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- *John Kennedy*, Indiana University
- *Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld*, Arizona State University
- *Jonathan Turner*, University of California-Riverside
- *Thomas VanValey*, Western Michigan University

Roz Darling will serve as Chair, Jon Turner is the Co-Chair, and Tom VanValey is the Secretary/Treasurer. We owe a big thank you to the four acting board members who completed their terms in August: *Jon Darling, Scott McNall, Susan Prager, and Peter Stein.*

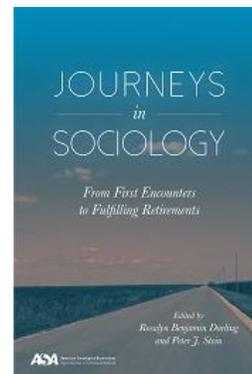
ORN Sessions at Seattle Annual Meeting Successful

We held three excellent sessions at this summer's meetings. Our "A Life in Sociology" speaker was Sally Hillsman, retiring ASA Executive Officer. You can [read and listen to her lecture](#) on the ORN website. The Professional Development Workshop, organized by Jon and Roz Darling and Peter Stein, was very well attended and addressed the topic, "Should I Retire? Late Career Decision Making." Speakers included a representative of TIAA and several retired and late

career sociologists. The paper session, organized by Scott McNall and Susan Prager, focused on "Issues in Retirement" and included four excellent papers.

Journeys in Sociology Update

The long process of putting together our book of life stories by retired sociologists is coming to an end. The book, *Journeys in Sociology: From First Encounters to Fulfilling Retirements*, edited by Roz Darling and Peter Stein, is in the final stages of production and will be published by Temple University Press in the spring. These stories by 20 eminent colleagues are diverse and fascinating. We hope you will enjoy reading them and learn something about changes in our field over the past 70 years at the same time.



Call for Nominations

The terms of three of our board members will end this year. If you would like to play a leadership role in ORN and help shape its future development, please contact Jonathan Turner (jonathan.turner@ucr.edu), who is chairing the nominating committee. We hope to have a slate of candidates in place by January, so please let him know soon if you are interested.

Sessions in Montréal Being Organized

Once again, ORN will have three sessions at the [ASA Annual Meeting](#) next year:

- Ron Anderson and Jon Turner are working on finding a speaker for the "A Life in Sociology" lecture.
- Bill D'Antonio and Tom VanValey are planning the Professional Development Workshop.
- Roz Darling and Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld have issued a call for papers for the session entitled, "Lives in Sociology: Decision Making over the Lifecourse":

Following the publication of the book, *Journeys in Sociology: From First Encounters to Fulfilling Retirements*, ASA-ORN is seeking papers that explore career related decision making over the life course. Unlike traditional research papers, these papers will consist of personal stories written by retired sociologists and will focus on interactional experiences and turning points that shaped two life events: the decision to become a sociologist and the decision to retire from a career in sociology. Both contributors to the recently published book and non-contributors are [invited to submit papers](#) for this session.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

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