2022 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Section on Aging and the Life Course

Introduction
Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section’s vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2021 to August 2022 and a fiscal year from January 2022 to December 2022. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance
Provide details of your Section’s governance activity during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Business Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

See attached.

Council Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

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Awards
Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Outstanding Publication Award

Graduate Student Paper Award

Honorable Mention: Vanessa Delgado, UC Irvine, In-between” to “Front and Center”: How Brokering Shifts to Advocacy i/n Emerging Adulthood
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*Winner:* Irma Elo, University of Pennsylvania

**Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award**
*Winner:* Deborah Carr, Boston University

**2022 Finances**
Provide a narrative on how the 2022 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2022. Please account for any substantive differences.

The Section on Aging and the Life Course continues to be in good financial shape. Our beginning balance for this year was $32,077. Our current balance is $34,637 (as of May 31, 2022). For context, last year our pre-meeting balance was $31,831. Because we did not have an in-person annual meeting, and we also did not have the mentoring dinner, this trend of increases in savings is not expected to continue. Our total income year-to-date includes: $467 (up from $325) for dues; and $2,093 (up from $2,048) for section budget allocation with a total of $2,560 (up from $2,373 last year). Currently no spending related to the ASA 2022 conference have been accounted for in this budget. The cost of awards for this year includes $646.73 for plaques and $250 for award money. The anticipated cost of the dessert mentoring reception is $4,916.65. The total remaining balance after accounting for these expenses is expected to be $26,263.62.

**The Previous Year**
Describe Section activities during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Provide an overview of the Section’s communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

Managers of the Section listserve, website, Facebook and Twitter accounts have curated multiple avenues by which members have communicated with each other and learn about Section initiatives and announcements.  SALC website: [https://asasalc.org/](https://asasalc.org/)

Details follow:

**Communications**

**Newsletter Co-Editors: Shannon Shen & Stephanie Ureña**
During the 2021-2022 academic year, Shannon & Stephanie continued to serve as newsletter co-editors. The Fall, Winter, and Summer newsletters were published and distributed via the SALC email listserv, the section website, and announced on the section Facebook and Twitter pages. Official SALC announcements were published in each newsletter. Announcements for conferences, workshops, calls for papers, promotion or employment changes, recent publications, special lectures, and awards were also included when submitted by members. Three recurring columns continue to be included in each newsletter: "Five Questions"..., Emerging Scholars Profile, and Journal or Podcast Spotlight. The “Five Questions” column profiles a section member by asking them to answer questions about their...
hometown, proudest accomplishment, first job, a surprising fact about themselves, and the best piece of professional advice they have received. The “Emerging Scholars Profile” highlights the research and career goals of emerging scholars in the section. The “Journal Spotlight” introduces journals that might be appropriate venues for section members’ work and now highlights relevant podcasts.

Shannon and Stephanie enjoy collaborating on the newsletter and find the two-editor system to be very efficient. They take turns taking the lead on each newsletter and collaborate closely with section Chair and other council members to ensure all information is accurate and complete before distribution. They look forward to continuing as co-editors for the 2022-2023 academic year.

**Website Manager: Julia Wolf**

The section website is used by the section to post newsletters, announcements about SALC or the ASA annual meeting, and information about the section.

- Dawn Carr is an admin on the website to pay for it this year (she will be reimbursed; $18/year)
  - I am unsure if this is again the case this coming year.
- Top 5 pages in 2022: 1) Home; 2) Newsletter; 3) Awards; 4) Listserv; 5) Previous Award Winners
- Top 5 pages in 2021: 1) Home; 2) Newsletter; 3) Awards; 4) ASA 2021 – SALC Sessions; 5) Meeting Minutes
- Most 2022: referrals to the site are from search engines, prod.uhrs.playmsn.com, and Twitter
- Most 2021: referrals to the site are from search engines, asanet.org, and Facebook
- We’ve had visitors from 39 different countries so far in 2022 and 42 in 2021

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**Listserv Editor: Stacy Torres**

During the 2021-22 academic year, regular listserv announcements were distributed to SALC members (with current ASA dues) on a roughly twice monthly schedule, depending on the number of announcements at any one time. The twice-monthly distribution has been the long-standing practice of the Section to limit the number of electronic messages members receive. With the SALC Facebook and Twitter accounts, members also have the opportunity to receive announcements “on demand,” and I have also suggested to those sending time-sensitive announcements to also contact SALC Facebook.

Each announcement contained both (1) official Section business and (2) other announcements of interest submitted by members, including: jobs, conferences, journal invitations, and new books by section members. Section Chair Merril Silverstein and other officers also occasionally forwarded time-sensitive standalone announcements and miscellaneous items from ASA and elsewhere for inclusion in the announcements. The Section’s electronic newsletter was distributed by the listserv as well. All section-generated listserv announcements included a header with the link to the SALC website, Facebook and Twitter profiles. ASA-generated announcements (relevant job-bank ads, media inquiries) are also distributed via the listserv.

Inquiries from members (e.g., items for newsletter, announcement of publications, etc.) sent to the Listserv Editor were forwarded to the appropriate member of the Section leadership, as needed. One recommendation for the future would be to better clarify for members the types of announcements appropriate for the listserv versus the newsletter, as I receive many announcements for articles, etc. Additionally, people often send PDF announcements which are a little more cumbersome to extract text from for the emailed announcements (I received instructions upon taking on this role that the only attachment to include is the newsletter). I also receive a lot of general questions about specific announcements, even when the point person’s contact info is listed in the announcement. But there may be no way to correct this if members don’t closely read the announcements and believe I am the de facto point person (in which I have set them on the right path again, urging them to contact the person attached to the announcement).

**Facebook Manager: Jeffrey Lentz**

As of June 17, 2022, we have 1,059 members in the Facebook group. In the last year, we had 305 posts, 95 comments, 2,166 reactions, and 42,180 posts viewed. Continue to post, comment, and react to content. Mondays continue to be the most popular day to post.

The membership question still stands. I continue to receive bizarre requests, and those who do not answer the membership question are rejected. Would you mind telling your colleagues and students to fill out the membership question? Would you please invite your colleagues and students to join the group: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/SALC.ASA/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SALC.ASA/)

I encourage members to share their research, job searches, conference/webinar announcements, and any other news about aging and the life course-related information. Stacy Torres continues to do an excellent job emailing me her publications, op-eds, etc., to post in the group. I’ve more emails or Facebook messages to post information. I encourage members to continue to email me information to post (Jeffrey.g.lentz@emory.edu is the preferable method). I sometimes don’t get Facebook messages because we are not friends on Facebook.
I pin important announcements to the top of the page so everyone has a chance to read and/or respond to the request. I continue to post relevant sections of SALC announcements to the group so everyone can be informed.

**Twitter Manager: Duygu Basaran Sahin**

Another year during which we increased the number of followers on our Twitter account! We created SALC’s Twitter account in September 2014 and by the summer of 2015, we had 84 followers. In July 2021, we had 598 followers. This year we have 712. I want to thank you all because I know there has been an ongoing effort from our members to make SALC more visible. I also want to thank Jeff, Julia, Shannon, Stacy and Stephanie for providing and sharing content with me.

Throughout 2022 we continued our #BIPOCSALC initiative which we created the year before. Thank you Merril for prioritizing and supporting this new(ish) effort. We proudly introduced the works of Arun Balachandran, Ryon Cobb, Vanessa Delgado, Christy Erving, Isabel García Valdivia, Marc Garcia. We are always in search of potential members who might be interested in this opportunity. So please, if you have suggestions kindly contact me.

Among our most liked tweets were opinion pieces that Stacy Torres wrote. Equally, announcements regarding SALC’s own activities such as gift membership were popular. If you want to share your work or have job opportunities/other news to disseminate, I am always available to spread the word via Twitter.

SALC’s Twitter engagement is improving but we can always do better. The first step is to make sure that people know SALC exists on Twitter. You can also do the following to increase social media engagement.

- Include SALC’s Twitter info as “follow us on Twitter @ASA_SALC” on your school or personal websites
- Add “follow us on Twitter @ASA_SALC” at the end of your powerpoint presentations or any other form of presentation/talks
- Mention SALC’s Twitter account in your classes, it may be a good way to learn about job and training opportunities
- Spread the news among your friends/colleagues
- If you’re already on Twitter mention SALC’s Twitter account when you share relevant news/links/papers/call for papers

Describe the Section’s diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?


Provide an overview of the section’s programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).
The SALC Chair appointed two scholars to serve on the Program Committee. One member is a scholar of aging in the Latino/Latina population. The topics chosen for symposia were caregiving in cultural and historical context and multinational comparisons in life course analyses. Both themes cover various aspects of diversity and represent central and growing areas of scholarship in the field of aging.

Provide an overview of the Section’s programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

The SALC Professional Development and Mentoring Committee focused on four activities this year. First, the student representatives have been communicating with student members throughout the year to gather input on the committee’s planned activities. Students continue to be interested in the section having a structured mentoring program, virtual events throughout the year, and an in-person event at the annual meeting.

Second, a listserv was established for the group that is being hosted by Syracuse University’s Aging Studies Institute. The student members were notified of the listserv and provided with instructions on how to sign up for it. The student representatives have been using the listserv to communicate with students.

Third, a virtual Zoom session was held on Wednesday May 25 in which Jennifer Karas Montez (Professor, Syracuse University) and Mateo P. Farina (Postdoctoral Fellow at USC) shared their insights on the job market.

Fourth, the committee worked with the section chair and secretary/treasurer to make plans for the mentoring event on section day at the annual meeting. The student representatives identified several potential venues for a mentoring dinner. However, due to changes in ASA’s policies regarding fundraising and off-site events, high per-person dinner costs, and COVID-related concerns about hosting a dinner in a crowded venue, an onsite desert reception was held in a large meeting room at the conference hotel in lieu of the mentoring dinner. Attendance was robust at more than 50 emerging scholars and 10 senior scholars anchoring the roundtables.
Chair’s Report: Merril Silverstein

Secretary/Treasurer: Dawn Carr

Program Committee: Merril Silverstein

Membership Committee: Miles Taylor

Committee on Professional Development and Mentoring: (Janet Wilmoth) Vesna Pajovic

Committee on Nominations: (Jennifer Karas Montez) Merril Silverstein

Communications:

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Section Award Committees

**Outstanding Publication Award:** (Melissa Hardy) Merril Silverstein

*Winner:* Sanyu Majola, Enid Schatz, Nicole Angotti, and Brian Houle. 'A nowadays disease': HIV/AIDS and social change in a rural South African community.' *American Journal of Sociology.*

*Honorable Mention:* Patricia Morton and Kenneth Ferraro. Early social origins of biological risks for men and women in later life. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

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New Business:

SALC Leadership Transitions: Merril Silverstein

Plans for 2023 Annual Meeting: Stefanie Möllborn
Chair’s Report: Merril Silverstein

- Briefly discussed overview of the wellbeing of the section.

Secretary/Treasurer: Dawn Carr

- Described the overall changes in budget since last year.

Program Committee: Merril Silverstein

- Merril chaired this year and discussed the members who have contributed to the various committees and supported our program for this year.

Membership Committee: Miles Taylor

- Miles provided an overview of the current standing of membership. She noted that we remain below the 600 member mark, and remain closer to the 500 mark. We are hoping to have a new set of strategies looking ahead post-COVID.

Committee on Professional Development and Mentoring: (Janet Wilmoth) Vesna Pajovic

- Vesna presented and indicated the multiple efforts completed this year including a listserv and online mentoring activities throughout the year (via zoom). Tonight includes a speed mentoring event with a dessert reception. Given the changes in fundraising, we have to change our efforts looking ahead.

Committee on Nominations: (Jennifer Karas Montez) Merril Silverstein

- Jennifer was unable to make it. Merril did not discuss this issue.

Communications:

- Communications were introduced by Julia Wolf. All links to those accounts can be found on the newsletter and the website, and we use both of them for getting information about ASA SALC information and member news as well as job announcements. We use social media for more time sensitive issues. Julia indicated a willingness to help figure out what the best channels are for all news and folks can reach out to Julia accordingly.
- Merril reminded everyone that we will be switching to ASA Connect, a new online system to streamline communication.

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New Business:

**SALC Leadership Transitions: Merril Silverstein**
- Merril introduced the outgoing and incoming council members.

**Plans for 2023 Annual Meeting: Stefanie Möllborn**
- Stefanie provided an overview of the coming year. She described the efforts to redefine our mentoring activities. The theme for next year will determined looking ahead, but Stefanie asked for suggestions from the section. If anyone is interested in being a listserv manager, and invited a volunteer for that role. Miles Taylor also invited folks to consider the role of membership chair as well.
I. CALL TO ORDER: Merril Silverstein  
II. APPROVAL OF 2021 MINUTES: Merril Silverstein  
III. TREASURER’S REPORT: Dawn Carr  
IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
   A. Program Committee: Merril Silverstein  
   B. Membership Committee: Miles Taylor  
   C. Communications  
      Newsletter Editor: (Stephanie Ureña, Shannon Shen) Julia Wolf  
      Web Manager: Julia Wolf  
      Listserv Editor: (Stacy Torres) Julia Wolf  
      Facebook Manager: (Jeffrey Lentz) Julia Wolf  
      Twitter Manager: (Duygu Basaran) Julia Wolf  
   D. Committee on Professional Development and Mentoring Report: (Janet Wilmoth) Vesna Pajovic  
   E. Research Groups and Roundtables Committee: (Andre Christie-Mizell), Anna Muraco  
   F. Committee on Nominations: Jennifer Karas Montez  
V. NEW BUSINESS  
   A. Supporting BIPOC members. Merril Silverstein + Council  
   B. Council meeting minutes posted on SALC website  
   C. Thanks to outgoing officers. Council Members: Terri Cooney, Amelie Quesnel-Vallee, Jason Houle, and (Student Representative) Vesna Pajovic; Membership Committee Chair: Miles Taylor; Secretary/Treasurer: Dawn Carr; Listserv Manager: Stacy Torres after six years of service. Merril Silverstein  
   D. Announcement of new SALC officers: Chair-Elect: Miles Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer: Mieke Beth McBride; Council Members: Marc Garcia and Emma Zang; Student Representative: Kagan A. Mellencamp. Merril Silverstein  
   E. Introduction of 2022-23 SALC Chair Stefanie Mollborn  
   F. Plans for 2023 Annual Meeting. Stefanie Mollborn
ASA Council meeting
August 8, 2022, 7:00-7:45 PDT

Attendees: Merril Silverstein, Dawn Carr, Vesna Palpic, Jason Houle, Julia Wolf, Anna Muraco, Mieke Beth McBride, Stefanie Molborn, Jason Houle

I. Call to order
   Merril Silverstein called the meeting to order

II. Approval of council minutes
   a. Minutes were approved

III. Treasury report
   a. Dawn provided overview of key issues related to changes in income

IV. Committee Reports
   a. Program committee:
      i. Merril Silverstein introduced the overview of the sessions for the ASA 2022 meeting
   b. Membership committee
      i. Miles Taylor described changes in membership regarding the goals of the 600 number. At the moment we have dipped and around the 500 membership mark. The committee has been cautious about not pushing people due to COVID but will look for more creative ways to increase moving ahead.
   c. Communications – Julia Wolf presented all reports related to the various forms of communication – Newsletter, Web, Listserv, Facebook, Twitter. Julia provided an overview of the various ways these outlets help in terms of getting the word out for different kinds of news. Julia suggested that there is an ongoing need to share information about great research and people who can be spotlighted.
   d. Committee on Professional Development and mentoring Report
      i. Vesna, student representative for the committee provided the report. Set up new initiatives for mentoring activities to support students, including regular meetings, listserv, and the mentoring reception that will occur August 8 from 8-10 pm. We will need to figure out future goals given the growing costs and challenges for fundraising.
   e. Research Groups and Roundtables Committee –
      i. Report provided by Anna Muraco. Our roundtables were primarily articles. 30 were accepted, and most were accepted. About 1/3 of the submissions cancelled. The roundtable had to be reorganized as a result of the dropouts. It was also changed on the program.
   f. Committee on Nominations
      i. Jennifer Karas Montez was not able to make it to the meeting due to flight cancellation. As a result, Merril provided the report. She solicited self-nominations within SALC. Two were nominated for chair, four were nominated for the council positions.

V. New Business
a. Budget and fundraising  
   i. Mieke suggested that we may need to think about more active ways to elicit donations for our mentoring events. She suggested that we explore ways to set it up so it can be reimbursed by the department in some way.  
   ii. Merril discussed the new rules from ASA for fundraising.  
   iii. Dawn discussed the details regarding special requests that need to be submitted in the Fall.  

b. Supporting BIPOC Members  
   i. Merril provided an overview of the report. In 2020, we discussed supporting BIPOC members. Jennifer Karas Montez accumulated options, and we were unsure about whether we were meeting in person. Consensus by the members this year was to start small, about 5 members, and then pay for their mentoring dinner fee. There was so much uncertainty about in person meeting, and after discussing with Janet about the location, we determined that played it conservatively by not having the dinner and instead having the dessert reception. We should consider whether this is the best strategy or not.  
   ii. We discussed the idea of reach outside the section to gain more access to BIPOC members who may be members of other sections also.  
   iii. Miles Taylor suggested using this as part of the gifting campaign that we could recruit from the ground up as well.  
   iv. Anna Muraco suggested that we consider partnering with another section for receptions/mixing to gain more visibility. Consider including an award that is specific to BIPOC folks that may increase membership. Not everyone has students (Anna indicated that she does not have students due to her institution type). She suggested that maybe we could think beyond student gifts.  
   v. Mieke suggested that maybe we could modify language for mentorship award that includes language related to BIPOC mentoring.  

c. Council meeting minutes posted on SALC website  
   i. Sometimes the minutes related to the council meeting are posted online, but not always. Merril asked whether there is reason to avoid posting online.  

d. Outgoing and incoming members  
   i. Merril provided an overview of the outgoing council members.  
   ii. Merril also provided an introduction for the incoming members.  
   iii. Stefanie Molborn is in charge of the meeting schedule for next year. She will likely focus one session on aging and one on life course.  
      1. Stefanie also noted that we will be looking for a new membership chair and a new listserv manager.  
      2. We are thinking about changing the meeting to be a 45 min split for business meeting and Matilda White Riley lecture.