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.

Agenda, Business Meeting
Community and Urban Sociology Section

August 9, 2022 3:00 – 3:30 pm (Pacific)

Attendance: 23 (Note: This was the very last session time for the conference on the last day)

I. Introductions and Chair remarks (Rachael)

II. Secretary Treasury Report (Yuki)
[See the finance report below that was presented at the meeting.]

III. City & Community Report (Rich/Theo) – 5 mins.
- 250 submissions (in 2020 there was an ASA hold on acceptance)
- 14 papers acceptance, 171 rejection, 108 desk reject → 5.4% acceptance rate (or 9.7% excluding desk rejects)
- 2.252 impact factor (2.4 for 5 year)
- 30 member board (greater non-white representation)
- No paper accepted so far out of 56 this year
- Sept special issue on racial capitalism
- Next special issue next year on environmentalizing urban sociology
- Forthcoming special issue on WEB DuBois on Philadelphia Negro anniversary
- Webinar: Professional developments (200+ participants each)
- Mentoring (8 matched)
- Authorship/Reviewer diversity study is in progress
- Podcasts
- Social media (Twitter)
IV. Publications Committee (Theo) – 5 min
Recommendation for extending the editorship for City&Community for 2 years
- Questions regarding the renewal tenure and process: How long? Evaluative processes? Transitional procedure?
- Decision timeline has been extended but the voting will happen shortly

VI. Remarks from the Incoming Chair (Mary) – 5 mins.
Planning for the next year’s meeting
- Preconference
- Nominations for next year’s award committees
- Membership retention
- ASA Connect

VII. Other Business – 5 mins.

Council Meeting
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CUSS Council meeting was held on August 9th at 7am at LACC Room 404A

At the annual meeting, the Council to vote on:
- Requirement of section membership for the awards
- Monetary award for the student winners ($500)
- Extending the City&Community journal editorship to Rich Ocejo

I. Introductions abd Chair remarks (Rachael) – 2 mins.

II. Secretary Treasury Report (Yuki) – 5 mins.
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[See the business meeting note]

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VII. Other Business – 5 mins.
- Vote for $500 for grad student paper award
- Section membership eligibility for awards (distinction for students vs faculty?)

Awards

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

1. Robert E. Park Book Award: The Park award (formerly the Park Book Award) goes to the author(s) of the best book published in the past 2 years (2020/2021)

Committee chair: Marco Garrido, U of Chicago, garrido@uchicago.edu
Zachary Levenson, U of North Carolina-Greensboro, zblevens@uncg.edu
Ryan Center, London School of Economics, R.O.Centner@lse.ac.uk
Walter J. Nicholls, UC-Irvine, wnicoll@uci.edu

Co-winner: Xuefei Ren's Governing the Urban in China and India
Co-winner: Jessica Simes' Punishing Places
Honorable Mention: Pierette Hondagneu-Sotelo and Manuel Pastor's South Central Dreams

2. Jane Addams Article Award: The Jane Addams Award (formerly the Park Article Award) goes to authors of the best scholarly article in community and urban sociology published in the past 2 years (2020/2021)

Co-committee chair: Josh Pacewicz, Brown University, pacewicz@brown.edu (last year’s winner)
Co-committee chair: John Robinson, Princeton University, jnr3@princeton.edu (last year’s winner)
Jeffrey Parker, University of New Orleans, jnparker@uchicago.edu
Watoii Rabii, Oakland University, wrabii@oakland.edu

Winner:

Honorable Mentions:

3. Community and Urban Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award: The CUSS Student Paper award goes to the student author of the paper the committee regards as the best graduate student paper in community and urban sociology.
Winner: The Diversity Contract: Constructing Racial Harmony in a Diverse American Suburb, by Kiara Wyndham Douds (New York University) [Previously published in AJS]

Honorable Mention: The Effect of Community Organizing on Landlords’ Use of Eviction Filing: Evidence from U.S. Cities, by Andrew Messamore (University of Texas at Austin) [not published at the time of submission]

4. Robert and Helen Lynd Award for Lifetime Achievement: This award recognizes distinguished career achievement in community and urban sociology. No self-nominations for this award.

Committee chair: Elijah Anderson, Yale University, elijah.anderson@yale.edu (last year’s winner)
Lisa Lucile Owens, Columbia University, llo2111@columbia.edu
Samantha Friedman, University at Albany, samfriedman@albany.edu
John Gilderbloom, U of Louisville

5. CUSS Excellence in Teaching in Community and Urban Sociology (new award in 2022; given in alternating years)
This award recognizes members who are outstanding teachers in the field. Please send nomination or self-nomination letters to the award committee chair via email.

Committee chair: Victoria Reyes, University of California-Riverside, vreyes@ucr.edu
Carolyn Chernoff, Moore College of Art & Design, cchernoffphd@gmail.com
Tennille Allen, Lewis University, AllenTe@lewisu.edu
Jacob Lederman, U Michigan-Flint, jaclede@umich.edu

We are pleased to announce the winner of the Community and Urban Sociology Section’s inaugural Excellence in Teaching in Community and Urban Sociology award. This year’s winner is Dr. Albert Fu, Professor of Sociology in the Department of Anthropology & Sociology at Kutztown University (PA). Dr. Fu’s “approach to teaching is interactive, integrative, and engaging” and his excellence in teaching in urban sociology is evident in his rewriting the department’s curriculum in urban sociology, his leadership in “revamping the major requirements and introducing a portfolio requirement that serves as both a capstone requirement and a key assessment tool” and in writing the five year evaluation for the sociology program. He also has “a very strong commitment to teaching students from minority and disadvantaged backgrounds, and to combatting structures of social inequality” and is committed to having his classes engage with the community around them, going on field trips, for example, to urban gardens. Dr. Fu’s excellence in teaching also extends beyond Kutztown to the profession, where he served as an area editor for ASA TRAILS for Community, Environmental Sociology, Urban Sociology and Human Ecology. His teaching is also entwined with his research, with Dr. Fu receiving the 2016 ASA Carla B Howery Enhancement of Teaching Grant for his project "Assessing a Sociology Living Learning Community: Curriculum, Co-Curricular Activities, and a Culture of Good Writing" and publishing on pedagogy, for example, in his co-authored article "Sociology Portfolio Assessment and Curricular Review" published in 2018 in Teaching Sociology. In recognition of his teaching he received the 2020 ASA Political Economy of the
World-System Section's Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr. Fu’s record, accomplishments and practices demonstrate how teaching is central to each of his commitments: teaching within and outside the classroom, his departmental and professional service work, and in his research and publications. Congratulations, Dr. Fu!

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

Secretary / Treasurer Report
Community & Urban Sociology Section / American Sociological Association
August 9, 2022
Yuki Kato

(1) Section finances remain stable and strong. As of June 30, 2022, the section had $33,952 in its ASA account, an increase of $5,501 from the same time in 2021, when the section balance was $28,451. The large increase is from the Royalty Income ($4,190.03 from the publisher of City&Community. This was the first time since the establishment of the journal. Other than that, our income derives from dues ($677 collected so far for this year) and our section’s annual budget allocation from ASA that is also based on membership ($2,332). The funds are used for our annual reception, reimbursements for various section expenses such as the award plaques and initiatives at the annual meetings, and to build a reserve that might be used to address expenses related to City&Community. This year, the council approved travel awards to graduate students, and we spent $1500 to support five graduate students ($300 each) for their travel expenses to the annual meeting.

Additional cost expected to post after the meeting;
- $3000 for the reception ($500 deposit already paid)
- $400 for award plaques
- $100 for the council breakfast/coffee

The journal, whose budget is tracked separately from the overall section budget, has $14,314 in its ASA account as of June 30, 2022, which is down $5,701 from the previous year at the same time. We have received Editorial Office Support of $12,000 from City&Community’s new publisher SAGE Publications as of June 30, 2022, out of $24,000 scheduled for the fiscal year 2022. The journal account accrued $562 in publication income this year, down $341 from the previous year, but closer to the year prior ($903 in 2021, $510 in 2020) bringing the total journal income to $12,562. We have spent $12,240 for editorial office expenses through June 30, 2022, which doubled previous year’s expense, but was closer to the year prior ($6,120 in 2021, $10,230 in 2020). Any remaining funds will be coupled with assets and carried over to 2022.

(2) Membership. As of August 1, 2022 we have 601 members, which is just above the 600-member threshold that qualifies us for four regular sessions at the next annual meetings. This is a slight decline from 630 last year at the same time, even after the decline in the section membership we experienced during 2020. We thank the outreach by the membership retention efforts by the members of the committee, and will continue to monitor the membership number for next year.

Overall, the financial state of the section is healthy and strong, as we begin planning for the 2023 annual meeting in Philadelphia.
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.

I drafted and sent a monthly “letter from the chair,” which I posted on the Listserv. Our newsletter and social media team shared that information, as well.

Newsletters can be found here: https://comurb.org/publications/newsletter-archives/

This is a link to these messages: https://comurb.org/?s=chair.

Here is the link to the section’s website: https://comurb.org/

Newsletter articles are posted on Comurb.org, in addition to being distributed via the listserv. The communications team also shares links to material via Twitter (@ComUrbASA), and Facebook (CUSS). We are always looking for essays or op-ed pieces that promote community and urban sociology. Pieces can cover new research, teaching and pedagogy, or community activism.

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

Our main goal was to create a new DEI chair. In 2021 we changed the bylaws to create this position:

“There shall be a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee to monitor, support, and advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion in CUSS, including but not limited to the composition of leadership, and committee, council, and journal decisions. This work involves coordinating specific actions and initiatives that address inequities in the section and in community and urban sociology-related research, teaching, and service, such as combating anti-Black racism and addressing urban and community sociology's role in perpetuating forms of exclusion. The Committee will have one elected Chair serving a three-year term. The elected Chair is also an ex-officio member of the Council. The DEI Committee will have a minimum of three and maximum of five members appointed by the CUSS Section Chair with input from the CUSS Council, the DEI Committee Chair, and taking into account volunteers for the positions. The DEI appointed committee members will serve a one-year term, renewable annually, for a maximum of three years.”
Our DEI Committee Chair, Victoria Reyes’ term began 9/1/2022 and ends 8/31/2025.

We also democratized the call for volunteers to make sure all members had the chance to be on committees and help with volunteer roles. We used a QR code at the 2022 meetings to encourage members to volunteer (through scanning and streamline the process). This QR code was shared at the reception, through email, and at the business meeting. The members who organized sessions and awards committees were from minoritized groups and themes of sessions challenged traditional logics, theories, and research on community/communities. Other efforts are mentioned throughout this document.

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 has sessions, roundtables, a business meeting, and a reception. Sessions included: “Queer Placemaking Beyond the Gayborhood,” “Urban Futures: Cities after COVID-19,” “Homelessness, Unsheltered Populations, and Housing Precarity,” “Migrations: Forced, Temporary, and Voluntary,” and “Unlearning Core Concepts in Urban/Community Sociology.” In addition, CUSS roundtables covered the following themes: Gentrification, Affordable Housing, Policing and Safety, Displacement, Cities and COVID-19, Responding to COVID-19, Cities and Rental Platforms, Marginalized Community, Infrastructure, Residential Mobility and Instability, Residential Segregation, Sports and Cultural Developments, Mobilization and Collective Action, Money and Resources, Informal Housing and Economy, and Culture and Placemaking. We had mentors pairings meet up at the conference (or virtually, if needed). There were many opportunities for networking and we were careful to have the reception outside and near the site of the convention to maximize inclusion.

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.

Members had a lot of digital fatigue and continued to struggle as we worked our way through the pandemic. We continued our mentoring program. We continued to stay in touch through the newsletter, listerv, and monthly chair messages. I sent links for ways to share work with our social media outlets. The CUSS Communications Team included Albert Fu, Lora Phillips, Kyle Galindez, and Steven Schmidt. Albert Fu requested that members use this simple form to helps us streamline the process of listing publications:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ue9pB5Mr9vuHKjFKcvOVup2A7iPJFZDw5bWChS6V8hk/viewform?ts=609156b8&edit_requested=true

The Membership Committee was planning on having a preconference; Ryan Center and Juan Martinez gathered information on our last preconference and considered formats, but it was not viable this year (especially since CUSS day was at the end of the conference and costs of LA were already high).
CUSS council also met to discuss an archive that Lyn Lofland compiled. Materials span the period from the early 1970s through roughly 2010 and are housed in the Special Collections Library at Penn State. Barry Lee met with Council to discuss plans for preserving it.