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, August 6th Business Meeting
Update from the Chair, Norah MacKendrick
List of Award winners
Update from Council members in attendance
Additional Business:

Minutes:

Environmental Sociology Section
Business Meeting Notes
August 6, 2022

Outgoing Chair, Norah MacKendrick, reported that during the year CRIEJ was active with Community Café events to support inclusivity and safe space for environmental sociologists of color inside and outside of the section. Council hosted a teaching event, Teaching in a Time of Radical Flux, in support of the efforts of CRIEJ as well as increasing teaching resources for section members. Council held three meetings during the year. Introduced new council members.

Current section leadership:

Section Council
- Chair: Sandy Marquart-Pyatt, Michigan State University
- Chair-Elect: Debra Davidson, University of Alberta
- Past Chair: Norah MacKendrick, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Section Secretary: Jennifer Carrera, Michigan State University
- Section Treasurer: Amalia Leguizamon, Tulane University
• Council Member-At-Large: Michael Warren Murphy, University of Pittsburgh
• Margaret Walkover, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (Student Representative)

Committee Leadership
• Committee on Racial Exclusion and Equity Chair: Devparna Roy, Nazareth College
• Digital Communications Committee Co-Chair (social media): Christina Ergas, University of Tennessee
• Digital Communications Committee Co-Chair (webmaster): Michael Lengefeld, Widener University
• Legacy Committee Chair: Scott Frickel, Brown University
• Membership Committee Chair: Steve Hoffman, University of Toronto
• Nominations Committee Chair: Cameron T. Whitley, Western Washington University
• Policy and Research Committee Chair: Nikhil Deb, Murray State University
• Publications Committee Chair: Michael Haedicke, University of Maine
• Teaching Committee Chair: Alissa Cordner, Whitman College

Awards
MacKendrick announced winners of section awards, who will be recognized at the section reception that same evening.

Secretary: Carrera reported that the section held three meetings during the year and a Teaching in a Time of Radical Flux event. Updated our bylaws to reflect changes in support of diversity and equity in the Legacy Chair and the naming of CRIEJ. Welcome to ASA to three Flint community members and research partners for Jennifer Carrera: Cynthia Watkins, Kent Key, and Melissa Mays.

Membership Committee: Committee doing an analysis of why people join and leave the section. We currently have 513 members which is a good number. Over the last 10 years the section has been under 500 members. The highwater mark was 554 when Raoul Lievanos was membership Chair. Membership determines the number of sessions at the following annual conference. We are trying to be more inclusive but we are still mostly a white section, although this percentage is declining. Conducted a survey on why members allow their membership to lapse. Many said that ASA is expensive. In getting new members to join we can encourage our graduate students. The more programming we can do for students the better.

Treasurer’s Report: We need to raise money for CRIEJ to support speaker’s fees in the Community Café events.

Digital Communications: Website – We are continuing the Diversifying the Canon effort and working to keep the website up to date with additional resources. We are also working to address security issues to prevent the website from being hacked. We continue to be thinking about who is using the website and how we can make it more accessible. Let the Communications Chair know if anything needs to be posted.

Teaching & Practice Committee: Working on updating the website and updating the Diversifying the Canon syllabi.
Council At Large: Working to get a good slate of candidates for nomination. Hosted the teaching workshop on Teaching in a Time of Radical Flux. The recording of the event is on the website.

Graduate Student Representative: For the mentorship program participants would like to be paired on what they would like to talk about whether that’s research, BIPOC students, LGBTQIA+, or Peer to Peer.

Nominations: Elected 9 to Council.

Additional Business:
Debra Davidson, incoming Chair-Elect, made an announcement about the International Sociological Association which will be in Melbourne this year but it will be held as a hybrid event. Deadline for abstracts is in September.

Council Meeting
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*Note: Formatting and font and numbering is inconsistent throughout. The template does not allow for formatting changes.**

Meeting 1. Oct 1, 2021
Agenda:

i) Update council on the committee on racial exclusion and equity’s work and vision, including a short series of community cafés for BIPOC-identifying scholars (Devparna and Norah)

ii) Discuss/approve a name change for the committee on racial exclusion and equity. Proposed name is Committee on Racial Inclusion, Equity, and Justice (Devparna and Norah)

iii) Brief update on planning for a community-building event (Norah)

iv) Discuss/approve new legacy chair description for inclusion in bylaws change—see attachment (Jordan)

v) Annual report due November 15th (Rachael)

vi) Coordinating deadlines for section awards (Norah)

vii) Begin a formal discussion about section awards and award names. See Jill Harrison’s notes “EnvSocSectionAwardsChangeProposals” in our Dropbox folder. (Norah)

viii) Brainstorm other initiatives for the spring

Minutes:

Attendance: Jennifer Carrera, Norah MacKendrick, Devparna Roy, Amalia Leguizamon, Jessie Luna, John Chung-En Liu, Jordan Fox Besek, Lourdes Vera, Michelle Edwards, Sara Grineski, Sandy Marquart-Pyatt, Rachael Shwom
**Introductions**: Jennifer Carrera, Sandy Marquart-Pyatt

i) Update the council on the activities of the Committee on Racial Exclusion, Equity, and Justice
   a. 1st meeting March 22nd, regular meetings every 2 weeks. 14 meetings so far.
   b. Members of the Committee on Racial Exclusion and Equity come from all corners of the globe, and in addition, the Committee has 2 assistant professors and 2 graduate students: so, they are going through a series of "community-building" exercises among themselves to bridge the cultural differences (since they all belong to different ethnic/racial groups) and differences in hierarchy. Having these 14 meetings since March 22nd has helped them to create more of a community of solidarity. Last meeting Sept 29th. Discussed *Theory and Community Building Cafes*. How to talk about the theoretical contributions of BIPOC scholars.
      Open only to BIPOC scholars. Each speaker will receive honorarium of $200 because section has extra money because we haven’t been having events.

ii) Proposed Name Change for the Committee
   a. Committee on Racial Exclusion and Equity has acronym CREE, which is the name of an indigenous people and can be seen as offensive. Complaint was made to council about the use of the acronym
   b. Committee recommends change to “*Committee on Racial Inclusion, Equity, and Justice*”
      i. Committee chose this name to have positive words
   c. Voting to approve name change in the bylaws amendment:
      i. Vote: Approve the name change 12/0
      ii. Next step is to put before the section to have the section membership vote in the bylaw amendment.

iii) Legacy Chair Update
   a. Proposed bylaw change
      
      *Legacy Chair Bylaw Change:*

      **Current Description in Bylaws:**
      "The Chair of the Legacy Committee will be elected and will work with a committee of at least two other members. The Committee will oversee the Section’s Oral History Project. The Committee will also deal with other legacy issues that may arise, including honoring Section members who have passed away and the documentation of the Section’s history."

      **Proposed change to Description (from J. Fox Besek)**
      "The Chair of the Legacy Committee will be elected and will work with a committee of at least two other members. The Committee will oversee the Section’s Oral History Project as well as other legacy issues that may arise, including, but not limited to; honoring Section members who have passed away, having a conference every 2 years, and creating a legacy database of all Section members who have passed away."


documentation of the full diversity of Section’s history, and working towards an
inclusive and equity-based understanding of the section’s current status and
potential futures."

*Note that the committee on racial equity and exclusion has already looked at the statement.
They found that statement to be satisfactory and have no edits to suggest.

b. Council voted on the change: 12-0 to approve the change
c. Language in the bylaws sets the expectation of how the person in this position
will approach the responsibilities

iv) Annual Report due November 15th
   a. Rachael working on it
   b. Will contact people if individual components are missing
   c. Get materials in by October 15th so Rachael has time to compile everything

v) Coordinating deadlines for all awards
   a. Four awards this year. Set an April deadline for all awards. April 15th?
   b. Schnaiberg this year is the book award.

vi) Changing the Award Names
   a. Have Jill Harrison’s write up on the history of trying to change the names
      previously. Discussed several proposals. We need another meeting to make
      these decisions in time for a survey this spring
   b. Mark Fernando: Five awards in a given year; Can have more than five but only
      five per year; Multiple awardees per award.


Agenda:
1. Award Name change discussion
2. Plan reception
3. Setting the date and agenda items for a longer spring meeting

Attendance: Jennifer Carrera, Norah MacKendrick, Amalia Leguizamon, Jessie Luna, Jordan Fox Besek,
Michelle Edwards, Sara Grineski, Sandy Marquart-Pyatt, Rachael Shwom, Steve Hoffman, Devparna Roy

Minutes:

A. Award Name change discussion.

Members decided in favor of proposing to adopt general award names. Agreed to send a survey via
google forms to section members to gather feedback before this change on the ballot. Discussed
how to express appreciation of people in other ways? Legacy Chair position can help with this.

B. Reception venue to be outdoors and off-site. Amalia and others will brainstorm options and keep council informed. Will look for a section to co-host.

**Agenda:**
CRIEJ Updates and requests (Devparna)
Annual Meeting program update (Norah/Sandy, Amalia)
Awards decision updates
Update on survey to section re: award names (Norah)
Planning for next year
Other Business

**In attendance:** Norah MacKendrick, Devparna Roy, Steve Hoffman, Amalia Leguizamon, Alissa Cordner, Michelle Edwards, Sara Grineski, Rachael Shwom, Sandy Marquart Pyatt, Lourdes Vera

**CRIEJ Updates and requests (Devparna):** Update on the many activities held by CRIEJ over the spring. CRIEJ to request $600 for next year. Discussion on maintaining funds for speakers either through various university, professor donations, or some fundraiser (e.g. raffle at a reception).

Program: Went through the schedule. Discussed announcements to make about reception during business meeting. Discussed preferences for council meeting at the beginning of the day or end of the day. Decided awards ceremony to take place at reception in coordination with Soc of Development section.

Awards: Award chairs announced winners to Council. MacKendrick to announce to the section.

**Planning for next year:**

-Continued support for CRIEJ (Norah, Devparna)

  Norah –
  Prioritize CRIEJ business at the beginning
  Finding ways to have a pot of money for speakers and other things
  
  o Devparna –
  Meet at the upcoming ASA meeting
  Setting up the BIPOC list-serve

  • Academic harassment response (Norah)
  o Support for faculty based on their research and teaching
  o Theme that was woven through the teaching event. Tammy Lewis expressed interest in being involved.
  o Finding ways to support grad students and faculty that are experiencing academic harassment – Norah: can we build this into something helpful and available to everyone? Are there any others interested in engaging broader ASA?
    - Raising awareness among faculty
    - Educating about risks and rights
    - Daniel O’Connor – In the Struggle – scholars and activists against agribusinesses; August 5th soc of development events
• Moving forward on survey results for award names (Norah, Sandy): July survey of section members. Norah will report back with survey results and deciding next steps in the fall with Sandy’s leadership

Follow up on Szasz legacy website (Alissa): Would like to identify if there is some place to connect this with ASA teaching. Teaching climate website - do we want to integrate it as a living document or archive? Updates to websites – need to understand the requirement for protection.

Michelle would look into options for saving some money and keep website secure. Norah to follow up in the fall.

Other Business: Jordan Fox Besek: Could winner(s) of our section awards write a reflection piece for Environmental Sociology?

Next meeting to happen at ASA conference in August.

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

Allan Schnaiberg Outstanding Publication Award

Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award
a) David Pellow (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Mentorship and Teaching Award
a) Kristen Shorette (State University of New York at Stony Brook)

Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award
a) Kristen Vinyeta (University of Oregon) for "Under the guise of science: how the US Forest Service deployed settler colonial and racist logics to advance an unsubstantiated fire suppression agenda,"
b) Daniel Driscoll (University of California, San Diego) for "Populism and Carbon Tax Justice: The Yellow Vest Movement in France."

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

Current Net Worth

As of August 31, 2022, the section has a balance of $4,734.

Revenue
Total year-to-date income in 2022 is $2,998, which includes membership dues ($813) and our section budget allocation ($2,185).

**EXPENDITURES**

**Expenses pending (as of September 17, 2022)**

- No expenses pending

**Expenses for 2022**

- **Reception at ASA 2022:** The reception was co-hosted by Environmental Sociology and Development Sociology sections. We agreed to share expenses proportionally to our membership. We spent $2,442 for hosting the event at the Arts District Brewing Company (included food, gratuity, and 30 free drinks for students and contingent faculty).

- **Awards:** Cash prizes for the 2022 student paper awards have been requested and reimbursed ($200; shared among two co-winners)

- **Award certificates, frames, & plaque:** A request for printing, framing and shipping certificates has been requested and reimbursed ($198.17)

- **Honorariums:** We paid a $200 honorarium for 3 speakers for the CRIEJ Café, for a total of $600.

**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.

Through newsletters and email updates from the chair, the section communicated with members and upheld the value of transparency of section activities and creating conditions for sharing information, forthcoming events, viewpoints, and new research findings and publications. Additionally, we hosted a teaching event on Teaching Environmental Sociology in a Time of Radical Flux in April.

Newsletter editor: Published quarterly newsletters (4 issues in total). The newsletters include latest publications, and in some cases, short essays written by section members. Editor redesigned the newsletter template to improve readability and worked with the digital publication committee chair to make sure it appears on the section’s website.

Digital communications co-chair occasionally tweeted important news and announcements.

Newsletters: http://envirosoc.org/
ASA has introduced a new communication tool called ASA Connect. Within the Environmental Sociology section all officers are completing the two required training modules to gain access to ASA Connect and learn about moderation responsibilities. ASA Connect is designed to replace the official section listserv. The section has two listservs envirosoc@listserv.neu.edu which is outside of the control of ASA and environment_tech-announce@listserv.asanet.org. ASA Connect will replace the latter with the Northeastern listserv continuing. All trained council members are responsible for moderating content in the new ASA Connect system.

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

This year Committee on Racial Inclusion, Justice and Equity (CRIEJ), chaired by Devparna Roy, held three online events for BIPOC scholars that included invited speakers. In addition, the chair-elect considered diversity, equity and inclusion in designing programming for the summer’s conference. Significant actions of the section also included updating the bylaws to reflect the name change for the Committee on Racial Inclusion Equity and Justice and highlighting the importance of racial equity in the Legacy Committee’s role for 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).

To generate theme ideas for the ASA Annual Meeting, the chair-elect, Sandra Marquart-Pyatt polled members of the section via the listserv.

The three sessions were: Environmental Sociology I: Open Topic; Current Research in Environmental Sociology; and New Directions in Environmental Sociology. Each session was comprised of 5 papers. There were a total of 17 roundtables with 64 total papers slated for presentation. Roundtables were generally comprised of three to four papers. Papers were selected in the first 2 rounds for the oral sessions from 99 submissions. Papers making the final cut were strong empirical works (both quantitative and qualitative) with diverse methods, topics, and theoretical perspectives.

The graduate student council member, Lourdes Vera, organized a mentoring event that allowed for in-person and virtual mentoring. Lourdes arranged or 38 pairs of mentors and mentees to meet either in person in LA or virtually after the meeting.

CRIEJ held a coffee meeting at a nearby café the Monday after our section day for BIPOC scholars.

The section also held a business meeting and reception. Together all three events provided the opportunity for mentoring, intellectual exchange, networking and 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.

CRIEJ hosted three virtual workshops for BIPOC scholars in the spring of 2022. There were about 3 individuals apart from CRIEJ members for the Andrew Curley talk in December, about 6 individuals apart from CRIEJ members for the Janaki Anagha talk in March, and about eight individuals apart from CRIEJ members for the Lacee Satcher talk in May.

Council hosted a teaching event on Teaching Environmental Sociology in a Time of Radical Flux in April. The event featured Jennifer Carrera, Michigan State University; Marla Pérez-Lugo, University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley; Mehmet Soyer, Utah State University. It was moderated by council members Jessie Luna and Michelle Edwards. Approximately 35 individuals attended the session. This session made clear that the section, and ASA, must do more to support vulnerable faculty who face academic harassment (e.g., FOIA requests of their emails).

These events met the goals of the section by fostering discussion around inclusion in the section and sociology more broadly, as well as the challenges of teaching at a time when academic harassment is on the rise and the political landscape is rapidly changing.