Strengthening Sociology's Position in the University

by Joan Haber, Ohio State University

Last year I was invited to chair a workshop at the Annual Meeting on strengthening sociology's position within the university. After thinking it over, I didn't know what could be said that most people wouldn't already know: improving the standing of academic departments, like improving teaching, depends mostly on common sense. Therefore I decided to make my remarks quite brief and use the remainder of the time for group discussion. This discussion turned out to be fruitful because most of the people who attended the session were former or current department heads or chairs along with a sprinkling of deans. They had mostly of experience trying to keep sociology departments afloat during the heavy weather of the 1970s and early 1980s. Sociology enrollments plummeted just when university financial resources had stopped growing or had even begun to shrink. Many participants had therefore chaired departments at a time when central administration saw the sociology department as deserving a smaller slice of the pie. Thus, nearly everyone at the workshop concluded. The suggestions apply best to graduate departments. The following points distill our discussion, organized under the familiar rubrics of service, teaching, and research.

1989 Program Topics, Organizers Invited

The 1989 Program Committee cordially invites the membership to provide suggestions for topics and organizers for the regular as well as for plenary and thematic sessions for the 1989 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The program theme will be the relationship between macro- and micro-level analysis in all sociological fields, including the relationship of aggregate-level indicators and trends to individual-level attitudes and behavior. Since the Committee is also planning a centennial celebration and roundtable, it would also welcome suggestions here that would give it a better idea of the scope of research and problems that might be represented in the program.

MFP Invites Applications

The American Sociological Association's Minority Fellowship Program announces doctoral fellowships and dissertation support for 1988-89. Open to US citizens and permanent visa residents, including, but not limited to Blacks, Hispanics (e.g., Chicanos, Cubans, Puerto Ricans), American Indians, and Asians (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos, Samoans, Hawaiians, Guamanians), the fellowship will be awarded to students who document an interest in and commitment to teaching, research, and service careers on the sociological aspects of mental health issues of ethnic and racial minorities. Application Deadline: January 15, 1988. Write or call for application forms.

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Candidates for ASA President-Elect and Vice President-Elect in the 1989 election have been announced by the Committee on Nominations. They are:

President-Elect

Immanuel Wallerstein, State University of New York-Binghamton

William Julius Wilson, University of Chicago

Vice President-Elect

Efran Moya, University of California-Riverside

Alejandro Portes, The Johns Hopkins University

Additional candidates may be nominated by ASA voting members through the open nomination process as outlined in the By-Laws. Petitions supporting candidates for the above offices must be signed by at least 100 voting members of the Association and must arrive at the ASA Executive Office (1722 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036) no later than January 16, 1988.

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Published By The American Sociological Association
Sociologist-Journalist Sought for Clearinghouse

Are you a sociologist with a "nose for news"—someone who thinks sociology is an untapped mine of noteworthy information gathering dust in obscure journals and conference papers? Are you a journalist looking for interesting stories about social trends and social problems, but can’t find scholars who occupy the crossroads of their own research? If you fall into either of these categories, the ASA Committee on Public Information would like to know about you. This person should be a sociologist and/or a journalist with media skills and news sense who can spend a semester, or an academic year, building bridges between sociologists and the media. The goal is to create a Sociology Media Clearinghouse of potential sources. Send finding leads you have already published or pending journal articles; conference papers; and research reports working papers. The individual selected for this exciting, unique position will be soliciting and finding "newsworthy" re-search findings which can then be translated into news stories, articles and opinion pieces for newspapers and magazines. They can cover a wide range of topics—changing lifestyles, organizational changes, political patterns, social changes, race relations, gender roles, and other topics of interest to both the general public and policy-makers.

The selectee will spend a year or semester developing these "leads" and compiling a clearinghouse's data bank of research findings. She/he may also begin the process of turning these research findings into both press releases and article-length stories for general media circulation.

What kind of journalist or sociologist are we looking for? A person who is in one of the following situations:

- On-the-tenure-track or another academic position
- Associated with a graduate program or a sabbatical leave
- At a major university or small college
- As a freelance journalist

NIMH Increases Funding for Sociology

NIMH has announced that up to $2 million will be available in fiscal year 1987 to support new investigators initiated research on the organization, financing, and delivery of services for the severely mentally ill. The application deadline is February 1, 1987.

Sociologists interested in mental health services research may apply for a regular research grant (up to five years, no funding limit), a first award for new investigators (up to five years, $380,000 limit), or a small research grant (up to three years, $251,000 limit).

Copies of the new NIMH announcement can be obtained by calling the Biometric and Clinical Applications Branch in Rockville, MD. Staff of the Branch will be glad to discuss research ideas as well as provide comments and suggestions that can assist in the development of formal grant applications.

A new staff person in the Branch is sociologist Ann A. Holcomb. She received the PhD from Rutgers University in 1983 and an MHI from Harvard this past spring. She joined the Branch as a Public Health Service Epidemiology Training Fellow after studying biostatistics, health policy, and psychiatric epidemiology at Harvard.

In talking to Footnotes about the severity mentally ill announcement, Ann mentioned the misconception she held formerly about the grants application procedure. "Before I heard about NIMH," she said, "I had no idea you could get help from NIMH program staff in developing a grant application. I thought if you wanted to apply for funding, you were pretty much on your own." Ann went on to explain that many staff in the NIMH extramural research program spend a large part of their time talking over research ideas with potential grantees and reviewing proposals before they formally are submitted. This is particularly true of staff in the Biometric and Clinical Applications Branch, which will be handling proposals in response to the severely mentally ill announcement. The Branch staff represent a wide range of professional expertise, including sociological, behavioral sciences, medicine, and administration. Applicants are encouraged to draw upon these resources.

"Your best allies in the proposal submission process," Ann continued, "can be the NIMH staff specialists. They can advise you on whether your ideas are in the funding ballpark and offer very useful suggestions about conceptualization and design based on their long experience with NIMH review committees. It’s a valuable free service that many sociologists don’t seem to know about, and I use it all the time.

Further information about the NIMH services research initiative on the severely mentally ill can be obtained from Ann or from other members of the Biometric and Clinical Applications Branch. She can be reached at her office phone, (202) 443-3534, or you can call her cell phone, (301) 443-3534. She can help direct you to the staff person most familiar with your line of research. Any other contact person is Charles Winkle, PhD, who can be reached at (301) 443-3544.

Since the deadline for proposals for the severely mentally ill announcement is February 1, I call now to get further information.

control any variable... You can still use empirical tests to gain knowledge, but the types of tests used in the hard sciences must be modified. Such differences between the hard and soft sciences are regularly misinterpreted by hard scientists, who tend to view soft sciences and reserve special contempt for social scientists. Indeed, it’s only in the 1970s that NAS, confronted with the need to offer the government competent advice on social problems, began to admit social scientists at all.”

The heart of the problem, as Diamond sees it, lies in the “epistemological differences between the hard and soft sciences. Many hard scientists can’t imagine how social scientists can measure things like ‘social frustration.’” Diamond proceeds to show how scientists at differing points along the continuum from very “hard” to very “soft” science do in fact go about the business of operationalizing and then measuring concepts. In fact, says Diamond, scientists operationalize the concepts of theory all the time, but often without thinking about it. He concludes his series of examples stating that “in short, all scientists, from mathematicians to social scientists, have to solve the task of operationalizing their intuitive concepts… Unfortunately, operationalizing lends itself to ridicule in the social sciences, because the concepts being studied tend to be familiar ones that all of us fancy we’re expert on. Anybody, scientist or no, feels entitled to spout forth on economics or psychology, and to heap scorn on what scholars in those fields write. In contrast, consider the opening sentences of Lang’s paper ‘Phenotypic Adaptation and Evolutionary Variation with”

Rethinking the Intellectual Challenge

Many readers are aware of at least some of the details involved in the battle within the National Academy of Sciences, and its Academy of Arts and Sciences, over the merits of scientific inquiry. The conflict has been led by Professor Eric A. Chapple, professor of Political Science, to its membership. The battle against Huntington LNG is an example of what constitutes science, as Lang has accused Huntington of using pseudo science. After prolonged use of accepted and accepted definitions of science, Huntington, a self-styled scientist, often confers with his colleagues to try to use the term science to mean the totality of scientific knowledge, rather than the usages that have come to dominate in the field of chemistry, physics, and molecular biology. These areas are defined by the flimflam names of hard science, because they use the firm evidence that controlled experiments and highly accurate measurements can provide.” He adds that while we often see these ideas as the hard sciences, after the words, the facts is that the word science, from the Latin scientia, refers to knowledge in a more general way. Again, quoting Diamond, “It means the entreprise of explaining and predicting—gaining insight into the complex phenomena, by continually testing one’s theories against empirical evidence. The world is full of phenomena that are intellecutally challenging and important to understand, but that can’t be measured to several decimal places in labs. They constitute much of ecology, evolution, and animal behavior, much of psychology and human behavior, and all the phenomena of human societies…”

These soft sciences, so they’re pr""rectively termed, are more difficult to study, for obvious reasons. A lion hunt or revolution in Brazil is hard to fit inside a test tube. …you can’t control all the variables; perhaps you can’t...
1988 Program Update

August 24-28, 1988
Atlanta Marriott

Theme: Sociology in America

Borrowing from de Tocqueville’s classic Democracy in America, the 1988 Program Committee, headed by President Herbert Gans, has set up a program to look at the present and the problems of the United States. Thematic sessions will look at how sociological tools can help us understand the discipline’s relations to, and conflicts with, a number of significant groups in the country.

University of California, Riverside, CA 92521. (1) Reviewed Roundtables. Candace Clark, Department of Sociology, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. Each roundtable will be organized around a theme and will have a presider and at least two paper presenters. Those interested in organizing a table, presiding, or presenting a paper should submit materials as soon as possible.

(3) Special Session: Emotions in American Film (one-hour). Jacqueline Weisman, Department of Sociology, University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92031. Presenters will show film clips and discuss their relevance for the sociological study of emotions.

Environment and Technology, William Frieden, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53716.

Peace and War, Sociology of, James M. Shelly, ICCS, Q-960, University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Political Economy of the World-System. Two regular sessions and a one-hour roundtable of invited Roundtables are planned. (1) "Commodities and Class in the World System," Stephen Bunker, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218; and David Smith, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717. (2) "Gender in the World System," Karen Hallett, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106; and Kaylie Ward, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Peace and War, Sociology of, James M. Shelly, ICCS, Q-960, University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Political Sociology. (1) "The Role of Elections in Social Change," Marvin Olsen, Sociology Department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. (2) "Medical Roundtables (any topic in political sociology), Deborah Aronson, Department of Sociology, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837, and Richard Scott, School of Social Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Box 90068, Richardson, TX 75080-0680. (3) Book Panel: (topic to be announced), Richard A. Flado, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106, and William A. Gamson, Sociology Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

Population, Sociology of. In addition to the sessions listed below, the Session Committee is sponsoring a seminar on the Section on Aging. See listing under the Aging Section for details. (1) "Sociology of Population" (two sessions). E. Jared Davis, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755.
Sections Present 1987 Awards in Chicago

Four Win Section on Community Awards

The work of Stein, Vidalis and Ben- man has helped us all see the place of communities in a mass society in a new and fuller light.

Members of the committee were Sylvia Fava and Ruth Horowitz co-chairs, Carole Silverman and Barry Wellman, members.

Sylvia Fava, City University of New York Lynd Award Co-chair

Robert E. Park Award

In its inaugural year, the Robert E. Park Award has been given by the Community Section to the authors of two monographs about white ethnic community life. The Park Award, given annually, recognizes an outstanding book-length work in the community/urban area published in the preceding two years that reports the results of a single scholarly effort. Jonathan Rieder wrote Carolina: The Jews and Italians of Brooklyn Against Liberalism (Harvard University Press) after completing a half-decade of ethnographic fieldwork in the Brooklyn neighborhood named in the book's title. Ultimately concerned with the abandonment of the Democratic party by traditional liberal constituencies in the 1980 elections, Rieder offers a unique and comprehensive study of the political and social history of the neighborhood.

Jonathan Rieder

Joseph Benman

Maurice Stein

Vicenza Steinits and Ellen Solomen

Arthur Vidalis

Turner Wins Social Psychology Section's Cooley-Mead Award

The Social Psychology Section awarded the 1987 Cooley-Mead Award to Ralph H. Turner. Turner gave a special address at the Section meeting entitled “Personality in Social Context: Social Psychology's Contribution to Sociology.”

The Award Committee was chaired by Louis Zurcher, University of Texas-Austin. He was joined by Laurence Bobo, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Guillermima Jasso, University of Minnesota, Thomas Schiell, University of California-Santa Barbara, and Roberta Simons, University of Minnesota.

Ralph H. Turner, Duke University Chair, Section on Social Psychology

Medical Sociology Award

The 1987 recipient of the Leo G. Rokeach Award for Distinguished Contributions to Medical Sociology is John Clausen, Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley. Clausen has had an outstanding influence on the development and direction of Medical Sociology, particularly in the area of mental health, and of the Medical Sociology Section including serving as Section Chairperson in 1972. In 1982, Clausen organized and directed the Laboratory of Social-Environmental Studies within the Intramural Research Program of NIMH. The Laboratory was unique for it assembled the only group of social scientists in a government agency whose mission was to conduct research into the health and well-being of people. Dr. Clausen's other research program over the past decades includes studies of the social origins of schizophrenia, of societal reactions to mental illness, and of pathways to hospitalization. Since leaving the Laboratory in 1980, Professor Clausen has on numerous occasions represented the interests and perspectives of sociology to the agencies and commissions that regulate health research. His administrative vision, his research, his prolific writing and his effectiveness as a spokesperson for sociology make him a most deserving recipient of this award.

John Clausen

Dissertation Award to Umberson

The Medical Sociology Section is pleased to announce that this year's recipient of its award for the outstanding dissertation in medical sociology is Debra Umberson, University of Michigan. Her dissertation, "Parenthood and Social Integration: Implications for Psychological Well-being and Risk-taking Behaviors," was completed at Vanderbilt University under the direction of Walter Gove. Dr. Umberson received her award at the Section's business meeting, Michael L. Radclif, University of Florida Chair, Medical Sociology Section Awards Committee.
Michelson, Levine Win Environment and Technology Section Awards

At the business meeting of the Section on Environment and Technology at Chicago, William Michelson, Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto, was given the 1987 ASA Section on Environment and Technology Award for Distinguished Contribution. It was also announced that Adeline Levine, Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York at Buffalo, would be the recipient of the 1988 Award for Distinguished Contribution. Levine will formally receive her award at the Section business meeting next year in Atlanta.

William Michelson has from the inception of the Section in the mid-1970s been one of the foremost contributors to environmental sociology in terms of his sustained career of distinguished scholarly achievements, his creative forgoing of linkages with other subdisciplines of sociology (especially urban sociology and social psychology), and his participation in Section organizational activities (particularly his service as chair of the Section). Michelson is the author of several seminal works in the field of sociology of the built environment, and, with Wally D. Dunlap, Professor of Sociology at Washington State University, is currently completing The Handbook of Environmental Sociology which is being prepared under Section auspices.

Adeline Levine, the recipient of the 1987 Section Award, was cited for her influential book, Land Canal: Science, Politics, and People, which has received wide acclaim from diverse quarters within sociology—including the sociology of science and sociology of medicine— as well as environmental sociology—and has been honored with a variety of other distinguished scholarly honors and prizes. Levine has been recognized for her contributions to the development of theories of environmental sociology; her book Land Canal is generally considered to be a landmark contribution to the field.

Comparative Historical Sociology Section Paper Award

This is the first year the Section on Comparative Historical Sociology has awarded a prize for the best paper. The 1987 winner is Ewa Mozaurke, University of Pennsylvania, for her paper "Labor Migrations of Poles in the Atlantic World Economy, 1860-1954." The prize will be awarded annually.


Methodology Section Award

The 1987 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Award was presented to Clifford C. Clogg, Pennsylvania State University. The Selection Committee easily came to unanimity on this choice. Clifford Clogg has brought renewed depth to the study of rates, a basic and unavoidable preoccupation of sociology which had tended to become taken for too much for granted. Clogg's innovative application of log-linear standardization to rates has led to significant enhancement of sociological as well as more narrowly demographic research. The timehonored criteria of age/sex/cobert identification have been further clarified. No one could ask for more than this.

Wiley Wins Theory Section Award

The 1986-87 ASA Theory Prize has been awarded to Norbert Wiley of the University of Illinois. This year's prize recognizes the contributions of Wiley's article, "Early American Sociology and the Polish Peasants," an historical and comparative examination of Thomas and Znaniecki's classic. Wiley's article appeared in Sociological Theory, Spring 1986 (Volume 4: 20-40).

Norbert Wiley

In his letter of commendation, Charles Lemert, chair of the Prize Committee, said, "You have managed to use historical exposition for constructive purposes, thereby providing others a model for theoretical work itself while, simultaneously, making a substantive contribution to our knowledge." An anonymous reviewer of this article added: "This is one of the best pieces of historical sociological work I have ever seen on a work of classical sociology. Wiley manages to show why this now neglected classic was the dominant influence for the early decades of our discipline. And, as an unexpected bonus, he brilliantly shows how and why Thomas and Znaniecki's account of Polish-Americans was empirically wrong and that a more accurate empirical account would have even better supported their theory. A tour de force." The Committee also awarded honorable mentions to the work of Stepan Misirovic and Helene Brown of Landcare Research College for their article "Durkheim's Concept of Anomic as Depression". (Social Problems, Volume 23, No. 2, December 1985: 111-99.)

The ASA Theory Prize is awarded annually for articles, monographs, or book chapters, published or unpublished. The purpose of the Prize is to encourage the advancement of theoretical knowledge with special attention to the full range of theoretical approaches. This year's winners were selected from entries representative of virtually every major sociological perspective.

In addition to himself, the members of this year's Committee were: Randall Collins, University of California, Riverside; James Dailey, Bingham Young University; Gary A. Krupa, College of William and Mary; and Charles S. Queen, Queens College, City University of New York.

Charles C. Lemert, Wesleyan University, Chair, Theory Section Prize Committee.

Family Award to MacFarlane

The William J. Goode Award of the Family Section of the American Sociological Association has been given to Alan MacFarlane for his book Marriage and Love in England, 1300-1840, published by Basil Blackwell. Alan MacFar- lane is Reader in Sociology at the University of Cambridge, and Fellow of King's College. Professor MacFarlane has published widely in English history and has also published a study of the Conquests of Nepal.
Four Win Criminology Section Awards

The Section on Criminology presented two awards at the 1987 meetings of the ASA. These were the Distinguished Scholar Award and the Latin American Scholar Award.

Distinguished Scholar Award

The Distinguished Scholar Award Committee consisted of Bill Chamblis (George Washington University), Martha Huggins (Union College), Rosa del Climo (Universidad Central de Venezuela), and John Horton (University of California-Los Angeles) as chair. Nine books were nominated for consideration. The committee was looking for recent books that made an outstanding contribution to the field of crime and social justice. This year's award is shared between Eleanor Miller for Street Women (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1986) and Herman Schwindt and Julia R. Siegel-Schwindt for Adolescent Subculture and Delinquency (New York: Praeger, 1985).

Eleanor Miller

Miller's book is a thoroughly detailed study of the lives of women hustlers—their street networks, patterns of recruitment, connotations of work, and their dreams and aspirations. Raising her explanation on an analysis of life histories, Miller convincingly argues that hustling can best be understood as "illegal work," a method of survival in the poverty environment of America's underclass. Her data add to the still scant literature on female criminality. Her theory challenges the currently fashionable thesis that the apparent increase in female criminality is a response to the women's movement and women's changing roles.

Like Street Women, Herman Schwindt and Julia R. Siegel-Schwindt's study of delinquency challenges dominant theories of criminology, opportunity, social differentiation, and social disorganization theories are all called into question by this carefully researched and methodologically and theoretically sophisticated study of adolescent subcultures. They use the social type metaphors of youth to identify actual adolescent subcultures and the kinds of rational, instrumental behaviors that some of the subcultures produce. Their methods are both ethnographic and quantitative; their approach, empirical, theoretical, and historical. They describe distinctive adolescent formations, trace their origins within the capitalist system, and their variations and cyclical reproduction within age groups. The result of their many years of research is an original and pathbreaking explanation of delinquency.

John Horton, University of California-Los Angeles

Latin American Scholar Award

The Latin American Scholar Award Committee consisted of Martha Huggins (Union College), Gary LaFree (University of New Mexico), Ray Michalowski (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), and Marjorie Zatz (Arizona State University) as chair. The committee was looking for exceptional scholarship by Latin Americans in the area of criminology and the sociology of law.

Eight scholars representing seven Latin American countries were nominated, and their various and representative publications were carefully considered by the committee. The recipient of this year's award is Dr. Margarita Viera Hernández of the Faculty of Law, Universidad de la Habana, Cuba. Dr. Viera has earned doctorates in Criminology, Judicial Sciences and Education, as well as Master's degrees in Philosophy and Psychology.

Unfortunately, the U.S. State Department denied Dr. Viera a visa to enter the U.S. As a result, she was unable to present her paper or receive her award at the 1987 ASA meetings. The State Department's explanation for denial of her visa request was that they define Cuban university professors as government officials and deny (U.S.) presidential proclamation, Cuban government officials may not enter the U.S. Dr. Viera will be attending the 1988 meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Montreal, Canada in November, and she will be presented with her award from the ASA Criminology section at that time.

Margarita Zatz, Arizona State University

Cogg, continued

of the record suggests. Beside being a methodologist proper, Clifford Cogg is profoundly concerned with basic social conditions of social processes of crime, and he has chosen the subtle and indirect approach of latent structure analysis, pioneered long ago by Lazarsfeld. Economists and others have been content with analysis of employment which produced the expected pattern of the public data. Cogg insisted on probing for the real nature of partial and problematical matchings of persons with varying skills to employments which lie below the surface. He has thereby helped to show how serious are the quandaries of underemployment of minorities. Latent social process has been uncovered. Philip Hauser earlier treated so-called developing countries in a frame of analysis which Cogg has the boldness to see would be applied, in much advanced technical form, to developed economies. We all have noted how Cliff has continued to be an invaluable citizen and colleague all during these major research endeavors. One is as awed by the care and rigor Cogg brings to his commentary, written and oral, as one is pleased by the unfailingly constructive and kindly tone of his help. Cliff is unusual in another respect. We admire our colleagues who work effectively and publish with younger colleagues and graduate students. We admire those able to work and publish with their senior mentors. We do not often see switch-hitters like Cliff who show both forms of collegiality.

In the tradition of good methodologists, Cliff has shown that a wide scope of problems are amenable to his analytic insights, ranging from drug use to marketing analysis. The committee felt especially appropriate, and helpful to our field, to recognize someone who has been such an effective ambassador to neighboring fields, notably the social sciences; in statistics, in demography, in biography and in psychology. The committee takes pride in the receipt of the Clifford Cogg Award this year in recognition of his many-fold excellence of contribution.

Harrison C. White, Chair, James S. Coleman, Robert M. Hauser

Vaughan Wins Undergraduate Education Section Award

As Chair of the ASA Undergraduate Education Section's Hans Mauloch Award Committee, I am pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Charlotte Vaughan, Cornell College (Iowa). Charlotte's outstanding achievements during her years of teaching make her an excellent recipient of this prestigious award.

Charlotte's many accomplishments must be categorized in order to appreciate her depth of commitment to sociology.

As a teacher, she has pioneered the "course at a time" format at Cornell College and continues to refine this unique approach.

As a researcher, she was an active participant in the KAN (Knowledge Available, Knowledge Needed) effort of the ASA Projects on Teaching. As an organizational leader, she has served as chair of the Undergraduate Education Section in 1980.

As a writer, she has contributed articles on teaching to many publications and recently published an introductory volume which focuses on original source material with one of her colleagues.

As a pioneer, she has been a leader in efforts to enhance teaching in sociology as we know in her energetic participation in the ASA Projects on Teaching.

As a writer, she contributes to the national and regional meetings on the subject, most recently at the 1987 ISSS meetings where she participated in a session on "What We Learn From Our Introductory Students.

Many other contributions can easily be mentioned, but most important is that Charlotte is a role model in the continuing process of making contributions to teaching.

Al Chest, Mason Community College Chair, Hans Mauloch Award Committee
Rubinson Wins SOE Award

At the recently concluded meetings in Chicago, Professor Richard Rubinson of the Department of Sociology at Florida State University received the 1987 Wil- lard Waller Award for Distinguished Scholarship, awarded by the Sociology of Occupation Section.

Sociological Practice Award

The Section on Sociological Practice gives an annual award to a section member who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of sociological practice. This year's recipient is Katrina Johnson of the National Institutes of Health. She is one of the few sociologists in the heart, lung, and blood institute and has been an effective voice for the value of sociological insights on health problems.

O & O Section Award to Tolbert

Every year the Organizations and Occupations Section makes an award for the most outstanding recent publication (either a book or a journal article) by a younger section member (no more than seven years beyond the dissertation). This year the ECOS award (European Group for Organizational Studies) has been won by Pamela Tolbert of Cornell University, for her article, "Institutional Environments and Resource Dependence: Sources of Administrative Structure in Institutions of Higher Education," which appeared in the Administrateur Quarterly in 1985.

Tolbert is on the faculty of the Department of Organizational Behavior, New York School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, and affiliated with the Department of Sociology there. She is interested in developing both institutional theory and organizational demography. Her research projects have focused on professors in organizations, the governance systems of large law firms, and differences between public and private organizations.

The ECOS award is for the publication that has made the most significant theoretical, substantive, or methodological contribution to the study of organizations and/or occupations within the last few years. Last year's award was for a book, this year's competition was limited to journal articles. Tolbert's article was deemed the best of five nominated articles. Nominations were sought from the Section membership at large last winter, and the nominated papers were judged by an award committee consisting of Mary L. Ferreri (chair) of Pennsylvania State University, Anne McMahon of Youngstown State University, and Carol (Hemsi of Northwestern University.

Tolbert will be awarded $500 to support her participation at the meeting of the European Group for Organizational Studies, which regularly convenes to discuss and exchange research findings. The expressed purpose of the award is to permit younger section members to meet and interact with their European peers. The ECOS Award carries with it the sole requirement of preparing a brief written report of the EGOS meetings to be published in the Organizations and Occupations Newsletter.

Damaged Journals?

All members, please note: The ASA has a policy of sending out a new copy, free of charge, of any journal that arrives at its destination damaged, torn, or water logged. If any of the journals to which you subscribe arrive in poor condition, please call or write to Caroline Bogus at the ASA Executive Office asking for a new copy. Be sure to specify your address and the issue in question. A new copy will be sent forthwith in a sealed envelope.
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an effective advocate at such moments can be disastrous. Having a respected senator is a kind of organizational in-
surance that no sociology department can afford to be without. The existence of a line of professors provides a sobering ex-
ample. In recent years Michigan, Chica-
go, and Northwestern have all let their affairs slide away with their departments. Informed observers seem to feel that one prob-
lem contributing to the neglect of their university is its smallness. In the large, university service is self service.

Third, departments should participate fully in college or university curriculum committees. The folks who most need to be in the know, who are able to read the research and teach the courses are able to do so because of the presence of the sociology faculty. These people are able to participate in the curriculum committees and are able to influence the decision-making process. By participating in these committees, sociology faculty can ensure that their courses are included in the curriculum and that their department is represented in the curriculum committee. This allows sociology faculty to have a voice in the decision-making process and to ensure that their courses are included in the curriculum. By participating in the curriculum committees, sociology faculty can help to ensure that their department is represented in the curriculum and that their courses are included in the curriculum. This allows sociology faculty to have a voice in the decision-making process and to ensure that their courses are included in the curriculum.
Soviet, U.S. Sociologists Work Together

by Michael Safdord, Vanderbilt University

Scarcely a week passes now without news from the USSR that surprises even seasoned Sovietologists. Newspapers such as Pravda and Isvestia have taken to publishing bold articles on previously taboo topics: the disease of social pathology; the arrest of a KGB officer; the lifestyles of Soviet vagabonds, prostitutes, and special schools serving the elite—to list but a few examples.

Happily, the increasing liberalization of Soviet society enabled by such articles has extended to Soviet sociology—a discipline banned under Stalin and leavened by the vicissitudes of Soviet politics ever since the Soviet Sociological Association (SSA) was established in 1938. Sociology itself has become the subject of discussion in the mass media. Early this year, for example, the Soviet press carried an interview with the new SSA president, sketches Zazdrosnov, in which the newly elected president, a political science professor, had implored Soviet sociologists to develop new socioeconomic research in the 1960s. Mikhail Perlov, an instructor at the Institute of Social Research, has published his book on the Soviet state and its role in Soviet society. The report of the Soviet Sociological Association meeting in September, 1964, for example, is...
Media Beat

Sociologist As Columnist

by Gordon Clanton, San Diego State Uni-

city

Where I Live. Social science is my vocation but politics is my life-long

avocation. Since March of 1986 I have written a twice-monthly “One View”

column for the twice-weekly Del Mar Citizen. Del Mar California, is a

coastal community of about 5,000. There are about 8,000 households in

Del Mar, parts of which are within the far-flung boundaries of San Diego.

The Citizen reaches about half of those houses.

This opportunity to write the column presented itself when the Citizen’s “lib-

eral” columnist resigned just before an important local election in which I

was actively supporting two slow-growth city council candidates and a

growth-management initiative. When both candidates won and the initiative

was approved I wondered how I would fill up a column when I more and more

need not have worried. Del Mar is sel-

dom without candidates and in the last

elections Bennett Berger has called “high cultural resonance.” As commer-

cial development has encroached on its environment and impinged on the

quality of residential life, the politics of this small community has taken on a

hands-on quality such that regular commentary on local affairs brings risks as

well as re-

ward.

What I Write About. Although the newspaper sometimes identifies me as a

sociologist, my columns usually focus on local news stories and events.

I wrote a column which received

in the local’s Horizon by my teacher Robert Behall. (The third of these was a

rebuttal to a Liberal commentary on Habitat by another local columnist, a

Randle free-marketeer.) I wrote a column about the sight.

sounds, and smells of New York City as

I flew home from the 1986 ASAA meet-

ings. One column featured amusing

malapropisms from papers written over the years by my undergraduate students

along with other antics of the usual quota of in-class gaffes on current events.

Many of my columns involve advocacy.

calling for a reduction in the foreign trade deficit, a “consumer revolt” against

loss of in-class gaffes on current events.

Several recent columns argued against construction of a large

hotel and timeshare complex in the heart of the village. I have written about

taffic, about crime, about sewage in the ocean.

Readily one column in three outside Del Mar to consider larger

issues of the city and county of San Di-

ego. So far, only a few have focused on

state or national affairs. (I could not re-

sist doing a Carteige piece called

“Obie, Ronnie, and the Seven Decks.”

I anticipate that I shall write more fre-

quently about state and national affairs in the future—and that I shall send

some such columns to regional and national publications as well as to the local

paper.

Ironically, my most controversial column involved the widespread journalistic practice of the

teacher supplying a column of opinion with a blend of factual material. The author’s own title. Although I did it in a light

way, I suggested that the tyranny of the headline writer may yet (my paper and its

papery) constituted a kind of subtle censorship. Taking the matter quite per-

sonally, my editor told me that he is completely opposed to censorship and that

he revered my innovations in the contrary. In addition, he tossed out my titles

for the columns in question in favor of headlines reading “An Obie Clanton

title on editing room floor” and “We’d use his headlines if they

made more sense.” He also told me that he would refuse to print any future col-

umn which mentioned the issues of headline writer as censor. That’s true story.

Now and Why. I write my columns on weekends (sometimes at the beach) so

they do not cut into my professional

writing. Each column takes about three

or four hours, including typing, proof-

reading, and driving it down to the

newspaper office. I read with amaze-

ment that William F. Buckley badges just 20 minutes to compose his col-

umns. (Perhaps it is easier from the right.) I am paid $25 for each column.

Writing the column has been a good experience. I feel I am making a con-

tribution to the community but without the enormous commitment required

to run for and see on the city council.

Like most professionals, I am somewhat epiphenomenal and so am glad to read

a two-page memo to my neighbors every two weeks. The discipline of writing the column is making me a better writer. The regular deadlines require me to let

go of my perfectionism and the 750-

word limit forces me to be briefer.

Media as Bulletin Board. The column is an extension of my practice from the

beginning of my career, of making the popular media as a way of disseminating

social science findings and of modeling of sociological perspective on

contemporary issues. While acknowledging the limitations and frustrations involved in the week-to-week work, I have appeared on scores of television and radio programs. Mate-

rials attributed to me or based on my ideas have appeared in newspapers in

all parts of the country (including USA TODAY) and in more than two dozen

magazines from Seventeen to the Saturday.

Of course, a regular column of opinion is very different from interviews in which I

speak with a measure of objectivity on some matter on which I was presumed to be an expert: jealousy and envy and future of the family, emo-

tions in the workplace, American de-

cline and renewal, etc. A column is

more personal. As sportswriter Red

Smith is reputed to say, “One column is

not so hard. All you have to do is open

up a vein and bleed.”

My column is not presented as value-

free analysis but as well-informed and

persuasively argued opinion. By now

most readers of “One View” know

“where I’m coming from.” They know I am a conservative liberal who advocates maximum citizen in-

volvement in policy-making and who is often critical of reactionary and con-

servative Republicans and of the local real estate/union of commerce lobby. To be persuasive once one is so identi-

fied, one must be reasonably objective,

fair, and civil. One must aim for the center and resist the temptation to play to

a smaller audience of true believers.

Most important, one must formulate op-

inions so they are interesting, marketable, clip-able, and quoted. I have found

my task in a culture characterized by in-

formation overload and resulting bore-

dom and numbness. I have experimented with epigrams, humor, satire, fa-

bles, fables, tales, and a “postsocial”

Big Star as well as traditional description

and argument. As Dick Oliphant has said, if we want to be quoted, we must “give

the good quote.” For copies of selected col-

umns, send a stamped, self-addressed

envelope to Gordon Clanton, Depart-

ment of Sociology, San Diego State Uni-

city, San Diego, CA 92182-0835.

GSS Survey: An Update

by Duane F. Alwin, University of Michigan

The National Science Foundation has recently announced support to the National Opinion Research

Center (University of Chicago) for the National Data Program for Social Sciences, the major focus of which

is the General Social Survey, or GSS. The principal investigators of this GSS project are James A. Davis

(NORBIC and University of Wisconsin) and Terri W. Smith (NORBIC). The major goal of this project has

been to provide the social science community with large-scale substantially important annual survey data

of high quality (about 1,500 respondents each year). The GSS has been con-


For several years the National Science Foundation has supported the GSS, along with two other major sur-

vey data collection efforts (Michigan’s Panel Study of Income Dynamics and the Michigan Electronic

Surveys) as National (Data Resources for the social sci-

ences. These three datasets (among others) represent an important part of

the infrastructure of modern social science.

Many universities and colleges have access to these through membership in the University of Michi-

gan’s Survey Research Center or through the National Opinion Research Center.

The GSS data are also distrib-

uted at no cost by the Research-Public Opinion Research, P.O. Box 4490, University of Connecticut, Stor-

es, CT 06251.

The GSS, affiliated with NORC’s Center for the Study of Politics and Society, is run by Davis, Smith, and a small staff

of research assistants. The GSS staff launches a survey within the first sever-

al months of each year, and routinely produces a machine-readable data set for distribution annually in early July.

Since 1977 the data have been released as a cumulative data file, consisting of all GSS data from 1972.

The General Social Survey seeks proposals for future topical modules, as well as smaller proposals seeking to im-

prove the measurement of relevant social phenomena. For a detailed state-

ment describing the guidelines for the development of such proposals, inter-

ested readers should write to Duane F. Alwin, Chair, GSS Board of Overseers, Survey Research Center, Institute for

Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106-1280.
Call for Papers

CONFERENCES


Eighth Annual Sunbelt Social Network Conference, February 11-14, 1988, Miami Beach, Florida. For a complete program of Social Network Research, Papers should be submitted to the Conference Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA 92136.

North Central Sociological Association 1988 Annual Meeting, April 14-16, 1988, St. Louis, Missouri. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. Thomas J. Smith, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.

Society for the Advancement of Social Work Research Annual Conference, June 17-19, 1988, San Diego, California. For a complete program of the conference, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John J. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA 92136.

PUBLICATIONS

Clinical Sociology and Thalassotherapy, a book scheduled for publication by the Foundation of Thalassotherapy and the Sociological Practice Association, for a complete program of the conference, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John J. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA 92136.

Journal of Controversy Studies invites manuscripts for the second edition. Papers may deal with any aspect of positive relations between members of different racial or ethnic groups. Papers should be submitted by May 1, 1988. For a complete program of the conference, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John J. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA 92136.

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The Cartier G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies invites applications for the 1988 Cooperative Grants Program. Grants of up to $10,000 are available for the development of innovative ideas for international student involvement projects. Preliminary pro-

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Meeting

December 3, 1987, Societies in Business Training: Management Association, 31st Annual Convention, New York, N.Y. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John J. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA 92136.

February 11-14, 1988, Eighth Annual Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Miami Beach, Florida. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

March 9-11, 1988, Association for General Theory of Higher Education Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

April 3-5, 1988, Australian and Pacific Reunion of Sociologists in Organisations for Social Conferences, University of Hong Kong, China. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

April 29-30, 1988, National Women's Work Conference: Frankfurt am Main, Thuringia, Germany. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

April 2-9, 2000, Annual National New England Undergraduate Research Conference in Sociology, Providence College, Providence, RI. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

April 13, 1988, Annual New England Undergraduate Research Conference in Sociology, Providence College, Providence, RI. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

April 21-23, 1988, International Sociological Association Conference on Family Research, Montreal, Canada. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

April 21-23, 1988, Association for the Advancement of Public Administration, 100th Annual Meeting, Beverly Hills, CA. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

April 28-29, 1988, Society for the Advancement of Scientific Study of Suicide and Violence, 4th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

May 9-11, 1988, American Sociological Association, 1988 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

May 17-19, 1988, American Association of University Women, Washington, D.C. For a complete program of the meeting, Papers should be submitted to the Program Chair, Dr. John A. Scott, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.
The Social Science Research Council offers fellowships for development of research projects by African researchers and African and non-African research teams. Awards for periods of three to 12 months will be granted to support innovative projects involving training and research activities. For additional information, contact: Fellowship Program, Project on African Agricultural Science Research, 150 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10128; (212) 661-5800.


University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services invites applications for the Social Grants program. Social Grant applications are available for poverty-related topics during the period of July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989. Up to $25,000 are available for the development of a new research project based on the Social Grant. For further details, contact: Ann George, Institute for Research on Poverty, 1100 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706. Application deadline is February 5, 1988.

Clifford C. Clegg, Pennsylvania State University, won the 1987 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Award for Methodology. He also was named a fellow of the American Statistical Association for his contribution to methodology and research in the social sciences.

Stuart L. Hills, St. Lawrence University, received the 1987 Calvin Kome Award for outstanding faculty mentor.

Mary Ann Lumana, University of Notre Dame, received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the University’s Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women.

Robert K. Leik, Ronald E. Anderson, and Larry C. Nielsen, University of Minnesota, developed "Social Power," an instructional computer game that was selected a Distiguished Software in the National Higher Education Software Awards competition.

Jill Quagiano, Florida State University, has been awarded a National Science Foundation Visiting Professorship for Women at Harvard University for Fall 1988.

Joy B. Querry, North Dakota State University, received the Burlington Northern Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Jack Sattel, Normandale Community College, received the 1988 Minnesota Community College Faculty Association’s award for outstanding service to faculty.

Alan Sica, University of Kansas, was named Mortar Board Outstanding Educator.

Charles U. Smith, was awarded the Centennial Medal of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University on October 2.
Awards, continued

Graham Spanier, Oregon State University, received the James D. Moran Memorial Research Award for outstanding achievement in research on family relations and child development.

Martha Willkening and Robin Annemich received University Distinguished Teaching Awards. Michelle Catie received the 1988-91 Eli Sigma Best Teacher Award. Janai Zarkie received a Distinguished Research Award. All are on the faculty at Southwest Missouri State University.

People

Charles E. Babbitt has finished a year as Scholar in Residence at the Corry School of Education and Visiting Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Virginia. He recently was appointed Chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Caroline M. Hillman is the new Director of Off-Campus Programs and Continuing Education and Associate Professor of Sociology at Reed College.

Edward Gross, University of Washington, was a Fulbright scholar in Australia during summer 1987. He also gave guest lectures at Beijing University and East China Normal University during August.


Melissa Harlow, Florida State University, was appointed to the Human Development and Aging Study Section of the National Institutes of Health.

David Hatton is the new Director of the Center for Social Research at Southwest Missouri State University. Jon Hendricks, University of Kentucky, has been elected Chair-Elect of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the German Sociological Society of America.

Joan Hooper, the Ohio State University, was the keynote speaker at the Nebraska Undergraduate Sociology Symposium.

Larry Isaac, Florida State University, was elected Chair of the Labor Studies Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. He was also appointed to editorial boards of the American Journal of Sociology and Research in Stratification and Social Mobility.

Sven E. Olson, University of Stockholm, Sweden, has joined the faculty of Mount Vernon College as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar for 1987-88.

James D. Ovitt, Florida State University, was elected Vice President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

James P. Pitts in the new Dean of Academic Administration at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Harriet Proser, University of Maryland, won the Electorate of the Population Association of America.

Competition

The ASA Section on Sociological of the Family invites nominations for the 1988 William J. Goode Book Award, honoring the outstanding book contributing to scholarship in the area of sociology of the family. The 1988 award will honor books with copyright dates of 1986 and 1987. Send nominations by December 1, 1987, to: G. C. M. Elder, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

The ASA Section on Sociology of Education invites nominations for the 1988 William J. Goode Book Award, honoring the outstanding book contributing to scholarship in the area of sociology of education. The award will be presented at the 1988 Annual Meeting. Send a letter of nomination by February 15, 1988, to: Sarah J. Bowers, Sociology Department, 480 Millit, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435. (513) 775-3196.

The ASA Section on Theoretical Sociology invites submissions and nominations for the 1987-88 Thiry Prize competition. The annual prize recognizes outstanding work in theory and encourages the broadest, most pluralistic, and open-ended understanding of theoretical scholarship. Articles, papers, or book chapters (published or unpublished) appearing within the last two years are eligible so long as submissions do not exceed 50 pages. Nominated papers should include a brief cover letter and five copies of the best. Authors are encouraged to submit their own work. Deadline for submissions is February 15, 1988. All entries should be mailed to: Charles Lewert, Theory Prize Committee, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 06457.

The GSSP Environment and Technology Division is sponsoring a competition for the best student paper on topics related to environment and technology, with the winter to be announced at the 1988 GSSP meetings. There will be a small cash award and the winner will be asked to present the paper at the 1989 GSSP meetings. Papers should be submitted by January 15, 1988, to: Adele Levine, Department of Sociology, SUNY, Buffalo, 453 Park Hall, Amherst, NY 14260. (716) 645-2266.

Obituaries

Margaret T. Cusini (1927-1987)

Margaret T. Cusini, President of the District of Columbia Sociological Society (1966-67), died July 12 at the age of 75. In 1977, the Society honored her with the Stuart A. Rice Award, citing her published research and her use of film to present sociological observa-
tions.

Except for an interval in federal government service, Dr. Cusini had been a member of the faculty of the University of Maryland, College Park, since 1967 until her retirement in 1981. At various times she served as consultant or staff member with the Department of Agriculture, State Department, U.S. Public Health Service, and other federal agencies.

Dr. Cusini was awarded a doctorate from the Radcliffe Graduate School of Harvard University in 1943 and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. She was the author of numerous books and articles, two of them being "The Life of the Older Woman." The film, based on a film study of the aged, had its premiere at the Smithsonian Institution and was featured in leading federal films for the tribe.

Dr. Cusini's papers are maintained in the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College.

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College, where she had been a Research student. In 1950, she died at the age of 68. Her name, which had been used in conjunction with her school, is noted in the list of her obituary.

Mills A. Alphonse

Mills A. Alphonse (Nelson) died on May 14, 1967 after a long illness. Born in 1910, she was a research student at the University of California in 1930, and was educated at both the University of California and the University of Minnesota. She was the first woman in the medical profession to receive a degree at the University of California. Her research was conducted at the University of California and the University of Minnesota. She was also a member of the American Society for Experimental Biology, and was the first woman to receive a degree in the medical profession.

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Summer Programs

Simonne College, Program of Inter- national Relations, announces its annual summer school for 1967. The program is open to graduate students and to members of the University Club. The program will run from May 21, 1967 to August 1, 1967. Information may be obtained by contacting: Jean Chaplin, Coordinator, Summer School for 1967, Simonne College, 307 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02215, (617) 276-1305.

Official Reports and Proceedings

Minutes

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE 1967-1968 COUNCIL

The third meeting of the 1967-1968 Council was held on August 20, 1967, in the Palmer House Hotel. The meeting was open to the public. The attendance was: Michael T. Aitkin, Judith B. Blau, Charles M. Beijer, Nancy R. Clark, Robert C. Farris, Herbert G. Jaffe, Richard H. Hall, Morte R. Hoberman, F. R. Halsey, M. M. Hines, Melvin K. Kohn, Stanley Lieberson, James M. Miller, Matilda W. Riley, and E. H. T. S. Smith. From the Executive Office were Janet L. Alphonse, Stephen A. Dubin, Carle B. Howesky, Benjamin E. Posener, Daniel A. Maloff, William H. Tipton, and Janet L. Tipton.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Report of the President.

Kohn's final report as President follows: You will remember that we initiated quite a number of activities at our January meeting, and—since we had only one between-conferences-meetings of Council this year—more than a number of these were assigned to newly-designated committees. As a result, we should be able to have more committee reports today and at the weekend meeting of the next Council. This will make for a heavier agenda. I recall that we were able to make progress on several issues in our third meeting. Current efforts are focused primarily on the reorganization of the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

Report of the President."
Minutes continued

Report of the Subcommittee on ASA Relations with Other Associations. Miller indicated that the only problem which surfaced was a question of whether associations other than the ASA Annual Meeting, particularly requests for facil-
ities. Miller said the problem seemed to stem from lack of information and familiarity with the procedures, pro-
cedures and deadlines of the Program Committee. As a result, false ex-
ceptions often develop. The Commit-
tee recommended other means of informing prospective program par-
ticipants and use of a "memo" for facilitating requests for services.

MOTION: To accept its report and to dissolve the Subcommittee on ASA Relations with Other Associations. Carried.

Report of the Committee on Sections. Miller summarized discussions with the Section Board and the Committee on Sections. Several proposals were forwarded to Council. Brief discussions was followed by these actions:

MOTION: To allow each ASA section to offer a special meeting program, one of which is to be restricted to stu-
dents. Carried.

MOTION: To approve the formation of a new section to be known as the Sociology of Knowledge and Technology. Carried.

MOTION: To refer the Council sub-
committee on by-laws to the issue of extending the formula by which sections are allocated meeting dates at the Annual Meeting. Carried.

MOTION: To refer to the Council sub-
committee examining section dues the issue of permitting section newsletters to receive paid advertisements, the proposition with which we are dealing is in the section's restricted account. Car-
ried.

Council adjourned its evening session at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened in Execu-
tive Session on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. at 9:40 a.m. Council reconvened its regular session.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on New Dues Structure. Zeldoff offered a preliminary report; a final report was not due until January, 1988. Zeldoff said that the Committee hopes to receive com-
ments, having been asked to consider a variety of concerns and problems. Carried. (Carried).

Report of the Committee to Prepare Master's Level Certification Examina-
tion. Huber indicated that Council had approved the examination idea in 1986 and that the proposal was to address the issue of "Applying Social Sci-
cence Specialties." Certification require-
ments in sociology or another social science, one year's ex-
perience, two letters of recommendation, full membership in the ASA, and a certification examination. The exam in this category seems tentative; test materials have been used to date at the 1986 An-
ual Meeting. Council acted on the Committee's report.

MOTION: To accept the Committee's recommendation for an ad hoc to a standing committee, with such an examination subcommittee and a credentials sub-
committee. Carried.

MOTION: To accept the list of nominees for the ASA Certification Committee. Carried.

Annual Meeting Site for 1991. Autor stated reports on Chicago, Cincinnati, and Cleveland. Discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each in terms of selection criteria and available meeting dates proceeded with the following:

MOTION: That the ASA hold its 1991 Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, contingent on successful completion of current issues still being negotiated. Carried.

Selection of an Editor for Sociological Practice. Zeldoff reported critical issues in launching SJPR as a new category. The existence of the first named editor was unnecessary, as was the stature of the editorial board. There were questions of selection cri-

MOTION: To accept the list of condi-
tions for the additional to change its Practice Review as submitted by the Publications Committee. Tabled.

MOTION: To continue to favor the prospects of launching Sociological Practice Review; however, given cur-
rent budgetary constraints, no funds are to be drawn from either the ASA General Fund and every effort will be made to seek out-
side funding to support the journal.

MOTION: To table the above motion until the Council meeting of January 1988. Carried.

MOTION: That the Executive Officer be authorized to appoint the task force for the formation of Soci-
ological Practice Review to ascertain the mandate's interest in accepting the grant, with the understanding that no ASA funds have been appropriated to support the journal at this time. Car-
rried.

Recommendation to IIBX for a Soci-
ology to Assume Membership on the ACS-Soviet Academy of Sciences Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences.

MOTION: To recommend to IIBX to adopt the report as the report of the 1987 Memorandum from the American Commission for Universities and Re-
search, Texas College and later Soviet System, in which it restricted sociol-

genate departments from developing prac-
tice programs.

MOTION: To table action requested by the Practice Committee until a Council subcommittee, chaired by Bertten Berjes, receives the prop-

Report on the Professional Develop-
ment Program. In a brief summary of activities, Budget encouraged Council to review a draft of the Professional Development Standard for the Sociological Society that had been submitted to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management for its initial review. Budget audited that Council mem-
bers send him their concerns by November 1. Budget reported that all was going well with the TIP.

Business Meeting. Resolutions. With adjournment close at hand, Council agreed to the following resolutions, with necessary revisions and de-
tails scheduled for its January meeting.

MOTION: To accept the invitation of Ball Communication Research to be linked as a co-sponsor at the confer-
ence, "Communications in the 21st Century: Reflections on the 19th Century," to be held at the University of the Telegraph," June 22-23, 1988, Princeton, NJ. Carried.

The first meeting of the 1987-88 Coun-
cil was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Sun-
day, August 23. Respectfully submitted.

Michael T. Allen, Secretary.

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