A Message from Section Chair, Irma T. Elo, Professor of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

As we reflect on the 2014 ASA meetings and look forward to the 2015 meetings in Chicago, the Population Section is in a strong position to continue its important role in promoting population studies and demography within ASA. At the end of September 2014, the section had 535 members. A goal of 600 members by the end of September 2015 would give us an additional session for the 2016 meetings, and thus I encourage all of you to help us reach that goal. Strong membership also ensures the continued financial health of our section. As of this fall, the section’s finances are in good shape, in no small part due to the generous contributions from NYU, Penn State Univ., the Univ. of Michigan, and the Population Research Center at the Univ. of Texas that helped defray the costs of the section reception. Thank you for your support.

In the 2014 meetings, the Section organized its first mentoring lunch, which was well received and we are planning to hold one at the 2015 meetings. Stay tuned for further announcements in the Spring. I also want to congratulate the 2014 winners of the section awards: Patrick Sharkey (Otis Dudley Duncan Award), Sarah Burgard and Jennifer Ailshire (Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population), Emily Smith-Greenaway (Student Paper Award), and Jennifer Laird (Honorable Mention, Student Paper Award).

The call for papers for the 2015 ASA meetings is now open. I encourage you to submit your papers to the Section’s Paper sessions (see Page 2 for further detail). I would also welcome suggestions for the roundtable sessions, so please send me your ideas (email: popelo@pop.upenn.edu). Our section day is Saturday, August 22, 2015 so mark your calendars. In 2015, we will also return to our tradition of holding our reception jointly with the Family Section, which was not possible due to a scheduling conflict in 2014. The reception will also be held on August 22nd. The Family Section day is Sunday, August 23rd.

The Section would not be able to function without the dedication of its members, the Section Council and its officers. Thus, I would like to thank Kelly Raley, our past chair, and Rebecca Clark, Christine Himes, Sarah Blanchard, and Jessica Cohen who rotated off the Council, as well as those who served and those who are serving on the Section’s committees. Finally, special thanks goes to Shannon Monnat, who handles our listserv, and to James Hull, who maintains the Section’s website – your services are invaluable to the Section.

I wish you all the best for 2015. Happy Holidays! -Irma
ASA 2015 in Chicago, Illinois

Section on Sociology of Population Sessions

1. **Spatial Stratification.** The session is devoted to patterns, processes, and repercussions of spatial inequality, broadly defined. Papers may focus on: shifting patterns of residential segregation by race/ethnicity, nativity, gender, socioeconomic status, or other characteristics; mobility or migration patterns and other forces that shape patterns of residential stratification; and/or effects of residence on health, educational attainment, earnings, crime exposure, or other individual- or group-level outcomes. Session Organizer: Kyle Crowder, University of Washington

2. **Race/Ethnicity and Population Dynamics.** The U.S. population has become increasingly racially diverse over the last few decades, raising hopes for integration but also introducing concerns about the emergence of new forms of racial stratification. This session seeks to highlight work exploring the interrelationships between population and race/ethnicity, including topics such as how population processes influence racial/ethnic identity, inequality, and segregation, and how racial/ethnic disparities transform demographic change. Session Organizer: Matthew Hall, Cornell University

3. **LGBT Health Disparities.** The 2011 Institute of Medicine report on LGBT Health and the new goals in Healthy People 2020 to significantly reduce LGBT health disparities have increased scholarly interest in the determinants of LGBT physical and mental health. This session will feature papers that draw on sociological theory to help understand and explain LGBT health disparities, broadly defined (physical, emotional, mental). Papers in both the U.S. and international contexts will be considered. Session Organizer: Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins, Pennsylvania State University

4. **Section on Sociology of Population Roundtables (one-hour).** Session will be 1-hour in length; followed by the Section’s 40-minute business meeting. Session Organizer: Irma T. Elo, University of Pennsylvania

5. **Demography of Families and Gender.** Papers will address issues broadly related to gender and family population patterns, trends, and explanations. Session Organizer: Sharon Sassler, Cornell University. (Joint session with Family Section)

Mark Your Calendar with these Important Deadlines:
- October 30, 2014- Call for Papers posted on ASA website
- December 5, 2014- Online system opens for submission of papers, topics, and posters
- January 7, 2015- Submission site closes; Session Organizer begin reviewing the submissions
- April 30, 2015- Program Schedule announced; no scheduling information prior to that date
- May 13, 2015- Preregistration deadline for program participants

For the latest information & announcements from the ASA Section on the Sociology of Population please see the NEWS page on our website:

http://www.asanet.org/population/news.cfm

ASA Section on the Sociology of Population

The purpose of the Section on Sociology of Population is to foster the development of the study of population within the context of sociology. If you have ideas for enhancing the section, especially for increasing membership and student participation in the section, or would like to volunteer for a section committee, please contact any of the section officers. Access section information online at: http://www.asanet.org/population/
2014 Sociology of Population Section Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2014 winner of the Sociology of Population Section Otis Dudley Duncan Award:

Patrick Sharkey from New York University for his paper: “Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress Toward Racial Equality”

Congratulations to the 2014 winner of the Sociology of Population Section Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population:


Congratulations to the 2014 winner of the Sociology of Population Section Student Paper Award:

Emily Smith-Greenaway from Pennsylvania State University for her paper: “Mothers’ Reading Skills and Child Survival in Nigeria: Examining the Relevance of Mothers’ Decision-making Power”

Jennifer Laird from the University of Washington received “Honorable Mention” for her paper: “The Hispanic Immigrant Unemployment Paradox”

For more information on section awards visit: http://www.asanet.org/population/awards.cfm

Calls for Nominations from The Sociology of Population Section for 2015

2015 Call for Nominations: The Sociology of Population Otis Dudley Duncan Award

The Section on Sociology of Population announces a call for nominations for the 2015 Otis Dudley Duncan Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Social Demography. The Award will be presented to the author(s) of a recent book that has made significant contributions to social demography. Books published in the last three calendar years (2013-2015) will be considered. Self-nominations are accepted. Winners of the award for previous years can be found on the Past Award Recipients Page (http://www.asanet.org/population/recipients.cfm).

Please send a letter of nomination with a brief description of the book and its contribution to the field of Social Demography by email to the Committee Chair, with copies to the other Committee members. Nominators should also request copies of the book from the publishers to be sent to all three committee members. Nominations and books should be sent by February 15, 2015. Nominees must be members of the American Sociological Association.

Otis Dudley Duncan Award Committee: Matthew Hall, Committee Chair (Cornell University, email: mhall@cornell.edu). Yang Yang (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, email: yangy@unc.edu), Patrick Sharkey (New York University, email: pattrick.sharkey@nyu.edu).
2015 Call for Nominations: The Sociology of Population Section
Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population

The Sociology of Population Section seeks nominations for an award recognizing an outstanding published article in demography or population studies by a sociologist. The nomination deadline is February 15, 2015.
To be eligible, articles must have a 2013, 2014, or 2015 publication date. Self-nominations are accepted. Nominations should include name of author(s), title of the article, date of publication and a brief statement explaining the significance of the work and its contribution to the sociology of population.

Award nominees must be current members of the American Sociological Association. Winners of the award for previous years can be found on the Past Award Recipients Page (http://www.asanet.org/population/recipients.cfm).

Please send an electronic copy of the nominating letter(s) and article by email to members of the selection committee: Kristin Turney, Committee Chair, University of California, Irvine (email: kristin.turney@uci.edu), Jennifer Montez, Case Western Reserve University (email: jkm73@case.edu); Megan Sweeney, UCLA (email: MSweeney@Soc.ucla.edu).

2015 Call for Nominations: The Sociology of Population Section
Student Paper Award

The Sociology of Population Section announces the call for papers for the Student Paper Award in social demography. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2015. This award consists of a certificate and support for travel expenses to attend the 2015 ASA meeting in Chicago. The following are the submission criteria:

- The paper can be published or unpublished; a published paper should be submitted as a regular text file.
- The paper can be sole-authored or have multiple student authors; no faculty co-authors are allowed. All authors must be currently enrolled in graduate school or have completed their Ph.D. degrees on or after January 1, 2015.
- Papers should be article-length (approximately 40 pages including tables and figures), concise and focused. This is not a dissertation award competition.
- The paper must use a sociological perspective to address an issue of relevance to contemporary demography, broadly defined. Purely technical papers are not eligible.
- The paper need not be on the ASA program.
- Membership in the Population Section of the ASA is not a requirement for the award, but is encouraged.
- The cover page of the paper should include a title and an abstract, but should have no other identifying information, such as name, university affiliation, address, or acknowledgements.
- A separate cover page containing the author’s name, affiliation, address, and other identifying information should be included.
- The paper should be submitted via email by the deadline date.

Send your paper and the name and telephone number of the registrar of your degree-granting university to: Jason Houle, Committee Chair (Dartmouth College, email: jason.houle@dartmouth.edu). Other members of the committee are Jennifer March Augustine (University of South Carolina) and Shannon Monnat (Penn State University).
The Sociology of Population Section Council Meeting took place on August 19, 2014:

Section Budget (Peter Brandon): Thanks to the University of Michigan Population Studies Center, Penn State University Department of Sociology and Criminology, and University of Texas Population Research Center for generous support of the section reception.

Election update:
- Chair Elect: Kyle Crowder,
- Council: James Raymo, Sarah Burgard,
- Student Members: Jennifer Melvin, Jennifer Laird.

Award winners:
- Otis Dudley Duncan Award: Patrick Sharkey (NYU) for Stuck in Place: Urban neighborhoods and the end of progress toward racial equality, University of Chicago Press.
- Sociology of Population Section Student Paper Award: Emily Smith-Greenaway, Penn State for “Mothers’ reading skills and child survival in Nigeria: Examining the relevance of mothers’ decision-making power”
- Honorable Mention goes to Jennifer Laird, University of Washington for “The Hispanic Immigrant Unemployment Paradox”

Section membership:
- August 2014 Membership total: 507,
- August 2013 Membership total: 490,
- Percent low income Pop Section 2.0 (5.1 all sections).
- 21.5 % student Pop Section (30.8 all sections).
- 76.5% member Pop Section (64.1 all sections).

2014 meeting Activities: Sessions:
- Yesterday, 2:30-4:10 Immigrant Integration organized by Loretta E Bass;
- Today 8:30-10:10 Demography of Family Inequality organized by Paula Fomby;
- 10:30-11:30 Population Section Roundtables;
- 12:30-2:10, Demographic Consequences of Economic Crises organized by Shannon Monnat;
- 2:30-4:10 Economic Inequality and Population Health organized by Irma Elo;
- Roundtables: Grant Writing (Roz King), Publishing (Sarah Burgard, Michelle Frisco), Job Search (David Lindstrom);
- Mentoring Lunch (Kathleen Cagney).

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**Business Meeting Minutes August 2014**

The Sociology of Population Business Meeting Chair Kelly Raley called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the section at 11:35 am on August 19, 2014. 24 people were in attendance.

**Section Budget:** Raley delivered the financial report prepared by Secretary/Treasurer, Peter Brandon. The balance in the section account has remained stable since the previous year, with expenses and income largely balanced once again. Main section expenses include the annual reception and plaques for award recipients. Income includes the allocation from ASA (base and portion of dues) and contributions from departments and research centers with which award-winners are affiliated.

**Election Results:** Raley introduced incoming chair, Irma Elo and reported on the results of recent section elections. Chair-elect: Kyle Crowder. New council members: James Ramo and Sarah Burgard. New student representatives: Jennifer Melvin and Jennifer Laird.


**Section Membership:** Raley announced that section membership has risen about 10% in the past year, from 490 in 2013 to 507 in 2014. She also reported that, in comparison to the average across all sections, the Sociology of Population section has a lower percentage of low-income and student members. Raley pointed out that increasing the number of student members, in particular, represents an important opportunity for section growth, with higher membership numbers increasing the number of section sessions at the next meeting and improvements in the section reception. Raley reviewed the sessions sponsored by the section and encouraged all to attend the sessions. Several professional-development roundtables were sponsored by the section and Raley thanked the organizers of these sessions: Roz King (Grant Writing); Sarah Burgard and Michelle Frisco (Publishing); and David Lindstrom (Job Search). While these sessions had light attendance this year, Raley reported that the council sees these types of activities as important parts of the effort to increase service to our student members, and encourage more student participation in the section. Raley also thanked Kathleen Cagney for organizing the section’s Mentoring Lunch and reported that the section council will develop ways to enhance this activity for the 2015 meetings.

**2015 Conference Planning:** Raley and members of the section in attendance discussed preliminary plans for the 2015 section activities. Raley distributed a sign-up sheet to solicit ideas and volunteers for these activities. The section will, once again, hold a joint reception with the Sociology of Family section (not possible this year since Population and Family sections’ designated days were not aligned). The two sections will also sponsor one joint session, to be organized by the Family section (their turn in the rotation). Raley solicited ideas for topics of other sessions. Elo noted that the main program (sessions not organized by the section) will include a session on gender and reproduction, and a session on measuring gender and family structure. Elo asked that ideas for any other sessions (topics and organizers) be sent directly to her before the September 15 deadline for session topics. Raley noted that it is imperative that the section develop strategies for adding benefits to members beyond what is offered by the Population Association of America, in which many of our members also hold membership. Some ideas that emerged from this discussion: Raley suggested developing strategies for mentoring junior faculty at universities without population centers; Stephanie DeLuca suggested the development of strategies to meet potential postdocs, preferably in a group setting. One idea suggested was to replace some of the existing professional-development roundtables with roundtables for group introductions of potential postdocs; Several members of the section suggested the use of social media – especially Facebook and Twitter – to improve professional networking for the section. Chair-elect, Kyle Crowder, will work with student representatives, Jennifer Melvin and Jennifer Laird on setting this up. Raley offered thanks to several members rotating off of the section council: Rebecca Clark, Christine Himes, Sarah Blanchard, and Jessica Cohen.

**Thanks:** Raley also thanked members of the wards committees: Duncan Award Committee: Jennifer Glick, Matthew Hall, and Yang Yang; Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee: Nancy Luke, Kristin Turney, and Jennifer Montez; and Student Paper Award Committee: Sarah Hayford, Jason Houle, and Jennifer Augustine. Irma Elo thanked Raley for her excellent service to the section.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.