Annual Report for the Sex and Gender Section

For membership year 2016-17

Prepared by Jennifer Reich, Past Chair of the Section.

October, 10, 2017
# Section Governance

Sex and Gender governance continued in compliance with section bylaws, which were updated in 2014, and tradition. The agenda and minutes from the section business meeting provide details.

## Business Meeting

### 2017 Sex and Gender Business Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2017, 5:30-6:10  
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 517C  
Submitted by: Kemi Balogun

### I. Welcome and Introductions (Jennifer Reich)

There were 72 people in attendance at the business meeting. The Chair commenced the meeting with a welcome and introduction of section leadership.

**Chair**
- Outgoing Chair: Jennifer Reich, University of Colorado Denver (2016-17, Past Chair 2017-18)
- Incoming Chair: Mary Blair-Loy, University of California, San Diego (2017-18)
- Chair-Elect: Abigail Saguy, University of California, Los Angeles (2018-19)
- Outgoing Past Chair: Allison Pugh, University of Virginia

**Secretary Treasurer**
- Secretary/Treasurer: Kemi Balogun, University of Oregon (2014-17)
- Incoming: Laurel Westbrook, Grand Valley State University (2017-20)

**Council Members**
- Catherine Bolzendahl, University of California, Irvine (2015-18)
- Kimberly Hoang, University of Chicago (2015-18)
- Jennifer Randles, California State University, Fresno (2015-18)
- Kristen Barber, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (2016-19)
- Sanyu A. Mojola, University of Michigan (2016-19)
- Fareen Parvez, University of Massachusetts at Amherst (2016-19)

**Incoming Council Members**
- Enobong (Anna) Branch, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2017-20)
- Erin Cech, University of Michigan (2017-20)
- Caitlyn Collins, Washington University in St. Louis (2017-20)

**Outgoing Council Members:**
- Tristan Bridges, SUNY-Brockport (2014-17)
- Cati Connell, Boston University (2014-17)
- Laurel Westbrook, Grand Valley State University (2014-17)

**Student Council Members:**
- Continuing: Apoorva Ghosh, University of California, Irvine (2016-18)
- Outgoing: Kiera Duckworth, State Univ. New York, Buffalo (2015-17)
- Incoming: LaToya Council, Univ. Southern California (2017-19)
II. Committee Volunteers for 2017-2018 (Jennifer Reich)

The section will be piloting a new means of soliciting volunteers. A google form will be circulated via the section listserv to sign up to volunteer. Sign-ups do not guarantee an appointment onto a specific committee, as balancing committees in terms of rank, institutional affiliation etc. will be prioritized. Volunteering for a committee is an important way to get involved in the section. There will also be an opportunity to nominate or self-nominate to be a section officer. The following committees need volunteer committee members:

**Award Committees**
- Sally Hacker Award
- Distinguished Book Award
- Outstanding Article Award
- Feminist Scholar-Activism Award

**Section Committees**
- Membership Committee
- Publications Committee
- Student Concerns Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Program Committee

III. Budget Report, 2016-17 (Kemi Balogun)

As of June 5, 2017, the membership counts remain at 1023, making it the largest ASA section. As of May 31, 2017, the section’s net assets ending balance was $9565, compared with $9,862 in May 31, 2016. Year-to-date income was $3720 from dues and section budget allocation. The net asset figure does not reflect this year’s reception estimate ($3000), award plaques ($146), council breakfast meeting estimate ($1000), membership outreach ($123.17), sexualities pre-conference ($750). Overall, our budget is in good shape, but efforts should be made to reduce dipping into reserve. The possibility of fund raising and reducing section costs were mentioned.

IV. Section Awards (Jennifer)

The following 2017 award recipients were announced and presented by the various chairs of the award committees. The award committee chairs emphasized that they received many strong submissions and that the process was competitive. The committee chairs expressed gratitude for the work of their committee members and encouraged section membership to nominate and/or self-nominate their work for future awards.

**Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award: Presented by Katie Bolzendahl**

Winner: Michela Musto (University of Southern California) for “Becoming Geniuses and Leaders: Gender, Academic Tracking, and Boys’ Misbehaviors in Middle School.”
Honorable Mention: Max Besbris (New York University) for “Revanchist Masculinity: Gender Attitudes in Sex Work Management”

Feminist Scholar Activist Award: Presented by Jennifer Randles

Winner: Georgiann Davis (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

Distinguished Article Award: Presented by Cati Connell


Distinguished Book Award: Presented by Laurel Westbrook


V. Section Social Media Efforts (Jen Carter)

Input and contributions to the newsletter were welcomed. The communications coordinator remains open to ideas for the website and social media (e.g. twitter, Facebook). These contributions could include celebration of publications and other pertinent announcements. The new membership stickers were announced and members were reminded to pick some up.

VI. Welcome New Section Chair (Jennifer and Mary Blair-Loy)

Jennifer Reich the outgoing chair ceremonially welcomed Mary Blair-Loy, the chair elect.

VII. 2018 Program Ideas (Mary)

Theme: “Feeling Race: An Invitation to Explore Racialized Emotions.”
August 11-14, 2018, in Philadelphia

The chair-elect solicited programming ideas for the next ASA meetings. Section sessions may intersect with the theme, but it is not required. These ideas will be presented to the program committee. A member raised the prospect of having open themed sessions and then organizing papers around those submitted. However, the logistics of dealing with a section with over 1000 members was raised as a concern. Someone raised that if the section receives a lot of submissions, we could go back to ASA to present ideas for additional panels or request more resources. The program should balance a variety of topics. A compromise of having two open topic sessions was brought up.
Section Membership brainstormed the following session ideas:

- Race, Intersectionality and Policing in Philadelphia
- Male Femininity
- Femininities
- Sexual Violence
- Intersections of Whiteness and Masculinity in the context of Domestic Terrorism, Hate Crimes, Violence
- White Femininities – standing up for issues, election, voting for Trump
- Whiteness as gendered and intersection of gender and whiteness
- Co-sponsors with social movements – women’s march, black lives matter,
- Cross-national gender research
- Gendering emotional responses to race
- Transgender studies
- A discussion panel on Women of color (ethnic and minority women) and their emotional labor in university systems and academia

Meeting adjourned.

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**Section Council Meeting**

**2017 Sex and Gender Council Meeting Agenda**

August 12 4:30-6:15 pm  Hotel Intercontinental

(note: this council meeting was scheduled off-site to accommodate childcare, which is not available at the times ASA normally allows Council meetings to be held)

I. **Welcome and Introductions** (* indicates was NOT present)

**Chair**

Chair: Jennifer Reich, University of Colorado Denver  jennifer.reich@ucdenver.edu [Chair-Elect 2015-2016, Chair 2016-2017, Past-Chair 2017-18]

Incoming Chair: Mary Blair-Loy, University of California, San Diego  mblairloy@ucsd.edu [Chair-Elect 2016-2017, Chair 2017-2018, Past-Chair 2018-19]

Chair-Elect: Abigail Saguy, University of California, Los Angeles  saguy@soc.ucla.edu  [Chair-Elect 2017-2018, Chair 2018-2019, Past-Chair 2019-20]

Outgoing Past Chair: Allison Pugh, University of Virginia  ap9cd@eservices.virginia.edu  [Chair-Elect 2014-2015, Chair 2015-16, Past-Chair 2016-17]

**Secretary Treasurer**

Incoming: Laurel Westbrook laurelwestbrook@gmail.com [2017-20]

Outgoing: Kemi Balogun, University of Oregon  emailkemi@gmail.com [2014-17]

**Newsletter Editor**

* Eli Alston-Stepnitz, University of California, Davis  ecalstonstepnitz@ucdavis.edu

**Website and Announcement Coordinator**

J.A. Carter, Miami University, Hamilton,  carterj@miamioh.edu

**Continuing Council Members**

Catherine Bolzendahl, University of California, Irvine  cbolzend@uci.edu  (2015-18)

Kimberly Hoang, University of Chicago  kayhoang@uchicago.edu  (2015-18)
II. Chair’s Report (Jennifer)

III. Budget Report, 2013-14 (Kemi)

IV. Committee Reports

Awards Committees
- Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award (Katie Bolzendahl)
- Distinguished Book Award (Laurel Westbrook)
- Distinguished Article Award (Cati Connell)
- Feminist Scholar Activist Award (Jennifer Randles)

Section Committees
- Awards (Mary Blair Loy)
- Student Concerns (Kiera Duckworth)
- Membership (Kimberly Hoang)
- Nominations (Allison Pugh)
- Program (Jennifer, see Chair’s report)
- Publications (Jen Carter for Tristan Bridges)

V. Committee Chair Assignments for 2017-18

Award Committees
- Chair, Sally Hacker Award:
- Chair, Distinguished Book Award:
- Chair, Outstanding Article Award:
- Chair, Feminist Scholar-Activism Award:

Section Committees
- Chair, Membership Committee:
- Chair, Publications Committee:
- Co-chairs, Student Concerns Committee: Apoorva and LaToya
- Chair, Nominations Committee: Jennifer
- Chair, Program Committee: Mary, with Abigail
- Chair, Awards Committee: Abigail

VI. Other Business
- ASA Public Engagement Liaison
- SocArXiv (pronounced Sosh-Archive)
- Sexualities pre-conference in 2018
- Possible S&G store

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Hotel Intercontinental
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Summary of meeting:
In attendance: Jennifer Reich, Mary Blair-Loy, Abigail Saguy, Allison Pugh, Laurel Westbrook, Kemi Balogun, J.A. Carter, Catherine Bolzendahl, Kimberly Hoang, Jennifer Randles, Kristen Barber, Fareena Parvez, Erin Cech, Caitlyn Collins, Cati Connell, Kiera Duckworth, Apoorva Ghosh, LaToya Council (18)
Not in attendance: Sanyu A. Mojola, Enobong (Anna) Branch, Tristan Bridges, Eli Alston-Stepnitz (4)

Chair’s Report (Jennifer)
This is in the description below of year’s activities.

Budget Report, 2016-17 (Kemi)
Refer to budget report below

Committee Reports- committee chairs provided update on process and outcomes.

Awards Committees

Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award (Katie Bolzendahl)

Committee Membership:
- Katie Bolzendahl, UC Irvine (Chair)
- Amanda Fehlbaum, Youngstown State
- Ben Carrington, University of Texas
- Erin Cech, University of Michigan
- Dawn Baunach, Kennsaw
- Miriam Abelson, Portland State

We received a total of 46 submissions. Two were deemed ineligible because they came shortly after the deadline. This seems an unprecedented quantity of submissions.
Award Recipients

Winner: Michela Musto (University of Southern California) “Becoming Geniuses and Leaders: Gender, Academic Tracking, and Boys' Misbehaviors in Middle School.”

Honorable Mention: Max Besbris (New York University) “Revanchist Masculinity: Gender Attitudes in Sex Work Management”

Distinguished Book Award (Laurel Westbrook)

Committee members:
- Laurel Westbrook (Committee Chair), Department of Sociology, Grand Valley State University
- Trevor Hoppe, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY
- Theresa Morris, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
- Jessica Taft, Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz
- Asia Friedman, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware

NOTE: Max Greenberg (Department of Sociology, Boston University) was originally part of the committee. However, his co-authored book, Some Men: Feminist Allies and the Movement to End Violence Against Women, was nominated for the award. To avoid conflicts of interest, he withdrew from the committee.

We received a total of 27 books that were eligible for consideration.

Award Recipients:


Distinguished Article Award (Cati Connell)

Committee members:
- Catherine Connell, Boston University (chair)
- Sanyu Majola, University of Michigan
- Kelsy Kretschmer, Oregon State
- Marci Cottingham, University of Amsterdam
- Deniz Yuzel, William Paterson University
- Vrushali Patil, Florida International University

Award Overview:
The award honors those who make a significant contribution to the field of sex and gender through an article or book chapter on the cutting edge of sociological inquiry. There were 33 nominations this year.

Award Winners

**Feminist Scholar Activist Award (Jennifer Randles)**

Committee members:
- Jennifer Randles (Chair), California State University-Fresno
- Smitha Radhakrishnan, Wellesley College
- Louise Roth, University of Arizona
- Anna Sorensen, State University of New York-Potsdam
- Leslie Wang, University of Massachusetts-Boston

Nominations from 2015, 2016, and 2017 were considered for this award. The nominated scholars are all highly involved in a variety of activities relevant to sex and gender scholarship, including critical pedagogies, mentorship of underserved groups, and social movements and political activities that promote feminist understandings and practices.

Award recipient: Dr. Georgiann Davis, University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

**Section Committees**

**Awards** (Mary Blair Loy)

We have continued for the fourth year to convene an Awards Committee comprised of the Chair of each of the section awards. This year, our committee included Catherine (Katie) Bolzendahl (Chair, Sally Hacker Student Paper award committee), Jennifer Randles (Chair, Feminist Scholar Activist Award chair); Catherine Connell, Chair, Distinguished Article Award, and Laurel Westbrook, Chair, Distinguished Book Award. The committee met to discuss issues that arose during deliberations for each of the awards, including how to handle late submissions, conflicts of interest, and process.

**Student Concerns** (Kiera Duckworth)

see graduate student activities below

**Membership** (Kimberly Hoang)

see outreach and retention activities below

**Nominations** (Allison Pugh)

Committee Members:
- Allison Pugh (chair)
- Mimi Schippers
- Elizabeth Armstrong
- D'Lane Compton
- Kjerstin Gruys
- Yasemin Besen-Cassino
- Jyoti Puri

The committee needed to find candidates for the following positions in the 2017 election:
- Chair-Elect (1-year term)
- Secretary-Treasurer (3-year term)
- Three Council members (3-year term)
- One Student Council Member (2-year term)
Upon completing a slate of candidates, ASA contacted candidates to solicit their biographies for the election ballot in February. Voting opened in April and continued into June. The final results were as follows:

- Abigail Saguy, Chair-Elect
- Laurel Westbrook, Secretary-Treasurer
- Caitlyn Collins, Council Member
- Enobong (Anna) Branch, Council Member
- Erin Cech, Council Member
- LaToya Council, Student Council Member

Jennifer Reich, section chair, wrote all candidates—those elected and those not—to inform them of the election results. She also announced them in the bimonthly email to the section listserv.

**Program** (Jennifer Reich)
The Program Committee worked with the Section Chair and Chair-Elect to take the suggested topics from the Business Meeting and by email to create the section sessions. Freeden Oeur and Leslie Salzinger continued for the second year of their two-year term. Emily Mann and Marla Kohlman were appointed and will continue on next year. The chair organized the topics before the meeting and sent them to the committee. The committee met over skype and went through the suggested topics. Program committee members divided up and recruited session organizers, communicating by email.

**Publications** (Jen Carter for Tristan Bridges)
See media strategy and update below.

**Committee Chair Assignments for 2017-18**
The following leadership positions were assigned at the Council meeting. Committees will be staffed by Chair, in consultation with the Chair-elect after the meeting.

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- Chair, Sally Hacker Award: Fareen Parvez
- Chair, Distinguished Book Award: Kimberly Hoang
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**Section Committees**
- Chair, Membership Committee: Erin Cech and Caitlyn Collins
- Chair, Publications Committee: Kristen Barber
- Co-chairs, Student Concerns Committee: Apoorva and LaToya
- Chair, Nominations Committee: Jennifer Reich
- Chair, Program Committee: Mary Blair-Loy, with Abigail Saguy
- Chair, Awards Committee: Abigail Saguy

**Other Business**
- ASA Public Engagement Liaison- Jennifer Reich and Kristen Barber will work together in this new role.
- SocArXiv (pronounced Sosh-Archive)- without an available member of the group able to accept our invitation to attend and discuss this, the issue was not discussed at great length.
- Sexualities pre-conference in 2018- the section committed $750 to co-sponsor this event.
- Possible S&G store- Jennifer will work with council members to examine the feasibility of this as a way to generate section revenue.
State of the Section Budget

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Sex and Gender Report for Current Year-estimated budget

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An operating budget for the coming year approved by the Section Council.

Section on Sex and Gender

Budget for 2018

Use this sheet to assist with planning for the next year. All operating budgets must be approved by the section council.

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"A" is determined by the overall membership size: Sections with fewer than 200 members receive a base allocation of $500. Sections with less than 300 members but more than 200 members receive a base allocation of: (# of section members minus 100) multiplied by $5. Sections with more than 300 members receive a base allocation of $1,000. In addition the section receives two dollars from dues of each member. **To calculate this amount enter your section's membership in the shaded box on the left. See your monthly membership report update for these numbers.**

| Levied Dues          | $1,260.00 | Special 630 394 75 |

#### Description

Any dues raised by the sections in excess of the base rate go directly to the section's coffers. The base rate is $10 for regular members, $5 for students and $10 for associate (low income) members. Subscription Fees for Section Journals are not added here. **To calculate this, add regular members to the light shaded box, student members to the middle shaded box, and low income members to the dark shaded box on the left hand side. See your monthly membership report update for these numbers.**

| Contributions        | n/a       |

#### Description

These are funds raised from members.

| Royalties            | n/a       |

#### Description

Royalties donated by members or generated through other activities.

| Outside Contributions | n/a       |

#### Description

Funds donated from individuals/entities outside the section.

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Total $4,458.00 n/a
The Previous Year

Here is an overview of my activities as Chair on behalf of the section this year. I have placed in bold the items that contain recommendations for the next chair.

Committee Nominations
The first task, arising almost immediately after the August meeting, is to complete committee nominations. It has been a priority for section leadership to diversify our committee members by kind of institution, areas of research and teaching, region, methodology, racial and ethnic background, gender, and other kinds of positionality. I worked to support this priority. I worked with Mary Blair-Loy through the volunteers from the Business meeting and also the roster of our members who may not attend the annual meeting. I found it useful to look at past years’ rosters to make sure the same people are not appointed over and over again, since they tend to regularly (and generously) volunteer. This has not been centralized, but it might be useful to create a spreadsheet of members from year-to-year for reference. Additionally, at least one person volunteered and was appointed before I realized she chairs another section. When possible, this should be avoided to make sure a handful of people are not selecting all the year’s award winners across sections. So it might be worth considering asking people before they are appointed about other ASA appointments. Last year’s Chair recommended recruiting more senior faculty to committee service. I aimed to do so and would recommend that as a priority moving forward.

Program Committee
The Program Committee worked with the Section Chair and Chair-Elect to take the suggested topics from the Business Meeting and by email to create the section sessions. Freeden Oeur and Leslie Salzinger continued for the second year of their two-year term. I appointed Emily Mann and Marla Kohlmans who will continue on next year. I organized the topics before the meeting and sent them to the committee. The committee met over skype and went through the suggested topics. Program committee members divided up and recruited session organizers, communicating by email.

As a large section, we were allocated six sessions. We currently have no agreements in place to co-sponsor sessions and owe no sessions to other sections. The section may consider this in the future. As is our tradition, and as allowed by ASA, we set aside the first half of the allocated time for our business meeting occurs to host a roundtable session. We had a stunning 22 roundtables at the 2017 meeting.

### 2017 Sex and Gender-sponsored sessions:

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<td>Jennifer Reich and Mary Blair-Loy</td>
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Council Meeting
I opted not to schedule the Council meeting at 7:00 am, which is before childcare opens and made attending 8:30 sessions stressful for Council members many of whom were presenting. As a result, ASA does not allow us access to conference space (outside that early time frame without giving up a session). I conducted a doodle poll immediately after the preliminary schedule was published. **The section should consider this issue in the future and plan ahead so Council members know their schedules.**

Reception
We again co-hosted reception with Race, Gender, and Class and added Asia and Asia America as a co-host as well. Continuing to co-sponsor seems a good practice. I should note that despite my best efforts, I was unable to find any members to join a local arrangements committee. This is likely a result of this year’s location. I deferred to our co-hosts and to non-members who provided advice. **I would suggest that this is too much to manage as Chair and that future chairs need a local arrangements committee.**

Section Media
Immediately after the August meeting, I was charged with developing and soliciting a call for a newsletter editor. I worked with Tristan Bridges from the Publications Committee to advertise the position. We are thrilled that Eli Alston-Stepnitz stepped into the role. Eli and have talked through each issue. I have reviewed drafts, sent suggestions, and shared feedback as I receive it after publication, which is overwhelmingly positive.

Announcements are compiled by Jen Carter every two weeks and then sent by the Chair. This is a huge resource for the section and should continue to be supported. Jen also runs our Twitter account and Facebook page. **Moving forward, it would make sense to better use the media committee than has been done before so we can continue to grow our reach.** Individuals who volunteered wanted to get more involved with Twitter and social media on behalf of the section and I think this could be helpful in spreading the work.

Other Activities
The Chair of Sex and Gender is a member of the Martin Levine Dissertation Award committee, chaired by Michael Kimmel. I completed this review in May and June.

Last year’s Council approved funding to co-sponsor a pre-conference organized by the Sexualities section, which we paid this year. **Our members should be sure to be a part of the planning and participation.**

Last year we brainstormed briefly about setting up an online store to sell section merchandise. Given the amazing images we have come up with, this could be a fantastic resource that could possibly generate revenue for the section.

Finally, I want to express my love and appreciation for our section Council and leadership. I have been involved with the section for a longtime—starting as a Council member in 2008—and appreciate how our section nurtures a thoughtful ethos of service and hard work. Throughout the year, when I sent out inquiries or asked for advice, I received feedback quickly, which made a huge difference in my ability to feel like I was representing the section well.
Recruiting and Retention Efforts

The Sex and Gender section continues to maintain strong membership. This year, we continued a number of ongoing efforts to involve section members in section committees, co-sponsoring a reception with other sections, and promoting section visibility at the annual meeting.

Member Outreach
The section membership committee works to strategize how we might recruit more members into the section.

Building on the momentum from previous years with bow-ties (2015) and stickers (2016) the committee worked to come up with a new sticker theme that would align with some of the current issues facing section members. The members of the committee included:

- Elizabeth Borland
- Jamie Hartless
- Melanie Hughes
- Pamela Newman
- Brian Sweeney

Although D’Lane Compton was not formally on the committee she and her students did a bulk of the work in helping us to design our logo for the 2017 ASA meetings. The sticker is blue and pink to capture the image of the transflag as a sign of inclusion as well as three fists with the caption #Sex&Gender 2017 (pictured here).

We ordered 1000 copies of the stickers to pass out this year at ASA. The stickers cost a total of $94.57

Stickers were mailed out to the membership committee members. Kimberly Hoang also brought stickers to the Council meeting for council members to pass out at ASA this year.

Section reception
We again, for the third year, co-hosted an off-site reception with the Section on Race, Gender, Class (RGC; led by Nancy Naples this year. This year the section of Asia and Asian America co-sponsored with us (under the leadership of J Shiao).

Service to Graduate Students

Graduate students are represented by two student council members, in 2-year, tiered terms, and a committee. This year, the committee was comprised of

- Kiera Duckworth (co-chair, 2nd year of 2 year term)
- Apoorva Ghosh (co-chair, 1st year of 2 year term)
- Adilia James (member, 2nd year)
- Kara Takasaki (member, 2nd year)
- Stacy Williams (member, 1st year)
- Danya Lagos (member, 1st year)
- LaToya Council (in-coming co-chair)
This year, the graduate student concerns committee oversaw the following tasks:

- Organizing a graduate student happy hour at the ASA 2017 Meeting
- Organizing a Graduate Student Mentoring and Networking program, co-sponsored with ASA section on Bodies & Embodiment.

Graduate Student Happy Hour
In July, the committee generated a list of possible venues for the annual graduate student happy hour and chose to host it on Saturday, August 12th at The Rosewood (60 Saint-Jacques Street, Old Montreal) following the Section Reception.

Graduate student attendance at the happy hour seems to be low (the last two meetings have turned out 15 – 20 students). The committee recommends considering another type of event geared toward graduate students and suggests surveying student members or soliciting feedback via email.

Graduate Student Mentoring and Networking Program
The graduate student committee continued a mentoring program to address student members’ mentoring needs in a way that was not overly burdensome to faculty. This program in 2016 was co-sponsored with SWS and paired 30 faculty mentors with 3 graduate students, who met as a group for coffee/lunch at ASA. Group meetings provided graduate students with a chance to discuss shared research interests and professional development issues with a faculty mentor as well as fellow graduate students working in similar areas. Graduate student interest in the program was strong; we closed program registration in less than a week, and based on a post-ASA survey, both graduate students and faculty had positive experiences participating in the program.

In 2016-17, we altered this program in one way: we instead co-sponsored with the ASA section on Body & Embodiment: Krystale Littlejohn from that section was instrumental in organizing participation from mentors and graduate student mentees from Body & Embodiment.

The volunteer rate from faculty members was a bit lower than we anticipated. We were able to confirm participation from 20 faculty members for the program this year. Oftentimes, faculty members were already committed to a mentoring program.

For next year, we recommend continuing a mentoring and networking program, with the following considerations:

- Survey graduate students and faculty mentors after ASA, to see if any adjustments need to be made to the program.
- Consider merging mentoring programs with one or two other sections, to reduce faculty mentoring obligations at ASA.
- Consider expanding the mentoring program to allow faculty and students who aren’t attending ASA to participate (perhaps mentoring meetings could be organized via Skype or google hangouts).
Communications Strategy

The section chair works with a standing Publications Committee, chaired by a Council member, on communications. The committee works on the ongoing and new efforts detailed below.

The 2016-17 committee was staffed as follows.

- Tristan Bridges (Chair), University of California, Santa Barbara
- Newsletter editor: Eli Alston-Stepnitz, University of California, Davis
- Website coordinator: J.A. Carter, Miami University Regionals (Website Coordinator)
- Eric Grollman, University of Richmond (2014-17)
- Adero C.E. Allison, Arizona State University (2014-17)
- Myron Strong, University of Baltimore (2016-2019)
- Kate Averett, University at Albany, SUNY (2016-2019)

The Publications committee oversees the Section’s Newsletter, Website, and participates in managing the social media associated with the Section.

- Our section website is [https://asasexandgender.wordpress.com](https://asasexandgender.wordpress.com)
- Our section Twitter feed is @ASASexandGender
- Our section Facebook page is [https://www.facebook.com/ASASexandGenderSection](https://www.facebook.com/ASASexandGenderSection)

Section announcements

JA Carter compiles announcements for the section every two weeks, which the section chair sends out. This has been successful and will continue.

Section Newsletter

We transitioned to a new newsletter editor this year, Eli Alston-Stepnitz, a graduate student at the University of California, Davis. So far, Eli has built on prior editor Alicia Smith-Tran’s incredible work helping us navigate this transition to a more digital newsletter, incorporating the logo, and connecting with section members to produce a richer newsletter with essays as well as the information members have come to expect in the newsletter. Eli connected with a great collection of scholars in the section to produce some incredible newsletters so far. As chair, in addition to approving the newsletter, one of the more helpful things I can do is help the newsletter editor come up with ideas for who to contact to inquire about writing an essay for the newsletter. That is a role that the chair might consider as well as it seemed to really help.

Website

The work for the new website has been great. Along with J.A. Carter, Tristan helped to manage the site over the year. With the new format, whoever takes over as chair should be able to easily update information. There are two pages on the site that still need attention: the graduate student page and the history page. Tristan connected briefly with the graduate student representatives to ask how they’d like to use that page and learned they may want to institute some kind of system whereby the graduate students are responsible for producing something so that the page is up to date (maybe one or two times a year).

We continued to feature a few teasers from the most recent newsletter on the homepage for the website (something we update at each newsletter). A few paragraphs from each of the essays including links to download the newsletter. And traffic at the site is growing (we are only through the beginning of August on the figure below and have already surpassed last year’s number of hits). Below is a chart illustrating site visitors by month and by year. Spikes in viewing is primarily associated with newsletter releases. But, organic site traffic seems to be growing as well.
Social Media
Similarly, our Facebook and Twitter pages have been receiving more engagement from followers over the course of the year. We continue to gather more followers. We increased the audience of the Facebook page more this year and presently have an audience of more than 1,200 (up about 250 followers from last year at this time. On Twitter, we were starting from scratch last year, and have accumulated over 1,500 followers (up just over 600 followers from last year at this time). Every day of January and February, we tweeted a new publication of section members, which was popular. Section members are also continuing to tag us in posts they share that are relevant to our section. We’d hope that both continue to grow as well.

The Coming Year

Elections and Nominations

In compliance with the section bylaws, the 2017-18 nominations committee includes the Past-Chair and two outgoing council members. Four section members, appointed by the section chair in consultation with the chair-elect, round out the committee.

The committee thus far is comprised of

- Jennifer Reich (chair), University of Colorado Denver
- Tristan Bridges (outgoing council member), University of California, Santa Barbara
- Laurel Westbrook (outgoing council member), Grand Valley State University
- Four additional members will be appointed.
At the business meeting and until Sept 22, we collected information from volunteers for nomination and committee service. A call for nominations will be sent out in section announcements as well. We will also rely on nomination committee member recommendations. We aim to have a complete list of candidates by early December. After a conference call or email vote among committee members, we will rank the slate of candidates. The committee chair then will confirm nominees are section members and then email top-ranked candidates to let them know they’ve been nominated (if not a self-nomination) and confirm they are willing to run for office.

The committee chair will then submit the final slate to Council for approval; assuming no objections the committee chair then submits the slate to ASA.

**Plans for the coming year.**

- The section will co-sponsor the Sexualities pre-conference and expects to be involved in that.
- We will continue to co-sponsor a reception and mentoring program.
- We continue to examine our budget and aim to lower costs for the Council meeting. However, with a large Council of more than 20 people, we find access to affordable space in which we can hear each other to be challenging.
- Explore options for setting up sales of section merchandise as a possible revenue generator.
- Continue to recruit committee members and leaders that represent the diversity of membership in terms of kinds of institution, individual backgrounds, methodologies, areas of scholarship, and experience.
- We are starting the year with 1099 members. We will continue to strengthen efforts to recruit new members and support existing ones.