New Approach to Dues for 2021: When We Pull Together, We All Win

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Don’t Miss Out on Everything ASA has to Offer! In 2021 ASA will be launching an exciting new lineup of professional development webinars for sociologists at every career stage. Among those, a new monthly Virtual Proseminar will help graduate students and early-career faculty uncover the hidden curriculum of academia and devise strategies for achieving personal and professional goals. As a 2021 ASA member, you maintain your access to ASA journals, newsletters, TRAILS, the Videos and Webinars Archive, the ASA Member Directory, the Publishing Options Database, and the Job Bank. You also maintain your ability to connect with your sociological peers through ASA’s 53 special interest sections.

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Upcoming and Recently Recorded Webinars

What’s Settler Colonialism and Why Should You Teach About It in Intro to Soc?
November 5, 3 p.m. Eastern
Presenters: Michelle Jacobs (University of Oregon), Sofia Lodcke (University of New Mexico), Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear (University of California-Los Angeles), and Yvonne Sherwood (University of Toronto-Mississauga).

Sociology Speaks: Experts Explain the Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping
Recorded October 19
Panelists: Karyn Lacy (University of Michigan), Bandana Purkayastha (University of Connecticut), and Shelley Correll (Stanford University).

Advocating for the Humanities to Senior Administrators (from the National Humanities Alliance "Between Two Bookshelves" series that is open to all NHA member organizations)
Recorded October 19
Panelists: Joy Connolly (American Council of Learned Societies), Paula Krebs (Modern Language Association), Ben Vinson (Case Western Reserve University)

Special Issue of Footnotes: Election Reflections

This special issue features articles by sociologists that are focused on this theme. Read contributions from Cedric de Leon, Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino, Caroline Heldman, James R. Jones, Richard Lachmann, Enid Logan, Andrew J. Perrin, Roger Waldinger, and Adia Harvey Wingfield.

Student Forum Writing Session

Are you a student in need of some writing accountability? Attend the next Student Forum writing session. The session will take place at 1 p.m. Eastern on November 11. Register for the session here. These sessions are meant to provide a time and space for students to focus on their writing and to connect with other students.

Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD) Application Deadline: December 15

ASA invites submissions for the last round of FAD. After 30 years of support from NSF’s Sociology Program, the program comes to an end as NSF’s priorities for funding such ongoing initiatives has shifted. FAD awards provide “seed money” (up to $8,000) for innovative research that has the potential of advancing the discipline through new substantive and methodological developments, broad dissemination of scientific knowledge, and providing leverage to acquire additional research funds. Find out more and apply on the FAD webpage.

2021 ASA Annual Meeting

The submission site for the 2021 Annual Meeting will open on Monday, November 9, 2020. The deadline to submit is February 3, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern. In addition to paper submissions, proposals will be accepted for Courses, Workshops, Preconferences, the Sociology in Practice Settings Symposium, and the Teaching and Learning Symposium. Calls for submissions will be posted next week.

ASA is carefully monitoring recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and others regarding the COVID-19 situation as we begin planning the August Annual Meeting in Chicago. At present, we are proceeding as planned, but we will adjust as necessary to ensure the health and well-being of our community. Should we need to cancel or amend the meeting plan, we will provide adequate notice to potential participants.
Call for Editor Applications: Society and Mental Health

Individual and team applications are invited for the position of editor of Society and Mental Health, journal of the ASA Section on Sociology of Mental Health. The official term for the new editor (or coeditors) will begin on January 1, 2022. The editorial transition will start in July 2021 with the first issue of the new editorial team appearing in March 2022. The editorial term is for a minimum of three years until December 2024, with a possible reappointment of up to an additional two years. Read the call for applications.

New Teaching Resources in TRAILS

Planning "Real Utopias" through Federal Spending by Kyla Walters
Syllabus for Sociological Theory by Erin K. Anderson
Teaching Race with Novels by Debjani Chakravarty

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

Hot Off the Press: Journal Highlights

- School Outcomes of Children Raised by Same-Sex Parents: Evidence from Administrative Panel Data by Deni Mazrekaj, Kristof De Witte, and Sofie Cebus (American Sociological Review, October 2020)
- Indigenous Identity, Being, and Belonging by Angela A. Gonzales and Judy Kertész (Contexts, Summer 2020; issue free online through December 18)
- Great Equalizer or Great Selector? Reconsidering Education as a Moderator of Intergenerational Transmissions by Jeremy E. Fiel (Sociology of Education, October 2020)
- Collateral Subjects: The Normalization of Surveillance for Mexican Americans on the Border by Adriana C. Núñez (Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, October 2020); listen to podcast with author discussing the article.
- Class Mobility and Reproduction for Black and White Adults in the United States: A Visualization by Daniel Laurison, Dawn Dow, and Carolyn Chernoff (Socius, October 9, 2020)
- COVID-19 Remote Learning Transition in Spring 2020: Class Structures, Student Perceptions, and Inequality in College Courses by Alanna Gillis and Laura M. Krull (Teaching Sociology, October 2020)

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