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Welcome to New ASA Retired Members!

If you are newly retired, you may be receiving this newsletter for the first time. All ASA Retired Members (by membership category) 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.

New ORN Facebook Group

With the help of our ASA liaison, Karen Gray Edwards, we now have a new [Facebook group](#). The group in three weeks already has 44 members and we encourage all ORN members with Facebook accounts to join. It is a good place to express an opinion, in which other retirees (or colleagues considering retirement) might have interest. Write a short note about your personal or professional activities, e.g., publishing an article, a book (professional or personal), a newspaper opinion essay, a blog, a note on a book you really liked, or something else. We will continue to host and maintain the ASA ORN listserv.

Meet the New Advisory Board and 2017-18 Officers

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

- *Ronald Anderson*, Chair, University of Minnesota
- *Jonathan Turner*, Chair, University of California-Riverside
- *Harry Perlstadt*, Secretary-Treasurer, Michigan State University
- *Marcia Texler Segal*, Nominating Committee Chair, Indiana University Southeast
- *William V. D'Antonio*, Catholic University
- *Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld*, Arizona State University
- *Roberta Spalter-Roth*, American Sociological Association
- *Edward Tiryakian*, Duke University

We owe a big thank you to the board members who completed their terms in August 2017: *Rosalyn Benjamin Darling, John Kennedy, and Tom Van Valey*. Special thanks is due to Rosalyn Benjamin Darling, who served as chair during ORN's formative period.

ORN Sessions Held During ASA Annual Meeting in Montreal Very Successful

We held three excellent sessions at this summer's Annual Meeting. Our "Life in Sociology" lecturer was William D'Antonio, Professor Emeritus and former ASA Executive Officer. ORN was honored to have Professor D'Antonio speak about "My Life and Sociology, or How Did a Third-Generation Italian-American Catholic Find His Way to the ASA's Executive Office." [Hear or read the lecture.](#)



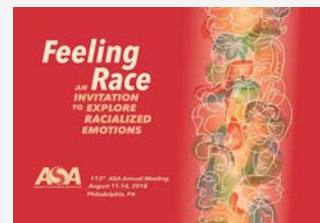
ORN's Professional Development Workshop, organized by Tom Van Valey and William D'Antonio, was very well attended and addressed the topic, "Maintaining a Connection with Your Institution: Possibilities and Barriers."

The paper session organized by Rosalyn Benjamin Darling and Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld was entitled "Lives in Sociology: Decision Making of the Lifecourse."

Sessions for Philadelphia (ASA 2018) Being Organized

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

- A panel session organized by Jonathan Turner and Ronald Anderson, which will be entitled "Life after Formal Retirement." The panel will feature prominent retired sociologists Glen Elder, Jr., Cora Marrett, Edward Lawler, and Amitai Etzioni.
- A special "A Life in Sociology" lecture session, to be preceded by the annual business meeting and followed by a social reception, to be organized by Harry Perlstadt and Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld.
- A Professional Development Workshop, to be organized by Roberta Spalter-Roth and Marcia Texler Segal.



Call for Nominations

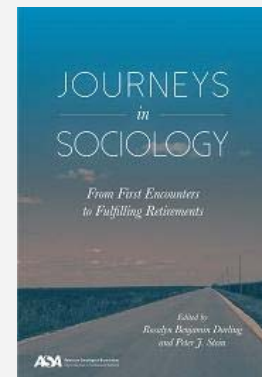
The terms of four of our board members (Anderson, D'Antonio, Kronenfeld, and Turner) will end in August 2018. If you would like to serve on the board and play a leadership role in ORN, shaping its future development, please contact Marcia Texler Segal (msegal@ius.edu) who is chairing the nominating committee. We hope to have a slate of candidates in place by January 1, so please respond no later than December 10 if you are interested.

ORN Book Published . . .

Journeys in Sociology: From First Encounters to Fulfilling Requirements

Edited by Rosalyn Benjamin Darling and Peter J. Stein

The editors and 20 contributors use a life-course perspective to address the role of sociology in their lives. The power of their personal experiences-during the Great Depression, World War II, or the student protests and social movements in the 1960s and '70s-magnify how and why social change prompted these men and women to study sociology. Moreover, all of the contributors include a discussion of their activities in retirement.



The diverse entries in *Journeys in Sociology* provide a fascinating look at both the influence of their lives on the discipline and the discipline on these sociologists' lives.

Contributors include David J. Armor, Wendell Bell, Glen H. Elder, Jr., Henry W. Fischer, Janet Zollinger Giele, Tuck Green, Peter Mandel Hall, Elizabeth Higginbotham, Debra Kaufman, Corinne Kirchner, Elinore Lurie, Gary T. Marx, Robert Perrucci, Fred Pincus, Thomas Scheff, Arthur Shostak, David Simon, Natalie J. Sokoloff, Edward Tiryakian, Joyce E. Williams.

More information can be found on the [Temple University Press website](#). In addition, *Journeys* is available in paperback at a discounted price of \$24 to current ASA members in the [ASA bookstore](#).

Have a wonderful holiday season!

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