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.

We had a robust and well attended business meeting with roughly 50 members present. The first order of business was a presentation of the newly elected officers and thanks to outgoing officers. We then presented the section awards. This was followed by a short discussion of section membership trends, the creation of a twitter account for the section, a review of the mentorship events, a discussion of the relationship with the Kaufmann foundation, which had provided funding for one of our student awards. The last topic of discussion was a perceived lack of communication between ASA and its members, particularly a lack of channels through which members could communicate their preferences and needs to the ASA.

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.

Council meeting took place the morning of August 5 with Emily Erikson, Ashley Mears, Neha Gondal, Roi Livne, Carly Knight, Kristen McNeill, Barbara Kiviat, Victoria Reyes, Adam Goldstein, and Ken-Hou Lin. The council discussed strategies for contribution to the intellectual life of the subfield, drawing in new scholars, diversity and inclusion, connecting scholars to policy makers. The budget was reviewed and approved. The ASA connect initiative was discussed. Members were skeptical that this initiative was serving the needs of the section and membership. Lack of communication between ASA and section officers and membership was discussed with regard to ASA connect and remote participation in the conference, as well as more broadly. We also had a report from Carly Knight, chair of the membership committee on the mentorship event they organized.
Awards
Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Viviana Zelizer Best Book Award: *Underwater* (Rebecca Elliott) and *Metrics at Work* (Angèle Christin)

Granovetter Award for Best Article in Economic Sociology: Dan Hirschman for his article “Rediscovering the 1%: Knowledge Infrastructure and the Stylized Facts of Inequality” (American Journal of Sociology, 2021)


Best Student Paper in Economic Sociology and Entrepreneurship: *The Work-family Circuit: Doing and Undoing Gender through Monetary Flows in Immigrant Women Entrepreneurship by Jun Zhou at U of Michigan*

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 decided to spend more than the usual allocation a for a section reception in 2022. This was done to re-establish community in the section in the aftermath of a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With over 700 members, we received an allocation of $2,845 as of March 31, 2022 from ASA. We spent $6,119 including the reception, awards, and plaques. Despite spending more that usual, we ended with a healthy asset balance of $6,365 as of September 2022. We expect to return to the typical expenses in 2023, which tends to be a little below our anticipated income.

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.

The section had a list-serv, which was used to circulate timely announcements. The website contains important information of a more stable nature, such as by-laws. Accounts is the newsletter, which is very informative and a valuable resource for section members. We also created a twitter site for the section, which was a popular initiative, although this may need to be re-evaluated given the dynamic state of twitter at the moment.

Describe the Section’s diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?
DEI goals were addressed through nominations, awards, and session organization. Attempts were also made to reach out to new audiences on twitter. These efforts are also described in the discussions of the nominations process, awards process, and session programming.

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 section offered six sessions, five topical in nature and one round table. The first session, “A Future for Economic Sociology” was intended to address the potential for economic sociology to make positive use of the knowledge and expertise that has been constructed within the field for solving social problem. The panel was well attended and well received. So much so that there has been interest in an edited volume to follow from the proceedings.

The remaining panels were chosen in order to reflect the dominant sub-themes in economic sociology rather than specific areas of current interest. This strategy was chosen for two reasons. One it provided the most inclusive strategy for gaining a large number of submissions, so that truly excellent papers could be represented in the session, i.e. because the pool was large and inclusive. Two, the goal was to provide some coordination for research streams, so that individual researchers can see themselves as part of a collective endeavor to make progress in certain areas of knowledge. When we focus on ‘hot topics’ (for example, like the economic impact of covid) this larger more cumulative progress can sometimes be harder to discern. My feeling is that the section should often provide this kind of coordinative oversight that can help organize the field and make it more legible as a group (i.e. professional endeavor).

One of the panels was devoted to Discrimination, Racism, and Bias in economic processes, which is part of an ongoing effort to incorporate an attention to these issues as one of the central problem areas in economic sociology and also to draw in a more diverse base of scholars.

Panels and descriptions below:

Session 1, A Future for Economic Sociology: Offering Solutions. Invited Session

Economic sociology has in many ways been centered around a critique of theory and practice in the field of economics. Exploring the social aspect of markets and organizations has revealed a number of levers and pressure points that inhibit coordination processes and development and impact patterns of inequality and the allocation of resources and opportunity. This panel highlights work that uses the methods and theories of economic sociology to provide solutions and interventions that resolve coordination problems and improve economic processes for all participants.

George Rillinger, Olav Sorenson, Emily Barman, Frederick Wherry

Session 2, Social Processes and the Construction of Value, Open

The Economic Sociology section invites paper that address the social processes through which value is created, maintained, measured, and interpreted in all different areas of economic and social life.

Session organizer: Barbara Kiviat

Session 3, Discrimination, Racism, and Bias in Economic Processes, Open

Session organizer: Max Besbris
The Economic Sociology section invites paper that address the way that discrimination, racism, and bias enter into or shape economic processes. Papers need not be limited to racial processes but may also address discrimination along other dimensions, such as gender, ethnicity, or religion.

Session 4, Global Institutions and Development, Open
Session organizer: Abigail Coplin

The Economic Sociology section invites papers with an empirical or theoretical focus on exploring economic institutions and processes in global contexts, papers in economic sociology that compare across national or international contexts, and papers that focus economic and market processes in non-Western regions and areas.

Session 5, Problems in Economic Coordination, Organizations, and Networks, Open
Session organizer: Brandy Aven

The Economic Sociology section invites papers that deal with problem of social coordination in markets and economic activity. We are particularly interested in papers with an organizational theory lens and/or papers explore social network processes within economic activity.

Session 6, Round tables
Session organizer: Ian Carrillo

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.

We had a highly successful mentoring event put on by the membership committee that matched young and senior scholars. We also had a very well-attended section reception which offered many networking opportunities for individuals both old and new to the section.