ASA Office to Relocate

After 21 years at 1722 N Street NW, the ASA Executive Office is moving to a new location. Moving date is December 5, to new quarters at 2500 New York Avenue NW in downtown Washington, DC.

The current Executive Office is housed in a small building, over 100 years old. The building was originally a single-family residence before becoming a rooming house and now office space. While the building has charm—with original woodwork, stained glass windows, and tiled fireplaces in almost every room—the building had a number of drawbacks as office space. The staff of twenty-five are spread over five floors (no elevator) which limits effective communications. The building is inaccessible to persons with disabilities and very costly to remodel to make it accessible. Space built as a residence is not as functional as office space. And the costs of maintaining an old building and keeping it secure were escalating.

As of October 18, the ASA office at 1722 N. and has sold it to another non-profit association.

With the proceeds from the sale, ASA will enter into a long-term lease of a newly-remodeled building in downtown Washington, close to the K Street center strip. The new building building is the former home of the Washington Times-Herald newspaper, has four levels, and will be expanded for additional space. "Sharing facilities with groups with which we have commonalities is a win-win," said ASA Executive Officer Felice J. Levine. "We are eager to make the most of the opportunity to collaborate to such a popular benefit.

Last August, the Council for the Advanced

Council Advances Restructuring from Annual Meeting Discussions

The Annual Meeting provided many opportunities for Council, committee, members present and past, and interested members to comment on the recently enacted changes in the ASA Committee Structure.

In January 1998, ASA Council, on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Committee Restructuring, reorganized the ASA committee structure. In place of a system where ASA had a large numbers of committees, the Subcommittee proposed reorganizing the committee structure into (1) By-Laws Committees (those that did the governance work of the Association) and (2) Award Selection Committees (to select winners of ASA awards). (3) Status Committees (those that address issues of sociologists who by virtue of their backgrounds have experienced discrimination in the larger society) and (4) Advisory Panels (that advise the Executive Officer on ASA Programs). These committees that did not fall within one of these categories were retired. Instead, the Council introduced a new system of Task Forces.

Each of the new committees, including the ASA President Jillian Quandago to committees members explained the committee restructuring and the role of Task Forces Committees were invited to propose Task Force. Members committees met during the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco to discuss the possibility of recommended a Task Force. The deadline for Task Force proposals was September. The expectation is that these proposals will show the creative ideas of the membership about what the important challenges the ASA and the discipline face.

At the August meeting of Council, President Alan Portes reorganized the Subcommittee Committee Restructuring to review the incoming Task Force proposals. Linda Wats, chair of the Subcommittee that proposed the committee restructuring continued as chair. Other Subcommittee members are ASA President Quandago, Vice President Patricia A. Book, Council member Melvin Oliver, Executive Officer Felice Levine, and former ASA Visiting Sociologist John Kennedy. The subcommittee met at the annual meeting to begin the discussion on developing procedures for evaluating Task Force proposals.

The proposals will then be evaluated in the February Council meeting and recommendations to Council on the first set of Task Forces. It plans to report in time for consideration by Council at its mid-year meeting.

In February, Council will review the Subcommittee's report and decide on which Task Forces to appoint. Notice of the Task Force appointments will appear in the March Footnotes with a request that ASA members recommend members (including self-recommendations) to the Task Forces. In May, the Subcommittee will review the nominees and prepare a rank list of potential appointees to Council. The Task Forces will be appointed in June. Task Force members will begin planning activities during the summer and will be able to meet at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. A similar cycle will be used in future years as new topics emerge and Task Forces are appointed. Replacing a fixed set of committees which had not always had a clear charge with a system of Task Forces with specific, timely, and tangible purposes, and active Council involvement, should better use the time and talents of ASA members to activate the discipline's common goals.

Ford Awards $485,000 More for MOST

The American Sociological Association has received an additional grant of $485,000 from the Ford Foundation as a further investment in developing Opportunities through School Transformation (MOST) Program. Launched in 1996, MOST works with schools and school systems on promoting diversity and excellence. Key to MOST is being worked with selected departments on long-term, sustainable change and developing transformative models that can be used by other departments and other disciplines in the arts and sciences. The additional funds from the Ford Foundation will help make both goals a reality.

"We are very pleased to see this major allocation of additional resources from Ford," said Executive Officer Felice J. Levine. "The money is essential as it is the confidence in this program that is further reflection.

Based on a competitive selection process, the MOST Program chose 18 departments (including six PhD-conferred) as "experimenter" sites. The project focuses on five of the following: improving student excellence and diversity in higher education: curriculum, curriculum research, curriculum, curriculum, and curriculum (i.e., pipeline). While systemic change does not come easily, MOST departments are deeply engaged in a process of reflection, redesign, and reform to enhance the education and training of all undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, MOST is a joint effort of ASA's Minority Affairs Program and Academic and Professional Affairs Program,

Nominations Sought for 1999 Major ASA Awards

The American Sociological Association annually confers eight major awards for the discipline. Nominations are encouraged as soon as possible. The deadline for all award nominations is January 15, 1999, Award selection committees, appointed by ASA Council, are constituted to receive and review nominations and make a final decision by June 1, 1999.

Dissertation Award

The dissertation award honors the best PhD dissertation from among those submitted by advisors and members in the discipline. Nominations must be received from the student's advisor or the scholar most familiar with the student's research. Nominations should explain the precise nature and merit of the work. Dissertations defended in the 1998 calendar year will be eligible. Send nominating letters, six copies of the dissertation, and nominee's curriculum vitae (with current address) to William

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The Executive Officer's Column
Reorganizing NIH Peer Review for Social and Behavioral Science

The title of my "Open Window" column might provoke a big yawn. While the peer review procedures used by Federal agencies is "near and dear" to some of our hearts, others may see it as too specialized and technical a topic to be only germane to those who apply for funding to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Whatever your view, I urge you to read on because the peer review process at NIH is as much about public understanding of health and well-being as about how specific allocative decisions are made.

The American Sociological Association (ASA) recently weighed in on this topic during a month-long comment period that culminated on October 9. In collaboration with the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) and the American Anthropological Association (AAA), we undertook an assessment of a draft study to reorganize the review of behavioral and social science grant applications at NIH. While not the only object of our attention, we were especially interested in ensuring that the plan fully considered important research on health and illness from all of the social and behavioral sciences. Although in recent years NIH has been more attuned to social and behavioral science aspects of health, we were mindful that this has been much more from the vantage of the psychological sciences (and the individual) than from other of the social sciences.

The process of restructuring the review of behavioral and social science at NIH began in August 1997. Dr. DeLorle Theriell, Director of the NIH Center for Scientific Review (formerly the Division of Scientific Review Grants) seized the opportunity to rethink the review of the social and behavioral sciences as part of a requirement to integrate the three agencies that previously comprised the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration into NIH. The charge to develop a plan was delegated to an NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Review Integration Working Group chaired by Dr. Virginia C. Cain, sociologist and Special Assistant to the Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). The goal was to develop peer review microscope that reflect the current state-of-the-science, anticipate future developments in science, and identify the most meritorious projects. The process involved consultation with two panels of extramural scientists. The panels (numbering some 100 scientists) were primarily comprised of psychologists and psychiatrists, with about five sociologists.

The proposed reorganization has much strength, and considerable work went into its preparation. The current period provided an additional opportunity to offer recommendations that could further assist NIH in reaching its goals. We quickly publicized the proposed draft and the request for comments to our members, department chairs, and ASA Council. Also, on October 2, 1998, COSSA, ASA, and AAA jointly held a one-day working session for a small group of researchers who have served as both NIH grantee and reviewers. (Edward Laumann, University of Chicago, and Bertram Poonsnolsilo, Indiana University, said "yes" under short notice and admirably participated in this reviewing team.)

The result of this meeting was specific language changes for the draft and a set of recommendations for a revised study section structure. The complex submission to NIH submitted jointly by ASA, COSSA, and AAA is available from the Executive Office (revinfo@asanet.org). The following highlights our key recommendations:

- Recommendation 1: Revise Study Section Censors. We recommended an allotment in the proposed overall framework from "Basic Behavioral Sciences Study Sections" and "Risk, Health and Social Sciences Study Sections" to "Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences Study Sections" and "Risk, Health, Intervention, and Prevention Study Sections." We thought this new framework and the realignment of study sections within it (1) better captures the interactions of basic science study sections, (2) avoids false distinctions between the social and behavioral sciences and basic sciences, and (3) strengthens the connections between risk, disorder, and intervention study sections.

- Recommendation 2: Revise "Examples of Expertise." We thought that the "Examples of Expertise" in the study section draft oddly mixed methodological expertise, disciplinary background and, to a great degree, areas of specialization. Although we recognize that this was a very broad and substantive category, we believed that the mixed approach confuses form of expertise and may suggest that certain fields of science or disciplines are excluded from some study sections.

- Recommendation 3: Inclusion of Race and Ethnicity. We recommended that the descriptions of study sections specifically address the health and well-being of racial and ethnic minorities. Given the limited attention in research to the diverse populations that comprise the United States, study section narratives and examples need to highlight where basic and applied research on race and ethnic minorities fits.

- Recommendation 4: Attention to Comparative and non-U.S. Research. There needs to be more explicit consideration of the importance of comparative designs and, where appropriate, non-U.S. samples and study sites. Scientific research on social and behavioral aspects of health and well-being needs to be pursued in settings and on populations that are most appropriate for addressing the scientific issues being examined. Also, we emphasized that knowledge about health would be advanced by comparative designs that permit more explicit testing of contextual effects and identifying generalizing patterns.

- Recommendation 5: Composition of Review Panels. We emphasized that the composition of the peer review panels is critical to effective merit review. We noted the importance of drawing widely from the social and behavioral science community in constituting study sections. Absent a critical mass of persons with similar disciplinary training or experience on review panels, it is unlikely that NIH-funded research can fully reflect the breadth and depth of opportunity within the social and behavioral sciences. Also, it is impossible for any given study section to be completely reviewed by individuals with the appropriate perspectives and substantive knowledge. The selection of individuals on review panels, however, can still reflect the breadth and depth of opportunity within the social and behavioral sciences.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

- PREVIEW CONFIRMED FOR CENSUS: On October 21st, the Senate voted to confirm Kenneth Powell’s appointment as Director of the Census Bureau. Powell (political science professor at the Social Science Research Council) has a formidable job before him with Congress to navigate as accurate and complete a Census possible for 2000.
- MAZEET HEADS BSRIC SEARCH: Sociologist Coral Mazeet who sits on the Board of the Social Science Research Council is chairing the committee to search for Prevote’s replacement. For nominations and further information, contact Presidential Search Committee, BSRIC, 818 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
- STEVENSON TO OSTP: Sociologist David Stevenson (Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Education, Department of Education) is on his way to a detail at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) as Assistant Director for Social and Behavioral Sciences. Successful sociologist Judith Auerbach (who was recently transitioned to the NIH Office of AIDS Research) has already taken hold through briefings with Arthur Diamond (OSTP Director for Science) and Auerbach.
- LEVINE TO SERVE SECOND TERMS as COSSA Chair . . . On October 5, ASA Executive Officer Felice Levine was elected to serve a second term as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Consortium of Social Science Associations. In this role, Levine works closely with COSSA’s Executive Director Howard Silver and the other executive directors of the scientific societies that comprise COSSA.
- ASA’S RACE PROJECT BRIEFS PRESIDENT’S WITTING TEAM: . . . On October 9, Levine and senior staff sociologist Roberta St дела-Roth briefed Christopher Edley and about a dozen other members of the team writing the President’s report to the nation on race. Edley (Policy Advisor to President Clinton and professor at Harvard Law School) said he expected to report out his team’s findings soon. The briefing focused on the ASA initiative, key research issues, and core trends and finding based on research on race and behavioral science.
- SCIENCE POLICY REPORT RELEASED BY HOUSE: On September 24, the House Science Committee under the leadership of Rep. Vern P. Ehlers (R-MI) released its long awaited report, Unleashing Our Future: Toward a New National Science Policy. The report emphasizes the importance of federal investments in basic research across sciences, including the social sciences, though ranking Democrat George Brown (D-CA) notes the lack of sufficient attention to social science. Edley’s report will be adopted by resolutions in the House and the Senate. The report is available at http://www.house.gov/science/science_policy_report.htm.

January 15 Deadline

NSF Sociology Program Welcomes Submissions

The Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) welcomes the submission of quality proposals for the Spring 2001 review cycle. The Program supports research on problems of human social organization, society, population, demography and processes of individual and institutional change. In addition, theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes are encouraged. Included in this research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. In assessing the intrinsic merit of a proposed piece of research, four components are key to securing support from the Sociology Program: (1) The issues investigated must be theoretically grounded. (2) The research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation. (3) The research design must be appropriate to the questions asked. (4) The proposed research must advance our understanding of social processes of social structures.

Proposal Submission Target Dates

Regular proposals: January 15 and August 15

Deadline for proposals: February 15 and October 15

Program Address


If you have any comments or suggestions, please e-mail to Jerry Matzke at jmatzke@nsf.gov.

March 1, 1999 Deadline

Enhancing Infrastructure for the Social and Behavioral Sciences: NSF Call for Proposals

The Director for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) of the National Science Foundation expects to issue a call for proposals to increase and improve infrastructure in the social and behavioral sciences. Projects of scientific significance that involve large-scale data gathering, data base construction from records or collections, or the development of archival systems are expected to be within the scope of this initiative. Also this Special Focus area will invite proposals for center programs that facilitate cross-orientation of research (either centers in one or more virtually organized) and web-based initiatives that foster research and collaboration. At Foundation press time, the announcement had not yet been issued, but was expected to be released shortly. Questions may be directed to William Rota, Director, Division of Social, Behavioral and Economic Research (wrotah@nsf.gov) or Maryl Yarrow, Deputy Director (maryl@nsf.gov). Where the announcement will be available electronically at the NSF web site (http://www.nsf.gov/).
The ASA Honors Program Engaging Students at the Annual Meeting 26 Years and Running

The ASA Honors Program is currently accepting applications for its 26th annual gathering, to be held at the 1999 ASA Annual Meetings in Chicago, IL, from August 5-10. The Honors Program allows talented undergraduate and graduate students to attend the Annual Meeting as a learning laboratory where they have the opportunity to attend both general sessions and those crafted especially for students. Participants in the program often remark that it is an excellent way to provide a mechanism to integrate students with other sociologists at early stages in their careers. A 1998 Honors Program participant, Mary Neill Trautner, Southwestm University, felt the experience helped her and the other students in the program acquire a sense of place at the meetings. She reflected that "it gave us some kind of perspective. There were so many thousands of people there... We were able to recognize each other very easily. You could find your people, your colleagues, your friends from other departments." This sense of place and recognition worked to make the student more comfortable when speaking from prospective graduate departments: "I think that some people may have taken me more seriously because of my involvement with the Program."

All applications submitted in the 1999 Call for Papers (available via the homepage at www.annualmeeting.org) are open to all students currently enrolled in any program of study. There is no restriction on the number of papers written by students. All students who wish to come to the meeting and attend the program in any way are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by February 1, 1999.

New ASA Student Forum Promotes Future Sociologists

ASA Council extended its commitment to student members by approving the creation of a Student Forum at the 1998 ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The purpose of the Forum is to engage and encourage more students into the discipline and the life of the Association. To that end, student programs of other social science associations, this innovation offers students a more formalized place within ASA. It seeks to:

* strengthen students’ connection to their profession and their national professional association;
* serve as a vehicle to solicit input from students and to communicate directly to students on a variety of topics pertinent to sociology;
* widen the service and involvement of all students.

All students who join ASA as student members and later become members of the Student Forum, receive the mailings, and have access to the programming. The Forum will include undergraduate and graduate students. No additional dues assessment is planned.

In approving the Forum, the Council indicated that an annual budget will be provided, starting in 1999. The officers will prepare an annual budget proposal and work with that budget each year. Also, the Forum can make proposals to the Program Committee. Five such student sessions are planned for the 1999 Annual Meeting and will appear in the Call for Papers.

The first set of officers is as follows: Chair: Patrick Mc Carty, University of Missouri-Columbia; Chair-elect: Lisa Grason, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale; Advisory Board: Alex Gruhn, University of Toronto; Alexandra Martin, University of Toronto; Katherine Clegg, University of Nottingham; Diane Kessel, SUNY-Buffalo; Lisa Dobransky, Case Western Reserve; Benjamin Bogle, Oxford University.

ASA Welcomes Students to the 1999 Annual Meeting

The ASA welcomes the full participation of undergraduate and graduate students at the Annual Meeting. In addition to the ASA Honors Program, students can participate in the Annual Meeting by submitting papers to any sessions in the Call for Papers as well as one of four special Student Sessions. The Student Sessions are listed on pages 18-19 in the 1999 Call for Papers, now the New Student Forum will coordinate many of the student events and will identify sessions topics and organizers for future years. The ASA always provides a Student Hospitality Room with coffee each morning. All students are invited to the Student Reception in honor of the fourth year. The fourth year, ASA will sponsor a poster session on graduate programs in sociology to acquaint students and their advisers with the special offerings at departments around the country.

Advisers, please encourage your students to participate in the Annual Meeting! Students, please join us in the many activities at the Annual Meeting that will make for a richer experience on the sociological enterprise!

December 31 Deadline

Applications for Minority Fellowship Program Invited

The Minority Affairs Program announces its competition for the predoctoral fellowship training program for the 1999-2000 academic year. The MFP fellowship is intended primarily for minority students committed to mental health issues and research. This program is funded by a research training grant to the ASA from the Division of Epidemiology and Services Research Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Societal problems on mental health and mental illness is of great concern to many communities within the United States. The fellowship is intended for minority students and includes research training in the area of mental health and mental illness.

In addition to the NIMH supported fellowships, one or two non-minority mental health fellowships are funded by contributions made by ASA members and officers and regional associations. These fellowships do not stipulate a specific area of focus.

The fellowship is non-tenure, one-month fellowships paid by the Office of Minority Affairs. The fellowship provides for a total of $12,400 for the period of the fellowship.

The deadline for applications is December 31, 1998. In addition to the following information, contact the American Sociological Association's Minority Affairs Program, 7222 N. Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-3410, ext. 322; fax (202)785-0145, e-mail: minorityaffairs@asu.org.
Like Phoenix from the Ashes: Cuban Sociology is Back

by Alejandro Portes

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Cuban sociology is staving a remarkable comeback. After being suppressed for many years and eliminated from university curricula, it was reinstated again in the early nineties as the ideological certainties of the past gave way to a much more challenging world. When Cuba was firmly Marxist-Leninist and a staunch ally of the Soviet Union, there was little need for empirical social science since solutions to problems and questions could be deduced from theory. With the collapse of the Communist bloc, the old doctrinaire vestiges lost much of their power and the revolutionary leadership decided to allow Sociology and its practitioners to come back from the shadows. As is the case with everything conducted in Cuba before the discipline fell into disfavor there was quite some skeptical of some of the recent claims by Castro and other leaders concerning achievement of revolutionairy goals in the field of agriculture. The predictions of the study turned out to be right and this was not forgotten in the new and more critical climate.

Unfortunately, the early nineties also marked the “Special Period” in the Cuban economy in which the falling of Soviet subsidies coincided with the tightening of the U.S. trade embargo, approved by the United States Congress after extensive lobbying by Miami exile organizations. As a result, the Cuban national product plummeted, losing a third of its value between 1989 and 1992. Sociology was re-born under these inauspicious circumstances, as a result of the state-provided infrastructure for teaching and research was quite inexcusable. Still, the reborn discipline came back with some generating features. Most important among these is its strong engagement with the economic and social problems that are really central in the country. The Cuban sociologist has then in a very direct way the duty to bring theory to bear on social problems on the basis of empirical research. In certain areas and within the constraints of a still-authoritarian regime, they have started producing a valuable literature. This new sociological production includes studies of unemployment and the informal economy, the class structure of Cuban society, gender inequalities, youth alienation and drug epidemics of dangerous proportion.

Unquestionably, the social scientific quality of their research has been low in comparison to the level of specialization, professionalism, quality and in some cases the amount of money that is spent on social science research in other countries. But that space seems to be getting larger and the quality of the production of sociologists is getting better. This is also a result of the fact that, when interpreted within the limitations under which they are produced, yield valuable information about Cuban society. (I include some representative titles at the end.)

These studies are mostly ethnographic or published abroad. Given the present econo-
mic conditions, it would be unrealistic to try to start a national sociological journal. For this reason, even the best studies seldom circulate between narrow local circles and are generally unknown abroad.

During a recent visit to the island, I met with Cuban sociologists to discuss the state of the discipline and the new ways to improve it. There appear to be at present three main interests: dedicated to research teaching: the departments of Sociology of the University of Havana and University of Oriente, Instituto de Estudios Sociológicos y Psicológicos and Psychological Research of the Ministry of Science. In addition, the Center for Demo-
graphic Studies of the University of Havana is conducting an active program of research on population issues. Finally, the Latin American Society of Sociological Science (FLACSO) has a program at the University of Havana under the direction of sociologist Elena Diaz.

The University of Havana offers a Master’s degree in Sociology. Doctorsate in Sociology are awarded by the National Commission on Scientific Degrees upon presentation and evaluation of a thesis. Bachelor of the Commission is currently chaired by Horacio Jorge Hernandez. Degree reflects the current conditions and the current economic difficulties, the number of young sociologists is growing. During our meeting, several Cuban colleagues described vividly the difficulties of practicing their profession. Predictably, the dearth of up-to-date literature and of computing equipment were paramount. Being familiar with the Cuban theoretical orientation of Latin American sociology, I was impressed by keen determination of young sociologists to grow. Our discussion turned out to be right and this was not forgotten in the new and more critical climate.

Seven in One Go!

by David J. Pratt

University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Publishing scholarly books, be they research monographs, textbooks, books of essays, even workbooks, is not uncommon in academia. What is unusual is an event happening at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro: Sociology Department. This department has three tenured faculty members consisting of three professors, four associate professors, and six assistant professors. It is a department which offers BA and MA degrees. In the Fall of 1998, the department will begin to offer a concentration in criminology as part of their sociology degrees at both the BA and MA levels. It is the first of a Ph.D and it generally sponsors about a half dozen graduate assistants each year. Nevertheless, beginning in the summer of 1997 and going through the fall of 1998 this department will produce seven books by the faculty. A quick perusal of other departments and other sociology departments reveals that seven books in a seven or eight year period, by departments which grant the Ph.D is close to the norm. There is great variety in the books ranging from research monographs based on qualitative data to quantitative research methods books. Collectively they present a rich mix of sociological theory methods, and substance that constitute both student learning and to the progression of the sociological enterprise. A brief description of the books follows:

Raymond Waterfall (associate professor) in author of Shifting the Blame. How Victimization Begets a Criminal Defense, Rutgers University Press, 1998. This monograph examines the new approach used recently by attorneys to defend wives who have killed their abusive husbands. This is not sensationalism. It is a careful examination of the development and social contexts of this emerging defensive strategy.

Daniel J. Mitchell (assistant professor) is co-author with Bert A. Goldman and Frank E. Egeland of Volume 7 of the Directory of Urban Laboratory (DUL) Experimental Mental Measurements, American Psychological Association, 1997. Millicent and Goldmans are the series editors of these volumes. In the introduction to the DUL volume of Volume 7 the authors define their work as focusing "on the use and interpretation of research on this is to enable researchers to determine what types of noncommercial experiment test instruments are currently in use."

William T. Markham (professor) is author of a reprinted edition of Social in Social Research, Kendall Hunt, 1995. An indispensable research book for anyone looking for a research methods book for introducing graduate students to social research. It was written in part because, "Today's students are technology-generation, public and computers, and therefore we must teach ourselves to blame when they choose computer programs, and to instruct graduates to conduct research that sociologists could do better."

Paul Lantke (associate professor) is author of A New Vision of Social Change, University of North Carolina Press, 1998. This book describes the two major forces in the political economy of North Carolina and other southern states in the last two decades of the 20th century. It examines the roots of the Traditionalists and Modernizers conflict between working people who historically has been guided by traditions and popular culture.

Arturo Freidman (assistant professor) is author of Opposing Forces: Immigrants and the Labor Market, State University Press, 1998. This book examines the political implications of the white commu-

Kenneth D. Allen (associate professor) is author of the book The Editors of The Sociological Perspectives Critical of the Twenty-First Century, Greenwood Press, 1998. This theory book is an attempt to bring culture back into modern manifestations of sociological theory. It is also an attempt to bring theory into culture. The book provides an agenda for both a student and a professional agenda for the theory as we move into the next millennium.

Rebecca C. Lame (associate professor) is co-editor of The Editors of The Sociological Perspectives Critical of the Twenty-First Century, Greenwood Press, 1998. These volumes are the first focus of research on friendship as a specialty within sociology. The authors have brought together a series of articles by cutting edge scholars in this field in an attempt to add more to the continuing research on friendship research by establishing the boundaries and subfields of the specialty.
Sociology Holds Its Own in Climate of Retrenchment and Restructuring

While many graduate departments across disciplines are facing retrenchment and restructuring, this is not the case in sociology. In this chilly climate, graduate departments of sociology not only appear to be holding their own but are experiencing full-time faculty growth, despite widespread use of adjunct faculty, according to newly available data from the 1998 Survey of Graduate Departments of Sociology.

Three measures of retrenchment and restructuring are used in this analysis. The first is a measure of growth or decline in full-time faculty in graduate sociology departments. The second is a measure of the use of part-time or adjunct faculty. The third is a measure of whether departments experiencing decline in full-time faculty are witnessing their replacement by part-time or adjunct faculty.

**Department Growth Rather than Retrenchment**

Table 1 shows a sizable increase in graduate departments that experienced faculty growth and a dramatic decrease in those that experienced faculty decline. The largest group of graduate departments in each academic year remained in a steady state, suggesting a lack of retrenchment. Faculty growth is defined as when the number of full-time faculty hired was more than the number of faculty that departed in the previous academic year. Faculty decline is defined as when fewer full-time faculty were hired than faculty that departed in the prior academic year. Steady state is defined as when the number of full-time faculty stayed the same.

To illustrate, faculty departments that lost a faculty member may well be able to hire. Based on this measure, findings from the 1998 survey are contrasted with those from the 1995 Survey of Graduate Departments using information for the 135 departments that reported in both years. This file was created in order to control for fluctuations in departmental reporting and measure true change.

The data show that:

- The share of departments that experienced growth in full-time faculty during the academic year prior to the survey increased by seven percentage points. In 1994-95, 23 percent (or 29 departments) of the departments reported an increase in their faculty during the prior year. By 1997-98, 30 percent (or 36 of these) same department reported such growth.

- In 1994-95 more than one-third of departments (46 departments) reported losing faculty in the prior academic year. In contrast, in 1997-98, the share of departments reporting a loss of faculty in the prior year decreased by 16 percentage points to only one out of five (27 departments). The usual reason for departures was assistant professors leaving because they did not get tenure or full professors leaving due to retirement.

- The percentage point increase in departments that experienced growth was not substantially different in MA/MS-only departments and in PhD-granting departments. In contrast, the percentage point decrease was substantially higher in MA/MS-only departments compared to PhD-granting departments (22 percentage points compared to 13 percentage points). In both years, the largest share of MA/MS and PhD-granting departments reported a steady state of affairs, suggesting the general lack of retrenchment in graduate sociology departments.

- MA/MS-only departments were more likely to hire new faculty at the assistant professor rank only while PhD-granting departments were somewhat more likely to hire full professors and associate professors. Fully 94 percent of new hires were in MA/MS departments were assistant professors in contrast to only 88 percent of full faculty hired in PhD-granting departments (data not shown).

**Use of Part-time and Adjunct Faculty Widely Dispersed**

A new set of questions concerning the use of part-time and adjunct faculty were added to the 1998 Survey of Graduate Departments. For this analysis we used all 358 responding departments. (This number represents a 1 percent response rate.) The data from these questions show that:

- Employment of adjunct faculty is a widespread practice among reporting graduate degree-granting sociology departments. Eight out of 10 of reporting departments reported using adjunct faculty or employing adjunct faculty in the prior academic year. About 78 percent of these departments employed adjunct faculty, but here again the differences were not dramatic.

- The departments least likely to use adjunct faculty were steady state departments, while departments that had hires and departures of full-time faculty balanced out or there were neither hires nor departures during the prior year. About 7 percent of these departments employed adjunct faculty, but here again the differences were not dramatic.

In the current climate of retrenchment and restructuring across the disciplines, graduate departments of sociology appear to either be experiencing growth in full-time faculty positions, or holding steady. While there is widespread use of part-time or adjunct faculty, these positions do not appear to be at the direct expense of full-time tenure-track positions. No significant difference was found between “growth” departments and “decline” departments in their use.

**Footnotes**


**Table 1**: Percent of Departments Experiencing Types of Faculty Growth by Department Type: 1994-95 and 1997-98

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**Note**: All percentages are calculated based on the number of departments that responded to the survey.


**"It's In the ASR..."**

Cars, Carpets, and Transports

by Glenn Findley, ASR Editor
Pennsylvania State University

Would you prefer to buy a used car from a friend or from a car dealer? Based on data from the 1996 General Social Survey, economists — the first study of its kind — find that about 25% of all used car purchases are made through dealerships, with 75% made through private sales.

The model predicts that individuals are more likely to purchase a car from a dealer if they are less concerned about the cost, have higher incomes, and are more likely to purchase a car for personal use. The study also suggests that individuals who are more likely to purchase a car from a dealer are more likely to have a higher credit score and a better credit history.

The model also predicts that individuals who purchase a car from a dealer are more likely to have a longer term lease or loan, and are less likely to have a longer term insurance policy. The study also suggests that individuals who purchase a car from a dealer are more likely to have a higher credit score and a better credit history.

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Datasets for Exploring Aspects of Disability

by Eric L. Lang
Sociometrics Corporation

Social science research and policy regarding disability will depend increasingly on the availability and usability of relevant, high quality, existing datasets. The purpose of the Research Archive on Disability in the U.S. (RAD) effort, funded by the NSF, is to conduct an analysis of, outstanding data and documentation on the prevalence, correlates, and consequences of disability in the U.S. All archived studies have undergone substantial file processing and improvements by RAD staff, such as merging related data files and enhancing variable-level and study-level documentation to facilitate their use by social scientists, health researchers, policy-makers, educators, and students. Studies were selected with the help of a Advisory Panel of experts using scientific criteria of technical quality, utility, policy relevance, and potential for secondary data analysis. Five sets of data and three kinds of machine readable materials: (1) technically and substantially outstanding datasets (raw data, SPSS and SAS statistical program command files, and documentation); (2) original measurement instruments, and questionnaires (corresponding to the archived datasets); and (3) search and retrieval and extract software to facilitate retrieval of user-defined portions of the datasets and measurement instruments.

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RADUS Databases
- "1984-1985 National Health Interview Survey on Disability (Phase I and Phase II)"

Original Measurement Instruments
RADUS also contains a collection of original measurement instruments corresponding to the archived datasets. The archive so far is an archive user who has identified a set of variables for further inspection, immediately view the page of the original questionnaire/instrument containing the corresponding question as asked of respondents. Printed User's Guides for all studies, and supplementary documentation for some studies, are available as well.

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3 Address correspondence to Eric L. Lang, Sociometrics Corporation, 178 State Street, Suite 360, Los Alamos, CA 98210, or send email to eric@socio.com. RADUS is available through the Web at http://www.seeo.com.

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This award honors outstanding contributions to sociological practice. The award may recognize work that has facilitated served as a model for the work of others, work that has significantly advanced the utility of a methodology or more specialty areas in sociology and, by doing so, has elevated the professional status or public image of the field as a whole, or work that has been honored or widely recognized outside the discipline for its significant impacts particularly in advancing human welfare. The recipient of this award will be honored at least a decade of full-time work involving research, administrative, or operational responsibilities as a member of or consultant to private or public organizations, agencies, governmental, or as a paid practitioner. Nominations should include a one-to-two page statement and the vita of the nominee and be submitted to: Richard G. Harris, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 1151 15th St. NE, Washington, DC 20005-0645. e-mail: richard.harris@woodrow.org (609) 452-7007. The deadline is January 15, 1999.

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This award honors scholars who have shown outstanding commitment to the profession of sociology and whose cumulative work has contributed in important ways to the advancement of the discipline. The body of lifetime work may include theoretical and/or methodological contributions. The committee is particularly interested in work that substantially reconstructs the field in general or in a particular subfield. Nominations should include a copy of the nominee's curriculum vita and letters in support of the nomination. The most complete nominations contain five to eight letters from a variety of individuals able to speak to the qualifications of the nominees. Several of the members of the committee must be people making the nomination and forwarding the nomination, as well as evaluating the nominee's vita, as a package. Nominations remain under active consideration for five years from date of receipt. Members of the Association and other interested parties may submit nominations to: Robert Davis, Department of Sociology, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1530 East Campus Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. E-mail: robertdavis@socio.com, (805) 560-5271. The deadline is January 15, 1999. Late arriving nominations will not be considered. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting for the following award year.
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- Dissertation Award: Lawrence J. Wade, University of Western Ontario, for "Status and Distance Among Husbands and Wives"

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Claire M. Lavin and Kenneth J. Doka (1999, 160 pages)
List price (cloth): $32.00 ... Price to ASA Members: $22.20
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Awards

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Policy and Practice

Fernando Hidribique Cardoso, the incom-
parable Bengali social scientist, was re-
elected to a majority vote, the first Indian
Parliamentary ever to be re-elected in a
democratic election.

Cedric Hering, University of Illinois at
Chicago, is currently working with the
City of Omaha, to understand the im-
pact of the recently established public
safety officers (line and police) on com-
nomically economic development, "social
distance" and public safety, costs, main-
tenance of the city's population base, and
costs. He is working on a project with the
Chief Justice of the State of Nebraska, Bob
Denny, to provide training to judges in order to help
resolve cases in the court.

Penelope Hoekstra, Northeastern Uni-
versity, will be working in the State House
in Boston for the full semesters of 1998.
She was appointed by State Senator Morris
White to be the chief of the Senator's Legis-

tative Program. She will be learning political science and working from state
representatives.

Joyce Miller Iasich, President of Key-
stone College, has announced that she has
worked with the Pennsylvania De-
partment of Welfare for the past 10 years,
in the design, administration, and eval-
uation of the state's training programs for
caregivers.

In 1997 she completed an assessment of the training and evaluated the relationship
between training, organizational climate of centers, and the quality of clients.
Based on the final report, “Inventing in Our Children’s Future: The Path to Qual-
ity Child Care through the Pennsylvania Child Care Early Childhood Develop-
ment Training System,” a number of programs for child care professionals were
initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

In 1999, she was appointed by Governor Ed Rendell to head the DHMRP’s (Pa-


diatricians Children’s Day Care) regard-
ings training needs and various state regu-
lations. It is expected that this initiative
will continue to be an important element in providing input and dollars to the projec-
to, and therefore expected to evolve into a renewed development system for
children’s caregivers.

Deaths

John Wardwell died September 30, 1989

Obituaries

Robert Birstedt

(1932-1999)

Robert Birstedt was born on March 14, 1932, in
Chicago, Illinois. He is the son of Norwegian
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Birstedt. He
became a U.S. citizen in 1954. He attended
the University of Chicago, where he received
a B.A. in 1954 and an M.A. in 1956. He was
looking for a job in the city of Chicago, but
he was unable to find one. He then went to
the University of Wisconsin, where he
received an M.A. in 1958 and a Ph.D. in 1960.

He taught at the University of Chicago from
1960 to 1966, where he was a member of the
faculty. He then taught at the University of
California, Berkeley, from 1966 to 1970, where
he was a professor. He then went to the Uni-
college, where he was a professor.

He was a member of the American Academy of
Political and Social Sciences and the Ameri-
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medicine was affected by international forces, with contract labor in the agricultural and mining industries used by black physicians in obtaining hospital appointments. Finally, in The Times, for example, the editor in chief, Dr. Peter Craven, wrote an article in which he said that the health care system was affected by the economic crisis in the United States, and that the medicine was in a state of disarray.

Quadrado added an item to his agenda. He had received a request from the Tri-State Council for the Association to take action in the case of a member who was being charged with proposing non-compliance limits on data collection in the state of New York.

Quadrado summarized a low of the year at the Annual Meeting. With a goal of 1,200 attendees, he reported that the conference was a success. The plenary sessions were well attended, and the quality of the presentations throughout the meeting was substantial, including the keynote address, "The Science of Victory," which was delivered by Charles Ogden on the "Science of Victory" in the field. In addition, the conference included a scientific program, a poster presentation, and an awards dinner.

A report of the President-elect

President-elect Portnoy noted that his team had been working on the following initiatives during the last year:

- A series of webinars on minority recruitment and retention
- A series of workshops and seminars on diversity and inclusion
- A series of events to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Association

Portnoy thanked the Association for its support and continued his work on these initiatives.

6. Update on the Executive of the Federal Buildings and Facilities

Levine announced that the Association had been awarded a contract at 1722 Union Street, NW, for the design of a new building. The new building would provide additional space for the Association's staff and members. Levine emphasized the importance of this project for the future of the Association and its mission.


Sullivan noted that the idea of a new Association journal was first raised during the Board of Governors' meeting in 1998. He described the history of the proposed new journal, which has been in development for several years.

Section B: Financial Statements

Sullivan reviewed the Association's financial statements, which included the statement of income and expenses for the year ending December 31, 1997. The financial statements showed a significant increase in revenue and a decrease in expenses. Sullivan expressed confidence in the Association's financial health and its ability to continue to invest in its mission.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.
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