

# ORNNotes

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## *Welcome to new ASA emeritus/retired members!*

Welcome! All Retired/Emeritus members of ASA are part of the Opportunities in Retirement Network (ORN). If you are a new member, this may be your first newsletter. We hope you will enjoy this way of keeping in touch with your colleagues and your profession. *ORNNotes* is published twice a year by ORN.

## *ORN Advisory Board Election Results*

Congratulations to our newly elected ORN Advisory Board members:

- *Harry Perlstadt*
- *Marcia Texler Segal*
- *Roberta Spalter-Roth*
- *Edward Tiryakian*

Because of a tie vote, these four will fill the three positions being vacated by *Rosalyn Benjamin Darling*, *John Kennedy*, and *Tom VanValey*. The Board will revert to seven members when the newly elected members complete their terms.

## *ORN at the ASA Annual Meeting in Montreal*

ORN has organized three sessions for the [2017 ASA Annual Meeting](#) in Montreal, August 12-15, 2017. (All sessions will be held in the Palais des Congrès.) We hope to see you there!

### **Professional Development Workshop: Maintaining a Connection with your Institution: Possibilities and Barriers**

Sunday, August 13, 12:30-2:10 p.m.  
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Room 512A

**Organizers:** *Thomas Van Valey* (Western Michigan University) and *William V. D'Antonio* (Catholic University)

**President:** *Thomas Van Valey* (Western Michigan University)

**Panelists:** *Sandra Hanson* (Catholic University), *Hans Bakker* (University of Guelph), *Diane Pike* (Augsburg College) and *Mary Ann Lamanna* (University of Nebraska-Omaha)

One of the issues sociologists must consider as part of their retirement planning is whether they want to maintain a connection with their institution or organization (or if they want to establish a connection with another institution or organization). This session will focus on some of the possibilities in maintaining a connection as well as some of the barriers that have been encountered. The presenters are from a range of different types of institutions, and different parts of North America, and they have had varying experiences. They will make short presentations of their experiences, then the discussion will be opened to questions from the audience.

### **Regular Session. Lives in Sociology: Decision Making over the Lifecourse**

Sunday, August 13, 2:30-4:10 p.m.  
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Room 518C

**Organizer and Discussant:** *Rosalyn Benjamin Darling* (Indiana University of Pennsylvania)

**President:** *Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld* (Arizona State University)

This session follows upon the recent publication of the book, *Journeys in Sociology: From First Encounters to Fulfilling Retirements*. Participants include both authors whose stories appear in the book and an additional contributor. Unlike traditional

research papers, these papers will consist of personal stories by retired sociologists and will focus on the turning points that shaped two life events: the decision to become a sociologist and the decision to retire from a career in sociology.

*Papers:*

Three Lives in Two Americas. *Robert Perrucci* (Purdue University)

The Last of Life for which the First was Made. *Debra Renee Kaufman* (Northeastern University)

Decision Making in a Non-Traditional Sociological Career. *Elinore E. Lurie*

Turning Points in a Latina Academic Career. *Maxine Baca Zinn* (Michigan State University)

## **ORN Business Meeting and "A Life in Sociology" Lecture by William V. D'Antonio**

Monday, August 14, 6:30-8:10 p.m.

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Room 523B

The "A Life in Sociology" lecture is the highlight of the ORN activities at the ASA annual meetings. This year, ORN is very proud and honored to have Bill D'Antonio speak about his life in sociology.

William V. D'Antonio (Bill) earned his PhD in Sociology and Anthropology from Michigan State University and then joined the faculty of the University of Notre Dame. He served as Professor and Chair of the Department there from 1966-71. He moved to the University of Connecticut in 1971 as Professor and Chair. In 1982 he took a leave from Connecticut to become the Chief Executive Officer of the American Sociological Association, where he served until his retirement in 1991. He received Emeritus Professor Status from the University of Connecticut in 1986. He was a Fulbright Senior Fellow in Italy in 2004 and served as president of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; and as editor, during 1980-82, of *Contemporary Sociology*. In 1993 he joined the Sociology faculty at The Catholic University of America as a visiting Research Professor, and he remains there as a Senior Fellow of the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies. Dr. D'Antonio is the co-author or co-editor of a large array of books including *American Catholics Today: New Realities of Their Faith and Their Church*. He continues to write dozens of articles. Bill remains an unusually amicable, kind, generous, warm and genuine person. He also is well-known for his smile and wit.

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## ***Journeys in Sociology: From First Encounters to Fulfilling Requirements***

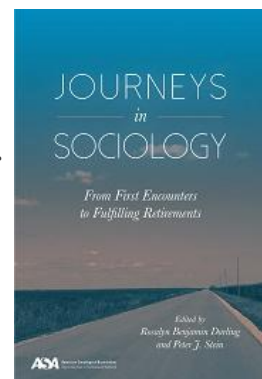
*Edited by Rosalyn Benjamin Darling and Peter J. Stein*

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](#).



## ***ORN Board Member Publishes Books on World Suffering***

Ron Anderson, ORN Advisory Board Member, in the second decade of his retirement from the University of Minnesota, has edited two volumes on world suffering. In 2015, Springer published the first volume, *World Suffering and the Quality of Life*, and the second volume, *Alleviating World Suffering*, was published in March 2017. Although Anderson wrote four of the chapters, 75

additional authors from the world over, mostly sociologists, wrote additional chapters. Reviews describe the books as pioneering and an extraordinary collection of original academic papers. Links to the books can be found at [www.WorldSuffering.org](http://www.WorldSuffering.org).

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