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.

In the 2022 Business Meeting, the Section 1) acknowledged service of 2021-22 Council
members, especially of those who finished their term (Emily Hannum, Jiaqi Liu, Ali Chaudhary,
and Van Tran); 2) announced new Section Council members (Feinian Chen, Xu (Hope) Yan,
Sojung Lim, and Bin Xu); 3) had the secretary/treasurer’s report on the budget and expenses;
and 4) introduced the Section activities for the 2022 ASA and organizers of those activities
(mentoring luncheon – Van Tran & Yan Long; roundtables – Wei-hsin Yu; Session paper sessions
– Jennifer C. Lee, Soo-Yeon Yoon, & Yan Long; Section reception). Then, the Section used the
remaining time to hold a 2022 Section Awards Ceremony where all but one awardees
participated in person. The Award Committee Chairs directly delivered the award plaques and
congratulated awardees.

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.

The 2022 Council Meeting took place at 7 am, August 6 (Saturday), LACC, Floor: Level 1, 150C.

Participants: Hyunjoon Park (Chair), Wei-hsin Wu (Chair-Elect), Emily Hannum (Past Chair), Jiaqi
Liu (Student Representative), Ali Chaudhary, Jennifer C. Lee, Yan Long, Van Tran, Hyeyoung Woo
(Council Members). Also participated were the newly selected Section members: Feinian Chen
(Chair-Elect), Xu (Hope) Yan (Student Representative), Sojung Lim and Bin Xu (Council
Members). A non-council member (who probably thought the meeting was open to the public).
1. Introduction: Hyunjoon Park opened the meeting and everyone in the room went around to introduce themselves. Newly selected Council Members were welcomed.

2. ASA Connect: Wei-hsin Wu briefly introduced ASA Connect and discuss about possible impacts on the current Section communication channels. Several council members shared their thoughts about potential advantages and disadvantages of ASA Connect in comparison to Listserv. Wei-hsin suggested we announce a call for banners to be used in ASA Connect page.

3. Expand the understanding of the “Asia” in our section title to include the Middle East or Western Asia and expand the membership accordingly: Jiaqi Liu briefed his thoughts about how the Section can expand the notion of Asia to encourage participation of scholars who study and teach parts of Asia and Asian America, such as the Middle East and Western Asia/Asian American, who have not been widely incorporated yet in the Section. Council Members welcomed Jiaqi’s suggestions and generally agreed with the importance of the Section’s attention and efforts to expand and diversity memberships. At the same time there were some discussions that there might be movements afoot to have new sections focused on these regions. The Council wants to continue to explore possibilities.

4. Suggestions for the Section activities for 2023 ASA in Philadelphia: Due to the time constraint, the Council Members were not able to discuss about it in detail. Since both Emily Hannum (Past Chair) and Hyunjoon Park (Chair) are faculty members of the University of Pennsylvania located in Philadelphia, they were willing to explore possibilities to host pre-conference Section activities in their campus which may facilitate some logistics.

The Section had a Council Meeting on February 20, 2022 through the zoom.

Participants: Hyunjoon Park (Chair), Emily Hannum (Past Chair), Jiaqi Liu (Student Representative), Amy Hsin, Jennifer C. Lee, Yan Long, Van Tran, Hyeyoung Woo (Council Members).

1. We first discussed about the Section gathering at ASA this summer. Considering that we haven't met since the last meeting in 2019, everyone liked the idea to have some social events during ASA. Among various possibilities, we ended up two events:

1-1. Mentoring luncheon - Van and Yan graciously agreed to organize the Section mentoring luncheon. The basic idea is that the Section will reserve a venue where paired mentor and mentees can talk over lunch. Van and Yan will find a way to match mentors and mentees. We will ask Section members to sign up in advance so that we can have the final count to reserve a venue.

1-2. Offsite reception - We talked about pros and cons of reception off the conference hotel, reception in the conference hotel, and the full dinner. Although each has its own merits, we decided to host a reception offsite the conference hotel for about 2-3 hours. We may offer some finger food and drink and people come in and out during the 2-3 hour window. We thought that this kind of reception can give some intimacy and also some freedom to come in and out. Wei-hsin (who is in LA), Natasha, and Hyunjoon will work together to find a venue (outside) for the offsite reception.
2. We were also able to talk about how we can keep Section members connected from now on to ASA. In particular, the virtual meetings give us many opportunities to bring Section members together even before ASA. Among many interesting ideas, we decided to host a series of zoom events.

2-1. First, Hyeyoung kindly agreed to organize a book talk through the zoom with previous Section Book Award winners. It will give a great opportunity for Section members to learn more about the award winning books. Hope to have the book talk on March or April. There was a strong agreement to Van’s suggestion that the Section can have two panel discussions on topics that are timely and directly engage with social realities: one about Asian America and the other about Asia to reflect two major focuses of the Section.

2-2. Panel on Anti-Asian racism, hate crimes, and violence - many thanks to Jennifer and Natasha who have agreed to think about specific themes and possible panelists. Although it would be great if we can have this panel by the end of May, the council members agreed that we also need to be careful not to jam too many events to a short time window.

2-3. Panel on China (or/and Asia) - US relationship - We expected this panel to take place in the fall 2022 after ASA. The currently evolving relationship between Asia and US shapes many aspects of our discipline including research on the region, international students from the region, funding, and so on. It would be useful to have a panel discussion on implications of the changing relationship between Asia and US.

Awards

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

- **Asia/Transnational Book Award**

- **Asian America Book Award**

- **Graduate Student Research Paper Award**
  - **Honorable Mention**: Anjanette Chan Tack (U. of Chicago) "How Ethnic Gender Conflicts Shape Racial Alignment: Gendered Racial Schemas and Ethno-Racial Identity Choice"

- **Distinguished Contribution to the Field Award**
  - Yu Xie, Princeton U.

2022 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2022 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2022. Please account for any substantive differences.
Our expected expenses were $4328, and the actual expenses were $4418.48. The small discrepancy is due to a slightly higher reception cost than we anticipated.

**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.

This year the Section has renamed the communication committee as “Social Media and Newsletter Committee” which was aimed to bring together different communication channels (facebook, website, twitter, etc) under a single committee. The goal is to enhance communications across coordinators of different channels so that the Section communications with its members can be more coordinated and effective. The renamed committee has been led by a faculty member, Yue Qian and three graduate students – Shuvechha Ghimire, Chen Liang, and Jiaqi Liu. The committee published a Section newsletter last March, which is attached to this report. In addition to the committee, the Section has continued to communicate with its members through the Listserv. Our section graduate student, Olivia Hu, sent the Section’s announcements and news twice per month until the Listserve was replaced by ASA Connect.

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

The Section has enhanced diversity, equity, and inclusion in various ways. First, at the end of previous year, the Section sent out a membership questionnaire where all section members could indicate their willingness to participate in various functions of the Section including candidacy for Council members, Section paper/roundtable session chairs/discussants, Section award committees, Newsletter committee, and other roles. Council members considered this list seriously in recruiting members to various functions of the Section. In this process, furthermore, Council members made best efforts to make sure diverse, equal and inclusive representation of section members in any and every activity of 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).

First, the Section was able to organize three paper sessions for the first time in history of the Section due to the increased Section number. Considering that our Section covers scholars of 1) Asia, 2) Asian America, and 3) transnational (Asia and Asian America), the Council decided to devote each paper session to each theme. Instead of making people submit their papers to each session separately, however, the Council decided to have only one channel to which every paper for our Section should be submitted to with a clear note that the Section will create three separate paper sessions out of the one same pool of submissions. This was to enhance communications among three session organizers given that often our Section receives papers that cross-cut Asia and Asian America.

In addition to three paper sessions and one roundtable session, the Section hosted two major activities at the annual meeting: 1) Mentoring luncheon – Organized by Van Tran and Yan Long,
the mentoring luncheon, which took place at a restaurant nearby the conference venue, was so successful. About 50 section members across diverse academic career stages – graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, junior and senior members, were separated into a few tables where they were able to have focused communications among those at the same table over lunch. 2) Offsite reception – After 3 years of virtual conference, Section members were excited to meet each other again in person. With help of Wei-hsin Yu who is LA local, the Section was able to find a restaurant outside of the conference venue where about 40-50 members got together to be reconnected. This event provided a great networking opportunity especially for the Section (and non-Section) members who came to ASA for the first time.

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 has attempted to capitalize on virtual connection opportunities through zoom, especially for those who still were not able to attend in-person meetings and also for those members who are outside of the US. Particularly, given that our Section includes many members in Asia, it is critical to provide opportunities for diverse members to be connected to each other not only through in-person meetings but also virtually. As described above, the Section Council agreed to organize a few online meetings for various topics of interest to Section members. As the first event, Hyeyoung Woo kindly agreed to organize a book talk through the zoom with previous Section Book Award winners. Despite the award ceremony at the annual meeting and multiple announcements of award winners, Section members used to have no opportunity to directly hear about the award-winning books from the authors. April 11, 2022, Hyeyoung Woo (organizer) and Emily Hannum (moderator) hosted the book talks of Drs. Erin A. Chung and Tahseen Shams who were the winners of the Section Book Awards in 2021. The Section will continue to host more online events between two ASA meetings.