MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Now that the Chicago meetings are long behind us and the Washington D.C. meetings are in front of us, there is lots to acknowledge and lots to announce. So here I go. By way of acknowledgements, I want to thank Arlene Stein, the outgoing Chair of the section, for steering the Sexualities section through a busy and productive year. Arlene’s hard work made it easy for me to assume the Chairship at the end of the 1999 meetings. Everything was in order – committees were in place, plans for this year’s Annual Meetings were formulated, a new student paper award was initiated, and the budget was (comparatively) rich. In addition, I want to thank the many people who have done and continue to do the work of the section in both its second and third years of existence, including Melissa Herbert and Rosemary Powers (Secretary-Treasurers); Tracy Ore, Gil Zicklin, Peter Nardi, Jodi O’Brien, Christy Ponticelli, Don Barrett, Joshua Gamson, and Juan Battle (Council Members); Christine Robinson and Lionel Cantu (Student Representatives).

Finally, thanks to two people shouldering some load for the section.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, continued

Rebecca Plante continues to serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee and editor of the newsletter. Lionel Cantu has taken responsibility for getting our webpage up and running for moderating our listserv. Speaking of which, I hope you all have been contacted via e-mail from the ASA office and activated your access to the listserv. Combined, all of those mentioned above, and probably some I have forgotten to mention (my apologies), have done work that contributes to the growth and vibrancy of the section. We are, as they say, “in good shape” because of their work.

The growing vibrancy of the Sexuality Section is evident in numerous ways. First, at a time when other sections are losing members, our membership has held steady. Second, this year we will be awarding the first annual student paper award, thanks to Christy Ponticelli, Peter Nardi, and Joshua Gamson. All agreed to serve on a committee to develop the parameters of the award and select the first recipient. Third, our plans for the Annual Meeting program are in place and look promising.

We are once again cosponsoring a session with the Sex/Gender Section, organized by moi and focusing on exploring the relationship between genders and sexualities. Also, we are once again cosponsoring a session with the Religion Section, organized by Jodi O'Brien. In addition, of course, we have our open submissions session, organized by Kristin Esterberg (see page three for more details about all of these). In the newsletter, we would like to begin running profiles of graduate students and their research, as our section has quite a number of students.

Finally, I am glad to report that I have organized a joint reception at the upcoming meetings with not one but two other sections, the Crime, Law, and Deviance Section and the Comparative Historical Section. Unfortunately, the reception is on the last day of the Annual Meetings, but hopefully it will provide for good mixing nonetheless.

While I'm reporting good news, let me also say, “Here's to wishing you all a prosperous year.”

--Valerie Jenness

WASHINGTON/ASA NEWS!

GLAAD, a national organization working for human rights (with a GLBT emphasis), is looking to connect with sociologists in D.C.

One key event is the reception they are hosting in the Washington Hilton:

DATE: Monday, August 14th
TIME: 8:15pm
ROOM: in Parlor 1101

Making connections with agencies outside academia is a great way to expand the section.
CALL FOR PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Like the general U.S. population, LGBT people are diverse by sociodemographic characteristics such as cultural, ethnic, or racial identity, age, education, income, and place of residence. Like members of other minority groups, they are diverse in the degree to which LGBT identity is central to their self-definition, their level of affiliation with other LGBT people, and their rejection or acceptance of societal stereotypes and prejudice. The special issue seeks papers that address these diverse populations.

• The special issue is scheduled to be published in June 2001.

• Deadline for submission for the special issue is November 1, 2000 but earlier submissions are encouraged!

I am looking for innovative original research concerning lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations in all areas of public health, including but not limited to:

*DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
- Behavior: smoking, physical activity, sexual behavior, etc.
- Social, economic and cultural factors
  - Stress and social stressors
  - Biological and genetic factors
- Substance use (including alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs)

*HEALTH OUTCOMES
- Cancer
- Chronic diseases
  - Infectious diseases (including sexually transmitted diseases)
  - Mental health and mental disorders
  - Suicide
  - Substance abuse and dependency (including alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs)

* HEALTH CARE
- Access to care
  - Primary care
- Health care delivery
  - Clinical preventive services
- Long-term care and rehabilitative services
- Immunization
  - History of public health
- Educational and Community-Based programs
  - Interpersonal and domestic violence
- Methodological issues in sampling, research and evaluation

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SECTION EVENTS

"Exploring Relations Between Genders and Sexualities: Creating, Affirming, and Moving Beyond Dichotomies"

Organizer: Valerie Jenness, UC-Irvine
Presider: Beth Schneider, UCSB
Session Info: 521, Wednesday August 16, 8:30 am

Panelists: Sara Crawley, Amy Hequembourg, Gregor Mattson, and Steven Schacht

Location: Marriott Wardman Park

"Sexualities: Empirical and Theoretical Approaches"

Organizer & Presider: Kristen Esterberg, UMass-Lowell
Discussant: Don Barrett, CSU-San Marcos
Session Info: 544, Wednesday August 16, 2:30 pm

Panelists: Loren Frankel, Malati Gadgil, Karin Martin and Joel Puriss, Jeffery P. Dennis

Location: Marriott Wardman Park

Special Session

"Beyond AIDS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Health Issues"

Organizer: Kristin Esterberg
Discussant: Kristin Esterberg
Session Info: 294, Monday August 14, 2:30 pm

Panelists: Don Barrett, Christy Ponticelli, Steven Epstein, Eric Rofes & Crispin Hollings

Location: Hilton Washington

Events of Interest

"Teaching Workshop: The Sociology of Sexualities"

Leader: Tracy E. Ore
St. Cloud State University

Session Info: 400, Tuesday August 15, 10:30 am
Location: Marriott Wardman Park

Format: Interactive discussion utilizing participants' input and experiences

"Alpha Kappa Delta Lecture"

Organizer: Claire Renz
Lecturer: Pepper Schwartz
University of Washington

Session Info: 175, Sunday August 13, 12:30 pm
Location: Marriott Wardman Park

Sexualities Section Events

The COUNCIL meeting, for those elected to the Sexualities Section Council, will be held at the Marriott WEDNESDAY 8/16 at 12:30 pm

The BUSINESS meeting, for all interested in participating in the section, will be held at the Marriott WEDNESDAY 8/16 at 1:30 pm

The Section's RECEPTION is scheduled to be held Tuesday 8/15 at 6:30 pm

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN WASHINGTON

Meetings

Sociologists' AIDS Network
Sunday 8/13; 8:30 pm, Wardman Park

Committee on GLBT in Sociology
Monday 8/14; 10:30 am, Hilton