Greetings from ASA President Randall Collins

Dear Colleagues,

The theme for the ASA meeting this year is “Social Conflict: Multiple Dimensions and Arenas.” The topic of social conflict is distinctive to sociology (and largely ignored by most other social sciences), along with our related concerns with inequality, action, and social change. The Program Committee has put together a menu to represent the best of the intellectual action, as well as the real-world dramas of social conflict.

One of our three plenary sessions (Monday, August 22) will be devoted to “Fifty Years of Advances in Social Movement Research.” Social movements has been the major area for studying how collective conflict (aka, contentious politics) is organized, mobilized, interpreted, and won and lost. It is one of the success stories of contemporary sociology and one of sociology’s best examples of integrating theory and research. Leading researchers from several generations will discuss what has been accomplished.

Another Plenary session (Saturday, August 20), organized by Elizabeth Bernstein, Columbia University, will survey the politics of sexualities. Sexual revolutions of one kind or another have been going on for over 40 years, together with their counter-mobilizations, making sexual politics a major site of contention, today—the age of Obama—as well as in what preceded and what will follow.

Major thematic sessions will include the collapse of the USSR 20 years later—the major geopolitical break in most of our lifetimes. Another special session will view the Middle-East revolts and revolutions of 2011. (The years 1989-91, and 2011 have shown a pattern of chain-linked revolts, whose mechanisms are just beginning to be studied.) Another panel will address the future of capitalism: taking this as a real question, how far will capitalism survive in the long run and what will its medium run conflicts be? There will be a session providing an overview of the intellectual career of Immanuel Wallerstein, especially appropriate in light of the upcoming publication of volume 4 of The Modern World-System. Another session will be devoted to comparative mafias and other forms of organized crime. (No, we did not create this just for Las Vegas, but it doesn’t hurt.)

As you know, the shift in our meeting site from Chicago to Las Vegas was the result of a conflict—an unsettled labor union action against Chicago hotels, that many ASA members felt was important to honor. In spite of the move from Chicago, we have preserved most of the work of Steve Warner’s local arrangements committee. In effect we are running a series of “Chicago in Las Vegas” sessions, including a panel on the Grant Park riot of 1968, with participation from some of the original Chicago Seven. On the Las Vegas side, Dmitri Shalin and a fast-moving new local arrangements committee have produced a series of sessions of this archetypal city of the new bubble economy, including its nation-leading collapse of the housing market. Another session, planned by Elijah Anderson (Yale University) and others, honors the Chicago tradition of ethnographies; this will take place in Vegas as a series of linked sessions or “mini-conference” including the politics of representation in field research, and the new frontier of visual ethnography.

There will be an opening Plenary on Friday evening August 19. This had originally been planned as a lead-in to the Chicago theme (Chicago as the birthplace and an ongoing leader of American sociology). Now it will lead off the Las Vegas meeting, with the panel organized by Andrew Abbott (University of Chicago), comparing the major schools of sociology whose innovations and rivalries have moved us through where we are today.

And of course a lot more. This ASA meeting has all the makings of a great intellectual event. I urge you to come early and stay for as many sessions as you can. Vegas is scorching hot in August, but we’ll be indoors and air conditioned. If you go outside, you will be in the strangest city in America. This should be a meeting worthy of being a sociologist, in every dimension of our interesting lives.

Randall Collins
ASA President
Chair, 2011 Program Committee
University of Pennsylvania
ASA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address
Sunday, August 21, 4:30-6:15 PM
President: David Snow, University of California-Irvine
ASA members will celebrate the presentation of the nine major ASA awards to colleagues who have done outstanding sociological work.

Moment of Remembrance
In Remembrance
At the beginning of the Presidential Plenary, there will be a “Moment of Silence” to remember those members of the profession who died in the past year. Names submitted to Footnotes since last year’s Annual Meeting will be listed in the Final Program. If you know of names that should be on this list but may not have been sent to ASA, contact ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005, x305; meetings@asanet.org) before June 1.

Award Ceremony
President: Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago
2011 Dissertation Award
2011 Jessie Bernard Award
2011 Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award
2011 Award for Public Understanding of Sociology
2011 Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues
2011 Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology
2011 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award
2011 Distinguished Book Award
2011 W.E.B. DuBois Award for Distinguished Scholarship

Presidential Address
President Address. Randall Collins, University of Pennsylvania
All attendees are invited to this plenary session and to the Honorary Reception afterward to honor President Collins and the 2011 award recipients.

ASA Business Meeting
The ASA Business Meeting is an opportunity for members of the Association to discuss important issues facing the discipline and profession. All meeting attendees are invited to join ASA officers, Council members, and Executive Office staff for continental breakfast and discussion at the ASA Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 7:00-8:15 AM.

Members seeking to present formal resolutions should be prepared to provide background materials on the issue to be discussed. Contact governance staff at the ASA Executive Office for guidelines (202-383-9005 x327; governance@asanet.org). The deadline for submission of resolutions and background materials is July 11, 2011.

20th Annual Research Support Forum
ASA is pleased to announce the 20th Annual Research Support Forum featuring special sessions and workshops on research funding, data resources, and discussion of important science policy issues. Look for the following sessions to navigate your way through this year’s program and focus on researchers and research issues.
- Special Session: ASA Science Policy Session
- Research Funding Opportunities and Data Resources
- Special Session: NRC Rankings Report
- Workshop: Ethical Challenges to Health and Educational Research on Children
- Workshop: How You Can Link Qualitative and Census Data
- Public Sociology and the Challenges of Studying Controversial Topics

A Marketplace of Ideas
The heart of the Annual Meeting is the exchange of scholarly ideas in sessions of all types and formats. Enjoy a sampling of the sociological work being done by the “best and the brightest.” The 2011 Program Committee crafted a set of topics to which colleagues from around the world submitted papers and roundtable proposals. Now this work comes to the Annual Meeting stage.

Regular Sessions feature research papers submitted in response to the 2011 Call for Papers. These papers cover the spectrum of sociological inquiry and are organized into approximately 200 sessions.

Open Refereed Roundtables feature two to four paper presentations at each table, with a table presider to coordinate presentations and discussion. Three large general roundtable sessions were created on a variety of themes.

Informal Discussion Roundtables bring together small groups of people interested in discussing specific topics. One informal discussion session has been organized to enhance scholarly networking and exchange of emerging ideas.

Poster Sessions allow meeting attendees to see visually the results of sociological research and engage in face-to-face conversation with authors. In addition to the Research Posters, there are specialized “informational” posters on Research Funding Support and Data Resources, plus a Graduate Programs in Sociology resource area. All three poster areas are open throughout the meeting.

ASA Special Events at a Glance
Friday, August 19
9:00 AM Chair Conference on Social Conflict in Higher Education: Critical Implications and Effective Responses for Departments of Sociology*
9:00 AM Course on Service-Learning: Engaging Students and Community in Sociology and Social Change*
10:00 AM Course on Working With Fuzzy Sets*
1:30 PM Directors of Graduate Studies Conference: A Year in the Life of a DGS: Exploring Ways to Establish Effective Processes and Handle the Inevitable Conflicts*
7:00 PM Opening Plenary on Walking the Walk and Talking the Talk: Working in Sociological Traditions
9:00 PM Welcoming Reception

Saturday, August 20
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Orientation for First-time Meeting Attendees
12:30 PM Plenary on the Changing Landscape of Sexual Politics (in the Age of Obama)
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
2:30 PM Graduate Programs in Sociology Poster Session
4:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
6:30 PM Student Reception
6:30 PM Reception for Scholars with International Research & Teaching Interests
6:30 PM Section Receptions
9:30 PM Departmental Alumni Night (DAN)

Sunday, August 21
7:00 AM Community College Faculty Bagel Breakfast
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Special Science Policy Session
12:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
1:00 PM Funding Opportunities and Data Resources Poster Session
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
4:30 PM ASA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address
6:30 PM Honorary Reception
8:00 PM Activities of Other Groups
9:30 PM Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) Benefit Reception*

Monday, August 22
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
12:30 PM Plenary on Fifty Years of Advances in Social Movement Research
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
4:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
6:30 PM Section Receptions
9:30 PM Just Desserts: A Carla B. Howery Teaching Enhancement Grant Program Benefit Reception*

Tuesday, August 23
7:00 AM ASA Business Meeting
8:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
10:30 AM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
12:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
2:30 PM Concurrent program sessions and committee meetings
*preregistration and fee payment required
Presidential Panels

Another feature of this year’s program is the designation of three special “president’s-choice” panels. Topics selected by ASA President Randall Collins explore aspects of the meeting theme in greater depth or focus on issues of special interest to the president.

The Collapse of the Soviet Union: Twenty Years Later

Saturday, August 20, 10:30 AM – 12:10 PM
Organizer and President: Michael Burawoy, University of California-Berkeley
Panel: Stephen Kotkin, Princeton University
Georgi M. Derluguian, Northwestern University
Nancy Ries, Colgate University
Theodore P. Gerber, University of Wisconsin-Madison

It is exactly 20 years since Boris Yeltsin dramatically climbed onto the tank that pre- figured the collapse of the Soviet Union by the end of 1991. How did this mighty empire collapse with hardly a whimper? What has happened to post-Soviet Russia over the last 20 years? These two questions are addressed by four scholars—a historian, an anthropologist, and two sociologists—who have devoted their lives to unraveling the mysteries of the most fateful event of the late 20th century.

Comparative Mafias

Saturday, August 21, 10:30 AM – 12:10 PM
Organizer and President: Georgi M. Derluguian, Northwestern University
Panel: Marco Santoro, University of Bologna
Andrew V. Papachristos, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Robert Brenneman, University of Notre Dame
Georgi M. Derluguian, Northwestern University
Vadim Volkov, European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Discussant: Randall Collins, University of Pennsylvania

The Future of Capitalism

Monday, August 22, 10:30 AM – 12:10 PM
Organizer and President: Georgi M. Derluguian, Northwestern University
Panel: Randall Collins, University of Pennsylvania
Craig Calhoun, Social Science Research Council
Immanuel Wallerstein, Yale University

Discussant: Georgi M. Derluguian, Northwestern University

Thematic Sessions

Thematic Sessions provide abundant opportunities to think in-depth about this year’s meeting theme, “Social Conflict: Multiple Dimensions and Arenas.” Sixty-two sessions delve into important social and political issues, explore international and interdisciplinary viewpoints, and speculate on different visions of future possibilities, including:

- Adjustment and Reintegration of Combat Veterans
- Assessing the Work of Immanuel Wallerstein
- Biosocial and Sociocultural Perspectives on Violence
- Bread and Roses: Dignity and Respect as a Dimension of Labor and Working Class Struggles
- Bullying, Harassment, and School Violence
- Conflict and Coalition Building in the Globalization Movement
- Conflict and Cooperation in Social Networks
- Conflict at Work
- Conflict over Disciplinary Boundaries: Interdisciplinarity, Sociology and Its Neighbors
- Conflict, Bargaining, and Pay: The Sociology of Earnings Inequality
- Conflict, Citizenship, and Development in Latin America
- Conflict, Controversy, and Science
- Conflicted Nations in the Middle East
- Conflicting Epistemologies: What Counts as Knowledge
- Conflicting Views on Childhood Gender Non-Conformity
- Conflicting Visions of the American Family
- Conflicts in Medicine: Individual vs. Institutional Actors
- Confronting the Emissions Reduction Problem in Global Warming
- Constructing Who Belongs: The Intersection of Racial Identity, Racism and Citizenship
- Courts in Conflict Resolution
- Crisis and Conflict in American Housing
- Drug Trafficking, Cartels, and Drugs and their Socioeconomic Impact within and across Borders
- Economic Utopias and Dystopias: Possible Trajectories from the Financial Crisis
- Engaging War: Sociologists Confront National Conflict
- Field Research and the Politics of Representation
- Gender and Human Security
- Gender Disparities in Careers across the Occupational Hierarchy
- Human/Animal Conflict: Sociological Considerations
- Immigrants, Minorities, and National Identity
- Indigenous Colonial Conflicts/Indigenous Identities
- Informal Economy of Urban Violence
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Is a Sociology of War Feasible and/or Desirable?
- Learning from Intractable Social Conflict
- Legacies of 1886: US Class Formation and Class Conflict in Historical Perspective
- Money as Conflict: Special Monies, Generalized Currencies and the Struggle for Financial Power
- Myths of 9/11
- Nation-building and Peace Building in Post-Conflict Africa: Gender and Justice
- New Immigrants and Blacks
- New Social Conservativisms: From Familiar Values to the Tea Parties
- New Technologies of Protest and Political Mobilization
- Pinking Latin American Politics: Feminism and the Left
- Political Conflicts over Same-sex Marriage
- Race and Race Relations in Mass Incarceration
- Race, Class, Gender and Religion
- Race, Class, Gender and Sexual Violence
- Scandal
- Sex, Secularism and Religion
- Studying Failure: When Interaction Goes Wrong
- Terrorism and Countering Terrorism: Micro and Macro-Level Dynamics
- The Cultural War and Red/Blue Divide: Re-examining the Debate Demographically and Behaviorally
- The Future of Academia: Political Conflict
- The Great Decline in Global Conflict since the End of the Cold War
- The Middle Class at the Bottom: How the Recession Harmed Average Americans
- The New Surveillance: Capillaries of Colonization in Contemporary Research
- The Politics of Punitiveness: Race, Class, and Partisanship
- The Politics of Technology: Towards a Conflict Theory of Technological Emergence and Change
- Towards a New Racial Studies
- Tug of War: Men’s Violence and Women’s Empowerment
- Understanding American Race Riots
- Violence in Sports
- Work-Family Conflict as a Public Issue
Special Sessions
The category of “Special Sessions” often encompasses member suggestions for invited panels as well as allows the Program Committee to co-sponsor sessions with sister societies. These sessions may be on topics that further investigate the meeting theme or they may focus on other timely and interesting issues. Here is just a sampling from this year’s roster of Special Sessions:

- Achievement Gap Research for the 21st Century
- AKD Distinguished Lecture
- ASA Science Policy Session (part of the Research Support Forum)
- Challenging toward Utopia: Education Reform in the Contemporary United States
- Climate Change: Reconfiguring Global Authority, Resources, Ideas, and Bodies
- Cognitive Science and Methodological Practice in Sociology: Implications, Challenges and Prospects
- Conflicting Notions of Personhood: Theoretical Implications
- Global Civil Society and Religion
- Global Health Governance and HIV/AIDS
- Globalization and the Transformation of Sexuality
- Legacies and Extensions of Charles Tilly: Linking Democracy, War, Terrorism and Contentional Repertoires
- Local Responses to Immigrant Populations
- Nature or Nurture? Gender Theory, Social Constructionism and Biology
- New Directions in Globalization Research
- New Evidences of Interaction: Visualizing Everyday Life
- Nonviolent Strategies and Tactics
- NRC Rankings Report
- Perspectives on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity
- Postindustrial Culture and the Flexible Self: Beyond the Cubicle
- Professional Authority, Bureaucracy and the Market
- Racial and Sexual Politics: Examining Trends and Meanings of Interracial Relationships
- Revisiting Chicago Ethnographies
- Sociology’s Contributions to the Fight Against HIV/AIDS: Reflections from Winners of the Sociologists’ AIDS Network Career Award (co-sponsored with Sociologist AIDS Network)
- The ASA and the Human Rights Statement (co-sponsored with the Sociologists without Borders)
- The China Century?
- The Political Challenge of Racial Disparities
- The Resurgence of Political Populism in a Global Perspective
- Uprisings in the Arab World
- Visual Ethnography

Refer to the online searchable program for details on all sessions and events on this year’s program roster. See the ASA website at <www.asanet.org/am2011/programschedule.cfm>.

Add value to your meeting registration by signing up for one of these additional events ...

Didactic Seminars
To help sociologists keep abreast of recent scholarly trends and developments, the program committee creates specialized seminars. Experts considered at the forefront of a given field are invited to conduct these sessions. Seminar topics and leaders are listed below. All sessions are run seminar-style; there will be NO hands-on computer work.

Attendance at each seminar is limited to 50 registrants. Prepaid registration is required; fees are $40. Seminar fees are non-refundable after July 13. However, if the required enrollment is not reached by the time preregistration closes and the seminar is cancelled all fees will be fully refunded. Reservations for seminars are accepted in order of receipt. Those who did not preregister may check for possible openings at the ASA On-Site Registration. The schedule and description of each seminar is provided below; however, please check the online searchable program on the ASA website for the most up-to-date information. Check the posted schedule carefully to make sure that you don’t sign up for a seminar when you are scheduled to present a paper.

Seminar 01. Climate Change Denial: Organized Counter-Movement and Public Apathy
Saturday, August 20; 2:30-4:10 PM
Organizer and Leader: Riley E. Dunlap, Oklahoma State University
Co-Leaders: Aaron McIlrath, Michigan State University; and Kari Marie Norgaard, Whitman College
Description: Global warming poses major threats to both social and natural systems, but societal response has been minimal—especially in the United States—where the threat is met with widespread denial. Two forms of denial have emerged: an organized counter-movement among corporate and conservative social actors and more general public apathy or failure to mobilize effectively by individual citizens and civil society. Organized climate change denial emerged in the late 1980s, spearheaded by the fossil fuels industry and corporate interests, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, before becoming entrenched in the U.S. conservative movement. (In the 1990s conservative think tanks and industry groups launched an anti-environmental countermovement, and a crucial strategy was undermining the scientific evidence for problems like global warming and thus the need for ameliorative action.) Because of the regulatory implications posed by anthropogenic climate change, global warming became the leading target in these efforts to “manufacture uncertainty,” and today the entire field of climate science is under attack.

The leaders of the seminar will provide an overview of these two distinct reactions to climate change: organized denial and the more generalized failure of citizens to mobilize or even engage with the problem. We will first examine organized denial, including its ideological roots, preferred tactics, ever-evolving set of critical actors (think tanks and corporate interests; front groups and astro-turf campaigns; and conservative politicians, media, and bloggers) and its impacts on policy-making and political culture. We will then describe remedial or “climate apathy” as a more pervasive and everyday problem whereby people acknowledge having information about climate change but not thinking about, or acting on, it in their everyday lives. The threat of climate change is acknowledged in the abstract, but disconnected from and invisible within political, social, and private life. The two forms of denial, which are mutually reinforcing, contribute to the lack of societal response to the threat of climate change. A set of relevant readings by the seminar leaders and other social scientists investigat- ing climate change denial will be made available prior to the seminar.

Seminar 02. Event History Analysis
Monday, August 22; 2:30-5:30 PM
Organizer and Leader: Kazuo Yamaguchi, University of Chicago
Description: Seminar description not available; please check the ASA website for up-to-date information. *You must also register for the Annual Meeting to attend this seminar.

Courses
This educational component provides an opportunity for attendees to get in-depth training in a special subject area. Courses are intensive sessions led by expert faculty who have prepared a comprehensive curriculum to engage participants on all levels. Registrants will receive certificates documenting their participation and completion of a course.

The courses are held prior to the first full day of program sessions. Attendees who have preregistered will receive their tickets with their name badges when they pick up their program packets at ASA Pre-registration. Course fees are non-refundable after July 13. Attendance limits and fees are noted below, and prepayment is required. Reservations are accepted in order of receipt in the ASA Executive Office.

*You must register for the Annual Meeting to attend this course.

Service Learning: Engaging Students and Community in Sociology and Social Change
Friday, August 19, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Fee: $60; Attendance Limit: 50
Organizer and Leader: Corey Dolgon, Stonehill College
Co-Leader: Jonathan Michael White, Bridgewater State College
Description: This course will begin with introductions and evaluate expectations and levels of previous engagement with service-learning. The leaders will then present a brief history and overview of definitions and best practices, in part determined by audience expectations. We will ask participants to quickly outline a service learning course design (either one they have taught already or one they are considering—in mapping out the course and projects, we want participants to consider the strengths and weaknesses and what they perceive as the opportunities and challenges they will face). At this point, we will choose at least one previously taught class and one new one to workshop as a group (if more than one, we will discuss aspects of learning outcomes and assessment, community impact and sustainability, etc. We’ll conclude with a brief discussion about the “future” of service learning and current debates and controversies about partnerships, student engagement, service versus research, and developing a social justice paradigm.
Working with Fuzzy Sets

Friday, August 19, 11:00 AM-5:30 PM
Fee: $60; Attendance Limit: 50
Organizer and Leader: Charles C. Ragin, University of Arizona

Description: Fuzzy set analysis is gaining popularity in the social sciences today because of the close connections it enables among verbal theory, substantive knowledge (especially in the assessment of degree of set membership), and the analysis of empirical evidence. Fuzzy sets are especially useful in case-oriented research, where the investigator has a degree of familiarity with the cases included in the investigation and seeks to understand cases configurationally—as specific combinations of aspects or elements. Using fuzzy-set methods, case outcomes can be examined in ways that allow for causal complexity, where different combinations of causally relevant conditions combine to generate the outcome in question. Also, with fuzzy-set methods it is possible to evaluate arguments that causal conditions are necessary or sufficient. Analyses of this type are outside the scope of conventional analytic methods.

Specific topics addressed in the course includes: the differences between set-theoretic and correlational methods; conventional crisp sets versus fuzzy sets; the calibration of fuzzy sets; how calibration differs from conventional forms of measurement; analyzing fuzzy set relations; the correspondence between concepts and fuzzy set membership scores; the correspondence between theoretical statements and the analysis of fuzzy set relations; using fuzzy sets to study cases as configurations; and using fuzzy sets to unravel causal complexity, with a special focus on the equifinality. In all phases of the course, participants will work with fsQCA, a free Windows software package designed for fuzzy set analysis and for Qualitative Comparative Analysis. fsQCA can be downloaded from <www.fsqca.com.>. You must register for the Annual Meeting to attend this course.

Major Activities for Department Leaders

The Annual Meeting affords a special opportunity for ASA to work with leaders of the profession, especially Department Chairs, Directors of Graduate Study, and Undergraduate Advisers.

ASA Chair Conference: Social Conflict in Higher Education: Critical Implications and Effective Responses for Departments of Sociology

Friday, August 19, 8:00 AM-5:30 PM
Fee: $130 for Department Affiliates; $160 Non-Affiliates.

Based on their structural position within institutions, department chairs find themselves at the nexus of multiple lines of conflict. Some forms of conflict could be defined as “normal” components of the role: conflicts over personalities, promotions, grades, course schedules, and marginal changes in resource allocations. Beyond these “normal” conflicts, conditions in higher education today are creating an additional layer of contention in many institutions, and as a result handling conflict as a department chair has become even more complicated. The economic downturn, combined with new rules for colleges and universities from the U.S. Department of Education, demands for greater access as well as higher completion rates, and increasing evidence of limited student learning in many colleges and universities all have profound implications for departments of sociology.

This year the Chairs Conference will focus on handling conflict as a department chair. The conference will open with a keynote address by Mitchell Stevens, Stanford University, whose talk, “Organized Anarchies in an Age of Accountability,” will discuss the multiple currents of conflict in higher education today and their implications for sociology departments and their chairs. In addition to plenary presentations, the conference will also include three sessions of concurrent roundtables. Each roundtable will address aspects of the general theme, including how to protect threatened departments, how to handle inappropriate faculty conduct, and tips for setting course schedules with the least departmental friction and heat. *Pre-registration and fee payment required. Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks included in registration.

Directors of Graduate Study Conference: A Year in the Life of a DGS: Exploring Ways to Establish Effective Processes and Handle the Inevitable Conflicts

Friday, August 19, 1:30-5:30 PM
Fee: $40 for Department Affiliates; $60 Non-Affiliates.

Directors of Graduate Studies (DGS) are responsible for managing an annual cycle of activities that includes recruiting, admitting, funding, orienting, and advising first-year students; scheduling courses for graduate students and assigning graduate students to teaching and research assistantships; and preparing students for presenting and publishing their work and for searching for their next job. Success as a DGS depends on (at least) two key conditions: replicable and efficient processes for handling the annual cycle of activities, and an effective approach for handling the inevitable conflicts that arise even with the best systems in place.

This half-day conference examines both the organizational and interpersonal challenges of managing Masters and PhD programs in sociology. The registration fee includes all conference materials and a beverage break. *DGS conference attendees must preregister for the Annual Meeting in order to register for this conference.

Workshops

Look to the Annual Meeting for professional development and training across research, teaching, careers, and a host of other important professional issues. From teaching challenges to research issues to career advice and more, the 2011 Program features a robust selection of workshops.

Workshops are open to all meeting registrants. An overview of workshop topics is listed below. Workshop schedules, leaders, and descriptions are posted in the online searchable schedule on the ASA website <www.asanet.org/am2011/programschedule.cfm>.

Departmental Workshop

- Enhancing the Classroom and Campus Environment for Students and Professors with Disabilities
- Free Consultation with a Member of the ASA Department Resources Group
- Increasing the Employment Prospects for Sociology Majors at the BA, MA and PhD Levels: Ideas from Clinical, Applied and Public Sociology
- Peer Review of Teaching: Moving Beyond Student Evaluations
- Preparing for Program Review

Professional Workshop

- Managing the Margins: Professional Development within the Sociology of Disability
- Negotiating Motherhood in the Academy
- Serving as an Expert Witness in Courts
- Status of the Job Market for New PhDs in Sociology 2010-2011
- Successful Management of State Sociological Associations
- The Feminist Teaching Portfolio: Gendered Aspects of Teaching Evaluations and Course Content
- The Lavender Vita: GBLT Sociologists on the Job Market (co-sponsored with LGBTQ Caucus and Section on Sex and Gender)
- Thinking about the Job Market—Academic and Practice Opportunities
- What to Say and When to Say It: Making the Mass Media Work for You

Research/Policy Workshop

- Ethical Challenges to Health and Educational Research on Children
- How to Win a FAD Grant: A Workshop for Potential Applicants for 2011 Annual Meeting
- How You Can Link Qualitative and Census Data
- NIH Funding Opportunities: OppNet, the Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network
- NSF Funding Opportunities, Merit Review Criteria and Proposal Preparation for Professional Sociologists and Graduate Studies
- NSF Interdisciplinary Funding Opportunities
- Opportunities for Funding Sociological Research in Education through IES Panel Study of Income Dynamics
- Public Sociology and the Challenges of Studying Controversial Topics
- Research Opportunities Using the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)
- Self and Social Identities: Implications for Research and Teaching
- Social Science Data Infrastructure
- Using Data from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study
- Using the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series in Research (IPUMS)

Teaching Workshop

- Designing Courses and Curricula that Lead to Real Student Learning: A Fractal Approach
- Getting Published in TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology
- Plagiarism in a Multicultural Context
- Promoting Quantitative Literacy in the Undergraduate Sociology Curriculum
- Teaching Family Diversity: Pedagogical Strategies and Curricular Resources
- Teaching Introduction to Sociology
- Teaching Sociology Online
- The Art and Science of Selecting Textbooks

Renew Before Registering…

Renew your ASA membership online before you register for the Annual Meeting in order to qualify for the lower registration fees available to Members.
Section Activities

ASA Sections contribute an important segment to the Annual Meeting Program. Section sessions and activities at the Annual Meeting are interspersed throughout the four-day schedule. These specialized sessions range in format from formal paper presentations to panels and discussion roundtables and are open to all meeting attendees. The number of sessions allocated to each section is based on its membership size. More than 180 sessions/meetings are scheduled. Sections provide a valuable way to meet colleagues interested in similar sociological specialties and find a small “home” in a large meeting. The primary day for each section’s program is listed below. Sections whose programs are too large to fit onto one day (*starred below) will have the overflow accommodated on an adjacent day. Check the online searchable program for specific information on section-sponsored sessions.

Saturday, August 20
• Community and Urban Sociology*
• Ethnomethodology & Conversational Analysis
• History of Sociology
• Human Rights
• Latina/o Sociology
• Law, Sociology of
• Mathematical Sociology
• Mental Health, Sociology of
• Political Sociology*
• Population, Sociology of
• Science, Knowledge, and Technology
• Sex and Gender***

Sunday, August 21
• Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco
• Comparative and Historical Sociology*
• Environment and Technology
• Disability and Society
• Family, Sociology of the*
• Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility+
• Organizations, Occupations, and Work**
• Peace, War, and Social Conflict
• Racial and Ethnic Minorities**
• Rationality and Society
• Religion, Sociology of*
• Sexualities, Sociology of
• Sociological Practice & Public Sociology

Monday, August 22
• Animals and Society
• Body and Embodiment
• Collective Behavior & Social Movements*
• Communication & Information Technologies
• Education, Sociology of**
• Emotions, Sociology of
• Evolution and Sociology
• International Migration
• Medical Sociology**
• Political Economy of the World System
• Race, Gender, and Class**
• Sociology of Development+
• Theory**

Tuesday, August 23
• Aging and the Life Course~
• Altruism and Social Solidarity+
• Asia and Asian America
• Children and Youth
• Crime, Law, and Deviance~
• Culture, Sociology of~
• Economic Sociology~
• Global and Transnational Sociology
• Labor and Labor Movements
• Marxist Sociology
• Methodology~
• Social Psychology~~
• Teaching and Learning in Sociology~~

***two sessions must be scheduled on the following day
****three sessions must be scheduled on the following day
~one session must be scheduled on the preceding day
~~two sessions must be scheduled on the preceding day
~~~~four sessions must be scheduled on the preceding day
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Las Vegas: Regional Spotlight

The American Sociological Association is excited to bring the Annual Meeting to Las Vegas for the first time! Not only is Las Vegas vibrant and fascinating from a sociological perspective, but it is also easily accessible for our members around the country. In addition, Caesars Palace affords ASA the unique opportunity to have all components of its meeting—including sessions, receptions, and housing—under one roof for the first time since 1990.

One of the grandest Las Vegas hotels, Caesars Palace is famous worldwide for its beauty and impeccable service. This majestic Las Vegas hotel offers a 129,000 square-foot casino, 26 restaurants and cafes, sprawling gardens and pools, a world-class spa, and the renowned Coliseum spotlighting world-class stars.

Las Vegas continues to build upon its reputation as a vibrant showcase for the extraordinary. The city attracts more than 36 million visitors a year by offering the grandest hotels, the biggest stars in entertainment, award-winning chefs and master sommeliers, a premium world-class shopping experience, the brightest lights, and, of course, gambling, too.

Conveniently located McCarran International Airport is a short drive (four miles) from the Las Vegas Strip. Taxi and limousine services abound, while tour companies offer sightseeing trips to the surrounding areas such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Valley of Fire, and Red Rock Canyon.

What Happens in Vegas (Besides Gambling)

Whether you are dancing under the lights of the Fremont Street Experience in Downtown Las Vegas or strolling the shops at Monte Lago Village at Lake Las Vegas, you are never far from a golf course. No longer the domain of women, the spa experience can take the stress out of presenting while in Vegas. Las Vegas resorts offer the most luxurious and varied spa experiences anywhere.

There are many reasons why Las Vegas commands the title “The Entertainment Capital of the World.” Some of the world’s most exciting and versatile entertainers perform here including Celine Dion (performing at Caesars Palace during the Annual Meeting). Also, there are Broadway hits. When planning an evening of entertainment, attendees can look to the growing roster of gourmet restaurants and wine and food adventures in Las Vegas. After dinner, you can experience a variety of night spots, from elaborately themed clubs to the Upscale “ultra lounges.” With hip surroundings, signature drinks, and an “anything goes” attitude, ultra lounges have redesigned Vegas nightlife, providing a new way to party on the Strip.

The Annual Meeting moved from its original Chicago meeting site to Las Vegas. As a result, this year features an expanded local arrangements group representing the work of members from the Chicago and Las Vegas regional spotlight committees. The Chicago component, chaired by Stephen Warner (University of Illinois at Chicago), and the Las Vegas component, chaired by Dmitri Shalin (University of Nevada-Las Vegas), have developed a timely, stimulating, and vibrant roster of regional spotlight sessions and articles featured in ASA Footnotes for the Annual Meeting.

Look at the Regional Spotlights on the ASA Annual Meeting website [www.asanet.org/am2011/programschedule.cfm] for details on the fascinating topics covered by this year’s spotlight sessions, including:
• Growth in the Mountain West: Perspectives from Brookings Institution
• Prostitution and the Sociology of Law: Current Research in Trafficking, Exploitation, and “Sex Work” in Las Vegas
• Racial Conflict and Harmony in Las Vegas: Historical and Contemporary Struggles
• Still Learning from Las Vegas: The Paradoxical Culture of an All-American City
• Sustainable Las Vegas? Environment, Quality of Life, and Urban Living in the 21st Century
The Globalization of Gambling: Lessons from Nevada and Beyond

Working the Strip: Unions, Service Work, and Sex in the 21st Century

"Chicago in Las Vegas" Regional Spotlight Sessions

- Chicago '68-The Battle for Grant Park, Hearts and Minds
- Chicago's Got a New Mayor: Race, Class, and Neighborhoods Post-Daley
- Lake Michigan: Protecting a Regional Asset
- Local Faith Activists on Justice, Community Revitalization, and Intergroup Reconciliation
- Multiple Dimensions and Arenas of Latinos in the Western States

Exhibits!

Plan your schedule now to include several visits to the 2011 ASA Exhibits to browse through the latest publications, explore current computer hardware and software, chat with representatives of statistical bureaus, and meet the editor of your next publication. Over 90 booths will display resources to help you plan courses, undertake research, and keep your sociological skills up to date.

The location of the Exhibits offers excellent accessibility for meeting attendees. The location of the Exhibits offers excellent accessibility for meeting attendees always one of the most popular activities at the Annual Meeting. Exhibits offer a unique opportunity to discover current trends in sociological publishing, information processing, and services. It will be a central gathering place, too. Attendees will be able to take advantage of greater networking opportunities at the Exhibit Hall.

The hall will feature the ASA Cybercafé (and complimentary WiFi access); ASA-sponsored refreshment breaks and a concession stand for attendees to purchase beverages and quick meals; and the ASA Bookstore. These exhibit spaces will also bring a local flair to the Annual Meeting with the Las Vegas Regional Marketplace, a gathering of local small businesses offering unique crafts and goods. The hall will have seating areas for gathering with colleagues.

Exhibitors Scheduled to Attend (as of May 9, 2011)

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Stay Connected!

Attendees will be able to take advantage of greater networking opportunities through expanded technology support. The meeting property will feature an ASA Cybercafé (each with 5-10 computer stations). Look for signs onsite that will identify ASA-supported “hot-spots” for Wireless Internet (WiFi) Access. These WiFi areas will feature complimentary access to ASA meeting attendees.

We’ve created ways you can connect with other Annual Meeting attendees before, during, and after the meeting. You can let everyone know you are coming by adding Web Stickers to your site. Read blogs that will be covering the Annual Meeting, and then, add your Twitter handle to our dynamic Twitter list.

Web Stickers: Fill our Web Sticker request form on the Annual Meeting website and you’ll be given code to add a “I’m attending!”, “I’m exhibiting!” or “I’m presenting!” sticker to your blog or site.

ASA Twitter Stream: Get regular updates on the Annual Meeting by following us on Twitter. Our twitter stream is: (twitter.com/ASAnews) and we’ll be using the hashtag “#ASA2011”

Twitter Roll: Are you planning on tweeting at the 2011 Annual Meeting? If so, add your name to our Twitter Roll. You can keep up with tweets from the Annual Meeting by visiting the Annual Meeting website.

Blog Roll: Are you planning on blogging from the 2011 Annual Meeting? If so, add your name to our Blog Roll on the Annual Meeting website. This allows you to read the posts of attendees blogging at the Annual Meeting.

ASA Bookstore

All attendees are welcome to browse through the onsite ASA Bookstore area at the Annual Meeting, which will be filled with recent journal issues, timely books, teaching resources, career publications, sociological practice materials, directories and reference volumes, and ASA merchandise.

The ASA Bookstore is located in the Octavius Exhibit Hall at Caesars Palace Las Vegas. The onsite Bookstore will be staffed by ASA Executive Office personnel and open during the same hours as ASA Exhibits.

You don’t need to wait until you go to the Annual Meeting to get ASA publications and merchandise. Avoid lugging thick volumes as you return home from the Annual Meeting. Visit the online Bookstore <www.e-noah.net/asa/asashoponlineservice/> at your convenience to place your order and have the materials you need for planning for fall classes shipped straight to you!

And the Featured Books Are...

Author Meets Critics sessions bring authors of recent important books together with discussants chosen to provide different viewpoints. The 2011 Program Committee selected seven books published during 2009-10 to be featured on this year’s program.

Between Ghetto and Good: African American Girls and Inner-City Violence
by Nikki Jones (Rutgers University Press, 2009)

Inventing Equal Opportunity
by Frank Dobbin (Princeton University Press, 2009)

Longing and Belonging: Parents, Children, and Consumer Culture
by Allison J. Pugh (University of California Press, 2009)

Moving Politics: Emotion and ACT UP’s Fight Against AIDS
by Deborah Gould (University of Chicago Press, 2009)

Social Structures

The Unfinished Revolution: How a New Generation Is Rethaping Family, Work and Gender in America
by Kathleen Gerson (Oxford University Press, 2009)

Unanticipated Gains: Origins of Network Inequality in Everyday Life
by Mario Luis Small (Oxford University Press, 2009)

The ASA has also co-sponsored a book session with the ROSE Series in Sociology.

Divergent Social Worlds: Neighborhood Crime and the Racial-Spatial Divide
by Ruth D. Peterson and Lauren J. Krivo (Russell Sage Foundation Publications, 2010)
Welcome Students!
Undergraduate Advisers and Their Students Take Note
Poster Resource Area Showcasing Graduate Programs

This poster area features exhibits on graduate training from more than 30 graduate programs. Representatives from these institutions will be available to talk to undergraduate advisers, undergraduate students, MA-level students, and other interested meeting attendees at 2:30-4:10 pm on Saturday, August 20. The department posters will be available for viewing through the four days of the Annual Meeting. All attendees are welcome to drop by anytime during the convention to see these displays about graduate programs located in the Octavius Exhibit Hall at Caesars Palace Las Vegas.

ASA and the Student Forum

The ASA welcomes undergraduate and graduate students at the Annual Meeting. All students who join ASA as student members automatically become members of the Student Forum. Special arrangements for students include discounted registration fees, workshops oriented to issues of interest to students, student paper and roundtable sessions, a reception for students, and admission to the book giveaway at the end of the meeting.

Student Reception. All students registered to attend the Annual Meeting are invited to the open student reception on Saturday, August 20, at 6:30-7:30 PM. Special Poster Sessions. Be sure to browse through the funding and data resources poster session to advance your work in sociology. Poster displays of graduate programs in sociology are accessible throughout the four days of the meeting, and program representatives will be available to chat with students from 2:30-4:10 PM on Saturday, August 20.

Student Book Giveaway. All students registered to attend the Annual Meeting will receive a ticket to the special book giveaway sponsored by ASA exhibitors on Tuesday, August 23, after the exhibit hall has closed.

Student Sessions. Whether you are planning to attend graduate school, or are further along and looking toward employment in sociological practice or the academy, there is useful information to be found by attending some of the workshops offered this year. If this is your first ASA Annual Meeting, the Orientation for First-time Meeting Attendees at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 20 is a "must-attend" event, where you can meet other newcomers and get advice from ASA officers.

Don’t let the huge program overwhelm you. Start by looking at the roundtable and paper sessions sponsored by the Student Forum and then check the searchable program on the website to identify other sessions in your particular areas of interest.

Networking Opportunities at the ASA Annual Meeting

Welcoming Reception
All meeting registrants are invited to the Welcoming Reception, which follows the Opening Plenary Session on Friday, August 19 and celebrates the opening of the 106th Annual Meeting. This social hour kicks off at 9:00 PM and provides opportunities to renew past acquaintances, chat with old friends, and find a newcomer to befriend. New members and first-time meeting attendees are particularly encouraged to come and have fun!

Orientation for First-time Attendees
If this is the first time you have attended an ASA Annual Meeting, plan to attend the orientation session at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 20, prior to the mid-day plenary on the first full day of program sessions. Hosted by ASA Secretary Catherine White Berheide and Executive Officer Sally T. Hillsman, this special orientation hour provides the opportunity to meet ASA officers and staff and begin networking with experienced colleagues. Pointers on navigating the Annual Meeting will be shared in informal roundtable discussions. Advice from ASA Officers and experienced attendees will help you chart a course through the myriad of activities and substantive attractions during the convention week.

Exhibit Hall Refreshment Breaks

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Reception for Scholars with International Research & Teaching Interests
All meeting participants interested in international scholarly collaborations, or in meeting colleagues from other countries and learning about sociology globally, are invited to attend a reception in honor of our international colleagues.

Saturday, August 20, at 6:30–7:30 PM.

Departmental Alumni Night (DAN)

The Departmental Alumni Night (DAN), now in its 38th year, is a social event held after the first full day of sessions, where attendees can connect with friends, colleagues, and foes to reminisce about graduate school days, create new coalitions, and catch up on the latest news. This traditional gathering will begin at 9:30 PM on Saturday, August 20. There will be plenty of time for conversation without musical competition.

DAN provides departments with the opportunity to have an alumni gathering without the considerable expense of arranging one. Each graduate department of sociology in the United States and Canada receives an invitation to sponsor a table for alumni and friends. A small fee is charged to assist in covering expenses for this affair. Remind your department chair to reserve a table now! Visit the Annual Meeting website for more information and to download forms to sign up.

Tables will also be provided for sociologists in business and industry as well as for international scholars and guests. Other groups wishing to participate by sponsoring a table are requested to contact ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005 x308, meetings@asanet.org) before June 3.

Community College Faculty Breakfast

Sociologists teaching in community colleges are invited to a special bagel breakfast at 7:00 AM on Sunday, August 21. Mark your calendar for this early-bird event where you can meet with other colleagues teaching at community colleges.

Honorary Reception

All meeting attendees are invited to attend the Honorary Reception at 6:30 PM on Sunday, August 21, to express appreciation, congratulations, and best wishes to President Randall Collins and the major 2011 ASA award recipients on this festive occasion.

Since 1984, social science departments and regional societies have joined the ASA in co-sponsoring the annual Honorary Reception. Donors and sponsors of this year’s reception will be announced in the Final Program. If your department or institution would like to sponsor this event, contact the Governance Department at the ASA Executive Office (202-383-9005, x334; governance@asanet.org) by June 1 to request a pledge form.

Special Events

MFP Benefit Reception

Set aside time during the busy weekend to join good friends and supporters of the ASA’s Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) and the celebration marking its 38th year! Plan to relax after dinner, nibble a sweet or two, and meet current Fellows and MFP alumni. Attend this special event and reaffirm your commitment to the MFP Program.

Sunday, August 21, 2011
9:30–11:30 PM
$25—donor; $50—sponsor; $100—benefactor

Admission is by ticket only. The Minority Fellowship Program supports predoctoral training for students of color. Purchase your tickets when you preregister online for the meeting to specify your contribution level and reserve your MFP Benefit ticket.

Film & Video Screenings

The Program Committee is again sponsoring a meeting room where new films/videos may be screened during the Annual Meeting. If you would like additional information on the Film & Video Screenings, contact: Valerie Jiggetts, ASA Academic & Professional Affairs Program, (202-383-9005 x318; apap@asanet.org.)
Activities of Other Groups

The wide-ranging interests of ASA members generate meetings of special interest groups during each year's Annual Meeting. Space is assigned as available to these groups to hold their meetings and/or sessions in evening time slots when no program sessions or other ASA activities are scheduled. Refer to the online searchable program for details on activities of other groups. Some groups will also have membership information and publications on display in the ASA registration area at Caesars Palace Las Vegas.

Services

Registration

Online meeting registration is open; you may register online via a secure server or use the full registration form to sign up for the 2011 Annual Meeting and the various services, special events and conferences, seminars, and courses. The full registration form is in this issue of Footnotes. Annual Meeting attendees are urged to register for the meeting in advance. Advance registration assists ASA in planning for the Annual Meeting and also allows savings for the registrants.

Program Participants. Presenters who have not preregistered will be dropped from the online and final programs beginning on June 1.

Reminder: Access to all ASA services is restricted to meeting registrants. Badges are required for entry to the ASA Exhibits, Employment Service, and Child Care Service. Attendance at events that require fee payment (e.g., Tours, Seminars, Courses, Chairs Conference, Director of Graduate Studies Series, Just Desserts, and MFP Benefit) is restricted to those who have registered for the meeting.

Confirmations. Continuing our commitment to a more environmentally sustainable meeting, we no longer print and mail confirmations to those who register online. Save the e-mailed confirmation as your record. Those who register via fax and mail will receive a printed confirmation by mail.

Preregistration Pickup. Attendees who preregister before July 13 may pick up badges, program packets, and special tickets at the Preregistration counters in Milano Ballroom at Caesars Palace Las Vegas. See registration service hours below.

On-site Registration. Those who miss the July 13 preregistration deadline should go to the On-site Registration area in Milano Ballroom at Caesars Palace Las Vegas to complete the on-site registration form and submit payment.

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Accessibility Resources and Services

The ASA offers several services and oversight arrangements to facilitate attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Comfort Zone. Attendees coping with illness, meeting fatigue, or stress may use the small room set aside by ASA at Caesars Palace Las Vegas as a "safe haven" to escape briefly from the noise and bustle of meeting activities. Families with breast-feeding needs should stop by the ASA Office, adjacent to ASA registration in Milano Ballroom for assistance in finding a private location.

Uni-Sex/Gender-Neutral Restrooms. The ASA will designate restroom facilities on the main concourse of meeting rooms as "uni-sex/gender-neutral." Other restroom facilities designated "women" and "men" are also available on this level.

Sessions. ASA will make arrangements for sign-language interpreters, sighted guides, and other communication avenues for meeting registrants. Use the "Accessibility Services" portion of the registration form to identify the service that you need. Meeting Services staff will contact you to discuss needs and possible arrangements.
Travel
Wheelchair service is provided free of charge by calling 702-261-5475 or dialing 5475 on any white courtesy phone.
C Gate passengers should call 702-261-6376 from outside the airport or 6376 from any white courtesy phone. Please allow 30-45 minutes for assistance to arrive, unless you have made advance arrangements with your airline. Extra time may be required during peak travel periods.
TTD telephones with LED computer screens are available to assist the hearing impaired. Companion care/unisex restrooms are available throughout the airport. Staff located at airport information booths provides language translation services. When on site assistance is not available, a foreign language translation phone service can be accessed for a fee. For assistance after hours, dial “0” on any white courtesy phone.
Regional Transportation Commission (RTC): The Las Vegas busses are all equipped with a wheelchair lift. For disabled travelers not able to use the busses, contact the RTC in advance to inquire about utilizing the Las Vegas Paratransit service. For more information, view the online brochure (pdf) or call 702-228-4800.
TTY/TDD Telephone Locations. Airport telephone booths are designed to accommodate special needs and are located throughout the concourses.
Other Services. If you have a physical disability and need special services, equipment, or accommodations, fill out the Accessibility Services portion of the registration form or call ASA Meeting Services (202-383-9005, x308) to arrange in advance for the necessary services.

Child Care
ASA continues its long tradition of providing an on-site program of activities for children of Annual Meeting registrants. Arrangements have again been made with KiddieCorp to offer a full child care program from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM on August 20-23 for children between the ages of 6 months to 12 years. The Child Care Service will be located at Caesars Palace Las Vegas, hotel for the 2011 Annual Meeting.
Families intending to use the ASA Child Care Service must preregister before July 13. The non-refundable preregistration deposit is $50 per child. The deposit will be applied toward the on-site daily usage fees, which are $50 full-day and $30 half-day for preregistrants. Members may use the full registration form in this issue or preregister online via the ASA website. For more information about the service, check the Annual Meeting homepage.
Scholarships. Several financial assistance scholarships are available to provide reduced daily usage fees for children of unemployed or low-income members/students. To apply for a scholarship, write a letter identifying your membership status and requesting a child care scholarship and attach the letter to your registration form or send it to: ASA Meeting Services, 1430 K St. NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; fax: (202) 638-0882; meetings@asanet.org. Be sure to fill out the Child Care Registration portion of the form, provide daily usage estimates, and remit the basic child care preregistration deposit.
Space for Non-Preregistrants. It is unlikely that non-preregistered families can be accommodated on-site. The service staffing is contracted based on the number and age of preregistered children, and on-site adjustments are limited. If there are any openings, fees for children who were not preregistered will be $75 per day per child. No exceptions.

Employment Service
The annual ASA Employment Service (ES) assists sociologists and prospective employers by providing convenient opportunities for interviewers and job seekers to meet in a neutral, monitored environment for initial short interviews during the Annual Meeting.
The ASA Employment Service is an online service with an interactive scheduling calendar for setting up interview appointments. Registration for the Annual Meeting and the Employment Service are separated into two distinct processes. The first step for all service users is to preregister for the 2011 Annual Meeting. Candidates (job seekers) must also pay the ES fee as part of their registration. Interviewers (employer representatives on-site) do not pay an additional individual ES fee, but must be registered for the meeting. Employers (organizations) pay their ES fee directly in the ES module. Candidates who have already preregistered may go online and add the Employment Service to their meeting registration.
After preregistering for the Annual Meeting, the second step for all Candidates is to go to the online portal for the Employment Service, which is separate from the Job Bank, and proceed to fill out the online forms to post their information.
NOTE: Candidates who have registered for the Employment Service should fill out the Candidate Profile, upload their resumes, and indicate their availability for interviews during the Annual Meeting. In addition, Employers (organizations) can register for the Employment Service, pay their ES registration fee, post job listings, designate interviewers from a roster of preregistrants, and begin the process of reviewing candidate profiles and setting up interviews.
All initial interview appointments arranged through the Employment Service must take place on-site within the designated service area, the Forum Ballroom at Caesars Palace Las Vegas. This requirement is a safeguard for both interviewers and candidates.

All service users are urged to preregister as soon as possible in order to take full advantage of the pre-convention communication opportunities that the online Employment Service offers. Preregistration closes on July 13, 2011.

Interviewers and candidates are also encouraged to bring their own laptops with them so that they can more easily maintain communications using complimentary wireless Internet during the Annual Meeting. Located in the Forum Ballroom at Caesars Palace Las Vegas, the on-site service will provide some computer terminals for use by registered ES users; additional computers are available at the ASA Cybercafe located in the Octavius Exhibit Hall.
The Employment Service will be open from Friday afternoon to mid-day Tuesday, August 19-23. Check the Annual Meeting website for more details about online Employment Service procedures.
Reminder: Anyone who wishes to use the Employment Service must first preregister for the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Twitter at the Annual Meeting
The American Sociological Association (@ASAnews) will be tweeting about activities and research presented at the 2011 ASA Annual Meeting, and meeting attendees are encouraged to tweet from the meeting as well as to highlight noteworthy presentations or to share and discuss ideas. These Twitter (twitter.com) updates can be used to share proceedings with absent colleagues or connect virtually with other meeting attendees. Internet access will be available at the ASA Cybercafe. Please use the hashtag #ASA2011. Hashtags signal that a tweet relates to that particular topic and make it easier for users to search for popular topics.
Hotel Accommodations in Las Vegas

The 106th ASA Annual Meeting will be held at Caesars Palace Las Vegas. The hotel will host all sessions, events, services, and activities of the Annual Meeting.

Blocks of sleeping rooms for ASA meeting attendees have been arranged at the hotel. All housing services are being managed through Connections Housing, the official housing vendor for the Annual Meeting. Information on making reservations at ASA convention rates is posted on the ASA website. You may make your reservation online, via phone, or download the reservation form on the ASA website to fax/mail.

Staying within the Block. Booking a room in the ASA room blocks is an important way to support the Association and ultimately keep meeting costs as low as possible. Staying “within the block” is also more convenient and helps you stay connected with the informal activities and networking opportunities during the meeting.

Room Rates.

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In addition to offering some of the most competitive rates within easy access and proximity to the Annual Meeting sessions, the following incentives have been offered to guests who book within the ASA Housing Block:

*One-time $15.00 resort fee to cover Internet in the guestroom and Fitness Center access for the duration of your stay. (This is an additional fee, not currently included the guest room rate.)

*Please note that rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 12%.

Student Rooms. The ASA hotel is unable to offer further discounted rates to students.

Making a Reservation. Reservations may be made online via the link to the ASA housing site powered by Connections Housing. ASA convention rates are applicable for 3 days before and after the meeting, but the number of rooms is limited at the hotel. Pre- and post-convention availability is at the discretion of the hotel.

Reservation Deadline:

August 15, 2011. You are encouraged to make your reservation as soon as possible. Rooms at the ASA rates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If a room block sells out before the deadline, no further reservations can be accepted.

Room Deposit. A reservation deposit equal to one night’s stay is required, and your room reservation must be guaranteed by a major credit card.

Cancellation. The hotel will not refund guarantees/deposits unless cancellation is received at least 72 hours prior to arrival. Check your hotel confirmation for the specific policy at that facility.

Accessibility Needs: When making a hotel reservation, you may request audio, visual, or mobility assistance. If you want the ASA Executive Office to verify that your accessibility request(s) will be honored, send equipment requests to: ASA Special Housing, 1430 K St. NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005-4701; fax (202) 638-0882; meetings@asanet.org.

Airport Transportation

The McCarran International Airport is located under four miles south of the Las Vegas strip. The travel time is approximately 10 minutes. For more details, visit the airport’s website (www.mccarran.com) to help plan your trip.

Shared Van/Shuttle Buses. Showtime Tours (www.showtimetourslv.com) offers shuttle service to the Las Vegas strip hotels. From Baggage Claim, purchase a ticket from the Showtime booth or show your receipt to the Showtime greeter. From Terminal 2, proceed to Showtime Tours Desk in baggage claim. A greeter will direct you to the appropriate vehicle and a driver will provide you with a ticket for your return from the hotel to the airport. For reservations (optional), call 702-895-9976. Shuttles leave the airport every 15-30 minutes.

Taxi. Taxis depart from designated zones located on the Arrivals/Baggage Claim Level of all terminals. Taxi rates from the airport to the hotel depend on traffic, and start at approximately $18. Passengers also pay a $1.80 airport fee on rides originating at the airport (approximate).

Why Stay in the ASA Room Block?

Stretch Your Travel Dollar

Departments are downsizing, budgets are being reduced, and travel requests are being highly scrutinized for their return on investment. The ASA understands those concerns and has partnered with the meeting hotel to offer you a competitive hotel rate and incentives that will help stretch your travel dollar.

Receive Special Incentives

Guests who book within our block have access to amenities that are not always available at other properties. For details on the amenities offered at the individual hotels, see <www.asanet.org>.

Support Your Association

Booking a room in the ASA room blocks is an important way to support the Association and ultimately keep overall meeting costs as low as possible. Staying within the ASA block allows us to secure meeting space.

Represent Your Discipline

We are a discipline concerned with workers’ rights and improved living standards. Show your support for the various hotel staff by staying in the Annual Meeting hotels. Your business supports their livelihood.

Be a Part of the Action

The 106th Annual Meeting will be an intellectual conversation that extends beyond the session rooms. Connect, learn, and share with each other in those informal moments in the hotel lobby, elevator, and corridors.

Book Your Room Today!

Hotel rates at the ASA properties are some of the most competitive in the area and rooms sell out fast. Housing blocks close August 15, 2011. Don’t be left out; book your room today! For more information or to book your reservation, see the ASA website <www.asanet.org>.
Registration Details

Refunds/Cancellations.

Office Use only: Date _____________________   Init ________________

Exp. date

Card Number __________________________  _____/_____

Credit Card Type: ______________________________

Payment:  Provide credit card authorization below, or make check payable to ASA and return form with payment to:

TOTAL  $______________

Child Care Contribution: __________________________________________ $50.00

To preregister, provide information on children and service usage below.

Registrants may request accessibility services (sign language interpreters, closed captions, etc.) by completing this section of the form. The Association is committed to providing access to the American Sociological Association meetings. However, meeting planners may not be able to accommodate all accessibility requests. Registration fees are not refundable after July 13. Cancellations and refund requests received after July 13 will not be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after July 13, except non-participant registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before July 13. Cancellations will not be accepted nor refunds issued. Non-Members:

Seminars $ ________

Conferences $ ________

Course $ ________

S2. Event History Analysis.............................……._____

C1. Service-Learning: Engaging Students and Community in

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Healthcare Plan: ______________________________

0% 0% 0% 0%

Other (please specify): __________________________

Duplicate Payments.

Deadline: Preregistration closes on July 13 in order to have their names listed in the

Non-Affiliate ..................... _____

Unemployed Sociologist Member $100 $140

Student Member $100 $140

Benefactor................ _____ $100.00

Sponsor ...................._____ $50.00

Donor........................_____ $25.00

ASA Members:

Secondary School Teacher $100 $140

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Unemployed Sociologist $100 $140

Non-Member primary school teacher $100 $140

Non-Member non-sociologist $190 $240

Non-Member outside the U.S. $190 $240

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