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.

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

The Section on Marxist Sociology Lifetime Achievement Award

Committee:
Hannah Holleman, Amherst College (chair)
Lola Loustaunau, University of Oregon
Jeff Stilley, Virginia Tech, College of Liberal Arts and Humanities

Winner:
Rose M. Brewer, Professor and Morse Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of African American & African Studies, University of Minnesota
Citation:
The Marxist Section Lifetime Achievement Award Committee is honored to recognize section member Prof. Rose M. Brewer for her myriad contributions, spanning decades, to cutting edge, intersectional Marxist analyses and praxis.

Prof. Brewer received her MA and PhD in sociology from Indiana University and did postdoctoral studies at the University of Chicago. A social activist and scholar, Brewer publishes extensively on Black feminism, political economy, social movements, race, class, gender and social change. She is one of the authors of the award-winning book, The Color of Wealth and a number of co-edited volumes including The U.S. Social Forum: Perspectives of a Movement; Bridges of Power: Women’s Multicultural Alliances and Is Academic Feminism Dead?: Theory in Practice. Most recently she co-edited, Rod Bush: Lessons From a Radical Black Scholar on Liberation, Love, and Justice. Her contributions also include more than 80 essays and articles and a long-time commitment to working toward social transformation locally, nationally and internationally.

A nominator of Prof. Brewer for this award wrote: “Prof. Brewer models the commitment of a truly radical intellectual, one with deep commitments to transformative change, which she fosters at multiple levels in society, as well as in the classroom and in her local community. These commitments drive her innovative intellectual work that challenges prevailing modes of thought and opens new pathways for us to imagine and work toward truly liberatory futures. For example, her widely recognized work on The Color of Wealth, remains instrumental in the fight for a fair economy and for our understanding of racial capitalism and colonialism in the United States and world. This and all of her writings should be on every Marxist sociologist’s reading list. We need to look toward scholar-activists like Prof. Brewer now more than ever. She is a guiding light and model of how to bring together a broad intellectual vision with a commitment to the hard-work of world-building desperately needed today.”

Prof. Brewer is currently Morse Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor in African American and African Studies at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus, where she also contributes to the departments of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies and Sociology. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors and we are so happy the section could show our particular appreciation for her contributions today.

The Marxist Sociology Teaching and Praxis Award

The Marxist Sociology Teaching and Praxis Award recognizes outstanding integration of theory and practice in the promotion and achievement of social change through teaching and scholarship by sociologists. As put in our award call, we looked for candidates who have excellent accomplishments in teaching Marxist sociology and/or have successfully blended Marxist scholarship with activism. We announced that it we were open to self-nomination, but we highly recommended nominations by others.

Committee:
Atef Said, University of Illinois at Chicago (Chair)
Nada Matta, Drexel University,
Kyla Walters, Sonoma State University

Winner: Alan Jay Spector, Professor of Sociology, Center for Global Studies, Purdue University Northwest
Award Citation:

The committee unanimously decided to give the 2022 award to professor Spector for his multifaceted work, in terms of scholarship that is geared toward movements and organizing, his genuine devotion to mentorship, and his critical Marxist pedagogies, all of which are aimed to advance praxis for change. The committee concluded that Professor Spector’s work in these areas embodies an incredible blend of activism, teaching, and praxis for a better world. The committee wholeheartedly agreed with all his nominators that his long record as an activist educator, as an officer for Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), and his contributions as a professor of sociology at Purdue University Northwest, and his many years of service to the ASA Marxist Sociology Section sets an exemplary record in fighting for the collective good and presenting a great model for how Marxist sociology ought to be.

Paul Sweezy Marxist Sociology Outstanding Book Award

Award Committee:
Brendan McQuade, University of Southern Maine (chair)
Ashok Kumar, University of London, Birkbeck
Zeinab F. Shuker, Sam Houston State University

Winner:

The winner of the 2022 Paul Sweezy Marxist Sociology Book Award is John Bellmay Foster’s The Return of Nature, which offers an in-depth historical analysis of how Marx’s open, dialectical, materialist analysis has been engaged and developed throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, in debates focused on gender, race, and environment. The Return of Nature is a rich, fascinating narrative, demonstrating the broad range of people and historical circumstances that contributed to an integrated socioecological analysis. Foster reveals how socialism, the critique of capital, and Marxism in general have been central to the development of ecology as a science. These deep materialist roots provide a rich tradition on which to build. The Return of Nature is a crowning achievement in Foster’s career, greatly enhancing Marx’s scholarship as a whole. This award also doubles as something of a lifetime achievement award for Foster. In 2000, he published Marx’s Ecology. This work transformed both Marxist scholarship and environmental sociology. It established a strong foundation for ecological Marxism, revealing Marx’s materialist conception of nature and history, metabolic analysis, and ecological critique of capitalism. In 2000, it was the co-winner of the Sweezy Award. Today, some 22 years later, we recognize Foster’s continued excellence in field-defining research.

Outstanding Marxist Sociology Article Award

Committee:
Elaine Hui, Pennsylvania State University
David Feldman, University of California-Santa Barbara
Şahan Savaş Karataşlı, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Co-winners:


Citations:

Riley, Ahmed and Emigh’s article develops a Marxist, dialectical way of approaching the sociology of knowledge, by demonstrating how debate, controversy, and refutation produces knowledge accumulation. Drawing on Gramsci, it shows how everyday common sense can be turned into scientific praxis by intellectuals. It combines Gramsci with Lakatos, whose theory of science is dialectical and therefore easily combined with Marxist approaches. The article illustrates the advantages of this new dialectical approach (to other approaches, namely, positivism, pragmatism, and neo-Kantianism) by applying the Marxist theory to official information gathering in particular. This article makes important contributions to the sociology of knowledge.

Paret asks one important question for Marxism today: how does the working class resist and develop power in the context of widespread economic insecurity and weakened structural power? The author examined an innovative approach – the community strike – that precarious layers of the working class are already beginning to deploy. The article draws on extensive ethnographic fieldwork and interviews in impoverished Black residential areas around Johannesburg, South Africa. The author has developed a nuanced analysis that situates working-class resistance against the historical legacy of national liberation, social movement unionism, democratization, and articulations of race and class.

The Albert Szymanski-T.R. Young/Critical Sociology Marxist Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award

Committee:
Tarun Banerjee, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (chair)
Huseyin Raseyit, Ritsumeikan University
Ella Wind, New York University

Co-winners:
doi:10.1177/00323292211039953

Wolf, Andrew B. “Algorithmic Uncertainty in the Gig Economy Labor Process”

Citations:
The committee found Eric and Andrew’s empirical work and theoretical contributions to be truly impressive and when combined with the many implications for practice, made their papers a clear choice.

Eric Blanc’s brings needed nuance to the on- and offline debates around information and communication technologies, while grounding his paper in foundational discussions around mobilization, organization and the importance of strategy. His findings could not be more important for the labor movement and organizing teachers, as he no doubt knows well.
Andrew Wolf’s theorizing of algorithmic uncertainty speaks powerfully to foundational discussions around the power of consent and coercion in the workplace. His paper sparks an important call for those doing work on the gig economy (and Marxist and labor theorists more broadly) to take to heart the many nuanced ways in which algorithms shape the work process and with it the potentials for collective action and resistance.

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 exceeded its projected 2022 budget. We budgeted $2,000 for the annual meeting reception. We spent $3,712. We initially outlined an offsite event but elected to co-host the reception with another section at an ASA approved conference venue with steeper costs. We budgeted $650 for section t-shirts. We incurred $892 in t-shirts expenses based on higher material and printing costs. We budgeted $725 for annual award expenses. We incurred $977 in expenses due to co-winners and higher award costs. Annual membership income was on target; projected income was $2,240 actual was $2,132. We had an additional $876 in t-shirt income (which almost covered t-shirt costs). Total section income was $3008, and expenses were $5,581. Overall, this resulted in a $2,573 deficit. Section membership remains over 300 and the section maintains a healthy reserve balance of $6,426.00 for special expenses in the future  (Lorna Zukas, Treasurer 2022)

The Previous Year
Describe Section activities during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

We continue to run the Marxist Sociology Blog, posting—on average—one new article each week. The blog is led by editor-in-chief (Gretchen Purser) and four commissioning editors (Collin Arnold, Barry Eidlin, Mike McCarthy, and—most recently--Intan Suwandi). We solicit contributions from section members as well as contributors to sociology and other interdisciplinary journals whose work fits broadly within the Marxist tradition. We also occasionally publish pieces that members pitch to us.

Between September 2021 and August 2022, we published 36 original pieces on the Marxist Sociology Blog.

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Each new post has been emailed to the section membership and posted on the section’s Facebook page and twitter feed.

Moving forward, we need to revisit the communication strategy, as it’s not clear that we are effectively using social media and we have not yet figured out how to make use of ASA Connect. With a more robust communications strategy, we would get an even wider readership for the blog. We are also in discussion about experimenting with the podcast format for the blog, with the launch of “Labor & Capital,” in the hopes of diversifying how we reach and expand membership. We want opportunities to reiterate to section members, especially graduate students, that they can propose pieces to the editor. We have a long list of commissioned pieces in the works, so we anticipate robust output on the blog in the months to come!

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

In all of our activities, we continue to have greater inclusion and diversity in accord with our bylaws.

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 held two panels. An open call panel for issues in Marxist sociology generally and a more focused panel on “Crises of Capitalism and the Racial Interregnum”

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 held a graduate student professional development event titled Making it as a Marxist. There we gave advice on the job market and other professional concerns that our student members brought to us.

It is described below:

**Making it as Marxist**
A Webinar of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Marxist Sociology

**Friday, October 14**
3PM Eastern/2 PM Central/1 PM Rocky Mt/Noon Pacific
The purpose of this panel is to offer practical advice to graduate students or recent grads on preparing to navigate the academic job market. We will answer questions and provide tips learned through our own experience in recent years as applicants and through our participation in hiring committees at our institutions. The three of us have different backgrounds, found jobs at different kinds of schools, and experienced a range of issues while on the market. We are happy to share a few things we learned, that we wish we knew sooner, and especially to answer your questions. Section membership not necessary to participate.

Panel:
Brendan McQuade, associate professor in the criminology department at the University of Southern Maine and Chair of ASA’s Marxist section.

Roberto J. Ortiz, assistant professor in sociology department at California State University, Long Beach and a council member of ASA’s Marxist section.

Intan Suwandi, assistant professor in the sociology department at Illinois State University and a council member of the ASA’s Marxist section
MARXIST SOCIOLOGY MEETING NOTES

Council meeting of the ASA Section on Marxist Sociology

Held via zoom on 10/1/2021

Present: Mike McCarthy, Intan Suwandi, Dan Auerbath, Elaine Hui, Lola Loustaunau, Brendan McQuade, David Embrick, Lorna Zukas, Leslie Gates

Regrets: Atef Said, Gretchen Purser, Hannah Holleman

Minutes: Submitted by Leslie Gates

Mike announced upcoming due dates

- Award Committees formed, but announcements need to be submitted by Oct. 25 to the ASA
- Nominations Committee work coming up
  - We will need to elect a new chair, treasurer and 2 council members
  - Hannah Holleman will chair the committee
  - Brendan and Lorna volunteered to be on the nominations committee
  - Lola will take Lorna’s place on life-time achievement award
- Need to make plan for ASA program – due Nov. 8th
  - Will have 2 sessions
  - Proposes to have one special topic and one open submission
  - Council members expressed support for the proposal

Lorna gave financial update

- Section has $8,791 banked
- Will receive an estimated $2,240 this year
- Proposed budget:
  - Reception $1000
  - Award monies and plaques $650
  - Web payment for service and for someone’s technical assistance $500

Questions:
- Should we make T-shirts again?
  - Nice way to draw people into the section, offer discount in exchange for membership
  - A number of council members expressed support for this idea
- Should we plan a gala dinner rather than just a finger foods and drinks reception
  - Had planned to do so at last ASA, as a way to celebrate being back together
  - Had allocated $3000 for it
  - There was a brief discussion, but no decision made on this question
- Should we split award monies when there are co-winners?
  - Last year, there were co-winners of the student paper award, and the award money of $250 was split between them. But some thought we should award each the full $250.
Council members expressed support for the idea of continuing to split the award.

Brendan proposes to host a zoom-based author meets critic for a member, Geo Mahrer, whose book, A World Without Police How Strong Communities Make Cops Obsolete, recently came out. [https://www.versobooks.com/books/3783-a-world-without-police?fbclid=IwAR0oiY55Xy7eJ9BarQDAGQYGfuQuNFbEL0JfQZYOSu1piAFgyRapIVnDPBo](https://www.versobooks.com/books/3783-a-world-without-police?fbclid=IwAR0oiY55Xy7eJ9BarQDAGQYGfuQuNFbEL0JfQZYOSu1piAFgyRapIVnDPBo)

- Council members expressed support for the idea.
- There was discussion of how to host it, as hosting it as his home institution would cost something for the Closed captioning.
- Lola Loustaunau offered to help plan the event.
- Lorna proposed, and council members supported, the idea of buying a zoom account for the section so that the section could host its own events. It would cost about $100 a year.
- Dan noted that if you also hosted a round-table session, Brendan would need to recruit people to serve as discussants at the roundtable.
- For now, Brendan indicated he would plan the zoom author meets critique session.

Membership committee report - Dan

- Planning on to do the T-shirt event again as an incentive to join the section.
- Want to reach out to grad students to join the section.
- Contemplating how to also reach early career scholars.
- Considering sending message to friendly sections (Environment, Pews, Devt, others?) to encourage joint memberships.

Grad student committee – Lola

- Wants to reach out directly to grad student members to introduce herself and ask about events they might want; wants to create community.
- Dan noted she should think ahead about how to moderate any group discussions that get started if she sends an email to everyone; and to be explicitly welcoming to all even if they don’t see their primary identity as “Marxists”

Communications Committee – David and Intan

- are not planning to get the discussion list-serve up and running again, as moderating it would take bandwidth that would diminish their ability to get the newsletter up and running.
- they will start by producing 2 newsletter issues this year and know that recruiting people to participate will be the biggest challenge.
- plan to talk with Gretchen and the blog committee about how to dovetail, but not overlap.
Notes re Council meeting of the Marxist Section

Held via zoom on 11/8/2021

Present: Gretchan Purser, Lola Loustaunau, Leslie Gates Lorna Zukas and Mike McCarthy

Leslie checked the bylaws and saw that we need 7 members to make decisions. Mike proposed to send out what we propose to the council members for additional votes.

Lorna presented a proposed budget. All council members present agreed

- To increase the amount for plaque awards to make sure we cover additional plaques for co-authored winners or multiple winners
- To budget $2,000 for a larger reception next year
- To make T-shirts again and spend the $650 budgeted last year
- To spend the 195 we have to cover student memberships in some way yet to be determined.

With this budget, we will spend 3,925 this next year. We will earn 2,240, dipping a bit in our reserves. We will carry over 7,158.46 into next year.

Mike also went over the committee plans to submit to Hannah who is compiling everything for the annual report.

Blog and Communications Committees – Gretchen met with David. David is proposing to create a 3 time a year newsletter that focuses on achievements and opportunities for members. In addition, we would continue the blog with at least one post a year. They are considering expanding that to include a podcast. The website should incorporate more of a focus on member activities. The newsletter can do this. They need more pitches from members for pieces to go on the blog. Mike asked if Gretchen wants to write an appeal to the members to do this. Maybe do a call for authors for the blog, that Mike could send out through the ASA membership list-serve. There was a discussion of how to highlight the benefits of writing for such venues for job prospects, presses, and showing in a tenure file that you have breadth in your reach. Lorna proposed a series on teaching Marxism, rather than just pieces that deal convey in digest form people’s research.

Grad committee – Lola will be having a meeting for graduate students in the section in the coming weeks. She will be asking people to send in their suggestions for what they might want to do, workshops, etc. during the conference. And she hopes to put out an open call for anyone else who wants to participate in organizing the round-tables. Mike urged Lola to think about how to use the $197 for how to boost our membership. Lola wants to suggest to students that recruit their friends to become members of the section and to use the money to help them offer free memberships to their friends. Lorna supported this idea and also suggested working with other sections like labor movements to offer free section membership to their members. Lola agreed.

Teaching Committee – We had a conversation about the idea of launching a collection of syllabi from people who teach Marxism, but agreed to send this as an idea for the teaching committee to consider.

Membership committee – Skipped because Dan wasn’t there.
Minutes for Marx meeting, March 3, 9:00-10:00 AM PST:

Attendees: Mike McCarthy, Lorna Zukas, Gretchen Purser, Lola Loustaunau, Intan Suwandi, Elaine Hui, Brendan McQuade, Leslie Gates, Dan Auerbach

Brief catch up:

Meeting reception:
-Lorna: shared screen with some details

We are budgeted for $2000.

Onsite easy, expensive. Offsite, less easy, less expensive.

Two choices:
- one is to have it at the hotel venue. This is a very expensive option (but doable)
  - food choices are very expensive (ranging from $56 per person) with 34.5% taxes and fees on top of that (adds up to $19.60 per person)
  - a keg (with 60 servings) for $600
  - wine is $54 per bottle
  - we can bring our own wine (with special permission) but there is a corkage fee, but there may be other liability fees.
- if you bring your own food and
  - the venue itself is free
  - no non-registered conference guests are allowed into the venue (due to COVID protocols)
-an offsite venue and do it in partnership with the labor section.

- Lorna is in touch with Cedric. The labor section is looking at partnering with a worker center near the LA convention center in partnership with the labor center.

- concerns about how close this venue is to the conference.

- Labor section is already making this plan, it would be a good idea to partner with them. Hotel is more convenient but more expensive. Doing it at a worker center is more inline with the values of the section (Brendan’s thoughts)

Questions: How many people normally attend the ASA reception?
Length of time for the reception?
Can we increase the budget to $3,000?

Consensus seems to be that cosponsoring the reception with Labor is the way to go.

-Potentially food trucks that are work oriented

_Marxist T-shirts_

Do we want to go forward with this?

What is the design?
Du Bois, Marx, and Luxembourg

Questions: would we have that at the reception?
- should we have them at the reception

-Lorna will check with ASA to see if we can do it onsite.

-Could also potentially have a table near where our sessions are happening.
-How much do we make, how much should we spend?
  -we used to allocate $800
  -Lorna allocated $650 in the budget
  -Lorna can contact Paul to get it priced out.

_Awards Committees:_
Were there a good enough number of submissions? Any problems?

-Brendan received an email from someone wondering if they could submit their book late. Is this ok?
  -It’s a 2020 book (so not eligible for next year’s award).
  -He was a day late
  -Deadline is a deadline (Lorna)
  -Is there enough time to read all the books (Dan)
  -It’s most likely up to Brendan’s committee whether or not they want to extend the deadline for the submission.

-Intan: Didn’t Atef suggest extending deadline for Praxis Award
  -They have yet to receive submissions
  -This is something that you have to recruit people for nominating.

-Lola: did not receive any emails about submitting for the Lifetime Achievement Awards (hoping that they did receive nominations)
  -Lorna didn’t receive anything either (they traded committee positions)

-Elaine: What is the timeline for awards decisions
  -Deadline for book award decision:
Gift Memberships:
- How much money do we have?
- When is the deadline for gift memberships? July 31

- We have [redacted] fund: for around $194...
  - Lorna goes online and does it for them.
  - Send Lorna a list of names for gift membership.

- Do we gift them the membership or give a subscription to the journal?
  - opening up gift memberships to graduate students and then open up subscriptions to MR for anyone
  - What about asking the labor section, PEWS, or soc of development if they would send a note to their graduate students
    - reaching out to select folks of PEWS and soc of development.

- Tiered approach and then selectively reach out to people in other sections to increase in membership.

- I’ll draft an email in a couple of weeks to send out for gift membership (then send it out to Gretchen or Mike to send out to everybody).

- Grad student interest in participating is not high yet (Lola)

Miscellaneous
- Contact Atef about deadline for Praxis Award
  - Atef proposed March 31 deadline
    - council agreed to this
    - Intan will change the website
    - Email Mark Fernando about the reporting deadline (Leslie volunteered)
-Leslie motioned for us to approve the minutes for November meeting, which the council in attendance did.

-If folks have lingering concerns, issues, questions, or things you want to bring up at the next meeting, send a message to Mike.

**Marxist Sociology Council Meeting**

**Date:** 8/26/2022

**Present:** Brendan McQuade (chair), Michael McCarthy (outgoing chair), Kristin Plys (chair-elect), Christina Ergas (Membership Committee), Roberto Ortiz (Research and Publications Committee), Intan Suwandi (Communications Committee), Lorna Zukas (outgoing Treasurer), Zachary Levenson (incoming Treasurer), Leslie Gates (Secretary)

**Membership Drive**

Brendan briefed the council on our need to get 14 new members by the end of August if we hope to get over 300 members and keep two sessions for next year’s ASAs. He commit to send an appeal for help to other sections, including Labor, environment, PEWS, Development, Political Sociology, Global and Transnational and Comparative Historical. Lorna said the section had about $200 which can be used to subsidize student section memberships. She will reimburse students directly or faculty who sponsor students.

**ASA Connect launch**

Brendan will serve as the section’s moderator initially. He will seed a discussion post for members to introduce themselves, by introducing himself and asked that all council members chime in with their profile and an introduction. There was a discussion about the potential additional work of moderating the section’s discussion forum. Lorna suggested a model of taking turns over the course of the year. Brendan supplied information for how fill out your profile on ASA Connect and asked everyone to fill it out: [https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/ASA/d649857b-62e3-4262-bf54-7cc04cbe69ab/UploadedImages/asaconnect-quick-start-guide-v5-7.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/ASA/d649857b-62e3-4262-bf54-7cc04cbe69ab/UploadedImages/asaconnect-quick-start-guide-v5-7.pdf)

**Rounding out committees**

Brendan briefed the council on the state of all committees as:

-Lifetime achievement: Mike MCarthy (chair), Zach Levenson, and plans to add the last year’s recipient as the third person (Rose Brewer)
- Book Award: Kristin Plys (chair) Sara Mason and Lola Loustaunau--complete committee

- Nominations: Mike McCarthy (chair) Zack Levenson, and Kristin Plys--complete committee

- Membership: Christina Ergas (chair) Lorna Zukas, needs third member

- Blog: Gretchen Purser (chair/editor) Mike McCarthy, Barry Eidlin and Colin Arnold. Gretchen’s council term is ending this year so we need to find two people willing to run for council member/blog editor. Gretchen mentioned in an email that they are interested in finding another commissioning editor. Mike McCarthy suggested that it might be good to recruit someone who has some experience already with how to commission articles. He thought it might be a good idea to recruit someone now who might be interested so that they can get a feel for the work and see if that is something they would like to do. Brendan agreed to reach out to Gretchen and talk about how to facilitate a transition. He invited people on the council to self-nominate or suggest folks who might be interested to step forward.

- Research and Publications Committee: Roberto Ortiz (chair) Rishi Awatramani, Kevin Anderson, and Lauren Langman. Council talked about how this committee actually runs two subcommittees, one for the article award and one for the graduate student paper award. Roberto wondered if he might appoint a committee for the graduate student paper, and serve as chair of the article award committee. Lorna recalled that that is what Elaine Hui, the outcoming research and publications committee chair did. Robert plans to do this too.

- Reception: Zach Levenson (chair), Kristin Plys, and Mike McCarthy.

Teaching and Praxis Committee – Atef, but still need to round out this committee

Programming

Brendan invited council members to propose ideas for events. Mike, Intan Kristin and Roberto agreed to be on the panel or help organize a “Making as a Marxist” event for early career or graduate students via zoom.

Next years conference panels

Brendan proposed “DuBois, Marxism and the Sociological Canon.” Kristin seconded this idea and urged the section to challenge some of the ways DuBois has been incorporated of late within sociology. She, Lorna, Mike, and Zachary volunteered to help shape and recruit for this thematic panel to be sponsored by the section. Council members talked about opening a call for papers, but also recruiting individuals they want to include on the panel. If there is a second session, Brendan proposes to continue the section’s practice of an open session.