From the Chair:

Mady W. Segal, University of Maryland, College Park

I hope that the beginning of summer finds you happy, healthy, enjoying your work (or taking a break from it), and looking forward to the A.S.A. meetings in August. Various members of the Section have been busy planning for some interesting and enjoyable activities.

Our Section day is Sunday, August 13, (but our reception will be held on Monday, August 14 due to the scheduling of the ASA Honorary Reception on our section day). We begin the day on Sunday with our interesting Roundtables at 8:30 (to 9:30 A.M.), followed by our business meeting from 9:30 to 10:10. We need good attendance at our business meeting, both for the active participation of our members and because we need at least 25 members in attendance for A.S.A. to consider our Section viable. Please come and sign our attendance sheet (no tests, but we do take attendance!). At the business meeting, I will be passing the gavel to Gordon Fellman, our Chair for 2000-2001. I am sure you will all want to give him your support and hear about his ideas for the 2001 meeting and give him yours. (More of this can be done, of course, at the reception.)

We will continue our Section activities on Sunday with our paper sessions. As reported in our last newsletter, the program will include a session on "Military and Non-Military Participation in Peace Operations" (10:30 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.) and "Race, Gender, and Class in the Study of Peace, War, the Military, and Social Conflict" (12:30 to 2:10 P.M) (the latter co-sponsored with the section on Race, Gender, and Class).

Our Reception will be held on Monday, August 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.- see details reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

It promises to be an excellent event, with good food and good company -- at an affordable price for the section. The
Our membership count continues to be an issue for the attention of all of us. While the intellectual life of our section is active and stimulating, we need to keep our members and recruit new ones. Our count as of May 10, 2000 is 224. The ASA minimum is 300. If we do not get our count back up, we are in danger of losing one of our sessions at the ASA meetings. That would be quite unfortunate. Those of you who have not paid your 2000 dues, we need you! Those of you who have paid your dues, please get one or two new people to join us. If you have students who are members of ASA and who would like to try our section, we always have a section member or two (myself included) willing to pay for students’ first year in the section. There is a membership form on the ASA homepage (www.asanet.org) and in this newsletter.

The results of the Section election are in! Our newly elected officers are:


Secretary-Treasurer (3 year term, 2000-2003): **Amy S. Hubbard**

Council members (3-year terms): **Chris Bourg** and **Bob Edwards**

Congratulations to these new officers. Our thanks go to them and to the other candidates for their willingness to serve.

**I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN D.C.!**

**PWSC SESSIONS AT THE 2000 ASA MEETINGS**

129. Refereed Roundtables, Hilton,
8:30-9:30am, Sunday, Aug. 13

Organizers:
Bradford Booth and Meyer Kestnbaum, University of Maryland

1. Political Violence and States
Pietro Toggia and Pat Lauderdale, Arizona State University, "The State of War: The Ethiopian-Eritrea States in the Horn of Africa"

Markus S. Schulz, New School for Social Research, "The Dynamics of Political Violence and Transnational Discourse"

E.C. Ejiogu, University of Maryland, "Protecting the State from Multiple Societies: A Sociological Study of Nigeria’s Civil Military Relations"

2. Social Psychological Perspectives on the Armed Forces
Yuko Kurashina, University of Maryland, "A Cyber-Military Community: Computer Mediated Military Spouse Networks as Resources of Social Support."

Janet L. Chapman, Morten Ender, and Susan Lee-Kratz, "General Psychology, Service Learning, and the U.S. Military Academy."

David Rohall and V. Lee Hamilton, University of Maryland, "Place, Time, and Job Search Strategies as Determinants of Re-Employment Among Former Military Officers."

3. Disciplinary Issues in the Sociology of War and the Military


Seungsook Moon, Vassar College, "Juggling Difference and Equality: Women Soldiers in the South Korean Army."

Lars Bo Kaspersen, University of Copenhagen, "Historical Sociology and Warfare as a Driving Historical Force."

4. Perceptions of Social Threat

Jeanne Guillemin, Boston College, "Anthrax, Bioterrorism, and the Body Politic."


***** 9:30-10:10am BUSINESS MEETING *****


Organizers:
Mady W. Segal, University of Maryland, College Park and John T. Crist, U.S. Institute of Peace

Presider:
John T. Crist, U.S. Institute of Peace

Papers:
Dana Eyre, Naval Postgraduate School, "If "It's Not a Soldier’s Job but Only a Soldier Can Do It," Then Whose Job Is It? Practice and Identity in Military and Civilian Peacekeepers."


Brian Reed, Morten Ender, and Justin Jones, U. S. Military Academy, "Give Peacekeepers a Chance: Peacekeeper Attitudes on Peacekeeping."
192. Race, Gender, and Class in the Study of Peace, War, the Military, and Social Conflict

(co-sponsored with the section on Race, Gender and Class), Hilton,
12:30, Sunday, Aug. 13

Organizers:
Mady W. Segal, University of Maryland and Lynne M. Woehrle, Wilson College

Presider:
Mady W. Segal, University of Maryland

Discussion:
Lynne M. Woehrle, Wilson College

Papers:
Brenda L. Moore, State University of New York at Buffalo, "Women in Military Intelligence: The Case of Nisei WACs during World War II."

Alec Campbell, Colby College, "Class Politics during Demobilization from Total War."

Patrick G. Coy, Kent State University, "'We Use It but We Don't Abuse It:' Nonviolent Protective Accompaniment and the Use of Ethnicity and Privilege by Peace Brigades International."

Timothy B. Gongaware, University of Nebraska, "Nurturers and Keepers of Culture: The Influence of Native American Women on the Development of Collective Action Frames."

RECEPTION

After three hard days of conferencing, be sure to join us to unwind and catch up at the section's annual reception on Monday, August 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This year we will gather at Viareggios, an Italian deli just five minutes walk from the main entrance of the Hilton. Just step out of the hotel on to Connecticut Avenue (no need to cross the street), turn left (south toward Dupont Circle), and you'll find the shop at 1727 Connecticut Avenue, past Florida Avenue and then S Street (if you come to R Street you've gone too far).

When you find it, head toward the dining area in the back and upstairs, past the sandwich counter, the kitchen, and the tempting rows of imported pastas, sauces, olive oils, balsamic vinegars, and Italian sweets. We will celebrate with an anti-pasto buffet, a tasty array of marinated artichoke hearts, stuffed olives, pasta salad, Italian bread, pickled onions and tomatoes, Italian cold cuts, and more. The menu has something for vegetarians, vegans, and carnivores alike! Soft drinks, beer, and wine are free until we run out, and you may buy more at the shop downstairs. There's also a hot and cold menu downstairs, so you may decide to stay for something more substantial; otherwise, you're well placed to enjoy some of the city's most pleasant and affordable restaurants.

There will be a tip and donation box to help defray the cost of drinks and to show our gratitude to Viareggios for giving us a free room and working within what was for the neighborhood a very modest budget!

~~John T. Crist
RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY SECTION MEMBERS


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Williams' new contact info is: P.O. Box 2723, San Pedro, CA Phone/fax: (310) 833-0522 conflict-resolution-works@home.com

ALSO OF INTEREST AT THE D.C. MEETINGS

Sessions:

8. The Military-Industrial Complex in Comparative Perspective, 8:30, Sat.
29. Liberation Struggles in Latin America, 10:30, Sat.
64. Genocide and Gross Violations of Human Rights, 12:30, Sat.
67. Military Sociology, 12:30, Sat.
216. Consequences of War, 2:30, Sat.
231. Author Meets Critics: Constructive Conflicts: From Escalation to Resolution, by Louis Kriesberg
320. Women and Gender in Ethno-Political Conflict: Cross-Cultural Perspectives, 2:30, Mon.

Tours:

3. U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 9:00-1:00, Mon., $12.
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- conflict resolution
- nonviolence
- military institutions
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If you are a member of the ASA, simply fill out this form, include your section dues and mail it to ASA headquarters. If you are not an ASA member, you can use this form to get more information about the American Sociological Association and the section on Peace, War, & Social Conflict.

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[ ] I am an ASA member and want to join the section on Peace, War, & Social Conflict.

[ ] I am a student member of ASA and enclosed is a check for $7.

[ ] I am not a member of ASA, but am interested in joining. Please send me more information, contact: information about membership in both

Mady Segal, Chair, msegal@socy.umd.edu, or the ASA and the Peace, War, & Social Conflict section.

Jack Nusan Porter, Membership Chair, jacknusan@aol.com Conflict section.