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Letter from the Chair
Dear Section Members:

I hope this finds you enjoying some summer combination of relaxation and research (the academic version of R&R). And with luck you are starting to think about packing your bags for Atlanta. In this issue of the newsletter you will find much information on the section events. At printing the preliminary program was not available so we have not been able to provide you with the specific times of the events. But our section day is Sunday.

A couple of special events to look forward to this year are the Carter Center tours which yours truly had a hand in organizing. A highlight of that trip is the opportunity to spend 90 minutes talking with staff from the Conflict Resolution Program at the Carter Center. I hope you will sign up for the tour. Another special event is a jointly sponsored section reception with two other ASA sections: Political Sociology, and Collective Behavior and Social Movements. Many of us belong to more than one of these sections and we thought it might be a nice change of pace this year to co-sponsor the gathering. I look forward to seeing you there.

I appreciate the opportunity over the past year to serve as your chair. I hope the new ASA electronic technology goes more smoothly in the coming year and I
thank all the session organizers and the elections committee chair for their persistence and patience in the face of significant technological glitches.

See you soon!

Lynne Woehrle, Ph.D.
Mount Mary College

PWSC Section Sessions for ASA in Atlanta, August 16-19, 2004

Panel Session:
From Conflict to Peace: Political, Economic, and Humanitarian Concerns

PRESIDER: Tanya Goodman (Yale University)

“The Genocidal Mentality Revisited”
Vicky Brockman (Southwest State University) & Eric Markusen (Southwest State University & the Danish Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies)

“Constructing Civilian-Soldiers: The Militarization of Inner Space”
Jackie Orr (Syracuse University)

“Land and Agrarian Reform in El Salvador after the Peace Accords: Social Movement or Not?” Carlos Zeisel (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

DISCUSSANT: Amy Hubbard, Ph.D.

Roundtables: (followed by the section business meeting)

War, Media, and Popular Culture

Morten Ender, United States Military Academy “Context, Content, and Change: The Military Family in American Cinema”

Jerry Lembcke, Holly Cross College
“CNN’s Tailwind Tale: War, Media, and Popular Culture”

Dynamics of Polarization in Conflict

Robert Michael Kunovich, Boston College and Catherine M. Sigworth, Boston College “Ethnic Conflict, Group Polarization, and Gender Attitudes in Croatia”

Trudie Coker, Florida Atlantic University “Class Polarization and Crisis in Venezuela”

Erin K. Rizor, Duquesne University “Moving Beyond the Need for an Enemy: The View of the Enemy as a Social Construction”

Teaching about Violence and Peace

Rita Stephan and Lester Kurtz, University of Texas, Austin Cross-Cultural Peace “Education: Peace between Arabs and Israelis”

Joyce Apsel, New York University “Teaching about Genocide and Human Rights”

ALSO of Interest to PWSC Section members:

Regular Session: Peace and Conflict
“On Water and Power: The Determinants of International Cooperation over Shared River Basins”
Kelly Hoffman

“White, Black and Hispanic Casualty Rates during the Vietnam Conflict: Any Differences?”
Richard P. Talbot

“Shaping Opposition to the War on
Terrorism: Resonance and Resistance by Peace Movement Organizations*  
Gregory Maney, Lynne Woehrle, Patrick Coy

Robin Williams Award 2003

This year’s recipients of the Robin Williams Award for a Career of Distinguishing Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching or Service, are Dr. Thomas J. Scheff and Dr. Suzanne M. Retzinger, scholars in the field of conflict resolution. The award is intended to honor an individual with an outstanding scholarly career in the study of peace, war, genocide, military institutions or social conflict and/or important contributions to teaching the sociology of peace, war, and social conflict and/or outstanding service to the ASA Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict. The award will be presented at the section business meeting in Atlanta in August. Congratulations!

M. Boulding Student Paper Award

From “an Event Downtown” to “an Historical Event”: the Social Construction of Disaster in Narratives of September 11 by Karen Albright, Courtney B. Abrams, and Aaron L. Panofsky, New York University

The entries in this year’s graduate student contest were so strong, the committee also decided to award Honorable Mention to the following two papers:


Extending the South African TRC Narrative: Analyzing Positive Audience Response in the “Register of Reconciliation” by Tanya Goodman, Yale University

Results of the 2003 Peace, War, and Social Conflict Elections

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Recent Publications

Mary Jo Deegan recently published an introduction to a reprint paperback edition of Women at the Hague by Jane Addams, Emily G. Balch, and Alice Hamilton (Amherst, NY: Humanity Books, 2003). This is the first international peace meeting by women, held in 1915, and female sociologists played a major role in its organization and manifesto. It is ideal for all levels of college courses and is the foundational meeting for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the major global network for women and peace activists today.

Mathieu Deflem’s book, Policing World Society: Historical Foundations of
International Police Cooperation, has just been published by Oxford University Press (2002). The book offers a historical analysis of international police cooperation from the mid-19th century until World War II. Based on a theoretical model rooted in the sociology of Max Weber and theories of globalization, the study provides a rich empirical account of various dimensions in the history of international policing. These include the role of police in the 19th-century development towards national independence; the evolution of international police cooperation from political to criminal enforcement duties; international police aspects involved with the outbreak of World War I and the Bolshevik Revolution; the early formation of international police organizations, including Interpol; the international implications of the Nazification of the German police; and the rise on the international scene of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

More information can be found on the website of OUP: http://www.oup-usa.org/isbn/0199259623.html

Section Listserves

Section Announcement Listserv:

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Section Discussion Listserv:
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