DEAR MEMBERS

We have an exciting program of events scheduled for the 104th Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. I am very proud of the sessions that our section members have organized. I would like to thank Kumiko Nemo-to, Karla Hackstaff, Angel Adam Paham, Mangala Subramaniam, Beth Williford and Eviatar Zerubavel for the energies that they invested in organizing such exciting sessions for our section. I also want to give a special thanks to Celeste Watkins-Hayes of Northwestern University for graciously agreeing to co-organize a session devoted to the Sociology of AIDS/HIV which highlights the significant research being done by graduate students. This session is co-sponsored by the Sociologists for AIDS Network. The issue of HIV/AIDS is one that clearly demonstrates the theoretical purchase of an intersectional analysis of the ways that race, class, gender and sexuality intersect to position some populations at higher risk than others. I look forward to celebrating the recent publications of our section members and the Outstanding Contribution to Scholarship awards. Please attend our business meeting, which will be held on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. We will distribute the awards at this meeting and welcome our chair-elect Joy Misra (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) and our new council members Shirley Jackson (Southern Connecticut University), Carolina Bank Munoz (Brooklyn College-CUNY), and Glenda Flores (UCLA). Our reception will be held off-site, 2 blocks from the hotel at Satorino, which is located at 242 O’Farrell.

I want to thank the Siobhan Brooks King who organized our off-site restaurant which will be held close to the hotel as the members requested at last year’s business meeting. I also want to thank the organizers of our paper sessions and those members who contributed papers.

If you have any announcements for the upcoming newsletter please send them to Rebecca Scott, our editor, at scottrr@missouri.edu.

Our section has sponsored 5 ‘section sessions’ for the annual meetings. Three of this will take place on Saturday, August 8th and the remaining two sessions will occur on Sunday August 9th. The program follows on page 3.
Announcement
2009 ASA Election Results
Section on Race, Gender and Class
April, 2009

Dear Section Members

Please welcome our newly elected officers of the Race, Gender and Class section.

Chair-Elect:

Joy Misra, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Council Members:

Shirley Jackson, Southern Connecticut University
Carolina Bank Munoz, Brooklyn College-CUNY

Student Representative:
Glenda Flores, University of Southern California-Los Angeles

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Myra Marx Ferree
Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award Winner

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Race, Gender and Class Section Sessions

**Intersections: Race, Gender, Class, Sexuality and the HIV Pandemic (Co-sponsored with Sociologists AIDS Network)**

Sat, Aug 8 - 10:30am - 12:10 pm  Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizers: France Winddance Twine (University of California, Santa Barbara) and Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes (Northwestern University)
Presider: Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes (Northwestern University)

*Elyse Kovalsky (Northwestern University)

*Yordanos Mequanint Tiruneh (Northwestern University)

Contextualizing the Sexual Risk and Disclosure Behaviors of HIV-Positive Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women (MSMW) in Los Angeles.
*Tara A McKay (University of California-Los Angeles), *Matt G. Mutchler (California State University-Dominguez Hills), *Jaime Gutierrez (University of Puerto Rico)

Abstract:
This session explores the sociological dimensions of HIV/AIDS with an emphasis on work that analyzes the pandemic’s relationship to race, class, gender, and sexuality. US-based and international scholarship will draw parallels between macro-structures of inequality, institutions and policies, individual lived experiences, and the AIDS pandemic. Papers that analyze how multiple social group memberships--and the statuses that they confer--shape the cultural meanings, material relations, or policy and programmatic implications of the epidemic are of particular interest. San Francisco has played a unique role in the history, medical infrastructure, and political mobilization efforts around HIV, so it is fitting that this session take place at these meetings.

**Masculinities**

Sat, Aug 8 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm  Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Kumiko Nemoto (Western Kentucky University)
Session Organizer: Karen D. Pyke (University of California, Riverside)
Presider: Kumiko Nemoto (Western Kentucky University)
Presider: Karen D. Pyke (University of California, Riverside)
Discussant: Edward W. Morris (University of Kentucky)

Korean Farmers’ Restoration of Masculinity: Gender, Class, and Nationality in Filipina-Korean International Marriage
*Minjeong Kim (Virginia Tech)

Alternative Paths to Masculinity among Young Men in an Urban Alternatives-to-Incarceration Program
*Megha Ramaswamy (Graduate Center City University of New York)

Producing Gendered Spectacle: Men Managing the Male Gaze
*R. Tyson Smith (Rutgers University)

**The Power of Genealogies: Collective Memories, and the Social Reproduction of Racial and Ethnic Communities**

Sat, Aug 8 - 4:30pm - 6:10pm  Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Angel Adams Parham (Loyola University-New Orleans)
Session Organizer: Karla B. Hackstaff (Northern Arizona University)

Fluidity of Race, Fluidity within Race: Exploring Mechanisms of Racial Variance in Institutional Trust
*Abigail A. Sewell (Indiana University-Bloomington), Rashawn Jabar Ray (Indiana University-Bloomington)

It still matters: Palestinian and Jewish Israeli Americans and collective memories about homeland conflict
*Julianne Melissa Weinzimmer (Wright State University)

Racial Segregation and the Politics of Descent: A Study in the Sociology of Memory
*Eviatar Zerubavel (Rutgers University)

Survivor Memories, Second Generation Legacies: Collective Memory and Children of Holocaust Survivors
*Genevieve Rose Payne (UC-Davis)

The Power of Genealogical Identities: How Might They Reconfigure Collective Memories
*Karla B. Hackstaff (Northern Arizona University)

Abstract:
In this panel, the authors present papers that pursue how everyday family genealogists (re) produce culture, community, and history, and participate in the power dynamics that construct race, gender, and class.

Sociology of Ancestry: Race and Ethnicity

Sun, Aug 9 - 8:30am - 10:10am Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Eviatar Zerubavel (Rutgers University)
Presider: Eviatar Zerubavel (Rutgers University)
Discussant: Eviatar Zerubavel (Rutgers University)

The Legacy of the One-Drop Rule
*Scott Leon Washington (Princeton University)

Hierarchies and Policies Without Groups: A View from Brazil
*Luisa Farah Schwartzman (University of Toronto)

Memories in Black and White: Dealing with Slavery in Family Histories
*Angel Adams Parham (Loyola University-New Orleans)

Genealogy, Personal Networks, and Community Structure: The Modern Phenomenon of the Shrinking Family
*Neha Gondal (Rutgers University)

Race, Space and Inequality: Nation, Migration, and Ethnic Boundaries

Sun, Aug 9 - 10:30am - 12:10pm Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Mangala Subramaniam (Purdue University)
Session Organizer: Beth Williford (Purdue University)
Discussant: Jackie Lee Hogan (Bradley University)

Ethno-racial Boundary Formation in Japan
*Hwa-Ji Shin (University of San Francisco)

*Casey A. Borch (University of Alabama at Birmingham), *Mamadi Corra (East Carolina University)

Social Inequality in Contemporary South Africa: Evidence from the 1996 and 2001 Censuses
*Matthew R. McKeever (Mount Holyoke College)

Technologies Of Control, Enforcement Rituals, And Racialized Public Space: Migrant Narratives In Arizona
*Nancy A. Wonders (Northern Arizona University), Meghan McDowell McDowell (Northern Arizona University)

Traveling to Belong: Homeland tourism and American Ethnic Identity
Jillian L. Powers (Duke University)
Presidential Panel. A Defining Moment? Youth, Power and the Obama Phenomenon

Sat, Aug 8 - 10:30am - 12:10pm  Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Patricia Hill Collins (University of Maryland - College Park)
Presider: Amanda Evelyn Lewis (Emory University)
Panelist: Gurminder K. Bhambra (University of Warwick)
Panelist: Douglas McAdam (Stanford University)
Panelist: Cathy J. Cohen (University of Chicago)

At This Defining Moment: College Student Perspectives on Race, Gender, and the 2008 Presidential Election
*Enid Lynette Logan (University of Minnesota)

Abstract:
Barack Obama’s presidential campaign demonstrated innovative approaches to organizing new political communities, most notably youth. In essence, by encouraging youth from heterogeneous backgrounds to participate in something bigger than themselves, the campaign simultaneously politicized youth and helped construct a political community of youth. This session uses the construct of youth as an age cohort or “community” of people to investigate two questions: In what sense do youth bring a distinctive generational ethos to questions of power, change and democratic processes? In what sense have youth been empowered, changed and engaging in new forms of civic participation in response to the Obama phenomenon? The session examines several themes, among them (1) how global youth movements of the 1960s might speak to contemporary youth issues; (2) how youth were situated within the Obama administration’s reliance on “blended social action”; (3) how the changing demographic and attitudinal contours of contemporary youth populations in the U.S., especially youth of color framed their views of political participation; and (4) the significance of youth participation in contemporary politics for Obama’s messages of hope and change.

Plenary Session. Why Obama Won (and What That Says about Democracy and Change in America)

Sat, Aug 8 - 12:30pm - 2:10pm Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Patricia Hill Collins (University of Maryland - College Park)
Presider: Patricia Hill Collins (University of Maryland - College Park)
Panelist: Jose Zapata Calderon (Pitzer College)
Panelist: Lawrence D. Bobo (Harvard University)

Abstract:
Barack Obama’s election is often described as a “defining moment,” one marking some sort of fundamental change for American democracy. But what exactly has changed, or might change, and why? This session explores how the election of Barack Obama catalyzes new thinking about the meaning of democracy and change in the United States. Our panelists examine some important factors associated with change, such
as new forms of political engagement by youth, new immigrant populations, women, and similar populations; new ways of organizing democratic institutions themselves that reflect a changing, heterogeneous American population; as well as the seeming commitment to community service and similar values thought to be associated with the revitalization of democratic institutions. This session takes up broader questions of what this specific victory says about communities and change in contemporary American society.

This plenary session serves two additional purposes. First, it links the general conference theme of The New Politics of Community to the specific issues of how the Obama presidency might signal a new politics of community on the national level. Second, it also introduces a series of complementary sessions that collectively comprise a min-symposium that collectively investigate the sociological significance of Barack Obama. This plenary session is designed to open up discussion by examining the actual and potential significance of Barack Obama’s historic victory. Presidential Panels, thematic sessions, and other programmatic elements take a closer look at these issues.

**Regional Spotlight Session. The 1969 ASA Counter-Convention at the Glide Memorial Church: A Forty Year Retrospective**

Sat, Aug 8 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Rhonda F. Levine (Colgate University)

Presider: Rhonda F. Levine (Colgate University)

Those Were the Days, My Friend
*Carol A. Brown (University of Massachusetts)

Reflecting on 1969
*Richard Flacks (University of California, Santa Barbara)

The Women’s Sociology Caucus, Sociologists for Women in Society and the ASA: A Forty Year Retrospective of Women on the Move
*Pamela Ann Roby (University of California)

What We Thought We Knew Then and What We Should Know Now: Theory and Practice a Generation Later
*Robert J.S. Ross (Clark University)

Abstract:
This spotlight session focuses on the 1969 ASA counter-convention events that were held at the Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco. The session will discuss the significance of the Glide Memorial Church in hosting progressive causes such as the 1969 counter-convention that sought to open the discipline of sociology to voices that had previously been marginalized. Panelists who were active participants in the event and its aftermath will discuss the development and legacy of the Sociology Liberation Movement, the Radical Caucus, and the Women’s Sociology Caucus with respect to both the discipline of sociology and the ASA.

**Regular Session. Microsociologies**

Sat, Aug 8 - 4:30pm - 6:10pm Building: Parc 55 Hotel

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Dawn T. Robinson (University of Georgia)

Presider: Kathryn J. Lively (Dartmouth College)

Private Selves and Public Work: Negotiating Space and Visibility in an Office Setting
*Gabrielle Raley (University of California-Los Angeles)

Emotional Justice: Restorative Justice, Microsociology, and Reoffending
*Meredith Rossner (St. Josephs University)

Focal Strategies for Invoking Ritual Experience and Their Respective Obstacles
*Chris J. Hausmann (University of Notre Dame)

Balancing and Bridging: Integrating the Generalized Other into Theories of
**Difference in Symbolic Interactionism**  
*Thomas Edward Janoski (University of Kentucky), Chrystal Y. Grey (University of Kentucky), Darina Elena Lepadatu (Kennesaw State University)

**Rural Teenagers’ Constructions of Class and Race**  
*Edward W. Morris (University of Kentucky)

**Thematic Session. Queer Communities and Family Relationships**

Sun, Aug 9 - 8:30am - 10:10am  Building: Parc 55 Hotel

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Session Organizer: Nancy A. Naples (University of Connecticut)
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Susana Pena (Bowling Green State University)

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Ellen Lewin (University of Iowa)

**Regular Session. Masculinities: Class, Race and Embodiment**

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Session Organizer: C.J. Pascoe (The Colorado College)
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*Maxine Leeds Craig (University of California-Davis)

Blurring The Line: Homosociality and Undoing Gender in Indie Rock Bands  
*Taylor Houston (University of Georgia)

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*Freeden Oeur (University of California, Berkeley)

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*Jim Taylor (The Ohio State University), *Leon Anderson (Ohio University)

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Social Theoretical Perspectives on Intersectionality
*Gudrun-Axeli Knapp (University of Hanover-Germany)

Intersectionality: The Travails of Traveling Theory
*Kimberlé Crenshaw (University of California-Los Angeles)

Intersectionality and Belonging
*Nira Yuval-Davis (University of East London)

Panelist: Helen Meekosha (University of New South Wales-Australia)

Discussant: Nancy A. Naples (University of Connecticut)

Abstract:
This session explores how intersectional paradigms that accompany race/class/gender scholarship might contribute to new understandings of both the concept of community and the workings of actual communities. Intersectional scholarship has focused on relational processes among different entities (the “inter” location), on relationships among entities that are often seen as non-related to one another, different from one another or even contradicting one another. Just as intersectionality investigates multiple forms of interconnections, the very concept of community involves the dynamic negotiation of differences. Intersectional scholarship often retains a social justice impetus that distinguishes it from other theoretical paradigms. This social justice dynamic also affects communities on local, national and international arenas. Using their own work as a touchstone for analysis, this panel of internationally recognized scholars will share their perspectives on intersectionality and community.

Section on Latino/a Sociology Paper Session.
Panelist: Joya Misra (University of Massachusetts)

Panelist: Griff Tester (Georgia State University)

Panelist: Christine L. Williams (University of Texas at Austin)

Panelist: Rose Brewer (University of Minnesota)

Discussant: Mary Romero (Arizona State University)

Abstract: This invited session addresses the issues, challenges, and options that accompany using an intersectional perspective. Despite growing recognition that intersectionality is a useful theoretical tool, many sociologists still struggle with the process of determining opportune and methodologically rigorous ways to apply this framework to their scholarship. This session features a panel discussion from sociologists who have used intersectional theory to drive qualitative, quantitative, policy analysis, and/or theoretically driven work. Among other things, panelists will discuss ways to draw attention to overcoming the gap between the relatively widespread appreciation of the theory and its lesser use in practice, as well as the challenges that accompany using an intersectional perspective, and the extent to which intersectionality is legitimized or constrained through avenues for scholarship.

Presidential Panel. Counting Communities, Which Communities Count?

Mon, Aug 10 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Organizer: Patricia Hill Collins (University of Maryland - College Park)
Presider: Nancy A. Denton (University at Albany)

Panelist: Camille Zubrinsky Charles (University of Pennsylvania)

The Politics of Engendering Census Counts
*Harriet B. Presser (University of Maryland)

Panelist: Juan J. Battle (City University of New York-Graduate Center)

Panelist: Clara Rodriguez (Fordham University)

Abstract: Anticipating the 2010 U.S. Census, this session examines how politics of counting populations is central to the social construction of communities. Political factors affect all aspects of research design, from the types of questions asked, the types data collected, how data is interpreted, and policy implications that might ensue. Yet these processes typically receive minimal attention in research that assumes that processes of counting are politically neutral. Using their expertise in areas of race, gender, sexuality and ethnicity as a touchstone for analysis, presenters will explore issues such as, how the processes of counting or measuring populations define the communities that most concern them; how these processes can foster heightened visibility of some communities as well as an underemphasis on others; and how notions of who is worth counting reflects ideas of researchers about race, sexuality, immigrant status, gender, and class.

Regular Session. Cultural Studies

Mon, Aug 10 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm Building: Hilton San Francisco

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Rebecca R. Scott (University of Missouri-Columbia)
Presider: Rebecca R. Scott (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Post 9-11, but Post-racial?: Television’s Lost and Heroes
*Nancy Wang Yuen (Biola University), *Cassidy J. Ray (Biola University)

Reproducing “Really Useful” Workers: Ideology and Children’s Television
*Michael J. Roberts (San Diego State University), Benjamin J Wright (San Diego State University)

The Cultural Politics of Beauty Pageants: News Representations of Miss World Nigeria
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*Oluwakemi M. Balogun (University of California, Berkeley)

“Women of the World Unite!” Raperas Las Kru-das CUBENSI, and Contemporary Sexual Politics in Cuba
*Tanya Saunders (University of Michigan)

Regular Session. Stratification
Sponsor: Education

Tue, Aug 11 - 10:30am - 12:10pm Building: Parc 55 Hotel

Session Participants:
Session Organizer: Antonia M. Randolph (University of Delaware)
Presider: Michael R. Olneck (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Discussant: Michael R. Olneck (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Academic Enrichment Organizations: The Transmission of Cultural Capital among Underrepresented Minority Undergraduates
*Sarah M. Ovink (University of California-Davis), Brian D. Veazey (University of California Davis)

Choice and Segregation in the Nation’s Capital: The Racial Landscape of District of Columbia Schools
*Nicole Deterding (Harvard University)

Cultural Capital and Concerted Cultivation: The Relationship Between Long-term Participation in Activities and Educational Outcomes
*Susan A. Dumais (Louisiana State University)

The Legacy of Disadvantage: Multigenerational Neighborhood Effects on Children’s Cognitive Ability
*Felix Elwert (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Patrick T. Sharkey (New York University)

Celebrate with newly elected officers and 2009 section award winners at the Race, Gender, and Class Section Reception Saturday August 8 at 6:30 pm, at Santorini, 242 O’Farrell Street.
In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the first major ASA panel on HIV/AIDS, SAN is holding a one day conference on Friday, August 7th 2009, entitled “Marking 20 Years of AIDS in Sociology: Reflecting Back & Moving Forward”. To be held at the offices of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, this conference is an opportunity for sociologists of HIV/AIDS and interested others (sociologists and non-sociologists alike) to reflect on work in our field, contemplate new directions, and appreciate one another’s work. The conference will also include talks by local and national activists, meetings with HIV researchers from a variety of fields, and presentations by federal agency representatives regarding prospects for HIV/AIDS research in the new administration.

Since the early days of the epidemic, SAN has been devoted to nurturing social science research relevant to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and policy by creating connections among researchers in the field and between social scientists and other HIV/AIDS scholars around the country. We view this year’s conference as an important opportunity to enhance research networks among sociologists of HIV/AIDS, chart future possibilities for the field, and draw new scholars into HIV/AIDS research.

The program will include plenary sessions on “The History and Future of the Sociology of HIV/AIDS” and “Funding HIV/AIDS Research in the Current Political Environment”, along with panel presentations on “NGOs Responding to HIV/AIDS”, “Issues Related to Living with HIV/AIDS”, and the “Meanings and Politics of AIDS”. Participants will have a chance to get to know one another over breakfast and lunch at the conference. The day will end with a banquet at local Italian restaurant.

Whether you are well-established in HIV-related work, new to the field, or just interested in exploring this area of sociology, please join us! Please do not hesitate to register for financial reasons – assistance is available to those who need it. The conference is generously sponsored by the Sociologists’ AIDS Network; the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; ASA Section on Medical Sociology; ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class; ASA Section on Sexualities; ASA Section on Sex and Gender; and the Society for the Study of Social Problems. To view the preliminary program or register for the conference, please visit http://www.sociologistsaidsnetwork.org/. With questions please contact padamsee.1@osu.edu.
During the past three decades there have been many studies of transnational migration. Most scholarship has focused on one side of the border, one area of labor incorporation, one generation of migrants, and one gender. Manuel Barajas presents the first cross-national, comparative study to examine an indigenous Mexican community’s experience with international migration and transnationalism. He presents an extended case study of the Xaripu community, with home bases in both Xaripu, Michoacán, and Stockton, California. He elaborates how various forms of colonialism, institutional biases, and emergent forms of domination have shaped Xaripu labor migration, community formation, and family experiences across the Mexican/U.S. border for over a century. Of special interest are Barajas’s formal and informal interviews within the community, his examination of oral histories, and his participant observation in several locations.

In this highly readable volume, author Jessie Daniels examines how white supremacist organizations have translated their printed publications onto the Internet. Through an innovative, mixed method study - from qualitative analysis of the posts at the “Ladies Only” forum at Stormfront.org (online portal of “White Pride World Wide”) where women renegotiate white supremacy through a feminist lens to the “cloaked” sites which disguise white supremacy sources as legitimate civil rights websites -- Daniels takes the reader through a devastatingly informative tour of white supremacy online. Theoretically engaged yet accessible to a wide audience beyond the specialist, *Cyber Racism* includes interviews with a small sample of teenagers as they surf the web, encounter cloaked sites and attempt to make sense of them, mostly unsuccessfully. The result is a first-rate analysis of the emerging social phenomenon of cyber racism within the global information age and a groundbreaking study of social movement discourse on either side of the Internet revolution. Despite the common assumptions that the Internet is an inherently democratizing technology or that white supremacists are using the Internet to “recruit,” Daniels debunks these notions and offers a nuanced, challenging analysis that urges readers to rethink ways of knowing about racial equality, civil rights and the Internet.


The issues native peoples face intensify with globalization. Through case studies from around the world, Hall and Fenelon demonstrate how indigenous peoples’ movements can be understood only by linking highly localized processes with larger global and historical forces. The authors show that indigenous peoples have been resisting and adapting to encounters with states for millennia. Unlike other antiglobalization activists, indigenous peoples primarily seek autonomy and the right to determine their own processes of adaptation and change, especially in relationship to their origin lands and community. The authors link their analyses to current understandings of the evolution of globalization.


The presence of Blacks in a number of European societies has drawn increasing interest from scholars, policymakers, and the general public. This interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary collection penetrates the multifaceted Black presence in Europe, and, in so doing, complicates the notions of race, belonging, desire, and identities assumed and presumed in revealing portraits of Black experiences in a European context. In focusing on contemporary intellectual currents and themes, the contributors theorize and re-imagine a range of historical and contemporary issues related to the broader questions of blackness, diaspora, hegemony, transnationalism, and “Black Europe” itself as lived and perceived realities.

(Contributors are Allison Blakely, Jacqueline Nassy Brown, Tina Campt, Fred Constant, Alessandra Di Maio, Philomena Essed, Terri Francis, Barnor Hesse, Darlene Clark Hine, Dienke Hon-dius, Eileen Julien, Trica Danielle Keaton, Kwame Nimako, Tiffany Ruby Patterson, T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting, Stephen Small, Tyler Stovall, Alexander G. Weheliye, Gloria Wekker, and Michelle M. Wright.)


I mined the unrefined original data collected in German for my 2002 book, below, for which I had translated my German transcripts into English and then edited the English translation. I expanded the 2008 publication with recent data in order to have all of the relevant East-Central European areas represented. This was a timely book release because it coincided with a historic event: the
opening of a new film in Germany, “A Woman in Berlin,” based on an autobiographical account of a German journalist. Sixty years after the fact this film reveals the horrors Russian soldiers unleashed on hundreds of thousands of German women in the weeks just prior to and after the end of World War II in Berlin alone – a hitherto taboo subject.


Despite being far from the norm, interracial relationships are more popular than ever. Racing Romance sheds special light on the bonds between whites and Asian Americans, an important topic that has not garnered well-deserved attention until now. Incorporating life-history narratives and interviews with those currently or previously involved with an interracial partner, Kumiko Nemoto addresses the contradictions and tensions—a result of race, class, and gender—that Asian Americans and whites experience. Similar to black/white relationships, stereotypes have long played crucial roles in Asian American/white encounters. Partners grapple with media representations of Asian women as submissive or hypersexual and Asian men are often portrayed as weak laborers or powerful martial artists. Racing Romance reveals how allegedly progressive interracial relationships remain firmly shaped by the logic of patriarchy and gender inherent to the ideal of marriage, family, and nation in America, even as this ideal is juxtaposed with discourses of multiculturalism and color blindness.


Mary Johnson Osirim investigates the business and personal experiences of women entrepreneurs in Harare and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, to understand their successes, challenges, and contributions to development. These businesswomen work in the microenterprise sector—which is defined as businesses that employ five workers or fewer—with many working as market traders, crocheters, seamstresses, and hairdressers. Women who took part in Osirim’s research pursued their businesses, reinvested profits, engaged in innovation, and provided employment, and through their work supported households and extended family and social networks. Osirim finds that, despite major problems, the Zimbabwean businesswomen maintained their enterprises and their households and managed to contribute in significant ways to their community and national development. Enterprising Women in Urban Zimbabwe advances the literature on gender and development, offering a comprehensive study of women’s role as entrepreneurs in the microeconomic sector that shows them as agents during challenging political and economic times.

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**Other publications**


**Announcements**

The *Du Bois Review*, published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University, has begun a new interview series featuring conversations between Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and eminent scholars on broad areas of research regarding race.

The conversation in the Spring 2009 issue (Volume 6, Number 1) is with distinguished sociologist William Julius Wilson, and brings to light the thinking of one of the most penetrating social thinkers of our time on what it was like to witness the 2008 presidential election.

The published interview is available at [http://journals.cambridge.org/dbrwilson](http://journals.cambridge.org/dbrwilson)

The videotape of the interview is available at [http://dubois.fas.harvard.edu/node/334](http://dubois.fas.harvard.edu/node/334)

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