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.

GATS Business Meeting, Monday, August 4, 2022
3:00-3:30 pm PST
In attendance: 25
Section Chair CK Lee called the meeting to order.
CK Lee announced the names of the newly elected GATS Section officers and welcomed them to the meeting.
Chair Lee thanked outgoing officers.
Announcements were followed by the presentation of the section’s awards.
Chair Lee congratulated the winners and thanked award committee members for their service.
Secretary Treasurer’s Moussawi’s report was as follows:
The section is in good financial health, especially given the past three years when we didn’t host in-person receptions, etc. As of June, we have 9662, compared to last year this time we have 3000 dollars more. Plaques will be mailed as Sec-Treasurer wasn’t there.
Incoming Chair, Claire Decoteau took over
Decoteau took ideas for new collaborations and sessions:

Reproductive Justice Session
Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations

Decoteau ended the meeting.

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.

GATS Council Meeting, Sunday, Monday August 8 (2-3pm)

Chair CK Lee called the meeting to order. Five council members present, webmaster, plus the current, incoming, and outgoing chair and the sec-treasurer (on zoom)

Chair CK Lee discussed nominations committee and council voted on populating it with people not on council to have a wider reach

Durgesh Solanki, the GATS webmaster updated council about website.

Moussawi proposed working together with IPNN section

Council discussed ASAconnect and the new rules, Vijayakumar raised the idea of using ASAconnect to help us with sub-sections

Incoming Chair, Claire Decoteau brought up the issue of the newsletter and needing to find new newsletter editors.

Vijakumar commented on the mentoring event that went pretty well, but more faculty were needed.

Council voted on giving paper certificates moving forward for honorable mentions.

Council discussed International Scholar Award and changing the name and/or criteria.

CK Lee closed the meeting

GATS Council Meeting, Friday August 26 (2-4pm) on zoom
Attendees: Council Members (6), Incoming, Outgoing, and Current Chairs, Sec-Treasurer, Webmaster, and Three students (newsletter editors), Organizer student mentorship program, GATS student rep

Chair, Claire Decoteau started the meeting

Introductions

Nominations Committee finalized: Vrushali Patil (Chair), Jose Iztighan, Jordanna Matlon

Briefly discussed ASAConnect the new platform

Deciding who is going to be the admins (Ricky and Zophia) , privacy issues, how to make people engaged, logo (same as website). However, we later decided that ASA will moderate.

Newsletter editors introduced (Mona Khneisser, Miguel Avalos, and Eylem Taylan) discussed ideas for newsletter.

Amanda Ball, one of the co-organizers of the mentoring event spoke about the event: 97 participants (more faculty needed)

Second half (students left, except for Grad Student Rep, Veda Kim)

Council voted on stipends- we will be giving 200 USD per person on newsletter and 200 for webmaster

No fronting money next time for mentoring event- we can have faculty member put the money forward first

Veda Kim, Grad Student Rep: feeling GATS is not inclusive, non-US sociology, activist scholars

Perhaps bringing in activist scholars—with having local Philly activist based groups

Council discussed how to diversify GATS

Building community: holding in-between conference zoom events

Taskforce to change International Scholarship award and Program Committee formed

Decoteau closed the meeting.
Awards

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

Best Graduate Student Paper Award

2022: Yannick Coenders, Northwestern University, “Colonial Recursion and State Categories of Race: The Emergence of the ‘Non-Western Allochthone’”

Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Best Publication Award by an International Scholar


Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Best Scholarly Article Award


Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Best Scholarly Book Award


2022 Finances

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

We had an income of about 2,780 USD. However, our total net assets were 9733.

We had budgeted 2,100 USD for a reception for the conference and 300 USD for the Mentoring Event. We spent: 256 USD on award plaques and mailing, 510 USD for mentoring event, and 1,424.41 USD on the joint reception.

This leaves us with a surplus of about 935 USD, which adds to an existing cushion of 6,953USD.

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.

GATS website: https://asa-gats.netlify.app/
GATS newsletter: https://asa-gats.netlify.app/news-letters/

Every month GATS chair sent a message to all GATS members, providing information about members’ book talks, new publications, job opportunities in GATS, call for nominations, papers and journal submissions, etc. Members who wanted to make announcements to other members contacted the chair who include them in the monthly messages. For time sensitive materials, the chair had occasionally sent standalone blasts in between the monthly emails.

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

To increase diversity in terms of international representations in the section, the chair had encouraged chairs of award committees and nomination committee to invite colleagues based outside of the US to serve on those committees or to stand for election.

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 be inclusive of our members’ diverse interests and to enhance intellectual exchange and professional networking with other sections, this year’s ASA programming had more than the usual number of co-sponsorships. Here is the summary of the topics and collaborators:

**Empire, Colonialism, and Anticolonial Struggles**
Organizer: Ricarda Hammer

**Global and Transnational Perspectives on Climate**
Organizer: Gowri Vijayakumar

**Understanding Racial Orders from Global Historical Perspectives (with CHS)**
Organizers: Nitsan Chorev and Ching Kwan Lee

**Digitalization, Capitalism and Authoritarianism (with CHS)**
Organizers: Ching Kwan Lee and Nitsam Chorev

**Sexual Political Margins (with Sexualities)**
Organizers: Yan Long and Rick Braatz

**Frontiers of Global Theorizing (with Theory Section)**
Organizer: Claudio E. Benzecry
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 revamped the section website whose contents are now more integrated with the newsletters. This facilitates dissemination of the many resources and useful information in the newsletters. We co-hosted a successful mentoring event outside of the Annual Meeting for graduate students to meet with faculties in their fields. There were 70 registrants – 54 students and post-docs and 16 faculties.