2022 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Collective Behavior and Social Movements

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.

The meeting was held on August 7th at the JW Marriot in Los Angeles. Rory McVeigh offered general commentary about how nice it is to be meeting in person again. He noted that, surprisingly, section membership held up fairly well during the pandemic. He nevertheless emphasized the need to reach out to potential new members. He also stressed the importance of connecting with graduate students who missed out on networking opportunities over the past two years at such a critical moment in their careers.

McVeigh presided over the handing out of section awards giving plaques to award winners who were in the room (most were there). McVeigh turned the microphone over to Aldon Morris who is the first winner of a lifetime achievement award that is named in his honor: Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Aldon Morris Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Scholarship of Social Movements. Aldon expressed appreciation for the award but also provided words of inspiration and ideas for how the section and social movement scholarship should move forward in the years ahead.

McVeigh then asked if there was new business to be discussed. Mario Venegas (one of the co-editors of the CBSM newsletter) reminded section members that their terms will be coming to an end in 2022 and he encouraged members to let us know if they have interest in taking on the job.

Finally, McVeigh turned over the gavel (so to speak) to the incoming section chair, Dean Rohlinger.

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.
CBSM Council meeting (virtual)
September 7, 2022 3pm EST
To be held on Zoom

Agenda
On the call: Deana Rohlinger, Catherine Corrigall-Brown, Joshua Bloom, Lisa Martinez, Jennifer Rogers-Brown, Barry Eidlin, Kelsy Kretschmer

1. Chair’s report:
   o ASA Connect – We have a library and, down the road, could put syllabi on the platform (publication committee mandate).
     - We go live Sept 20.
     - Deana spent a lot of time speaking to committees and finding the person who’s doing our twitter and facebook.
     - Publications committee will publish our syllabi on ASA Connect.
     - This means our listserve is about to disappear.
     - Maybe we can try to start discussion the discussion board, but as a side note – should we also be doing this on Twitter with intention?
     - Communication Process for the section (based on meetings with the various committees)
   o CBSM Workshop Update
     - UPenn will host – not clear what costs the costs might be
     - Ruth is the only official person on the committee. Who will chair the committee?
     - Met with Rory and Brayden – “to do” list
     - What is the Goal of the workshop given other events?
       - 80-100 people probably
       - Do we focus on grad students?
       - Make the theme relevant by inviting key folks for the plenar(ies).
       - 3-4 paper slots, about 4 papers each.
       - Catered lunch.
       - Can we work with another section, or a group like SWS on this?
       - Support local activists, bring in local speakers?
   o Other CBSM Initiatives
     - Ask A Social Movement Scholar Anything (received input from Mentorship and Membership, Diversity, and Inclusion committees)
       - Deana will continue this. They were popular last year.
     - Book Bazar – solicited a list from Rory and committees
       - Deana would like to highlight some of our junior scholars with new books
     - Topical Panels (co-sponsored)
2. Secretary/Treasurer’s report: Jennifer Rogers Brown

3. Other items for discussion:
   - Proposed budget for 2022-23 (waiting for August data)
     - Money for the workshop
     - Ask faculty to pay $25 or 50, free for students.
     - Money for the ASA Minority Fellowship Program

4. New business?

Awards

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

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award


Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award


Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award


Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Dissertation Award


Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Aldon Morris Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Scholarship of Social Movements.

Winner: Aldon Morris. Northwestern 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 CBSM Section is in a strong position financially. Part of our financial strength is a result of reduced spending during the pandemic. We have also maintained a strong membership with 718 members as of November 7, 2022. Our budget for 2022 matched fairly well with our expenses, except for a few items. Most notably, we postponed the 2022 workshop to next summer and have carried over those funds for next year. The section spent $3998 on the reception rather than the budgeted $3500, an increase of $498, however we did not spend the $250 allocated for mentoring and spent less than budgeted on the newsletter and website. We've adjusted the 2023 budget to better reflect spending needs for the website and mentoring. The CBSM Council voted in 2022 to donate $1000 to the ASA Minority Fellowship Program, and these funds have already been sent. After our donation to the Minority Fellowship program, we have $9,361 left in our account.

**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.

Before the launch of ASA connect, we relied mainly on the section listserv to communicate with members. Members submitted announcements to the section chair and the chair distributed them on the listserv twice a month. Now ASA connect is up and running and the new chair (Deana Rohlinger) has done a great job using this to connect with section members.

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

Our Membership, Diversity, and Inclusion committee has been one of our most active committees. The Committee has engaged in its own outreach programs but was also consulted by the chair and by other committees regarding other initiatives. This year we will be giving out the first “Distinguished Early Career Award for the Contribution to Social Movements Scholarship.” This award is to be given to an early career scholar of color making meaningful contributions to the study of social movements.

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).

At the meetings in Los Angeles we had four well-attended regular sessions and a vibrant roundtable session. We held a joint reception with the Cultural Sociology section. Attendance was even higher than anticipated and the partnership with the Cultural Sociology section allowed us to keep the expenses down. Food and drink prices at the hotel were unusually high.
However, given ongoing concerns about Covid and lack of venues outside of the hotel, we made the reception at the hotel worked out.

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 main programmatic event outside of the annual meeting was a new series of meetings held on Zoom using the “Ask Me Anything” format. Each month, a different social movement scholar volunteered to participate. We targeted our graduate students to give them an opportunity to get to know some of the leading scholars in the social movement subfield.