Editor’s Column
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Happy 2010! I hope everyone had a safe New Year celebration. With the new year comes changes (both personally and professionally). I hope you have taken a moment to look over the new ASA website. My colleague in the Academic and Professional Affairs Department are working together to keep the Student Resources page updated with information we hope is useful to you all. Take a moment to look at this page (www.asanet.org click on “Teaching and Learning” and then “Student Resources”). We welcome suggestions to improve this page for you.

One project we will be working on this year is updating the Sociology Club Toolkit. This item can be found in the ASA Bookstore. The purpose of the toolkit is to help students start a sociology club at their school. This booklet currently has information about the purpose of a sociology club, how to get a club started, the benefits of being a member of a sociology club, activities for these organizations, and examples of what different schools do with their clubs.

As we brainstorm how to update this resource, we will be calling on students to send us suggestions about what works at their schools and what they want more information on. Be on the lookout for that call in the next issue.

As always, we welcome suggestions for articles or announcements for the next issue. Happy reading!

Call for Nominations: 2010 ASA Honors Program

The American Sociological Association seeks applications from exceptional undergraduate students who wish to be considered for the 2010 ASA Honors Program, which is highlighted at the ASA Annual Meeting.

Honors Program students come to the Annual Meeting and experience a laboratory on the profession. They participate actively in special sessions designed just for them, and develop valuable networks with their peers as well as meet prominent professionals in the discipline. Taking part in the ASA Honors Program provides a significant and meaningful early experience in the careers of the next generation of sociologists.

Participation in the Honors Program requires nomination and later, sponsorship, by a sociology faculty member at your college or university.

Interested students and prospective faculty sponsors are encouraged to consult the ASA website at www.asanet.org (click on “Teaching & Learning” and then “Student Resources”) for additional information and an application form. Questions? Contact Dr. Dennis M. Rome, Director, ASA Honors Program (dennis.rome@uwpl.edu).

Applications must be postmarked by Monday, February 1, 2010.
Alpha Kappa Delta Undergraduate Paper Competition

Each year, Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) sponsors an undergraduate student paper competition. AKD welcomes submissions from undergraduate students who are members of the Society, whether or not they are involved in AKD chapter activities. All submissions must be received by February 1, 2010.

1st Prize: $500 and up to $1000 in travel expenses to the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting. First place papers will be published in Sociological Inquiry if authors choose to submit them.

2nd Prize: $250 and up to $1000 in travel expenses to the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting.

3rd Prize: $100 and up to $1000 in travel expenses to the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting.

The ASA has reserved slots in the 2010 Honors Program for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the paper competition. Winners are encouraged to participate in the complete schedule of the Honors Program. AKD will prepay the $200 program fee, and students who participate fully in the program will receive an additional $400, plus travel expenses.

The authors and faculty sponsors of prize winning papers will be notified of their selection by March 15, 2010. Monetary prizes will be presented to winners at the AKD Distinguished Lecture during the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting.

For eligibility requirements and the submission process, visit: http://sites.google.com/site/alphakappadeltainternational/

University of Maryland- Summer Research Initiative to Increase Diversity

The Summer Research Initiative was created in 1999 by the Office of the Dean in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS). The goals of the program are to provide rising juniors and seniors an opportunity to increase their interest and learn about doctoral-level training, and provide basic research skills that can be applied in the social, behavioral and economic science fields. The program has a special emphasis on population groups underrepresented in these fields.

This 8-week program will be held on the University of Maryland, College Park campus from June 1 through July 23, 2010. Students will be provided a meaningful research experience by working with a faculty mentor in one of our nine academic departments: African American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology, Economics, Government & Politics, Psychology and Sociology among others.

Basic eligibility requirements include junior or senior status by Fall 2010; US citizen or permanent resident status; strong intent to pursue a PhD in the social, behavioral or economic sciences.

For more information, visit: www.bsos.umd.edu/diversity/summer-research-initiative.aspx.

Summer Undergraduate Minority Research Program at UPenn

The Summer Undergraduate Minority Research (SUMR) Program is an endeavor by the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics (LDI) and the Health Care Systems Department of the Wharton School to provide underrepresented minority undergraduate students, or anyone who is interested in an opportunity to explore the exciting field of health services research.

Program participants will be expected to have an interest in health care and strong quantitative skills. Candidates from minority groups that are underrepresented in the field of health services research are particularly encouraged to apply. Prospective participants do not have to make a commitment in advance to attend graduate school in order to be accepted into the program.

SUMR Scholars will: -Work with a Penn faculty mentor on a health services research project of the student’s choice; -gain practical advice about graduate school opportunities and assistance with graduate school application process; -attend weekly lunch meetings with program staff and Penn faculty to discuss their projects and learn more about the broad range of health services research in which Penn faculty are engaged; -attend two health services research related academic conferences as a group, all expenses paid.

SUMR scholars earn a stipend of $1200 per month during the summer months for a time commitment of 20 hours per week. employment.

To apply for the SUMR program, visit http://www.upenn.edu/ldi/sumr/.

Deadline: February 1, 2010
Alpha Kappa Delta Graduate Student Paper Competition

Each year, Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) sponsors a graduate student paper competition. AKD welcomes submissions from graduate students who are members of the Society, whether or not they are involved in AKD chapter activities. All submissions must be received by February 1, 2010 via email.

1st Prize: $500 and up to $1000 in travel expenses to the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting. First place papers will be considered for publication in Sociological Inquiry if authors choose to submit them. If submitted for publication, the decision to publish remains with the Editor. Members of the Editorial Board of Sociological Inquiry may also assist with editing. If published in Sociological Inquiry, the paper will list the institution the author attended when the paper was written.

2nd Prize: $250 and up to $1000 in travel expenses to the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting.

3rd Prize: $100 and up to $1000 in travel expenses to the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting.

Authors of all prize-winning papers will receive one-year extensions of their subscriptions to Sociological Inquiry.

Prizes will be presented to winners at the AKD Distinguished Lecture during the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting. Winners are encouraged to attend the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting with travel support from AKD. Monetary prizes will be presented to winners at the AKD Distinguished Lecture during the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting. In order to receive the travel support portion of the award, paper winners must attend the Distinguished Lecture.

For complete eligibility requirements and the submission process, visit http://sites.google.com/site/alphakappadeltainternational/

Deadline to submit: February 1, 2010

Law and Social Inquiry Graduate Student Paper Competition

The editors of Law & Social Inquiry are pleased to announce a competition for the best journal-length paper in the field of sociolegal studies written by a graduate or law student. *Entries will be accepted starting January 1, 2010 and must be received by March 1, 2010.* We invite direct submissions from graduate and law students and/or nominations of student work from faculty. Law & Social Inquiry publishes both empirical and theoretical studies of sociolegal processes from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Send your paper in Word or WordPerfect to: lsi-abf@abfn.org. Indicate that your intention is to be considered for the prize competition.

For further information, go to: www.blackwellpublishing.com/LSI or send an email to: lsi-abf@abfn.org.

Call for Papers: Student Forum Paper Sessions

For the 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, the Student Forum Advisory Board is sponsoring two Student Panel Sessions and one Student Roundtable Session. Interested student authors should note that Student Sessions operate under the same guidelines as Regular Sessions are subject to the submission criteria, deadlines, and program policies listed in the ASA Call for Papers.

All submissions will be reviewed and approximately 8 papers will be chosen for inclusion into one of the 2 Student Panel Sessions. Every effort will be made to accommodate the remaining papers into the Student Roundtable Session. Out of the papers submitted, one paper will be chosen to receive the Student Forum Best Paper Award and the winner will receive a Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting.

As the theme for the 2010 conference is citizenship, we especially request papers that focus on the following sub-theme, as noted by Dr. Nakano Glenn and the 2010 conference description: “How are status categories (e.g., gender, age, race) and affiliations (e.g., religion, language, culture) used to define degrees of citizenship?”

To submit a paper, please follow the online submission guidelines detailed on the ASA 2010 Annual Meeting website.

http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/ meetings/future_meetings/2010_annual_meeting_online_call_for_papers_guide
Call for Papers– Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts

The editorial staff of Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts invites submissions for the first issue of its fourth volume that will focus on “Intersections of Race and Gender.” Race/Ethnicity uses a classic piece as a point of departure for treatments of critical issues within the field of race and ethnic studies. While the classic piece establishes the thematic parameters of each issue, authors are under no obligation to actively engage the arguments posed by that work.

The first issue of Volume 4 explores the multiple points where race and gender intersect across the globe, the range of consequences that meets those intersections, and the dynamics that occur at those intersections. Our focus on race and gender recognizes that there are numerous ways in which racialized and gendered identities intersect and that their intersection is often influenced by a variety of other cultural factors. We welcome essays that explore intersections and impacts from perspectives across the world.

Contact Leslie Shortlidge for submission deadlines and information (shortlidge.2@osu.edu). Papers must be received by February 28, 2010 to be considered for publication in this issue.

Call for Applications– UCSF “Psychology and Medicine: Translational Research on Stress, Behavior and Disease”

This NIMH-funded postdoctoral program trains researchers to link basic psychological theories and research to preventing and ameliorating disease. There are two areas, and cross-cutting both areas is a consideration of disparities in mental and physical illness and the mechanisms by which they occur. The two areas are: 1) Health-risking behavior: Fellows in this area focus on developing and applying theories of risk perception, social learning, cognitive development, and risk-taking to understand and modify health-risk behaviors, especially those that contribute to exposure to the HIV virus, as well as those contributing to addictive behaviors. There is an emphasis on developmental processes and on adolescence as a critical period. 2) Stress, depression, psychobiology and disease: Fellows in this area focus on theories of the meaning and appraisal of stress, cognitive and affective responses that result in disease. We emphasize common pathways to multiple disease outcomes, especially those spanning mental and physical illness.

Applicants should send a letter describing their background, area of interest, and what they would like to accomplish in their postdoctoral training.

For more information and complete application instructions, visit: http://healthpsych.ucsf.edu/

Deadline: February 1, 2010

Call for Student Forum Advisory Board Nominations

The ASA Student Forum Advisory Board is seeking nominations for Graduate Student Board Members and Undergraduate Student Board Members. The term of commitment is two years beginning at the 2010 ASA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA in August 2010 and continuing through the 2012 Annual Meeting. Nominees must be current Student Members of the ASA at the time of nomination and during their two-year term. They also should commit to attending the 2010, 2011, and 2012 Annual Meetings and attending SFAB-related events and sessions at each Meeting. Self Nominations are welcomed.

The nominations sub-committee of the Student Forum Advisory Board will review nominations and oversee selection of candidates for the 2010 ASA Spring Election. To be considered, please send the following items:
1) your curriculum vitae including a current e-mail address
2) A brief statement of not more than 250 words indicating why you want to serve on the Student Forum Advi-
sory Board and include a brief biographical sketch.

Should you be selected to be on the ballot, this statement will accompany your name to give voters an idea of who you are and why you want to be on the SFAB. Additionally, please indicate any web skills you may have.

Nominations will only be accepted by email. Send nominations to: megan.reid@gmail.com.

Deadline: March 1, 2010
Call for Applications: ASA Minority Fellowship Program

The ASA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) has existed since 1974 and just celebrated its 35th anniversary year (and cohort of trainees) with special events and sessions in both Boston and San Francisco.

For the 2010-11 MFP Fellowship award year, MFP is generously supported by annual contributions from Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociologists for Women in Society, the Midwest Sociological Society, the Association of Black Sociologists, the Southwestern Sociological Association, and numerous individual ASA members. MFP applicants can be new or continuing graduate students in sociology, who are enrolled in a program that grants the Ph.D.

MFP applicants must be members of an underrepresented minority group in the U.S. (e.g. Blacks/African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians/Alaska Natives). Applicants must also be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals of the U.S., or have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence.

Fellowship is awarded for 12 months and typically renewable for up to 3 years in total. Tuition and fees are arranged with the home department. MFP fellows are selected each year by the MFP Advisory panel, a rotating, appointed group of senior scholars in sociology. Fellows can be involved in any area of sociological research. Visit: www.asanet.org and click on “Funding” for more information.

Deadline: January 31, 2010

2010 Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute on Hispanic Drug Abuse

The Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute (IRTI) on Hispanic Drug Abuse seeks to promote the career development of pre-doctoral, postdoctoral and early career scientists interested in conducting research on drug abuse among Hispanics. The IRTI is associated with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse. The IRTI will provide three core activities to prospective research fellows including: Training, Mentoring and Networking. The IRTI aims to ensure a constant support infrastructure for fellows to conduct, present, publish and acquire funding for drug abuse research. To achieve this, the IRTI will conduct an intensive interdisciplinary training program along with a formal mentorship program.

Applicants currently must be pre-doctoral, postdoctoral or early career faculty who have strong professional interest in drug abuse issues among Hispanics. Social-behavioral, biological and medical scientists are encouraged to apply.

For more information and an application, visit www.uh.edu/cdspr.

Deadline: February 15, 2010

Call for Applications: Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute

Faculty pursuing tenure and career success in research intensive institutions, academics transitioning from teaching to research institutions, and faculty members carrying out research in teaching contexts will be interested in this Summer Research Institute. Organized by Lauren J. Krivo and Ruth D. Peterson and funded by the National Science Foundation and Ohio State University, the institute is designed to promote successful research projects and careers among faculty from underrepresented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. During the institute, each participant will complete an ongoing project (either a research paper or grant proposal) in preparation for journal submission or agency funding review. In addition, participants will gain information that will serve as a toolkit tailored to successful navigation of the academic setting.

The institute will culminate in a research symposium where participants present their completed research before a scholarly audience.

Completed applications must be post-marked by February 5, 2010. To download the application form, please see our website (http://cjrc.osu.edu/rdcjn/summerinstitute).

Eligibility: All applicants must hold regular tenure-track positions in US institutions and demonstrate how their participation broadens participation of underrepresented groups in crime and justice research. Graduate students without tenure track appointments are not eligible.

Please direct all inquiries to: cjrcinstitute@osu.edu.
Call for Papers for Special Issue on Race and Health
Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race

"The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line."

With those words, W.E. Du Bois discussed the racial progress in the US and foreshadowed the critical part race would continue to play in understanding inequality, mobility, and quality of life in American society. This quote serves as a springboard for this special call of the Du Bois Review (DBR) soliciting abstracts for papers that describe novel and exciting research directions for studying how race and ethnicity affect health in the twenty-first century. That is, what are the next big ideas that can potentially unpack how and why race is so strongly associated with physical and mental health? What are the key unanswered questions that researchers and policy makers should invest in? What is needed to make more progress in effectively addressing racial inequalities in health? The DBR is truly multidisciplinary, spanning economics, political science, psychology, sociology, history, public health, and more.

Guest editors for this issue: David R. Williams (Harvard University) and David T. Takeuchi (University of Washington).

Submission Process: Two-page proposals for papers are due January 25, 2010. Two types of papers will be accepted for this special call: (a) state of the discipline presents lead essays that synthetically critique broad areas of research regarding race and health; and (b) state of the art, is dedicated to observations and analyses of empirical research. Proposals should state a tentative title, the type of paper to be written, listing of authors, contact information, and a synopsis of the paper idea. We will select paper that hold the most promise for advancing the field and that best combine, as a collection of papers into synergistic whole appropriate for this special call. We expect to make our final selection of proposals by February 15, 2010. Final papers will be due July 31, 2010, with publication of the special issue expected for early 2011. DBR is a blind peer-reviewed journal and publishes only original, previously unpublished work. Please send electronic version of proposals for papers to both David Williams (dwilliam@hsph.harvard.edu) and David Takeuchi (dt5@uw.edu).