2022 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity

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.

AMSS Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, August 6, 2022, 9-9:30 AM PST
LA Convention Center, 150A
Los Angeles, CA

1. Welcome

2. Thank you to outgoing (and introverted) section leaders:
   a. General Appreciation to those that ran and are still willing to serve ASA
   b. Past Chair: Trish Herzog
   c. Outgoing Council members: Gary Adler and Andrew Miles
   d. Outgoing Student Reps to Council: Rachel Underwood
   e. Program Committee Members: Penny Edgell and myself.

3. Welcome to new section leaders:
   a. Chair-Elect: Bin Xu
   b. Secretary and Treasurer: Daniel Shank
   c. New Council Members: Lis Clemens from U of Chicago, Iddo Tavory from NYU, and Seth Abrutyn from University of British Columbia
   d. New student representative: Laura Halcomb from UC Santa Barbara

4. Our bylaw amendment was approved. Now the Chair of the Section appoints a Nominations Committee Chair. This committee can be smaller. We also made an explicit statement of commitment to diversity in our new bylaws.

5. Reception is 6:30-9:30 @ Strada 825 W. 9th Street
6. Section session from 10 to 11:30 am. Value Pluralism in Polarized Times organized by Shai Dromi. Level 1, Room 150A

7. AMSS Publications Committee Update. Unable to attend. But they have been very busy. Start by thanking them, Chair Scott Hamilton, Valentina Cantori, Kerby Goff, Ji Hye Kim, and Jundai Liu. Wonderful new website, which hosts our newsletters and other content. They’ve also started a series of podcasts on articles related to our section. For the first, Penny and I discussed one of her articles on the logic of care, and Matthew Baggetta has recently posted another one.

8. Treasurer’s Report – Daniel Shank

9. Awards Ceremony: Graduate Student Paper Award – Bin Xu. Article Award – Steve Benard. Career Award – Me.

10. Book Award – Shai Dromi for his book Above the Fray, published with University of Chicago Press in 2020. The book details the development of NGOs in the space of humanitarian aid, with a focus on the Red Cross. He argues that the development of the Red Cross shaped international policy, allowing neutral third parties to care for those injured during armed conflicts. It draws on cultural sociology as well as key tenets of our section to make the arguments. Join me in congratulating Shai Dromi.

11. New Business: Penny Edgell

AMSS Business Meeting Minutes
8/6/22 9:00AM, On Site, 15 people

Penny Edgell presided.

Daniel Shank recorded minutes.

· Welcome and thanks to officers

· Report on bylaw amendment approval

· Update on website

· Presentation of awards

· New business

o Committees in progress for the upcoming year
o ASA Connect transition

· Meeting adjourned

**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.

AMSS Council Meeting Minutes

8/6/22 12:00PM, Off-Site/Lunch, 6 people

Penny Edgell presided and took notes.

Daniel Shank recorded minutes.

· Welcome new members
· Upcoming ASA deadlines and progress in forming committees
· Section leader orientation
· No bylaw changes anticipated

· Discussed changing dues for section. No decision was made, but a note was made to look into the current membership, the website charge, and the current and past budgets after the ASA meetings.

· ASA Connect will need to be coordinated

· Meeting adjourned

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

**Distinguished Career Award**
Winner: Elisabeth Clemens (University of Chicago)

**Outstanding Published Book Award**
Winner: Shai Dromi for *Above the Fray: The Red Cross and the Making of the Humanitarian NGO Sector*

**Outstanding Published Article Award**
Winner: Robin Bartram for "Cracks in Broken Windows: How Objects Shape Professional Evaluation"
Honorable Mention to: Margaret Frye and Anna Woźni for "Moralizing the Production and Sale of Student Papers in Uganda"

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award
Winner: Laura Halcomb for "Crowdfunding a Life: How relationships shape requests for financial assistance."

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

Nothing to report, it adds up.

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.

We developed a new website in the last year: https://www.asa-amss.org/
The site houses our newsletters. We also began hosting pod casts on the website. Regular communications and updates occurred via the section email list.

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

We sought diverse council reps and tried to expand membership. The session organized by the leadership elevates diverse voices within the section.

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).

We had two sessions at ASA, including our business meeting. The business meeting was split into two sessions so that we could have an additional substantive session, in line with the goals of the section. This session was an invited panel on moral life that was well attended, promoted networking, and intellectual discussion. Our 1 other session was organized by Shai Dromi on Value Pluralism in Divided times, and it also was well attended, promoted networking, and intellectual discussion.

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 section just started a podcast series, where scholars can discuss their new section-relevant research. Our website also hosts information about relevant conferences, professional development opportunities, and our section news.