Footnotes

Council Approves Theory Annual, Constitutional Reference

Acting on recommendations from the Committee on Publications, ASA Council approved the establishment of an annual publication on sociological theory and decided not to proceed with the publication of Sociological Inventory.

In other actions during its Boston meeting, Council (1) approved a constitutional referendum; (2) authorized the desegregation of a working draft of the revised code of professional ethics; (3) offered to join regional and state sociological associations in recognizing outstanding accomplishments in the teaching of sociology; (4) reinstated the section on World Conflicts; (5) approved Detroit as the 1983 Annual Meeting site; (6) dropped the processing fee for "commentaries on ASA publications; and (7) responded to two business meeting resolutions.

Theory Annual
As part of its action establishing the theory annual, Council cited the new publication Sociological Theory, and approved the following statement:

"Sociological Theory is an annual publication directed to those in the sociological community interested in theoretical innovation and continuity. It publishes papers about particular theoretical perspectives; concepts and hypotheses; methodology and theory of methodology; the formalization of theory, including mathematical sociology; history of theory, contemporary approaches to classical theories; overviews and critical assessments of theoretical perspectives; and other contributions. Sociological Theory welcomes contributions that suggest juxtapositions among different perspectives and those that stimulate progressively more advanced work. Submitted papers will be evaluated with the assistance of an editorial board that reflects the diversity of sociological theory."

Most of the 22 Federal agencies conducting or supporting research with human subjects have adopted new IRB regulations in whole or in part. Written comments must be received on or before November 12, 1979, so that the IRB can review the regulations before publication. Written comments can be submitted by submitting a written proposal for the development of a standardized process for reviewing proposals. The proposed IRBs regulations largely follow the recommendations of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research.

Committee Names 1980 Candidates
Candidates for President-Elect and Vice President-Elect shall be selected by the ASA Committee on Nominations for the 1980 election. Additional candidates may be selected by ASA voting members through the open nominations process which is outlined in the ASA By-Laws. Petitions supporting candidates through this process must be signed by at least 100 voting members of ASA and must arrive in the ASA Executive Office, 1722 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, by November 30.

April: Teaching Sociology Month
April 1980 has been designated "Teaching of Sociology" month by the ASA Projects on Teaching Undergraduate Sociology which will sponsor several activities each month to focus the attention of the profession on teaching.

The centerpieces of the observance will be a national series of workshops on teaching sociology, which will be held in 10 states from mid-June through mid-May. Workshops are currently planned for the following states: California, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin. Further details on the workshops and other activities will be announced in FOOTNOTES and the ASA Teaching Newsletter.

Individuals, departments, or associations that wish to become involved in the observance should contact ASA Sociology Teaching Project, Carnegie Library, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH 44074.

Last Spivack Fellows Chosen; Recognized at Annual Meeting
Four ASA members received the 1979 Sydney Spivack Fellowships for significant contributions to the area of intergroup relations, the last to be given, during the Annual Meeting in Boston.

The recipients are James E. Blackwell, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Charles Beatty, University of Illinois-Urbana; and Melvin Kohn, University of Chicago. The recipients are chosen by the ASA Committee on Nominations for the 1980 election.

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Practical Application
Blackwell initially became involved in intergroup relations as a participant in a "sit-in" in 1947 that resulted in the desegregation of a restaurant in Cleveland. He was a student at Case Western Reserve University at the time. Besides teaching intergroup relations for 30 years, Blackwell has conducted or participated in workshops, commissions, advisory boards, panels, television programs and films on interracial and interethnic relations throughout this country and abroad.

In 1954, he conducted a workshop at Grinnell College in Louisiana on the implications of the Brown Decision for desegregating public-supported colleges and universities. In the early 1960s, he served as President of the San Jose Branch of the NAACP.

Blackwell also raised bail funds for black and white participants in "Freedom Marches" in Alabama and Mississippi; wrote a program on the contributions of black

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The 1979 Sorokin Award is the last one to be presented by the ASA. Under the new award policy, the Sorokin Award will be replaced in 1980 by the American Sociological Association Award for a Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship. The winner of this award will be offered a lectureship known as the Sorokin Lecture.

Regional and state associations or societies with the opportunity to apply for the lecture to be given at ASA expense.

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search involving solely the study of documents, records, data sets or human materials where the sources contain identifiers, but the researcher will take information from independent sources as to prevent future identification of any individual.

Points of View

Supporters of Alternative A argue that the types of research included in that alternative have not been shown to have adverse consequences. In addition, they assert that little evidence of risk exists, except for possible breaches of confidentiality. Consequently, they argue that requiring an institution to review a large volume of minimal-risk research in order to find the rare proposal that might be potentially harmful, could create an unwarranted burden on the institution.

Supporters of Alternative B argue that inadvertent or compulsive disclosure of information collected in survey research, record research, or observational research can have serious consequences for subjects' future employability, family relationships or financial credit, and psychological well-being. They also argue that there is a need for an independent, social mechanism to ensure that research is ethically acceptable and that the

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TOTAL SURVEY ERROR

Applications to Improve Health Surveys

Surveys have become primary sources of data for both increasing social science data and for planning, administering, and evaluating all types of social programs. Until now, however, only limited progress has been made in identifying survey biases and establishing procedures to measure and correct the biases. Sampling bias has been reduced by making survey samples closely representative of the population being studied, but little has been known about non-sampling biases — which often account for the largest part of total survey error.

This new book remedies this deficiency by reporting on a groundbreaking study of the major sources of nonsampling survey bias, including respondent reporting errors (due to misremembering or dishonesty), nonresponse (respondent not at home or refuses to answer some or all questions), and processing mistakes (in adjusting for missing data). The book presents important new findings about the frequency and magnitude of nonsampling biases, about the cost and effectiveness of different procedures for correcting the biases, and about the significance of the changes resulting in the survey data.

A publication in the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) Series in Social Research, this book is based on information from a national sample of health services users and expenditures — with actual hospital, physician, and insurance records used to check the accuracy of the survey data. Thus, in addition to providing assistance in improving survey research, the book also has major implications for health services researchers and administrators and for all others concerned with health care issues.

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Women earned a record number of doctoral degrees in the past year, according to a report by the Commission on Human Resources of the National Research Council. Of the 30,800 degrees awarded in 1978, 26.9% went to women. The figures were found in the professionals, social sciences, physical and life sciences, and engineering. Declines were noted in the humanities and engineering. While increases in degrees earned were found in the Health Profession, declines were noted in the number of doctoral degrees earned by American Indians and African Americans. Blacks. Of the 610 doctorates awarded in sociology in 1978, 36.8% (224) went to women.

How to Write the Resume That's Best For You is discussed in Working Woman, Vol. 4 (Sept., 1979). Chronological and functional resumes are outlined.

The Center for Women Scholars in San Francisco is offering a prize of $500 for the best article on solutions to the problems of the woman scholar. The winning article will be published in the 1980 edition of The Women Scholar's Handbook: Strategies for Success. Send submissions of no more than 5,000 words to: Dr. Monica Kahoe, Editor, Center for Women Scholars, American Research and Development Corporation, 30 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94113. Deadline: December 31.

Planners of career programs for sociology students should find the following resources useful: "Employment Possibilities for Undergraduate, Graduate Sociology Trainees." ASA FOOTNOTES (August, 1978) ($1.00 per reprint, prepaid); and Majoring in Sociology: A Guide for Students (single copies free; for orders of 10 or more, $1.50 each). Order from: American Sociological Association, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Women and Health Careers: A Guide for Career Exploration is a new resource containing information on careers in health-related public health, health professions, along with educational requirements and employment possibilities. Order from: Program on Women, Northwestern University, 109 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.

Academic Passages: A Workshop on Career Development will be held in Boston, October 19-21. Write: The Academy for Professional Development, P.O. Box 7328, Tacoma, WA 98407.

Guidelines for Noncausal Language in APA Journals, published in the June 1977 issue of the American Psychologist, were recommended to the ASA Council for consideration by the Committee on the Status of Women. See "Official Reports and Proceedings" in ASA FOOTNOTES (April, 1978). Recently, the ASA Committee on the Status of Women revised and resubmitted a paper on "How to Recognize and Avoid Sexist Bias in Sociological Research: Some Problems and Possible Solutions." A copy of the document is available for free distribution.

A National Conference on Feminist Psychology will be sponsored by the Association for Women in Psychology, will be held March 6-8, 1980, in Los Angeles. A call for proposals was issued by the conference program coordinator, write: Hannah Lerman, 1980 AWP Conference Coordinator, 1543 South Oakhurst Drive, Suite 25, San Diego, CA 92103.

A Minority Retention Workshop will be held November 7-9 in Atlanta, Georgia. Featured speakers will be David Matthews, President, University of Alabama; Mary Berry, Assistant Secretary for Education, HEW; and Charles H. Wolfe, Professor of Education and Urban Studies, Harvard University. For registration materials and information write: Dr. Andrew Goodrich, Box 438, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, Chicago, IL 60680.

The ASA Committee on the Status of Women sponsored a successful student recruitment at the 1979 Annual Meeting of the Association, under the leadership of Mary Helmken. The reception provided an opportunity for students and faculty to get acquainted. ASA officers and staff provided career and job information. Attendance was estimated at 200-250 people.

Sociologists at Work: Women in Research, Administration, Government, and Community Service is the topic of a series of informative discussions appearing in the July, 1979 issue of SWS Network and organized by Janet Hunt, Editor. For copies of this issue write: Editor, Discussion Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

Content of IRB Rules Cited

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The IRB may approve withholding or altering certain information otherwise required to be presented to research subjects; require that IRB membership include at least one nonscientist; and establish regulations which to the extent possible are compatible and consistent with the soon to be published Federal Drug Administration standards for IRBs.

The right to judge the appropriateness of the research methods to the objectives of the research and the field of study is retained in the review procedures.

The regulations contain no appeal procedures to IRB; will be required to state its reasons for disapproving a proposal in its written notification and give the investigator an opportunity to respond in person or in writing.

Minority Program Announces Spivack Dissertation Awards

Eight Sydney Spivack Dissertation Awards have been made to minority PhD candidates in Sociology through the ASA Minority Fellowship Program for the 1979-80 academic year. Funding for the awards was provided by the Cornerhouse Foundation.

The award recipients, their institutional affiliations, and dissertation titles follow:

Bernard Headley, Howard University, "Crime and Development in Kingston (Jamaica)."
Margaretine Marin, UC-Santa Barbara, "An Analysis of Chicoan Movement: Five Case Histories."
Melinda Bacal-Montilla, Utah State University, "Ethnicity, Modernization and Socio-Demographic Behavior in the Philippines."
Fernando Perez, UCLA, "Chicano Attitudes Toward Mental Illness."
Wanda Perry, University of Maryland, "The Impacts of Urban Housing Markets on Residential Spatial Patterns: The Baltimore SMSA as a Case Study."
Susana Takats, UC-Berkeley, "The Social Consequences of Discretionary Justice within Local Parole Systems."

MFP Seeks 1980-81 Applicants

Applications are invited for doctoral fellowships in sociology for the 1980-81 academic year by the ASA Minority Fellowship Program.

Ten individual fellowships for one year, renewable for up to two additional years, are available. A maximum of $3,900 per academic year for stipend and allowance for books and supplies is provided. Tuition is also paid.

The program is open to students beginning or continuing study in sociology departments. New students must apply by February 1. Returning students must apply by April 15.

Applications should be submitted to the Minority Fellowship Program, ASA, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.
COCRAT: Evolution of Its Mission during First Decade

Case-by-case for the last ten years, the ASA Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching (COCRAT) has been defining the issues involved in its changing mission.

Through its case experience, COCRAT has also established explicit procedures for handling cases brought to it by ASA members. The procedures are reported in the accompanying article on this page.

Evolving Mission

COCRAT had its beginning during the 1968 Annual Meeting in Boston when Council appointed a committee headed by Robin Will-liams to investigate the conditions of ASA members who were being denied jobs and reappointments because of political behavior or political opinions, and to make recommenda- tions for action.

At the 1969 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Council instructed COCRAT to consider the means of investigating complaints on the part of members concerning reprisals and intimidaion for political activities.

The newly appointed Committee held an interim meeting and two reports were submitted to Council in which policy regarding the Committee’s areas of concern and procedures of investigation was initiated. The areas emphasized were discrimination on grounds of race, political behavior, and sex. Council cautioned COCRAT to be circumspect in cases of particular relevance to sociologists and to avoid duplication of other organizations.

At the 1970 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Council expanded the mission of the Committee beyond hiring and reappointing by instructing COCRAT “to investigate alleged discrimination such as improper ground in hiring, salary, and other aspects of employment.”

During these formative years, 1960-73, COCRAT was chaired by Robin Williams and Karl Taexel. In 1973, Peter Rossi became chair.

Over the next two years, the number of cases escalated, created a crisis situation; for COCRAT did not have sufficient resources to adequately adjudicate many of the cases brought to its attention. A recommendation to dissolve the Committee was made in Council during the 1975 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

In reaction, COCRAT proposed a variety of alternative missions for itself which ranged from creating a full-fledged adjudication body with an appropriate support staff, to serving as an educational body that encouraged the process of developing appropriate, explicit criteria for making hiring, retention, and promotion decisions. Council did not favor COCRAT and appointed William D’Antonio as chair.

With D’Antonio at the helm be-tween 1973-78, the Committee further specified its objectives, took some innovative approaches to handling cases, especially new educational role by preparing a brochure on initial appointments, and handled about 15 cases. In 1978, Linda Bourque and Jack Lasala introduced a new concept related to the Committee, the idea of chairs of COCRAT. Under their leadership, COCRAT has con-tinued to function in three general areas: (1) investigating cases, (2) increasing sociologists’ awareness of their rights and obligations via media and fellow professionals, and (3) defining and refining the role of COCRAT within the ASA and the broader academic community.

In the last few years, COCRAT has moved beyond limited fact-finding to engage in mediation, arbitration or negotiation when appropriate. The Committee also has become more proactive in its role of oversight. In addition, COCRAT has abandoned the at- tempt to rigidly define what is or is not in its jurisdiction. It now treats complaints on a case-by-case basis. Nevertheless, there are two main areas where COCRAT will not engage: (1) The Committee will not initiate formal, court adjudication, although on occa-sion individual members of the Committee have prepared affidavits or appeared in court. (2) The Committee will not act as a substantive review committee for reappointment, promotion, or te-nure.

Bourque said, “The Committee is concerned with insuring that proper substantive review is car- ried out but that a decision is not made in a capricious and arbitrary manner. Thus, we primarily are concerned with the standards and procedures under which the grievance was hired and the standards and procedures by which decisions about the grievance were reached and how far they are involved in the institution in question.”

COCRAT has repeatedly found the procedures under which many academic institutions hire, termi-nate and promote are vague or often non-existent. In most cases, we defense while we do not advocate any single set of pro-cedures by which such processes are carried out, we maintain that all colleges and universities should have clear-cut procedures that are readily accessible to, and understandable by, both administra-tive bodies and the person under consideration.

To address the hiring aspect of the problem, the Committee has produced a brochure, “The Initial Appointment in Sociology: Guidelines for Candidates and Departments,” which is available from the ASA Executive Office for $1.00 to cover the cost of postage and handling. The brochure were also published in the May 1978 issue of FOOTNOTES.

Among most COCRAT cases the Committee recommends that tenure decisions, they have also included disputes over choice of textbooks, racial and sexual discrimina-tion, reverse discrimina-tion, authorship rights, rights to resources, complaints that politi-cal activities outside the academic arena were being used in making academic judgments, and charges that procedures under which academicians are originally hired are changed under the guise of “up-grading academic quality” or “fin-ancial exigency.”

Bourque said, “Ours is essen-tially a function of providing leverage and pressure toward nondiscriminatory equitable reso-lution where equity and substantive and procedural due process and rights are involved.”

One should not interpret this mission to mean, however, that when COCRAT enters a case, ASA membership is conferred on the person. In order to be effective as an adjudicative unit, COCRAT must be viewed as fair and objective by all parties in the case, not just the person involved. If the person involved or the person receiving the cooperation of the persons involved in the dispute and their opinions will not be respected.

Issues

Several issues have emerged from the cases investigated by COCRAT. (1) dealing with ad-ministrators who are not

COCRAT Procedures for Investigating Cases

On the basis of its case experience, the Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching (COCRAT) has evolved the following procedures for investigating cases brought to it by ASA members:

1. The chair of COCRAT immediately acknowledges that the refer-ral has been received and disseminates the referral documents to the Committee. In the case of a referral by another person or the aggrieved party, the aggrieved party is notified that a complaint has been lodged on his behalf. The facts of the case are provided to the Committee making a “limited fact-finding investigation” on her or his behalf.

2. The chairperson makes a tentative decision on jurisdiction and if the Committee decides that the Committee has jurisdiction, she/he notifies the complainant that the Committee has undertaken the responsibility of conducting a “limited fact-finding investiga-tion.”

3. If the chairperson decides that the Committee does not have jurisdiction, she/he or he then polls members of the Committee on this decision. If the Committee overturns the chairperson, the latter is then proceeded as under 3.

4. If the chairperson decides that she/he is not able to make a decision on jurisdiction, she or he is to proceed as under b above.

5. If the case does not appear to be within the Committee’s jurisdiction as decided by majority vote of the Committee, the chair-person then refers the case to the appropriate ASA committee with a report to ASA Council of the action taken. The complainant is also notified of this action.

6. If the case is decided, the Subcommittee is appointed to assemble a dossier of information and report to the full Committee either by memo or verbally. We prefer to have a three-person Sub-committee, and the preferred composition of the Committee is as follows: a member of COCRAT, a person appointed by the American Sociological Association, and one of the co-chairs. Our experience in coordinating with state and regional associations has been varied and relates in part to the nature of the association. Many associations have a clearly debatable committee and lack sufficient resources to be active in such investigations. When such a person cannot be identified, a second method is appointed. Whenever possible, members work within their own region.

4. The chair of the Subcommittee writes to the committee and/or any other parties. The chair of the Committee has the opportunity to be made to complete and write a report of the nature of the alleged offense (as seen by all parties to the dispute). The sequence of events, whether other organizations (e.g., AAUP, ACLU, etc.) have entered the case, the objective is to assemble as much information as possible by mail.

5. Case dossiers are assembled by attempting to get as much in-formation as possible from all parties involved in the grievance. This information is then made available to the members of the sub-committee with the case are kept informed, and an effort is made to keep all communications between the parties open.

6. After a dossier is assembled by the Subcommittee, the Sub-committee polls its members on the following possible actions:

(a) The Subcommittee’s chair is directed: (1) to continue its limited fact-finding activity through written mechanisms. (2) To move to a site visit with the sub-committee. Site visits are usually conducted when mail inquiries do not elicit adequate cooperation. (3) To determine whether a “visitation committee” generally is composed of three persons, at least one of which shall be a Committee member. This ad hoc committee attempts to interview all parties involved and to collect necessary documentation. (4) To determine the cost of the “visitation committee” are paid from the budget of the Committee.

(b) The Subcommittee refers the case to the full Committee with the recommendation that: (1) No further action be taken. (2) It be referred to some other body (e.g., AAUP, ACLU, etc.). (3) The case remains under consideration but inactive pending some other exter-nal action (e.g., litigation, actions of local grievance groups, etc.). (4) Further action be taken, that ASA Council (or other body) take the action.

7. Once COCRAT receives the case from the Subcommittee, the full Committee reviews the Subcommittee’s report and recommendations, usually by mail, after which it may take any of the actions outlined in 6.

8. If there is no consensus in the Committee (less than 23 vote in favor of a particular action), then the full Committee is convened for a meeting to go over the case in detail and come to a decision. A majority vote of such a meeting prevails. On occasion the Sub-committee or a new Subcommittee will be instructed to revise or reinvesti-gate the case under consideration.

9. The action by the full Committee under either 7 or 8 above constitutes the end of the Committee’s responsibility and that action is communicated to ASA Council, the complainant and other parties involved in the dispute. In any dispute where a significant investigation was conducted, a final report is filed both with COCRAT and with ASA Council. The report contains a chronicle of major events, a history of relevant persons, a summary of the issues, and recommen-dations for action. In addition, reports may contain statements of policy on certain matters that are pertinent to the case in question but also to the future of COCRAT.

Periodic written and verbal reports are brought to the full Commit-tee from all active Subcommittees and a final report is usually written. Whenever possible, appointments are made to ensure that grievances be handled within the institution in question and, to that end, "nudges" inactive local groups or individuals. We also encour-age institutions to avoid formal litigation and to utilize the Commit-tees for informal or preliminary action.

All written materials received by the Committee are treated as confidential unless or until a formal decision is made to sanction, a formal report is filed with ASA Council, or it is agreed by COCRAT, representatives of Council, and the parties involved in the complaint that interim reports will be released simultaneously to COCRAT, Council, and the concerned parties. Members of ASA must re-member, however, that materials may be passed to other official bodies of ASA where appropriate. Consequently, when submitting materials to the Committee they must recognize that the Committee is accountable to the American Sociological Association.
IPA Positions Available in Health Research Center

Several opportunities are available to sociologists employed by state and local governments, institutions of higher learning, and some nonprofit organizations to spend two years working for the National Center for Health Services Research in the Washington area.

The opportunities are being made available under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) of 1976 which authorizes temporary assignment of personnel to federal agencies from the above named organizations.

To be eligible for an IPA assignment, a sociologist must have been a full-time employee of a non-Federal organization for at least 90 days before the assignment is effectuated. After completion of the assignment the sociologist returns to the employ of the non-Federal organization.

All of these assignments are in the Division of National Research of NCHSR which is located in Hyattsville, MD. Salary will be based on the normal salary plus increments which would be due in present position.

Available Positions

Descriptions of available positions follow:

Survey Research Methodologist with a PhD in sociology, statistics, or psychology and experience in evaluating survey research methods; persons with experience in health data collection are preferred.

Medical Sociologist with a PhD and substantial experience or training in quantitative analysis of health utilization, expenditures, or health insurance data.

Research Associates with a combination of at least Master’s level training and experience in quantitative research and analysis of health utilization, expenditures, or health insurance data, or in health issues in health care, demographics, economics, statistics, or public health preferred.

Survey Research Specialist with experience in survey management; interest in aging and long-term care research; demonstrated facility in preparing scientific reports and scholarly articles is required.

Health Economist with a doctoral degree in economics, medical care organization or related field, and with a strong background in microeconomic or medical care organization, econometrics, and research methodology. This individual will work as a member of a team conducting research projects, including analyses of the impact of health care policy changes on health services utilization.

Applications and inquiries should be sent to: Randol Stokess, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA 01003.

Papers for the Session on Aging should be sent to: Gordon F. Streib, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Papers for the Session on World Conflicts should be submitted to: Paula M. Raynam, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02179.

Supplementary Sessions

Papers for Supplementary Sessions for the 1980 ASA Annual Meetings will be accepted.

Council: Ethics, Teaching, Resolutions

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Constitutional Referendum

The proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws would be: (1) alter the role of Vice President; (2) add the position of Past Vice President; (3) clarify the responsibilities of the Program Committee to the Council in planning the Annual Meeting program, especially in regards to the allocation of program time to Sections; (4) incorporate guidelines for the preparation and submission of petitions for Members' Resolutions and clarify miscellaneous features of the Constitution and By-Laws that have become obsolete or are otherwise in need of charge.

The referendum is tentatively scheduled for next Spring.

Code of Ethics

Council authorized the dis- nomination of the revised and expanded code of ethics prepared by the Committee on Professional Ethics so that member comments could be received before a final version is presented for adoption.

The revised code will be published in FOOTNOTES.

Teaching Accomplishments

Council expressed its willingness to join with regional and state sociological associations in honoring their members for outstanding accomplishment in the teaching of sociology, as determined by the nature of the ASA's President and/or Executive Officer on a citation or certificate containing the following wording:

"The American Sociological Association is pleased to join with (name of regional or state society) in recognizing (name of member of said department) for his/her outstanding teaching accomplishments in the teaching of sociology, as determined and recommended by (the name of regional or state society)."

World Conflicts

The Section on World Conflicts was reinstated by Council because it had acquired 200 members.

Council also instructed the Executive Officer to include the Section in the membership renewal mailing. Since the membership list has already been printed, dues billing for the Section will appear on a separate card in the mailing.

Resolutions

Council also acted on two of the resolutions passed during the Business Meeting by commending the ASA Officer on Careers, Minorities and Women for their Research Skills Development Institute held last summer and authorizing the secretariat to "convey to Hans Mauksch wishes for a speedy recovery, and a respectful request to study the health care system, in Robert's future, without a role other than participant observation."

Mauksch, a former ASA Executive Officer and Director, ASA Projects on Teaching Undergraduate Sociology, underwent a coronary bypass operation in August. The remaining resolutions will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting. They are concerned with the proposed regulations for Institutional Review Boards, child care at annual meetings, the publication of the names of rape victims in newspapers, and the presence of a member of the ASA Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching at business meetings.

Other:

The Survival of Dominination: The Limits of Intergovernmentalism

Barry M. 3mm. University of Wisconsin

The extract of a 1968 paper reprinted in the 1974 book "The Importance of Social Science". The author argues that intergovernmental cooperation is limited by the structure of intergovernmental relationships and that the success of intergovernmental cooperation depends on the nature of the relationships involved.

World Modernization: The Limits of Immigration

J. E. K. Kass. University of Chicago

This paper discusses the role of immigration in the modernization process and argues that immigration is limited by the economic and political structure of host countries.

Why Sociology Does Not Apply: A Study of the Use of Sociology in Public Policy

Robert J. Stouffer, Director, Laboratory

This paper examines the use of sociology in public policy and argues that sociology is not applied effectively because of the institutional and political barriers that prevent the application of sociological knowledge.

Human Family Systems: An Evolutionary Theory

P. J. de Jong. University of Pennsylvania

This paper presents a theory of human family systems and argues that family systems evolve through a series of stages that are influenced by biological, cultural, and social factors.

Women as Widows: Support Networks

Helen Meier. Harvard University

This paper examines the support networks of widows and argues that these networks are influenced by cultural and social factors.

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World-Modernization: The-Limits-Of-Immigration

Barry-M.-3mm.-University-of-Wisconsin


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J.-E.-K.-Kass.-University-of-Chicago


Robert-J.-Stouffer,-Director,-Laboratory


Human-Family-Systems:-An-Evolutionary-Theory

P.-J.-de-Jong.-University-of-Pennsylvania


Women-as-Widows:-Support-Networks

Helen-Meier.-Harvard-University

This-paper-examines-the-support-networks-of-widows-and-argues-that-these-networks-are-influenced-by-cultural-and-social-factors.


October 30-November 6. Conference on "Mississippi's Freedom Summer" Revived: Race Relations in the 'New South'. Fifteen Years Later. Jackson, Mississippi and Millsaps College, Jackson. Contact: Robert S. Miller, Department of History, Box 660, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS 39210.

October 31-November 2. Mid-South Sociological Association, Memphis, TN. Contact: Philip J. Guest, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.


November 15-17. Fourth Annual Conference on the Current State of Marxist Theory, Louisville, KY. Contact: Morton W. Fineman, Department of Sociology, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40208.


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Americans to American society that was described in 1963 as an expert witness in several court cases, conducted workshops in prison to assist officials to better understand the relationships between inmates of diverse racial and ethnic origins, and assisted in the formation of the Caucus of Black Sociologists.

Blackwell has written numerous articles on intergroup relations. Publications resulting from his research in the Barrio-Rowan court cases, including the Bakke case.

His books include Black Sociologists: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (with Morris Janowitz) and The Black Community: Diversity and Unity. He is currently principal investigator for two projects: “Alienation Among Metropolitan Blacks” and “Graduate and Professional Education of Black Americans”.

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Applications for the three NSF programs may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418.

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