**Mission Statement**: The purpose of the Section on the History of Sociology is to provide a forum for sociologists and other scholars interested in the study of the historically specific processes shaping the development of sociology as a profession, an academic discipline, an organization, a community, and an intellectual endeavor. The Section serves its members as a structure (1) to disseminate information of professional interest, (2) to assist in the exchange of ideas and the search for research collaborators, (3) to obtain information about the location of archival materials, (4) to support efforts to expand such research resources and to preserve documents important to the history of sociology, and (5) to ensure that the scholarship of this group can be shared with the profession both through programming at regional and national meetings.

**History of Sociology Activities at ASA—San Francisco**

**385 - Regular Session. Sociology of Knowledge and Ideas**  
Mon, August 18, 10:30am to 12:10pm, Location: Parc 55 Wyndham, Level Four, Fillmore; Session Submission Type: Paper Session  
Sub Unit: History of Sociology/Social Thought

**Session Organizer**: Erin Leahey, University of Arizona  
**Presider**: Erin Leahey, University of Arizona  
**Individual Submissions:**

- Engaging French Sociology - Josh Booth, University of Cambridge  
- From Champs to Fields: The Transnational Circulation of a Sociological Concept - Angele Christin, Princeton University; Marianne Blanchard, Centre Maurice Halbwachs  
- Networks over Culture in the New Economic Sociology: Academic Familism, Borrowed Prestige and Status Hierarchies - Nina Bandelj, University of California-Irvine  
- The Sociology of Knowledge as Disciplinary Compass - Anne Groggel, Indiana University  

**Discussant**: Sharon Koppman, University of Arizona
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Section Business Meeting 10:30am to 12:10pm
Tuesday, August 19, 2014
Location: Parc 55 Wyndham, Level Four, Hearst

NB: There will be a discussion of the ASA journal archives at the HoS business meeting.
To support the archival preservation effort, please visit http://saveourarchivalrecords.org
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565 - Section on History of Sociology Invited Session. American Sociology Since 1980
Tue, August 19, 12:30 to 2:10pm,
Location: Parc 55 Wyndham, Level Four, Cyril Magnin III
Session Submission Type: Paper Session
Sub Unit: Section Invited

Abstract: Panel on work on the recent history of American Sociology, including the issues of feminization, the rise of public sociology, activism, the role of ideology, and the evolution of the journal system as the determinant prestige.

Session Organizer: Stephen Turner, University of South Florida
Presider: Andrew Abbott, University of Chicago
Presenters:
Stephen Turner, University of South Florida
Neil L. Gross, University of British Columbia
Eleanor Townsley, Mount Holyoke College
Katelin E. Albert, University of Toronto
Discussant: Peter Baehr, Lingnan University
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592 - Section on History of Sociology Paper Session. Using Sociological Archives
Tue, August 19, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Location: Parc 55 Wyndham, Level Four, Cyril Magnin III
Session Submission Type: Paper Session
Sub Unit: Section on History of Sociology / Using Sociological Archives

Session Organizer: Alan Sica, Pennsylvania State University
Presider: Alan Sica, Pennsylvania State University

Individual Submissions:

Editors, Authors and Social Closure in Four Leading Sociology Journals, 1960-2010 - Robert Perrucci, Purdue University; Carolyn C. Perrucci, Purdue University

Goffman, Gambling, and Fatefulness: What Can We Learn from the Erving Goffman Archives - Dmitri Shalin, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Rethinking Durkheim’s Lectures on the Family - Duygu Basaran Sahin, City University of New York-Graduate Center

Too Thinly Spread? The Effects of the Rockefeller Foundation Funding on Czechoslovak Social Sciences, 1924-1948 - Marek Skovajsa, Charles University Prague

W.I. Thomas's Forgotten Four Wishes - An Exploratory History - Corey J. Colyer, West Virginia University

History of Sociology Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award: Steven Lukes, New York University

Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award


Graduate Student Award: Ben Merriman (Chicago), “Three Conceptions of Spatial Locality in Chicago School Sociology (and Their Significance Today)”.

Thank you to the members of the award committees: Charles Camic, Vera Zolberg, Kristen Luker (Lifetime Achievement), Silva Pedraza, Nico Stehr, Julia Zimmerman (Distinguished Scholarly Publication), Peter Baehr, Marcus Hunter, Mikaila Arthur, Robert Owens, Eleni Arzoglou (Graduate Student Award).
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Recent Publications


Paper Spotlight

Clark, Terry Nichols. “Paul Lazarsfeld’s Politics: (Dis) Engagement, Irony, and the Cigar.”


Abstract

What were PF Lazarsfeld's politics? He has been classified as a tool of capitalists and his work dismissed for this reason. We should confront the issues directly as they are complex but essential to overcome barriers for many who do not know the details. PFL was highly adaptable, ironic, and flexible. He joked about his marginal man status, and played it masterfully. This paper explores the complexities of the links between PFL and politics in general, and the multiple specific answers that he offered in many of his publications. Consider his analyses of engaging Austrian youths into socialism, to American workers, to the lack of impact of McCarthy on academe, to the policy implications of social science. The range and diversity of political analyses illustrate his adaptability, his innovativeness, his effort to find a new perspective and challenge established views, and his lack of total commitment to any single view, in his positive as well as his normative work. With Habermas, some of these ideas even became part of the new Frankfort sociology.

Introductory paragraph:
Politics was always central and salient to Paul Felix Lazarsfeld (PFL), but has been surprisingly neglected in commentary about him. There is almost nothing explicitly written on PFL’s politics. This is shocking as his career built on many political concerns and most of his books directly dealt with political topics. If one introduces the political context, it helps bring out points that otherwise appear confused, in his work and more generally. This paper proceeds by exploring three sets of processes and how they join: 1. What was PFL’s model of politics, in his analytical writings? 2. How did his modeling relate to his personal outlook, his marginality and personal irony? 3. How does the context shift these relations, as theorized by PFL and others, and as illustrated by his move from Austria to the US, his returns to Europe, and then the Gotterdamung both of PFL/RKM and of Adorno/Horkheimer after the 1968 evenements. The paper explores several contrasting transformations at Frankfort and Columbia, especially featuring Habermas.

The paper is 49 pp. singlespaced, available to download at: https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/5559963/PFL%20and%20Politics18.doc

as is the Paris/Sorbonne paper on which it builds:

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Book Spotlights


"Sociology of Religion in America tells the story of the controversies involved in the development of a scientific specialty that often makes news in America. The evidence it presents runs contrary to the many myths about the field. Sometimes viewed by scholars as a backwater, actual evidence from the 190s to the 1980s shows that sociology of religion had a steady presence in sociology all along. Seen as a force alien to religion by some, it was actually in a mutually supportive relationship with religious organizations.

Examining dissertations dating from 1895 to 1959 and scientific articles from the 1960s to the 1980s, Anthony J. Blasi discovers who the major sociologists of religion were and what they did. He traces the field's previously unknown tradition in community studies, the exigencies of the research institutes, an dramatic changes in the professional associations” (Brill online review www.brill.com/products/book/sociology-religion-america).

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Racism, Class and the Racialized Outsider offers an original perspective on the significance of both racism and anti-racism in the making of the English working class. While racism became a powerful structuring force within this social class from as early as the mid-Victorian period, this book also traces the episodic emergence of currents of working class anti-racism. Through an insistence that race is central to the way class works, this insightful text demonstrates not only that the English working class was a multi-ethnic formation from the moment of its inception but that racialized outsiders - Irish Catholics, Jews, Asians and the African diaspora - often played a catalytic role in the collective action that helped fashion a more inclusive and democratic society.

http://us.macmillan.com/racismclassandtheracializedoutsider/SatnamVirdee

Praise

“A remarkable study of the interplay between racism and anti-racism in shaping the contours of working class organization and struggle in England. It is a nuanced and sophisticated contribution both to the empirical account of this historical trajectory, and to our theoretical understanding of the mutually constitutive character of
race and class.” - Erik Olin Wright, Vilas Distinguished Professor, University of Wisconsin, USA, and Past-President, American Sociological Association.

"A serious and conceptually sophisticated analysis of key aspects of racism and anti-racism in the contemporary environment. Its combination of history and sociology makes it somewhat unique and it has no obvious competitor at the present time." - John Solomos, Professor of Sociology, University of Warwick, UK

"Virdee's inspiring and historically wide-ranging account of the hidden role played by racialized minorities in the formative moments of English labour history sets a new benchmark in work on race and class." - Verity Burgmann, Professor Emerita, Monash University, Australia

"This pathbreaking and cogently written book is a major contribution to our historical understanding of racism and working class politics in England." - Rodolfo D. Torres, University of California, Irvine, USA

The aim of this book is to recover these lost histories and to document the continuing influence of British sociology in all the key areas of the discipline.

Essentially, this volume does not so much reconstruct a history of British sociology, as offer multiple histories, with an emphasis on discontinuities as much as continuities. In doing so, it will challenge some of the previously established ‘truths’ about the discipline, whether that be its empiricist tenor and neglect of ‘theory’ set out by Perry Anderson in his criticism of British ‘national culture’ in the 1960s or the idea that it is a narrative largely tied to the growth of the nation-state, culminating in (semi-) professionalisation during the post-war growth of the welfare state, as suggested in Halsey’s recent history of the discipline.

The emphasis on multiple histories and discontinuities should also dispel any tendency toward a Whiggish account of the rise of sociology to a secure place in the disciplinary fabric of British academic organisation. Sociology is part of what it explains and the conditions giving rise to its emergence and development are not subject to automatic reproduction. While all histories involve a deal of path-dependence, the present collection points out directions opened up, but not taken, as well as moments of interruption and displacement.

The idea for the present collection was suggested by the volume on American Sociology edited by Craig Calhoun in celebration of the founding of the American Sociological Society (the forerunner of American Sociological Association). It anticipated the 60th anniversary of the British Sociological Association in 2011 and was designed as a (late) celebration of that occasion. However, if anything should remind us of the contingency of the environment in which disciplinary formations must develop and find their niches it is that this coincided with the publication of government plans for the wholesale reorganisation of the financing of higher education. The volume look back, then, at the histories of the discipline while anticipating a future of new developments and, perhaps, radical discontinuities.

John Holmwood and John Scott (eds) Handbook of Sociology in Britain (Palgrave. Forthcoming, August 2014)

There is increasing interest in the history of sociology, its institutional expression, and key contributors and the contexts that facilitated their work. In all this writing, however, there has been little consideration of British sociologists and their work.

This volume contends that sociologists in Britain were, however, central to the organisational development of the subject in international forums, and Britain was one of the first countries to professionalise the practice of sociology: A British university had appointed two university professors in sociology in 1907, some years before the appointment of either Durkheim (in 1913) or Weber (in 1918) to chairs in the subject. Despite the subject being slow to expand beyond these appointments, British sociologists made many contributions to the development of the subject that are virtually unknown today.
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Book Spotlights, continued
Sociology of the Body and the Relation between Sociology and Biology
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Also we announce a new series on the recent history of sociology, Sociology Transformed, edited by John Holmwood (University of Nottingham, UK) and Stephen Turner (University of South Florida, USA). The field of sociology has changed rapidly over the last few decades. Sociology Transformed seeks to map these changes on a country by country basis and to contribute to the discussion of the future of the subject. The series is concerned not only with the traditional centres of the discipline, but with its many variant forms across the globe.

The first volume, American Sociology: from pre-disciplinary to post-normal, by Stephen Turner has already been published. Volumes on sociology in India, Australia, Chile, Czech Republic, Sweden, France, Ireland, Austria, and Argentine are currently in planning/press.

Princeton University Press,

“In the social sciences today, students are taught theory by reading and analyzing the works of Karl Marx, Max Weber, and other foundational figures of the discipline. What they rarely learn, however, is how to actually theorize. The Art of Social Theory is a practical guide to doing just that.

In this one-of-a-kind user’s manual for social theorists, Richard Swedberg explains how theorizing occurs in what he calls the context of discovery, a process in which the researcher gathers preliminary data and thinks creatively about it using tools such as metaphor, analogy, and typology. He guides readers through each step of the theorist’s art, from observation and naming to concept formation and explanation. To theorize well, you also need a sound knowledge of existing social theory. Swedberg introduces readers to the most important theories and concepts, and discusses how to go about mastering them. If you can think, you can also learn to theorize. This book shows you how.

Concise and accessible, The Art of Social Theory features helpful examples throughout, and also provides practical exercises that enable readers to learn through doing” (Princeton University Press’ online review from, http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10264.html).

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Secretary-Treasurer: Christian Daye, University of Graz, Austria

Council Members: Eleanor Townsley, Mount Holyoke College; Erik Schneiderhan, University of Toronto

Student Representative: Mathieu Desan, University of Michigan
Announcements

J. I. (Hans) Bakker, recently retired from the University of Guelph, will be the Stanley Knowles Distinguished Visiting Professor at Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba, the Fall semester, 2014. He will give public lectures on the history of sociology and rural sociology. (He is currently editing a book on rural sociology with Paradigm Press.) He will also explain comparative historical sociology (CHS), including specific lectures on Max Weber and modern bureaucracy. One lecture will be about M. K. Mahatma Gandhi. In addition he will speak on semiotics and hermeneutics to graduate seminars. Hans feels very honored to have this opportunity. He can be contacted at: hbakker@uoguelph.ca

The title of the rural sociology book is: Rural Sociologists at Work: Candid Accounts of Theory, Methods and Practice (Boulder, Colorado: Paradigm Press).