Statement by the Chair

Dear Section Members,

Following an intense period of landmark Supreme Court rulings on DOMA, California’s Proposition 8, and the Voting Rights Act, it is hard to imagine a more exciting but also politically complex time for our section to reconvene and to take stock of the contemporary landscape of sexual politics, in the United States and beyond. To that end, there is much to look forward to at the upcoming ASA meeting next month, including opportunities for us to collectively assess the uneven and contradictory sexual politics of neoliberalism, questions of secondary marginalization within LGBTQ communities, comparative histories of sexuality across national and temporal contexts, and the state of our subfield in the forty year period following Simon and Gagnon’s Sexual Conduct. I am especially excited to report that some luminaries in our field will be in attendance at the meetings: John Gagnon will participate in the Sexual Conduct session, and Lisa Duggan will serve as Discussant for the panel on the Sexual Politics of Neoliberalism. Combined with an array of terrific roundtables on topics ranging from sexual borderlands to sexual identities and youth practices, we can certainly anticipate a series of very generative and highly pertinent conversations when we meet in New York. A full list of the Section sessions and activities is provided on page 5 of this newsletter.

In this newsletter, you will also find lists of our Section award winners for this year and of our newly elected officers. Special congratulations to Dennis Altman (recipient of the Simon and Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award), Bethany Coston (recipient of the Martin Levine Dissertation Proposal Award), Hector Carrillo (our new Chair Elect), and to all.

In terms of New York, please also note that we are again teaming up with the Sections on Bodies and Embodiment; Race, Class, and Gender; and the Sociology of Gender to host a joint reception at Café Iguana at 240 West 54th Street (Between 8th and Broadway) on Monday, August 12th from 6.30-8.30 PM. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally, if you would like to become more involved in the section or to learn more about our members and our activities, all are welcome and encouraged to attend our section business meeting. It will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 13th, from 11:30 - 12:00. Not only is this a great way to meet people and to help start planning for next year’s meeting in San Francisco, but this is also where we will celebrate and honor our award recipients this year (not having to fight against the sound barrier of the reception!).

With best wishes for a good rest of summer,

Elizabeth Bernstein, Barnard College, Columbia University
Chair, Sociology of Sexualities Section, ASA
### This Section

In the last decade or so, the study of sexuality has emerged as a vibrant interdisciplinary field of social analysis. For many years, sexuality was approached as an individual, biological or psychological phenomena. Today, the idea of sexuality as a social fact or construction is the point of departure for much of the most exciting scholarship in the area... Sections are an important mechanism for getting out information about our specialty area... Section status also affords a variety of institutional supports from the ASA, including funding for information dissemination and a guaranteed number of paper sessions at the annual conference.

In short, we believe it is in the best interests of the discipline of sociology to advance the sociological study of sexuality. One way to promote this goal is to support the... "Sociology of Sexualities" as an ASA section and to encourage you to join... when you renew your membership in the ASA.

Text written by Steve Seidman, Gil Zicklin, and Mark Hager

### The Purpose

The purpose of the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities is to encourage, enhance and foster research, teaching and other professional activities in the sociology of sexuality, for the development of sociology and the benefit of society, through organized meetings, conferences, newsletters, publications, awards, and other means deemed appropriate by the Section Council.

The Section seeks to promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in sociology, the sociology of sexualities, and allied disciplines.

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### Request from Chair-Elect, Salvador Vidal-Ortiz to Reach Membership Milestone

As of late June, the section was 3 members short of 500, with ASA growth projections expected to reach 525 members. Our section has never reached the 600 member milestone - now is the time to do so! We have until September 30th -- the day the membership closes -- to add members to our section.

I write to specifically urge faculty members to sponsor 2-3 graduate students to our section. (Students must be current ASA members before they can be added to a section.)

This is what you can do at any point between now and the ASA meetings: Write an email to the Membership Manager, Craig Schaar, at: Schaar@asanet.org with the names, and ideally ASA membership ID #s, as well as your credit card information (for those concerned with sharing credit card information via email, you can also call the ASA offices).

While you are attending the ASA meetings, you *can* sponsor a student. Just make sure the student has an ID # (it makes it easier, but the ASA staff office is quite diligent in getting that information if you don't have it).

After the ASA meetings, you can still sponsor students by contacting the membership office. Start with the Membership Manager, Craig Schaar, at: Schaar@asanet.org.

With the current challenges and developments in sexuality scholarship, politics, and activism, it is a perfect moment to recruit more members -- and support the newest wave of sociologists of sexualities. Student memberships are only $3.00, and with 600 members, we get an additional panel for the 2014 meetings, and a chance to develop our section and offer more voices to the programming. We often have students working at the intersection of many sexuality issues; it only takes a question and 5 minutes of your time to do so. Thank you for your contributions to make the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities a stronger and more vibrant one!
**American Sociological Association Meeting in New York**

The 108th American Sociological Association annual meeting, “Interrogating Inequality: Linking Macro and Micro” will be held from August 10-13, 2013 at the Hilton New York and Sheraton New York in New York, NY. The 2013 Online Paper Submission System will be open until January 9th.

President Cecilia Ridgeway and the 2013 Program Committee have been working on an exciting program that will include more than 600 individual sessions on everything from the latest and greatest books in the field, section roundtables, and countless other topics. Here are some exciting Author Meets Critics sessions Sexualities section members can look forward to:

**Counted Out: Same-Sex Relations and American's Definitions of Family** (Russell Sage, 2010) by Brian Powell, Catherine Bolzendahl, Claudia Geist, and Lala Carr Steelman. Critics include Shirley A. Hill, Nancy J. Mezey, Wendy Diane Manning and Ellen Lewin.


**Coming Soon! Call for Lavender Report Card Proposals**

"The Lavender Report Card: Goals and Methods"
10:30-11:45am on Saturday, August 10

The Committee on Academic Justice (CAJ) of the Sociologists for Women and Society, in partnership with the ASA Section on Sexualities, is preparing a call for proposals to conduct the research for a “Lavender Report Card.” This report builds on the work of the “Gender Report Card,” but focuses on issues of particular importance to LGBTQ individuals and allies. The report will recognize departments that excel in creating a climate that is welcoming and supportive of LGBTQ individuals and scholarship. Because the methodology for this report is more complicated than that of the Gender Report Card (and because the committee is revisiting the methodology for the Gender Report Card), the CAJ is holding a workshop ("The Lavender Report Card: Goals and Methods") from 10:30-11:45am on Saturday, August 10 at ASA to discuss, strategize, and develop a call for proposals to complete this work. There will be a $500 award for the winning proposal. Anyone interested in helping develop this call, or in submitting a proposal, is encouraged to attend. Location TBD. Contact clm73@stanford.edu for more information.
Sociology of Sexualities Section Award Winners

2013 Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award

This year’s winner of the Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award is Dennis Altman (La Trobe University). The Simon and Gagnon Award honors career contributions to the study of sexualities as represented by a body of work or a single book. This award commemorates decades of research and writing on sexualities by Professor William Simon (University of Houston) who died on July 21, 2000, and his longtime collaborator, Professor John Gagnon (SUNY-Stony Brook). Congratulations, Dennis!

2013 Distinguished Article Award

The Distinguished Article Award is a prize for the best article or chapter in an edited volume in the Sociology of Sexualities published in the 2011 through 2012 calendar years. This year’s winner is Anthony C. Ocampo (CSU, Pamona) for his article “Making Masculinity: negotiations of gender presentation among Latino gay men” (Latino Studies journal).

The following articles received honorary mentions (in alphabetical order):

• Emily Kazyak, 2012. "Midwest or lesbian? Gender, rurality, and sexuality." (Gender & Society)

2013 Best Graduate Student Paper

This award is given to a paper authored by a student currently enrolled in a sociology graduate program for a paper with a focus on sexualities, broadly defined. This year’s winner is David Pedulla (Princeton University) for “The Positive Consequences of Negative Stereotypes: Race, Sexual Orientation, and the Job Application Process.”

2013 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship

The Martin Levine Memorial Dissertation Award was established to honor the memory of Martin Levine, who died of AIDS in 1993. It provides $3,000 to a graduate student (and $500 to an honorable mention) in the final stages of dissertation research and writing, who is working on those topics to which Levine devoted his career: 1) the sociology of sexualities, 2) the sociology of homosexuality, and 3) HIV/AIDS research. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Bethany Coston (SUNY-Stony Brook). Honorable mention goes to Gowri Vijayakumar (UC Berkeley).
Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Officers!

Chair-Elect (1-year term begins in 2013)
Hector Carillo, Northwestern University

Secretary/ Treasurer (3-year term begins in 2013)
Catherine Connell, Boston University

Council Members (3-year term begins in 2013)
Kimberly Kay Hoang, Boston College
Melanie Heath, McMaster University

Student Representatives (1-year term begins in 2013)
Amy Brainer, University of Illinois-Chicago
Lisa Miller, Indiana University

ASA Section Panel and Roundtable Information

Section on Sociology of Sexualities-Invited Session.
Looking Backward, Looking Forward: Sociology of Sexualities 40 Years after Gagnon and Simon's Sexual Conduct
Scheduled Time: Tue Aug 13 2013, 12:30 to 2:10pm

Session Organizer: Héctor Carrillo (Northwestern University)
Panelist: John H. Gagnon (State University of New York-Stony Brook)
Panelist: Michael Kimmel (State University of New York-Stony Brook)
Panelist: Arlene J. Stein (State University of New Jersey-Rutgers)
Panelist: Roderick A. Ferguson (University of Minnesota)
Panelist: Elizabeth Bernstein (Barnard College-Columbia University)
Panelist: Adam Isaiah Green (University of Toronto)

Abstract
John Gagnon and William Simon’s 1973 path-breaking book Sexual Conduct inaugurated a new era in the sociology of sexualities. In this panel that marks the book’s 40th anniversary, we reflect on the field’s conceptual and theoretical developments over these decades, as well as the challenges ahead. With a particular focus on the elimination of sexual inequalities, we take stock of the still elusive balance between cultural and structural approaches in sociological research on sexuality, as well as the relative contributions of various theoretical frameworks incorporated into the field since Gagnon and Simon’s original formulation of “sexual script theory” (from queer theory, to political economic approaches in sexuality studies, to intersectionality, to postcolonial and transnational sexuality studies).
Section on Sociology of Sexualities Invited Session.
The Sexual Politics of Neoliberalism
Scheduled Time: Mon Aug 12 2013, 2:30 to 4:10pm

Session Organizer: Elizabeth Bernstein (Barnard College-Columbia University)
Presider: Elizabeth Bernstein (Barnard College-Columbia University)
Panelist: Paola Bacchetta (University of California-Berkeley)
Panelist: Jyoti Puri (Simmons College)
Panelist: Paul Amar (University of California-Santa Barbara)
Discussant: Lisa Duggan (New York University)

Abstract
The goal of this panel is to challenge prevailing analyses of neoliberalism by jointly considering regimes of
governance that have typically been approached as distinct areas of scholarly inquiry. Rather than taking the
politics of sexuality to be merely derivative of neoliberalism, panelists will consider how contemporary
political-economic currents appear when seen as co-constitutive with new regimes of gender and sexuality.
What connections can we trace between the politics of the veil in Europe and questions of border control and
migration? Between the rise of what Jasbir Puar has termed “homonationalism” and the changing political
economy of the nation-state? Between new feminist formations of governance and broader trends towards
securitization? By linking together emergent politics of gender and sexuality in different global contexts, this
panel aspires to provide an analysis of neoliberalism that traverses issues, fieldsites, and interpretive
frameworks.

Section on Sociology of Sexualities Paper Session.
Interrogating Inequalities within LGBTQ Communities: Secondary Marginalization
Time: Tue Aug 13 2013, 8:30 to 10:10am

Session Organizer: Angela Jones (State University of New York-Farmingdale)
Presider: Angela Jones (State University of New York-Farmingdale)

Fitting Under the Umbrella: Visibility and Marginalization within the LGBTQ Community
*Daniel T. Schermond (Temple University)

Don't Be Ratchet! Tertiary Marginalization in the "Gay Mecca"
*Andrew Levine-Murray (University of California-Berkeley)

The Beauty of Online Dating: Quotidian Practices of Sexual Racism on a Gay Dating Site
*Brandon Andrew Robinson (University of Texas-Austin)

Discussant: Mimi Schippers (Tulane University)
**Section on Sociology of Sexualities Paper Session.**
**Relating Histories, Making Connections: Circuits of Desire and Sexuality**
**Time: Tue Aug 13 2013, 2:30 to 4:10pm**

Session Organizer: Jyoti Puri (Simmons College)
Presider: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz (American University)

Empowered Criminals and Paper Citizens: Paradoxes of Transnational Advocacy for Sex Workers and Homosexuals in India  
*Chaitanya Lakkimsetti (University of Southern California)*

LGBT Internal Migrants Living in Bogotá: A Microcosm of Displacement in Colombia  
*Salvador Vidal-Ortiz (American University)*

Outing the Pakistani Queer: Pride, Paranoia and Pleasure in Contemporary Pakistan  
*Moon Charania (Tulane University)*

Sexualized Tastes, Middle-Class Fantasies, and Fears of Class Contagion  
*R. Danielle Egan (St. Lawrence University)*

Discussant: Héctor Carrillo (Northwestern University)

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**Section on Sociology of Sexualities Regular Session**
**Sociology of Sexuality: Historical, Spatial, and Cultural Contexts of Sexuality**
**Scheduled time: Sunday August 11, 10:30am to 12:10pm.**

Session Organizer: Koji Ueno, Florida State University
Presider: Abraham E Pena-Talamantes, Florida State University

Same-gender Sexual Partnering: A Re-analysis of Trend Data  
*Chris Wienke (Southern Illinois University-Carbondale) and Rachel Bridges Whaley (Southern Illinois University)*

Affective Sex: Beauty, Race, and Nation in the Sex Industry.  
*Megan Rivers-Moore (University of Toronto)*

Gender in Political Sex Scandals in Contemporary Turkey: Women’s Agency and the Public Sphere.  
*Dilek Cindoglu (Mardin Artuklu University)*

Gayborhood Change: The Intertwined Sexual and Racial Character Of Assimilation in Chicago’s Boystown.  
*Jason Ronald Orne (University of Wisconsin-Madison)*

Discussant: Jennifer Loftus, University of Memphis
Section on Sociology of Sexualities Regular Session
Sociology of Sexuality: Meaning, Social Norms, and Consequences of Sexual Relationships.
Scheduled time: Sunday August 11, 12:30 to 2:10pm

Session Organizer: Koji Ueno, Florida State University
Presider: Teresa A. Roach, Florida State University

*Heeju Sohn (University of Pennsylvania)

Parties and Dates: College Students’ Interpretations of the “Proper” Social Context for Hooking Up. 
*Sinikka Elliott (North Carolina State University), Julie A. Reid (University of Southern Mississippi) and Gretchen R. Webber (Middle Tennessee State University)

Cheap Dates and Gold-Diggers: How a Market Model of Intimacy Reinforces the Sexual Double Standard.
*Kristin George (University of California-Berkeley)

Is Sexual Empowerment Harmful? The Effects of Expectations of Sexual Pleasure on Long-Term Outcomes.
*Stacy Missari (Quinnipiac University), Simon Cheng (University of Connecticut) and Josef (Kuo-Hsun) Ma (University of Connecticut)

Discussant: Laura M. Carpenter, Vanderbilt University

And don’t forget about our roundtables! The Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtables will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, from 10:30 to 11:30am. See you then!
Nonconformity and Mental Health Among


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