MFP Expands to Undergraduates, Postdocs

by Lionel A. Maldonado

At its January 25-31 meeting in Washington, DC, ASA Council unanimously approved two resolutions from the Task Force on the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) to expand significantly the program. An undergraduate component will be added to the existing pre-doctoral program that historically has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. This new component is to be in place by 1990. A post-doctoral component will be established in 1991. In addition, the restructuring of MFP will have a new title, the ASA Minority Professional Development Program.

The revisions approved by Council are the first modifications to the MFP since its inception in 1974. The proposed expansion reflects a concern to increase the minority presence in the discipline. It also gives attention to the expected increase in demand for sociologists in universities and non-academic settings in the coming decades.

The undergraduate component proposed by the Task Force and approved by Council will be a concerted effort to identify promising minority scholars early in their junior year, recruit them into the program in order to better prepare and encourage them to pursue graduate studies in sociology, and provide an intensive honors summer program in the logic of social inquiry and professional development. Goals are to be achieved through an intensive six or eight week summer institute for students between their junior and senior years in college. It will be designed to strengthen student research skills and help develop effective strategies for professional development. Along with the formal course work, there will be tutorials directed by students in the current pre-doctoral program, plus extensive informal interaction with minority scholars and officers-elect and appointed—of the ASA and regional associations.

Students participating in the undergraduate program will be expected to produce a research proposal for a project they will pursue during their senior year at their home institution. This project may be either applied or basic research in nature. Students will carry out this project under the sponsorship and close guidance of a carefully screened and selected faculty member at their home institution.

A major strength of the proposed undergraduate program consists of a variety of support mechanisms to help alleviate the social isolation and strain normally associated with graduate school and exacerbated among minority students. The proposed program will have a strong and active sponsorship and mentor component to counter this alienating aspect of graduate school. It will combine support mechanisms and mentors from students' home institution, faculty in the summer institute, regional associations, and the ASA.

The summer institute will be pilot tested in one or two host institutions. Depending upon resources, the ideal situation would be to have two summer institutes operating concurrently at sites in different regions. Several departments of sociology have expressed strong interest in hosting the undergraduate summer institute. Among the universities preparing detailed proposals for ASA Council's consideration are Michigan and Wisconsin in the Midwest, Delaware and Maryland in the East, and Texas in the Southwest. The Task Force is scheduled to meet this summer to evaluate those departments' proposals for the summer institute and make recommendations to Council at its August, 1988, meeting in Atlanta.

If the summer institute proves successful at increasing the pool of minorities enrolling in graduate studies in sociology, enhancing their awareness of the discipline and its career opportunities, better informing them about the nature of sociological inquiry and increasing the retention rates of undergraduates and graduate students, it will become a permanent feature of the Association.

Large-scale plans call for a summer institute to be offered in each region of the country. Each summer institute will admit twenty interns for its six or eight week program. Selected from the existing pre-doctoral program as well as new applicants, these students will participate in a structured program designed to help them develop their research and professional skills in a disciplinary and interdisciplinary environment. The program will provide opportunities for students to interact with scholars and other students from across the country, to learn about the diversity of sociological work being done in a variety of settings, and to gain insights into the role of the sociologist in society.

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David Armor

David Armor: The Sociologist as Policy Maker

by Stephen A. Balf

Item, from the front page of the New York Times, February 3, 1988. "The Pentagon has recently directed the military services to enforce rules against sexual harassment of women more rigorously and to open more positions to women. In a report on the status of women in military service the Department of Defense has acknowledged that sexual harassment of women is still 'significantly' despite efforts to prevent it and regulations prohibiting it. The Pentagon has also expanded the number of jobs for women in Navy and Air Force reconnaissance planes, Air Force engineers and field units and Navy construction battalions, and at Marine air-ground stations. A new position is especially significant because they have been traditionally reserved for men.

The person behind these policy changes is David J. Armor, who is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel, the highest-ranking sociologist in the Federal Government. David is used to carrying out policy that has effects on a grand scale. With the positions of the Assistant Secretary vacant (as is often happens at the end of a presidential term) David is the de facto Assistant Secretary, in charge of the armed forces personnel system. With rank, however, goes responsibility for developing and implementing policy which affects the work and family lives of 2.2 million people. Some of the issues that cross his desk are pay and compensation, recruiting, equal opportunity, legal affairs, the chaplaincy, safety, and family issues (more than 650,000 married military members of the armed forces are currently in service), the division of labor in the armed forces, and reduction in the total number of officers. On all these issues, Armor says, 'I am data- and research-oriented wherever I can be...'

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Oh, Atlanta!

Make your plans to attend the 1988 ASA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, August 24-28, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, President Harold J. Kari and his program committee hope to attract interesting sessions around the theme, "Society of America." Join us to learn from those sessions, participate in the activities of 25 sections and other groups, update your skills in all the sessions and teaching workshops, see the new books and software in the exhibit hall, meet with friends, and enjoy Atlanta.

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Observing

1988's Balanced Budget: A Commentary

After three and one-half days of intensive deliberations, Congress approved a balanced budget for 1988. In doing so, it continued its support for the several official journals of the Association, for the Teaching Services Program, and for the Professional Development Program. At the same time, it made two special allocations to publications, the first of which will allow editors to enlarge the print size to ease the problem of reading. It also allocated $10,000 as a contingency fund for the new journal Sociological Practice Review. Meanwhile, a sub-committee continues its search for funding for SPR, a pre-publication marketing survey, and a publisher. A further report is expected to reach Council during the Annual Meeting in August in Atlanta.

Council voted to increase the Association's level of support for the Minority Fellowship Program to 50 percent of direct costs, thus freeing up additional funds for fellowships and related activities.

Salaries and fringe benefits for the Executive Office staff were increased an average of about five percent, while administrative expenses are expected to jump about 15 percent, due in large part to the costs of maintaining an ever-growing computer and equipment system, and rising postal and insurance costs, the latter of which have increased almost 50 percent since 1986.

In all, the budget for 1988 has been set at $28,200, almost $20,000 higher than the actual expenditures for 1987. Other than some other mechanical, the budget provides the members with the clearest picture of how the Association works for them. And because I continue to receive letters from members complaining that all they get for their dues are a couple of journals and a fellowship, it will be well here to review the budget that was just passed, in the hope that it will help you appreciate the wide range of services that are provided both directly and indirectly, and ends up for the budget.

On the income side, member dues and related activity provide about 35 percent of annual income. For 1988 this is expected to yield about $72,300. An even larger proportion of the annual income, some $96,700 for 1988, comes from publications. And of that amount, almost $50,000 comes from subscriptions to the ASA journals by non-members, mostly libraries. The annual meeting produces a little more than one-sixth of annual income, while the remainder comes from a variety of sources, including workshops, teaching resources sales, mailing list rentals and interest from bank savings. Thus, through dues, annual membership registration fees, and other activities, members contribute a little less than half of the annual meeting budget. The most obvious and regular benefit that members receive for their membership are the publications, usually two journals and Focuses. The total cost of all the publication activity will be about $71,000 in 1988, again about 34 percent of the budget. The annual meeting, attended by about one-fifth of the membership, is expected to cost about $12,000 in 1988; since it is one of the most time-consuming activities in the Executive Office, its real cost is about twice that. About 30 percent of the budget ($62,740) is allocated to the Executive Office for salaries and fringe benefits, while an additional 11 percent goes toward such administrative expenses as insurance, real estate taxes, utilities and the computer system. Teaching Services, Professional Development, governance activities, and support for a wide range of association activity absorbs most of the rest of the budget. A few words about some of these activities may help the reader to understand better how his dues are working.

ASA contributes to the support of three major lobbying groups in DC: the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), the Council on Professional Associations for Federal Statistics (CPU), and the National Humanities Alliance (NHA). These 501(c)(6) associations conduct lobbying activity within the federal government on behalf of their members. COSSA in particular has become a major force in funding matters, and has become increasingly effective within the National Science Foundation, for example, in efforts to increase funding for the social sciences. The ASA Executive Office is a member of the Executive Committee, and the President every other year serves a two-year term on the Board of Directors of COSSA.

The ASA has a member delegate representing it at the annual meeting of the Social Science Research Council, and many of its members have served on SSRC area studies committees, and played prominent roles in the development of new research initiatives within SSRC. And of course, many of us have been and are recipients of research grants sponsored by SSRC.

ASA is one of 45 dues-paying members of the American Council of Learned Societies. And twice a year the Executive Officer participates in the Conference of Secretaries of ACLS, while a delegate, appointed by ASA Council, represents the Association at the ACLS annual meeting. ACLS provides travel grants to scholars representing the constituent societies, and ASA Executive Staff serve as panel members to review travel proposals several times a year. The Council of Secretaries meets twice a year to discuss issues of concern to the members, and both ACLS and SSRC also represent the interests of their members before relevant congressional committees concerned with funding for the social sciences and humanities.

ASA is a member of the International Sociological Association and its members have from time to time held high offices within the ISA. Currently, Melvin H. Kohn, ASA's immediate Past President, serves on the Executive Committee of the ISA and many ASA members serve on its section committees. ASA was instrumental in obtaining travel funds for members attending the quadrennial ISA meetings.

Thus, as the above discussion suggests, the ASA budget supports a wide range of activities that serve the members in a variety of ways. Footnotes and the journals are only the most regular and obvious ways that your dues work for you. Your dues are a part of a larger pool of money that permits the Association to represent your interests, and to work on your behalf to continue the never-ending work of building and maintaining the stature of sociology both nationally and internationally. Your support of ASA through membership and attendance at annual meetings will help ensure that the year 1988 will finish with a balanced budget, and with sociology's presence in academic, business, government and non-profit associations increasingly visible and in demand.

The 1988 budget is published in full in the August issue of Focuses-NWDA.

ASA Council Approves Credit Card Proposal

At its January meeting, ASA Council approved a proposal for an affinity credit card. ASA members may apply for a MasterCard through a program that offers benefits to the members and to the ASA. The program will be managed by Trans National Financial Services, Inc. through the Maryland National Bank. Members will receive a promotional mailing describing the program to a few months. To encourage enrollment, the first year has no annual fee. The fee is $20/year thereafter. Extra cards for family members on the same account are free. Each card displays the ASA logo. There are other benefits for members:

- credit lines up to $5,000
- no liability for lost or stolen cards
- automatic travel/accident insurance
- emergency travel service
- auto rental deductible coverage
- free 24-hour message center
- free credit card registration service
- free access checks
- instant cash advances
- free lost luggage insurance
- messages about ASA in the billing statements
- automatic teller accountability
- customer service through Maryland National Bank

There is no finance charge on purchases if balances are paid in full. There is a 16.9% finance charge on monthly balances.

While members get the above benefits through "group buying power," the ASA also benefits from a marketing promotion for non-dues revenue to keep a balanced budget. The credit card program provides a small rebate to the ASA for each credit card enrollment and renewal. In addition, when ASA members use the ASA MasterCard to charge travel or other expenses, the ASA may make a contribution. ASA does not pay the merchant percentage fee.

For the promotion mailing within the next few months and on for your ASA MasterCard—CHFR
ASA Council Tackles a Full Agenda at Mid-Year Meeting

The ASA Council met for three full days to review a wide range of issues that centered on the approval of a balanced budget. Stories in this issue and future issues will elaborate on the Council’s decisions. The minutes will be published in May Footnotes. In the chronological order in which motions were passed, Council:

- heard about the role of two participa-
tions per member in the annual meeting
  to maximize the opportunity for all
  members to be a part of the program (a
  serving as an assessor does not count
  as a participation);
- authorized the Executive Office to
  begin negotiations with hotels in
  Cincinnati for the 1994 annual meeting
  if contracts with Cleveland cannot be
  signed in the near future;
- asked for site information for the 1992
  and 1993 meetings;
- heard about the transition of the
  executive directorship of COSSA and an
  update of its activities;
- approved ASA sponsorship of a grant
  proposal to the National Endowment
  toward the cost of a consultant’s trip to
  provide a workshop to help improve the
  teaching of sociology in large classes;
- heard that the renewal renewal form
  under “Contributions” to ask for dona-
tions to support memberships and sub-
scriptions: an explanation of the costs
  for soft currency countries.


Recruitment for undergraduates to
participate in the summer institute will
be nationwide. The Task Force is in the
process of developing a variety of means
for advertising the institute to the widest
range possible of colleges and universi-
ties. Students selected for participation
will be asked to send a proposal, travel costs,
and room and board.

Support for the proposed ASA Minor-
ity Professional Development Program will
be a pooling of resources. The ASA and host universities will share in administrative expenses, faculty salaries and
travel, and facilities, and the develop-
ment of appropriate courses for all par-
ticipants. The Task Force has begun con-
tacting foundations for the financial
support of students. If this innovative
program proves successful in increasing
the number and proportion of minorities in
the discipline and enhancing their career opportunities, long-term sustained
funding will be sought from various government agencies. Exploratory con-
tacts have been initiated with various government agencies already.

The Task Force is chaired by Charles
Willie (Harvard) and Council Liaison
in Charles Boyer (Hogg Foundation). Its
members include Margaret Andersen (Delaware), George Baldwin
(former MFP Fellow, Northwestern Ohi-
a State University), James Blackwell
(Massachusetts-Boston), Marion Coleman
(Hogg Foundation), Patricia Hill Collins (Penn State), Robert Dinkin
(Mem-
phis State), Richard Hope (Indiana),
Cheryl Leggins (National Research Coun-
tel, Clarence Lo (New York), William
Sowell (Wisconsin), Howard Taylor (Prin-
ceton), and Lloyd Roger (Fordham). Llo-
ed McDermott and Francis Foster are
the ASA Executive Office.

A portion of the Task Force’s support
during its first year was from the ASA. That same year, the MFP received a plan-
ning grant from the Ford Foundation to
sustain the Task Force’s efforts. The Task Force also has come from the Hogg Foundation at
the University of Texas. Additional
financial assistance is being sought for
the remaining work of the Task Force as
it moves to implement the ASA Minority Professional Development Program.


Editors Sought for ASR, JHSS

The ASA Publications Committee is in
the process of selecting new editors for
both of the Association’s Journals: American Sociological Review and Journal of Health and Social Behavior. In both cases, the new edi-
tors will assume the position of Editor-
Designate in the fall of 1986 and take
over the editorial office in the spring or fall of 1987. They will be responsible for journal issues appearing in 1986 and
beyond. The term of office for an ASA editor is three
years, with a two-year extension possible in
some cases.

Members are invited to submit nomi-
 nations for the editorship of ASR and
BJSR. Nominations should be submitted
no later than April 15, 1988, and sent
to the chief of the Publications Committee, Carlene Persell. An address is:
Department of Sociology, New York University, 260 Mercer Street, New York,
NY 10003.

TSP Workshop on Participatory Education and Community-Based Learning

The Teaching Services Program will hold a workshop on “Participatory Education and Community-Based Education,” June15-18, 1988, at Oglethorpe University, Pine Ridge Reservation of the Ogalia Sioux Tribe, Kyle, SD.

STP staff will include Paul Robertson and Dowell Smith, Oglethorpe University, John G. Avant, Highlander Research and Education Center, and Donna D’Andrea, Guildford College, Peter Allan, University of Massachusetts; and Bill Ewens, Michigan State University.

Participants will examine how participatory research can use everyday life experi-
ences for learning and empowerment; study a number of case studies of successful community-based and student-initiated education projects; learn methods of promot-
ing active student involvement through observation, social intervention, and student research participation; discuss the use of pictures, drawing videotapes, and other visual techniques in promoting community-based learning; and examine the general relationship of sociology, community-based education, participatory re-
search, and social change.

The workshop will be self-sufficient. Lodging and meals will cost $250. For graduate students or other unemployed sociologists, a partial scholarship is available for $300. Application and a $75 deposit are due May 1, 1988. After that date, registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis for $150 late fee. No refunds will be made after May 1, 1988.

For further information, contact: William Ewens, Field Coordinator, ASA Teaching Services Program, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-355-6695, or Paul Robertson, Human Services Department, Oglethorpe University, Kyle, SD 57925, 605-455-2521.

New Teaching Resource Available

Juliet Saltman, Ohio State University, has completed a monograph entitled “Teaching sociology on the Bronx Campus,” continu-
ing the relationship between the main and branch campuses, issues of equity of resources, and strategies for faculty
development. The 28-page monograph is available by prepaid order for $2.00 from ASA members ($3.00) to non-members) from ASA Teaching Resources Center, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.
Candidates for ASA Offices, Council, Committees

As announced in the February issue of Footnotes, the deadline for open nominations passed without the addition of any new candidates by petition. The biographies of the candidates for ASA President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, Council, and Committees appear on the following pages.

President-Elect

IMMANUEL NOLLERSTEIN


WILLIAM JULIUS WILSON

Present Position: Lucas Flower Distinguished Professor of Social Policy and Public Policy, University of Chicago (1992-present). Former Positions: Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago (1985-92) and (1977-85); Harvard College, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (1987). Recent Appointments: Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1968-present); Director, Community Studies Program, The Open University (1978-79); Senior Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (1987).

ALEJANDRO PORTES

Present Position: Professor of Sociology and International Relations, Johns Hopkins University (1981-present). Former Positions: Professor of Sociology, Duke University (1975-80); Associate Professor, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign (1975-77); Assistant Professor, University of Chicago (1974-75). Other Positions: Fellow, Center for International Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1985); Associate Professor of Sociology, National Academy of Sciences (1973-75).

Vice President-Elect

EUANA BONACICH


OSCAR GRUEN


Secretary-Elect

BETH R. HEES


COUNCIL

ROBERT R. ALFORD


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Committee on Publications, continued

DAVID MECHANIC


RONNIE J. STEINBERG


LINDA J. WAITE

Present Position: Acting Director, Comparative Aging Research, Institute on Society, Population, and Public Policy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1986-present). Former Positions: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan (1978-86); Assistant Professor, University of Michigan (1974-78). Professional Accomplishments: Editor, American Journal of Sociology (1982-present); Committee on Distinguished Career in Sociological Practice (1982-present); Committee on Sociological Practice (1984-present); Section on Sociology of Population (1983-86).

IVAN SZELENYI


District 2

DAVID KNOKE

Present Position: Professor of Sociology, University of Minnesota (1986-present). Former Positions: Associate Professor (1973-81); Assistant Professor (1972-75); University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; Department of Sociology (1975-present). Professional Accomplishments: American Sociological Review (1982-present); Offices, Committee, Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA: Editorial Board, American Sociological Review (1982-present); Section on Political Sociology; Ad Hoc committee on Examination of ASA Social Research Statement (1985-present).

ROBERT PERRELLI


District 3

COOKIE WHITE STEPHAN

Present Position: Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (1985-present), and Director (1986-present), Center for Social Research, New Mexico State University; Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii-Maui (1997-present); Former Positions: Associate Professor and Department Head of Sociology, New Mexico State University (1983-1987); Fellow, Institute of Culture and Communication, East-West Center (1982); Associate Professor, University of British Columbia (1976-1982); Department of Sociology, Assistant Dean (1975-79); College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Texas-Austin. Degrees: PhD 1971, University of Minnesota, MS 1964, BA 1963, University of Oklahoma. Professional Accomplishments: Sociology Board of Examiners, Graduate Record Examination, Educational Testing Service (1985-present); Associate Editor, Annual Review of Anthropological Sociology (1980-present); Consulting Editor, Review of Personality and Social Psychology (1980-present); Editorial Board, Social Science Quarterly (1974-present). Professional Accomplishments: American Sociological Review (1980-present); Secretary, Arizona Sociological Society (1979-present). Offices, Committee, Memberships, and Editorial Appointments Held in ASA: Editorial Board, Teaching Newsletter (1980-present); Committee on Committees (1985-present); First Bernard Award Committee (1981-85) and Chair (1984-85).

JOHN SIBLEY BUTLER

Present Position: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas-Austin (1983-present). Former Positions: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas-Dallas (1978-1983). Professional Accomplishments: University of Texas-Dallas. No biographical information submitted.
Armor, from page 1

Armor now asks the senior level task force appointed after a delegation of civil rights women went to Europe and the Pacific. They found that many of the women who had been killed were related to sexual harassment, discrimination and unsatisfactory working and living conditions. At a press conference held on September 17, after the harassment issue had been publicized, one reporter asked David: "You talk about changing attitudes, how do you do that?" Armor answered as an administrator who says the system came through loud and clear. "I think, speaking as a sociologist professionally, that you've got to work on leadership. You cannot obviously, overnight or in a short period of time, change everybody's attitude in any group or society. But you can establish leadership..." for promotion that takes into account the proper respect and treatment of human beings. Some of these things that are in this report are really basic respect for human beings, not just the issues of sexual harassment.

A few months later one can see action following Armor's analysis. The reports opened more opportunities to women, and allowed the task force to improve instruction giver to all personnel. It seems to have made a difference. Today's report is repeatedly stressed the importance of leadership and comment emphasis as much as critical factors in solving and indeed, precipitating human relations problems that lead to sexual harassment. The New York Times reported that "The initial steps were also instructed to set up formal procedures for reporting that supplement the chain of command when the local commander is not responsive. That was a pragmatic way of saying that a woman would be able to go over her superior's head when she was part of the problem." Armor takes credit for what he considers to be the major recommendations of the task force. - to subdue all military positions to a "risk analysis." If one cannot show that a position has as much risk as combat duty, (women are mandated by Congress not to serve in combat) it should be open to women. The "male" rationalities and creates uniformity where positions previously were arbitrarily closed to women.

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Call for Papers

CONFERENCES

Association for the Social Sciences in Health invites papers for its sessions at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, November 13–17, 1988, Boston, MA. Papers should present a social science perspective on issues of public health, as well as health policy analysis. Abstacts should be submitted by April 15, 1988, on the standard abstract form appearing in the January 1988 issue of the Ameri- can Journal of Public Health or the APHA newsletter, The Nation’s Health. Send six copies, one-name-only, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Morton W. Weinstein, Associate Dean, Administrative Health Sciences, College of Health Related Professions, Med- ical University of South Carolina, Char-leston, SC 29425-7070.

Center for Great Plains Studies Annual Conference, March 15-17, 1988. Theme: “From Spanish Explorers to Plains Set- tlers: The Hispanic Presence on the Great Plains.” Interested scholars should submit proposals of 300 words by June 15, 1988, and should include a brief resume. Final papers will be due February 1, 1989. Great Plains Quarterly will have a right of first refusal on all presented papers. Proposals should be sent to: Miguel Camarin, Center for Great Plains Studies, 1215 Oldfather Hall, Univer-sity of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0314.

Fourteenth International Congress of Genetology, June 19-23, 1988, Convention Center, Acapulco, Mexico. All papers or posters must be submitted by February 15, 1988, and must be accompanied by registration materi- als. Requests for applications and infor- mation should be sent to: Congress Secretaries, Jeptha No. 91, Tulipon CB 18490, Acapulco, Mexico.

Illinois Sociology Association Annu- al Meeting, October 21-22, 1988, Illinois State University, Normal, IL. Theme: “Facing the Year 2000: Rural/Urban Issues in a World Community.” For information or to organize a session, contact: Dean Peterson, President-elect, ISA, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6299.

Seventeenth Annual Conference on South Asia, November 4–6, 1988, Uni- versity of Wisconsin-Madison. Propos- als for papers or panels on sessions on South Asian topics are invited. Review guide- lines are in effect this year. Proposals with abstracts should be submitted on offi- cial proposal forms by May 1, 1988. For proposals forms, guidelines, and additional details, contact: Conference Coordinator, South Asian Area Center Conference Office, 1218 Von Halle Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706. (608) 262-8584.

Society for the Scientific Study of Sex 34th Annual Meeting, November 9-13, 1988, Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Fran- cisco, CA. Theme: “Sexual Literacy.” Deadline for paper submissions is April 15, 1988. Submissions must include a copy of the Society’s submission form. For additional information, contact: Deborah Weinstock, Executive Director, 5555S, P.O. Box 29799, Philadelphia, PA 19125, (215) 762-1439; or Bernard Gold- stein, Chair, 1988-8555 Annual Meet- ing, San Francisco State University, Psychology Department, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132, (415) 338-5968.

Society for Urban Primatology 13th An- nual Meeting, September 29-October 2, 1988, Emerson College, Boston, MA. The conference will celebrate the cen- tenary of the publication of Edward Bellamy’s Looking Backward. The program will cover all aspects of urban ethology and primatology. To organize a panel or present a paper, contact one of the program chairs: Lynn F. Williams, 71 Orchard Street, Belmont, MA 02178; or Blanchette Lindley-Ward, 100 Brookline Street, Bos- ton, MA 02215. Deadline for entire papers or sessions proposals is May 1, 1988.

West Coast Conference for Small Group Research, April 29–31, 1988, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco Airport, Millbrae, CA. Papers and abstracts are due by April 1, 1988. For additional information, con- tact: Geoffrey Turkell, Department of Sociology, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192-0122; (408) 924-5320. For information, contact: Geoffrey Turkell, Department of Sociology, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192-0122; (408) 924-5320.

PUBLICATIONS

Current Perspectives in Social Ther- apy is now accepting papers for Vol- ume X. Materials are encouraged on all theoretical perspectives and range from motivational theoretical discussions to reports of therapy applications. Deadline for Volume XI is November 15, 1988. Three copies (6 by 9 format and style) should be sent to the editor: John Wil- son, Department of Sociology, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706.

Family Perspectives invites sub- missions for a special issue on “Family and Work.” The issue will emphasize broad coverage of the reciprocal links between family life and work life. Submit complete manuscripts by June 30, 1988, to any one of the three guest editors: (1) Bruce A. Chadwick, Director, Family Studies Program, 892 SW 50th Terrace, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66044; (2) David Alcon, Pensi- on Center for the Study of Work, Alcon and Associates, 7308 South High- land Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84121- 1330; or (3) Patricia Vayredonoff, Direc- tor, Center for the Study of Family Development, University of Dayton, 300 College Park Avenue, Dayton, OH 45469-3301. (513) 262-4644.

International Journal of World Peace invites comments (5-10 pages, double-spaced) on articles appearing in the October-December 1987 issue of the journal. Comments on future is- sues are also welcomed. Send com- ments to the editor: Francis J. B. 提法, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH 43616. Copies of the journal may be obtained by contacting: Teresa Ramirez, Box 1311, New York, NY 10015.

Journal of Computing and Society is invit- ing submissions for its premier issue on the question, "Has There Been a Computer Revolution?" Scheduled for publication in late 1988. Papers on this topic must be submitted in quadrupli- cate by April 15, 1988, to: Journal of Com- puting and Society, P.O. Box 717, Palo Alto, CA 94301.


Research on Language and Social Inter- action invites manuscripts on the relationship between specific components or features of language and social codes and, where possible, on the interaction of his/her contributions. Papers should be submitted to: John J. Clunies-Ross, Social Science and Family Studies, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, England, 0116.

Youth & Society invites manu- scripts for a special issue on “Youth in the 1990’s.” The papers should be written in English, be limited to 10 pages, and should be submitted to the editors by February 1, 1989.

Meetings

March 17-20, 1988, Southern Sociological Soci- ety Annual Meeting, Vandalusia, Texas

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Funding, continued

Standard University invites applications for postdoctoral fellowships in a program of Research Training in the Study of Normal and Pathological Interpersonal Processes. Applications are due March 15, 1988. For further information contact the Director, Faculty Office, Standard University, Stanford, CA 94305.

Competitions

The ASA Section on Organizations and Occupations invites nominations for the 1986 EGOS Award. The EGOS (European Group for Organizational Studies) Award is given annually for an outstanding book or article by a section member who has completed the doctorate no more than seven years prior to the year of the award. The 1986 award is for an outstanding article. A prize of $500 is given to enable the winner to attend the 1986-87 meeting of the Group. The award is to be used to write a report on the meeting for the section's newsletter. Nominations should be received by no later than January 15, 1986. Nominations should include the nominator's name and address and must be received by January 15, 1986.

The ASA Section on Sex and Gender invites submissions for the 1986 student dissertation paper award. The award includes a $100 contribution toward the winner's dissertation expenses. Papers should deal with an important theoretical issue or significant empirical problem within the field of sex and gender and must be based upon a dissertation that was completed and approved no earlier than January 1, 1986. Previous winners have included graduate students from a variety of disciplines. For further information contact the Director, Faculty Office, Standard University, Stanford, CA 94305.

Awards

James Boninger, Annenberg School of Communications, University of Southern California, gave the 1985 Samuel Laurence Memorial Lecture at Duke University in February. He is the author of The Control Revolution: Technological and Economic Origins of the Information Society, which was published in 1975. He received the Association of American Publishers award as the "Year's Most Outstanding Book in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.

David Bouchard, Hofstra University, received the Association for Humanist Societies first annual book award for his book, Radical Citizenship: The New American Attitude. The award was presented at the AHA annual meeting in November.

Tane G. Fols, California State University at Los Angeles, received the Menlo Park Performance and Professional Promise Award, which carries a $2,500 cash prize, from the School of Natural and Social Sciences.

Ralph M. Millikan, City University of New York Graduate Center, received an American Historical Association award for the best book in women's history or feminist theory for Gender at Work: The Dynamics of Sex Segregation by Jan Durey, World War II. Vickie Smith, University of California-Berkeley, received the SSRP Labor Studies Division Bramerman Award. Delores Stellmacher received the SSRP Class and Struggle Division Award for Outstanding Scholarship for her work, The Feet.

Ruth Uren and John Uren, Michigan State University, received the SSRP Lee Founders' Award for their distinguished careers that—notwithstanding the humanistic ideals of the founders of SSRP—

People

Kevin Bales is now a Lecturer in Policy Studies at the Polytechnic University of Central London.

Panor Bardin was appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the American Anthropological Association and was appointed Director for the United States of the World Assembly of Language and Literature.

J. Michael Brookes is now Director of the Academic Services Center at Texas Christian University, effective May 16.

Debra David, newly-appointed Director of Anthropology at San Jose State University, was awarded a 3-month grant by the International Research Foundation.

Mary Frank Fox, University of Michigan, was elected to the Council of the Social Studies for Science.

John Hayes Mason, a doctoral candidate in Sociology at Boston University, was named president of the American Health Professions Association.

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Obituaries, continued

The death of William F. Brown, a former professor of the Department of Anthropology, has been announced. Brown, who had been a member of the Department of Anthropology for 24 years, died on December 20 at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Brown, and two children.

Official Reports and Proceedings

Editors Report

American Sociological Review

In 1980, 425 manuscripts were submitted to ASSR, about the same number as in 1979. The number of rejections increased slightly, and the average time for review decreased slightly. The editors are grateful to all the referees who contributed their time and effort to the review process.

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New Books

From the New Books section of the March 1988 issue of RIS.

Summer Programs

The Survey Research Center of the Institute for Social Research offers a number of summer programs. The following are from the fall 1987 schedule:

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Contemporary Sociology

The transition in editorial leadership at the American Sociological Review has been a smooth one. The new editor, Barbara Stawin, has brought a fresh perspective to the journal, and the new editorial board has worked hard to ensure a high quality of publication.
March 1988 Footnotes

Reports, continued
has its share of routine administration, done with shining competence, but beyond that she kept us organized and in a hunk but pleasant productive mood. As such, the changes that are so often eventually become the norm in our society not only aren't the norm in our society, they are not the norm in our society.

I also drew heavily upon the talents of Karen Feinberg and Judy Sigg for coordinating and composing. Both of them had ample opportunity to see that our understanding of each other was as strong as their technical skill in the qualitatively critical final steps that convert a manuscript into print.

A final acknowledgement of gratitude is due to the staff of Dick Clayton. He has editorial responsibility for a sizable number of manuscripts. However, he has admirably assumed the duties of the Managing Editor, so that in the future this page will be devoted to the tasks of managing the journal.

Lawrence A. Garfield, Editor

Editors of the 8th issue of the new editorial of Sociology of Education, Volume 61, Number 1, have been published. While we are currently urging remitting impos-
ations in marketing notably subsidies, innovative techniques and budgets for the intellectual character and quality of the journal, we are no longer

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