ASA Establishes Practice Journal; First Editor Sought

by Bethian J. Haber

At its most recent meeting, ASA Council gave final approval to an Association-sponsored journal dealing with sociological practice. Nominations are currently being sought for the first editor, who will be appointed in August, 1987. The inaugural issue of Sociological Practice Review, as the new quarterly is to be called, is expected to appear early in 1989. Council’s action in the culmination of a two-year process of planning and deliberation by both the Council and the Publications Committee. The formal motion passed by Council at its late January meeting, which is based on a recommendation from the Publications Committee, reads as follows:

"It is hereby recommended to Council that a journal be established on the subject of sociological practice, dealing with the theory and application of the discipline to the resolution of real life problems. The journal will carry the title Sociological Practice Review, and its purpose will be to publish articles presenting research results, practical applications, and other material relevant to the practice of sociology in everyday life. The journal will be published quarterly, and will be distributed to all members of the Association. The journal will be edited by a single editor, who will be appointed by Council. Council is also asked to authorize the search for the first editor of the journal."

The joint ASA-NORC Nominations Committee is now soliciting nominations for the first editor of the new journal. Nominations should be submitted by March 1, 1987.

ASF Pursues Second Hundred Thousand

by Jay Donahue

According to the press, the hardest thing about a fund-raising campaign is getting it underway. If so, success seems to have eluded the ASF Endowment Campaign, on behalf of the American Sociological Foundation. The drive is now well launched and has begun its second year in hot pursuit of its second second hundred thousand dollars. Spurred by Andrew Greeley's challenge grant which requires us to raise a matching $250,000 in both 1987 and 1988, the campaign received half of this year's match in January alone.

Contributions to date have taken various forms, including land, royalties, bequests, multi-year pledges, and that old staple, checks on the handshake. Some contributions have well exceeded the expectations set by the Campaign Committee in relation to members' income and dues level. Others have been right on target, according to the table below.

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One bit of good news for both the campaign and its contributions concerns the new Federal tax law which applies this year. According to various experts, charitable contributions will continue to be a bargain for most donors. The deduction for academic's income will likely be reduced by less than two percent. However, the effort to build an ASF Endowment will succeed not because of its tax advantages but because of a shared commitment to sociology's future. And since every donation will be appreciated, even those made by those who are already credit bearing. A thousand dollars contributed now could yield up to a thousand dollars worth of tax savings, and $250,000 is a solid foundation for the future of sociology.

University of California Agrees to Settlement with Nancy Shaw

The University of California Board of Regents agreed in January to a legal settlement with Professor Nancy S. Shaw, a faculty member from its Santa Cruz campus who was denied tenure in 1982 amid charges of political bias and sex discrimination.

The settlement mandates a new tenure decision, to be made by a three-person committee of senior faculty members, who will be selected by Professor Shaw and the University. The committee's review is expected to take two months. Its decision will be binding on all parties.

At the conclusion of the review, Shaw will receive a substantial financial settlement, to compensate her for legal fees, lost pay, and emotional and other damages. In return, she will withdraw her sex discrimination suit against the University, which is

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Ethnic Diversity Enlivens Chicago

by William T. Liu

Sociologists are now fascinated by the Second City's varied ethnic neighborhoods. Over the years, many of Chicago's neighborhoods have been noted by the sociologists. Chicago and its suburbs are no exception. The writings of Suttles, Biderman and Senett, among others, have provided considerable sociological insight into these neighborhoods. Using Chicago as a sociological laboratory has not been limited to urban sociologists. Demographers and social historians have contributed to the knowledge of the city's many communities through, for example, the decennial Chicago Fact Book, begun at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Chicago Survey. Over the past five decades, with the exception of the 1970 edition, the Chicago Fact Book has been a highly useful sociological contribution to business communities; it has remained the standard reference for public and private service agencies, health facilities, and educators.

Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods have been cursed as ghettos of minorities and unreliable enclaves of recent arrivals, as well as its pride and source of colorful cosmopolitanism where one can find exotic native foods and cuisine, artists, music, and apparel. When you come to Chicago for the 1987 ASA Annual Meetings, you and your family may wish to get acquainted with some of Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods, as well as its famous landmarks. For example, there is the Uptown area, which is one of the most culturally diverse neighborhoods in the United States.

The largest groups of white ethnics are the Germans, Irish, and English. Together, they may constitute about three-quarters of the city's white population, according to the 1980 Census. The Germans (about 40%) are the largest segment, but one of the oldest and most widely dispersed white ethnics in Chicago. Irish descendants can be found in many southwest communities, with extensions into suburban Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, and Homewood. English descendants probably account for about 15% of the city's population, most of which are located in the northwest side. There are also English descendants in the various neighborhoods of the city.

The Chinese are a newer group, but they have established a strong presence in Chicago. There are several Chinese neighborhoods, including Chinatown, where the majority of Chinese residents live. Chinatown is home to many restaurants, shops, and cultural centers. Chinese businesses are also found in other parts of the city, especially around the University of Illinois at Chicago campus and the metropolitan area.

The Japanese are another group that has established a strong presence in Chicago. There are several Japanese neighborhoods, including the Japanese American neighborhood of the city. Japanese businesses are also found in other parts of the city, especially around the University of Illinois at Chicago campus and the metropolitan area.

The African American community is also well represented in Chicago. There are several African American neighborhoods, including the Bronzeville neighborhood, which is home to many African American businesses and cultural centers. African American businesses are also found in other parts of the city, especially around the University of Illinois at Chicago campus and the metropolitan area.

The Hispanic community is another large group in Chicago. There are several Hispanic neighborhoods, including the Pilsen neighborhood, which is home to many Hispanic businesses and cultural centers. Hispanic businesses are also found in other parts of the city, especially around the University of Illinois at Chicago campus and the metropolitan area.

There are also other ethnic groups represented in Chicago, including the Italian, Polish, Greek, and Russian communities. These groups have established strong presence in Chicago and have established a number of cultural centers and businesses in the city.

In conclusion, Chicago is a city of many neighborhoods, each with its own unique character and culture. The city's ethnic diversity is a key part of its identity and is a source of pride for many residents. As you explore the city, you will find a rich and diverse cultural landscape that is sure to impress and delight.
Observing

Council Struggles to Balance 1987 Budget

The Executive Office and Budget Committee met during and between the two great blizzards that blanketed Washington, DC, in the last days of January, 1987. It is a sign of their dedication and commitment that all members stayed on to the final Sunday night vote, risking cancelled plane flights and the opportunity to see the Super Bowl in the comfort of home. The struggle against the elements was mirrored in the struggle to find the means to support all the worthy activities that members and committees put on the agenda. In the end, cutting back sharply on travel funds for mid-year meetings of standing committees, and also cutting office supplies, a proportionate balance was achieved.

The ability to avoid deficit financing in 1987 is a direct result of the assumptions that ASA membership will continue to grow by five percent, as it did in 1986, and such a growth will be reflected in increased dues. The assumption that ASA membership will grow is reflected in increased dues. The Executive Office has made a major campaign to increase its revenues from advertising and computer hardware/software exhibits at the Annual Meeting. In this regard, members are urged to inform companies from which they buy computer products that they saw the ad in these materials in Footnotes.

The 1987 budget of $2,054,000 is about $100,000 less than the expected final figures for the 1986 budget. Besides the normal increases occasioned by salary rises for the Executive Office staff, and production cost increases for printing and related activities, the 1987 budget contains several new or additional items not found in the 1986 budget. These include:

(1) an increase from 30 percent to 40 percent in the support for ASA general funds to the Minority Fellowship Program (the grant from NHMH provides most of the remainder), with the expectation that in 1988 ASA will increase its level of support to 50 percent. The increases will furthermore add up more for fellowships;
(2) provision of $1,400 to help implement the first year's activities of the Professional Development Program, directed by Stephen Bui;
(3) a special contingency fund of $10,000 to insure that the 1987 program featuring cross-national perspectives will be adequately supported;
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(5) allocation to permit purchase of equipment to allow desk top publishing activity to begin, about $15,000;
(6) the addition of $7,000 to personal costs to take account of temporary and overtime activities in the Executive Office that had hitherto been handled on an ad-hoc basis. In all, these initiatives are expected to add about $61,000 to the 1987 budget, almost 40% of the increase. ASA is typical of educational associations which depend on member dues for about one-third of their budget. For 1987 the Association looks to members for just about 33 percent of the income total. Both Executive Office and Council agree that if there is a problem about member dues, it is not in the portion of the budget it covers, but in the range of the dues categories. It was decided that special committee should be appointed to examine the dues structure, and make a report with recommendations to Council at the August 1987 meeting. If Council accepts recommendations that would change the dues structure, it would then be necessary to prepare a referendum for the membership. Such a referendum would be included in the spring 1988 ballot; thus, if a new dues structure should be voted in by the membership, the earliest date for implementation would be the 1989 year.

In the meanwhile, Council took one action not requiring a referendum, that is, it reduced the $5.00 early payment discount that had been instituted on an experimental basis in 1986. The discount cost the Association some $20,000 in revenue in 1986, and probably not as much as in 1987. To avoid deficit financing in 1988, that revenue will be needed.

Members wishing to offer their suggestions on the ASA dues structure are invited to address such issues to the Dues Structure Committee. 1222 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036—AVT 711

Council Briefs

Council members showed their dedication to duty, braving two major snowstorms to get to the mid-year meeting in Washington, DC. The Council acted on a full agenda during its two and a half day meeting. Full minutes of the meeting will appear in a later issue of Footnotes.

Last Call for Award Nominations

April 30 marks the deadline for filing 1988 nominations for two major ASA awards, the Durbin-Johnson-Frazee Award and the Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology. Announcements detailing nomination procedures for each have appeared in earlier issues of Footnotes (see January and December, respectively). Nominations for the D-F-F Award should be sent to: Elizabeth Higginbotham, Department of Sociology and Social Work, McMurry State University, McPherson, TN 38512. Nomination for the Career Achievement Award should be sent to Larry E. Stiff, Center for Educational Statistics, Room 308, 355 New Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Awards will be selected during committee meetings at the 1987 Annual Meeting and announced during the spring of 1988. Nomination deadlines for the other major ASA awards have now passed.

Filipino community, widely scattered between Addisson and Peterssen Streets (from south to north) and Lake to Kostner Streets, are located in the southern part of Chicago's affluent suburbs. Other members of the Filipino community will also be present at the Annual Meeting, and it is a likely that they will be in attendance at the meeting. The Annual Meeting is to be held on Friday, May 8th, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the headquarters of the Chicago Housing Authority.

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The ASA Teaching Services Program will hold a Workshop on "Integrating Computers into the Curriculum," June 10-13, 1987, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL. Participants will learn about computer resources available for the sociology teacher; experience a range of computer applications for sociology classes; view demonstrations and have hands-on experience with modern computer software; gain experience in making computers an integral part of the sociology educational process; and learn about computer interviewing and the statistical analysis of survey research data. The workshop will be led by Thomas L. Van Valey (Western Michigan University), Kathy Lieben (SUNY, Chicago), and others. The fee is $300 for ASA members, $390 for nonmembers. This fee includes workshop registration, three nights' lodging, and eight meals. A special discount is available for those not requiring lodging or meals. Applications are due April 29, 1987, along with a $75 deposit. After April 29, the ASA member price will be $390.

For further information, contact: William F. Ewens, Field Coordinator, ASA

Teaching Services Program, Michigan State University, University Park, East Lansing, MI 48824, (517) 355-6609, or Jack Harkins, Division of Social/Behavioral Sciences, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, (312) 835-2689, X 2022.

Corrections

In the January 1987 issue of Footnotes, the article on NSF awards incorrectly spelled the name of Eric M. Zeller. In addition, all names of Attract SONY Stereo Book Club have been listed with J. Rule as the co-principal investigator in their NSF proposal. The "New Use of Information: Impact in Organizations Information (Organizational Science)" award was $52,000.

In the January article on "Electronic Network Conferences Plans a New Service," the two names were omitted in part: the last two names in the editorial committee should have been Beu Anderson, Minnesota, and Robert Philip Weber, Harvart. We apologize for these errors.
Feminist Theory: Moving Sociology from the "Mainstream"

by Ellen Berg

This article will focus on the concepts, concerns, and contributions of feminist theory. It is a part of a panel on women’s liberation. Let me first identify and thank the participants: Joan Acker, Carolyn Allen, Marylyn Bologh, Melinda Butler, Judith Howard, Judith Lorber, Thelma McClure, Judith Mansfield, and Ruth Wexler. Additionally, I had telephone interviews following this session with two critics who had been unable to attend: Mary Jo Deegan and Judith Morgan. Other sources will be identified as the article proceeds.

I opened the discussion by asking these theorists to talk about feminist concepts. Their discussion revolved around two concepts: gender and patriarchy. While there was a consensus that these concepts are complementary, there was also a lively debate as to which should have priority in feminist theory. The panelists agreed that gender is a basic category of analysis for the social construction of identity. For the purpose of this discussion, I will use the term "gender" as defined by the dictionary as "a condition or characteristic that distinguishes between the male and female sex or between the masculine and feminine character in behavior, tastes, interests, etc."

Patriarchy, as defined by the dictionary, is the state of being dominated by the male sex. It is a system of social relations in which power is concentrated in the hands of men. Patriarchy is characterized by the subordination of women to men, both within the family and in society as a whole. Patriarchy is a social construct that has been present in various forms throughout history.

Feminist theorists then built on the work of these theorists and developed a more comprehensive understanding of gender and patriarchy. They argued that gender is not just a biological sex, but a social construct that is constructed and reconstructed through social and cultural processes. They also argued that patriarchal power structures have been used to maintain gender inequality and oppression.

Feminist theorists then moved on to discuss the concept of intersectionality. Intersectionality is a framework for understanding how various forms of discrimination and oppression intersect with each other. It is a way of thinking about how gender, race, class, and other social identities interact to produce unique experiences of oppression and privilege.

The panelists then spoke about the importance of intersectionality in feminist theory. They argued that understanding the intersection of different forms of oppression is crucial for developing a more nuanced and inclusive critique of patriarchy.

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Candidates for ASA Offices, Council, Committees, and Chapters

The January 31, 1987, deadline for open nominations passed without the addition of any new candidates. Petition candidates’ signatures would have had to be submitted signed by at least fifty voting members of the Association and been filed within thirty days after notification of the election slate (see December 1986 Footnotes).

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Committee on Nominations

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ROBERT R. ALFORD
Present Position: Professor of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles (1974-present). Former Positions: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin (1966-74); Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley (1969-74). Held in Other Organizations: Member, American Sociological Association (1974-present). Former Positions: Member, Board of Directors, Academy for Humanistic Research (1974-present). Held in Other Organizations: Member, Board of Directors, Academy for Humanistic Research (1974-present).

CARROLL L. ESTRIS
Present Position: Professor and Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Director, Institute for Health and Aging, University of California-San Francisco (1985-present). Former Positions: Associate Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of California-San Francisco (1979-85); Associate Professor in Residence, Human Development Program, Department of Psychiatry, University of California-San Francisco (1979-82); Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, San Diego State College (1967-69). Degrees: PhD, 1972, University of California-San Diego (1967-69); MSW, 1963, University of California-San Diego; BS, 1962, University of California-San Diego. 

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EDWARD W. LEHMAN

Present Position: Professor of Sociology, New York University (1979-present); Former Positions: Chair, Department of Sociology, New York University (1978-84); Assistant to Associate Professor, New York University (1967-79); Degree: PhD 1966, Columbia University; MA 1959, BS 1956, Fordham University; Offices Held in Other Organizations: Associate Editor, Journal of Health and Social Behavior (1979-80); Co-chair, Crain Rogers Award Committee, Eastern Sociological Society (1984-85); Associate Director, Center for Policy Research, Inc. (1983-present); Officers, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA: Nominating Committee, Theory, Society (1980-83); Associate Editor, Journal of Health and Social Behavior (1979-80).

Committee on Committees

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FRANCISCO O. RAMIREZ

Present Position: Professor of Sociology, San Francisco State University (1982-present); Former Positions: Assistant to Associate Professor of Sociology, San Francisco State University (1970-82); Degrees: PhD 1970, MA 1970, Stanford University; BA 1966, De La Salle College; Offices Held in Other Organizations: Pacific Sociological Association: Committee on the Status of Women (1979-81); Committee on Student Awards (1978); Annual Program Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems (1978); Offices, Committee Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA: Nominating Committee, Society on Political Economy of World Systems (1984-85); Secretary, Society on Political Economy of World Systems (1980-84).
MFP Task Force Changes Direction, Marches On

After more than a decade of outstanding success in supporting the graduate education of students and helping increase minority representation in the discipline, the ASA’s Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) began experiencing financial problems in the early 1980s. These problems resulted from federal budget cutbacks, cutting off NIMH’s support for the Program’s principal funding source. ASA Council expressed its deep concern over the state of affairs by appointing a Task Force in 1985 to tap new sources of support for the MFP. Chaired by Charles V. Willie (Harvard), the Task Force on the MFP included Margaret Anderson (Delaware), James E. Blackwell (Massachusetts-Boston), Bonnie Thurston DiB (Memphis State), Richard O. Hope (Indiana University-Indianapolis), Cheryl Leggon (National Research Council), Claudia W.H. Lo (UCLA), Lloyd H. Rogel-Fur-""
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heard by and therefore consists of retinval and cultural innovation which instantaneously "what Dorothy Smith calls 'culture telling,'" or are offering sociology. The retrieval of earlier models of relationship and thought which I find significant concerns our collective history as sociologists. Many in the Douglas sent me a paper on the early years of sociology at Chicago (1982-1988) in which the intervention between the women of the House and the men of the University of the Chicago's sociology department is traced. The twenty-eight women the study used were almost all involved with the faculty, and with the University as faculty members and students. And although almost all participated in the American Sociological Society as members, speakers, and officers. But, from the beginning there were differences in thought style and values between these women and men and over the time opportunities for the women at the University decreased, despite an increasing level of professionalism among them. The final break came with World War II, when the women— including only the two American women to win the Nobel Peace Prize, Jane Addams and Emily Balch—would not abandon their commitment to pacifism. Indeed, institutionally this split was reflected in the split between the disciplines of sociology and social work. With this change in relationships within our discipline the mode of thought carried by the women went underground. At Hull House, Douglas wrote, these women "created a new form of professional and personal life based on a unity between the self and the other; the workspace and the home; social and thought and action; ideas and their implementation; the privileged and the underprivileged; the American Dream and the continuing struggle to enact it." Contemporary feminist theorists are, in part, retrieving this unifying mode of thought and reworking it in terms of current historical conditions.

NOTES

1 I want to acknowledge my indebtedness to all the participants in the discussion of feminist theory in New York and to those I talked with in the course of this research and to the participants in the George Mason Feminist Roundtable whose work I have cherished. A number of these individuals sent me materials for which I am also grateful.


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of Alabama on a conference on social factors and consequences of toxic waste disposal.
- Approval of the by-laws of the two new ASA Section-Sociology of Culture and Sociology of Emotions (see sections in January and February footnotes).
- Urnarium applications to Andrew Garey for his generous matching grant gift to the American Sociological Foundation.
- Last, but not least, approval of a balanced budget for 1987, with no increase in dues. Continue....

AKD Elects New Officers

The following people are serving as officers, for Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the international sociology honor society, for information, contact Wayne Seashick.

President: Michael A. Mace, Department of Sociology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

Vice President: Donald J. Shomaker, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA 24061

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Editor, AKD Newsletter: Donna K. Darby, Department of Sociology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701
New & Recently Published

Corporate Violence

Injury and Death for Profit
Edited by Stuart L. Mills. This anthology of terrorism, crime, and terrorism attacks presents a variety of perspectives on the uses of terrorism and death for profit. It explores the experiences of corporate-sponsored attacks, and the consequences of corporate-sponsored crimes. Paper $24.95 / $34.95 cloth / $44.95 paper

Women and Moral Theory

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Deaths

Richard T. LaFrance (1899-1996)

Richard T. LaFrance, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Stanford, died in office at his home on February 18, 1996. He served the University of Iowa, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Denver in various capacities.

Obituaries

Richard T. LaFrance was born in 1909 in St. Paul, Minnesota, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1937. He was a lecturer at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Denver, and later served as a professor at the University of Chicago.

A Letter From a Publisher

Like so much of contemporary American industry, the college textbook business is plagued by overproduction. Consider, for example, the introductory sociology textbook market. It is said to be somewhat reliable, that there are something over one hundred introductory texts in print. Of these, it is probable that at least ten are highly profitable. Of the remaining eighty titles, half are marginal and unprofitable, and yet there are from five to ten new and revised texts published each year. To what avail?

I would argue that it may not be folly to publish a new introductory textbook, but only if it has a substantially different approach to the topic.

Putting that argument to the test, we have published Maurice N. Richter's, EXPLORING SOCIOLOGY. This is an unusual text. Exceptional, it will write, is filled with fascinating, illustrative material of a sort students in the introductory course rarely encounter. Challenging familiar popular ideas, it encourages students to ask questions they have never asked before, and to think about society in new ways. We trust some of you will agree with our premise.
Official Reports and Proceedings

Section Reports

SECTION ON MARKET SOCIOLOGY

AGSM Fall Meeting and Outlook: The 1985-86 year was one of great activity for the Market Sociology Section. Our membership was over 100, up from 50 in 1984. We published a membership directory which included new and old members at the Annual Meeting in New York. The section published its fourth newsletter this year. We prepared a statement on our 1986 program which was available at the Annual Meeting.

A letter to the Editor: The American Sociological Review (ASR) published a letter to the Editor: "The Rejection of Sociological Research in the 1980s." The letter stated that "the rejection of sociology in the 1980s is a crisis for sociologists, and it is crucial that we develop strategies to address this problem.

Section on Political Economy of the World System

During 1985-86, membership in the section increased by approximately 70 members, with the section meeting held in New York on June 1986. The meeting was a success and the membership increased by 90 members. As indicated by the post-meeting survey, the majority of the members were very satisfied with the meeting. The next meeting will be held in April 1987.

Walt Kates, Chair

Section on Methodology

The 1985-86 Annual Award was established to recognize significant contributions to methodology. The award was given to two individuals: Donald Bogue and John W. Gittins. The winners were selected by a committee of three judges: Donald Bogue, John W. Gittins, and John W. Gittins.

The winner of the 1985-86 Annual Award is Donald Bogue. The award was presented at the ASR meeting held in New York on June 1986.

Walt Kates, Chair

Publications

The General Social Survey Bibliography, sixth edition, is now available. The GSS Bibliography includes a comprehensive listing of publications that have used the GSS in their research. The bibliography contains over 2,000 entries, covering a wide range of topics and research areas. The bibliography is available at no cost and is available online at the GSS website.
Reports, continued

A new twist on the annual meetings, and awarding the annual EGOS prize, is being held for a third year. The Newsletter was published promptly and efficiently.

Lyonne Ziolkowski, UCLA, took the major role for organizing section day program, which was organized around frontier topics—methodological developments in organizational research, organizations and occupations in historical context, and organizations and occupations in political context. In addition Randy Dobb, Cornell University, organized the roundtable—twenty-one papers at eight tables.

This year the EGOS Prize Committee was headed by Steve Zane, University of Wisconsin-Madison. The prize is given in alternate years to the best book or best article published in a younger (within seven years of PhD) scholar in the two years to this year. The prize this year was awarded to Carl A. Heimer, Northwestern University, for his book, "Risk and skeletal action: Managing multi-hazard risk in non-hazardous communities" (Cambridge University Press, 1983) and consisted of a cash award of $1,000 which will be given to a total and report on a meeting of EGOS in Europe.

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SECTION ON SOCIETY OF POPULATION

The ASA Section on Population meeting was held at the University of California at Los Angeles, September 31, 1984. The section meeting was well attended and the annual meeting was held at UCLA.

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