Pro-Seminar for Graduate Students Launches Thursday

Graduate students—regardless of membership status—can register for free for the inaugural session of the ASA Virtual Pro-Seminar featuring Jessica Calarco (Indiana University) on "Uncovering the Hidden Curriculum of Graduate School." Calarco will discuss the assumptions and norms embedded in sociology graduate education and offer strategies for thriving in grad school. The event will be held January 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern.

Submit DEI Resources to TRAILS

Do you have an innovative activity, syllabus, presentation, lecture, assignment, or empirical research article related to diversity, equity, and inclusion? TRAILS is currently seeking DEI resources on anti-racism, social justice, retention of students and faculty of color, and intersectionality that support the teaching of sociology. Click here to review publication criteria and submission guidelines.

2021 Virtual Annual Meeting Updates

Mark Your Calendars for August 6-10, 2021. The virtual 2021 Annual Meeting will take place August 6-10. The meeting includes a full program without any reduction in the number of sessions offered at the in-person meeting. The sessions will be rich and varied in content and type, with many focused on President Aldon Morris’ theme “Emancipatory Sociology: Rising to the Du Boisian Challenge.” For example, Ibram X. Kendi, Kimberlé Crenshaw, and Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor will be speaking in a plenary session titled “Anatomy of Race, Racism, and Change” moderated by Mary E. Pattillo. Many other exciting invited sessions have already been announced.

We have designed shorter, 85-minute time slots to reflect what we have learned is most effective for virtual engagement and to maintain the standard five-day meeting schedule. These shorter sessions will ensure that programming fits within reasonable hours for people in different time zones, many of whom will be balancing caregiving while participating in the meeting.

All sessions will use Zoom rooms provided by ASA, contributing to consistency and ease of participation. To support a secure environment, only registrants will be able to join a session. Additionally, Zoom allows us to increase accessibility...
with features such as auto-transcription and screen reader compatibility. We're also working to create meaningful social and networking opportunities for attendees to connect with each other in a virtual environment. We’ll plan meeting-wide activities and provide opportunities for sections and informal groups to use the ASA Zoom rooms to bring colleagues together after programming hours.

**Submission Deadline Is February 3.** The deadline for submissions for the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting is Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern). Review the Call for Submissions web page for important information. In addition to paper submissions, ASA is accepting submissions for Courses, Workshops, Preconferences, Ideas for Future Research, the Sociology in Practice Settings Symposium, and the Teaching and Learning in Sociology Symposium.

Paper submitters may elect to submit either full papers (15-35 pages) or extended abstracts (3-5 pages)—a new offering this year. If participants submit an abstract and it is accepted, the full paper will be expected to be sent to the session participants at least one month before the Virtual Annual Meeting.

**Registration Opens This Week.** Registration for the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting opens this week with fees that are significantly reduced compared to our in-person meetings. Council is pleased to offer these reduced registration fees at a time when we are also offering substantial reduction on membership dues (up to 30 percent) through the Pick Your Own Sponsorship program.

Just like the in-person Annual Meeting, producing the virtual event has costs associated with it. However, Council made careful decisions regarding the delivery of the meeting to keep the registration fees as low as possible, while enabling ASA to provide a high-quality experience and to support other association activities in ways that the Annual Meeting always does. For example, Council decided not to purchase an expensive virtual meeting platform. Instead, we will deploy the same system we used in 2020, but with some upgrades and enhancements that will improve core functionality and security and provide seamless integration with Zoom.

Reduced price registration and membership, combined with the elimination of cost for travel and lodging, will allow for broader participation in the meeting. In addition, we will offer an expanded number of registration waivers for students through the Student Forum Travel Fund and for non-students through the Annual Meeting Travel Fund.

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**New Teaching Resources in TRAILS**

*The Demographic Transition Graph* by Lissette Aliaga-Linares

*Rejected Plates: Coding and Finding Themes in Qualitative Data* by Samantha Kay Ammons

*Find the Funnels: Deconstructing Literature Review* by Kyla Walters

Access to TRAILS, a peer-reviewed digital teaching resources library, is free to ASA members.

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**Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights**

- *The Status and Future Prospects of the U.S. Labor Market under the Trump Presidency* by Immanuel Ness
- *Sorting Schools: A Computational Analysis of Charter School Identities and Stratification* by Jaren R. Haber
- *Sociology of Education* (January 2021)
• On Track or Derailed? Race, Advanced Math, and the Transition to High School by Yasiymn Irizarry (Socius, January 11, 2021)

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