2022 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Peace, War, and Social Conflict

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.

Peace, War, and Social Conflict Business Meeting Agenda (Heideman Notes)
August 6, 2022

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Volunteer Sign-up
3. Mentoring
4. Membership:
5. Finances (Maher)
6. Bylaws
7. Thank Yous
   a. Nominations: Robert Braun*, Steve Scanlan, Dana Moss
   b. Mentoring: Leslie MacComan, Ashley Reichelmann, Aliza Luft
   c. Membership: Ana Velitchkova, Stephanie Bonnes
   d. Communications: Ori Swed, Kristin Foringer, Seth Behrends, Amanda Ball, Blair Sackett, and Basak Gemici.
   e. Robin Williams Award: Jeff Goodwin, Lisa Hajjar, Laura Heideman
   f. Book Award: Selina Gallo-Cruz, Ann Mische and Ori Swed
   g. Article Award: Eric Schoon*, Marie Berry, Joshua Bloom, Aliza Luft
   h. Student Paper Award: Dana Moss*, Ashley Reichelmann, Alvin Camba
   i. Exiting Council Members: Ann Mische, Ori Swed, Kristin Foringer (student), Scott Landes (Sec-treasurer)
   j. Continuing officers: Tom Maher (secretary treasurer); Ashley Reichelmann, Marie Berry, Eric Schoon, Dana Moss (council)
k. Incoming Officers: Ori Swed (chair elect), Nicole Fox and Lea David (council), Sehrazat G. Mart (student council member)
l. Session Organizer: Tom Maher
m. Round Table Organizer: Syeda Masood
n. Peace panel: Sharon Erickson Nepstadt

8. Awards
   a. Student Paper Awards (presented by Dana Moss)
   b. Article Awards (presented by Laura Heideman)
   c. Book Awards (presented by Ori Swed)
   d. Robin Williams Award (presented by Sharon Erickson Nepstadt): Lynne Woehrle

9. Handoff to Lisa Hajjar

10. Reminder: Reception at 6:30: Grand Central Market patio!

**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 notes
8/6/22

*Attendance: Ann Mische, Laura Heideman, Lisa Hajjar, Eric Schoon, Tom Maher, Nicole Fox (remote)*

1. Welcome
2. Proposed bylaws change (VOTE):
   a. Old language
      
      The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be non-overlapping from year to year, and shall be constituted of at least **five** members.
   b. New language:
      
      The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be non-overlapping from year to year, and shall be constituted of at least **three** members.
      
      --Comment to remove “non-overlapping” to give more flexibility.
      
      --“members shall not serve more than two consecutive years.”
   c. Suggestion: look at language on other committees for next year—especially communications
   d. Move to vote on new language instituted by Eric Schoon.
      
      i. Motion is seconded by Ann.
      
      ii. Vote is 6-0 to approve.
   e. Clean up language: needs full vote—next year
3. 2022-23 Committees:
   a. Nominations: Lynne Woehrle*, Danny Karell, Yuval Feinstein (VOTE)
   b. Mentoring: Leslie MacColman*, Ashley Reichelmann, Ann Mische
   c. Membership: Ana Velitchkova*, Sharon Quinsaat, Andrew Davis
   d. Communications: Ori Swed, Lisa Leitz, Anjuli Fahlberg
e. Robin Williams: chairs: Heideman, Hajjar, Swed
f. Book: 3rd year + winner: Marie Berry*, Nicole Fox, Jeff Hass, Danilo Mandić
g. Article: 2nd year + winner: Dana Moss, Ashley Reichelmann, Minoo Jung, Kangsan Lee
h. Student Paper: first year + winner: Lea David, David Shenk, Haley Duschinski

4. Budget report (Maher)
a. **VOTE on 2022-23 budget**
   i. **Vote is approved.**
   ii. **Proosed Budget**
      1. Annual Meeting: 1500
      2. Student Awards & Plaques: 400
      3. Website: 500
      4. Misc: 200
      5. Sum: 2600

5. ASA Connect
   a. Ad hoc committee to decide policies
   b. Moderators

Open discussion

**Awards**

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

a. **Student Paper Awards:**
   i. Winner: Jamie Shenk (ABD in Sociology at Oxford): "Does conflict experience affect participatory democracy after war? Evidence from Colombia."
   iii. Undergraduate winner: Raven O. Huspeth (undergraduate, West Point) "Don't Speak: Biracial Cadets at West Point."

b. **Article Awards**

c. **Book Awards**
iii. Honorable mention: Nicole Fox, After Genocide: Memory and Reconciliation in Rwanda (University of Wisconsin Press 2021)
iv. Honorable Mention: Dana Moss, The Arab Spring Abroad: Diaspora Activism Against Authoritarian Regimes. (Cambridge University Press 2021)
d. Robin Williams Award: Lynne Woerhle

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 actual expenses largely matched the proposed budget. We spent the proposed $1500 on the annual meeting reception. We slightly overspent the proposed $200 for award expenses by paying $263 for plaques for award winners. However, we did not spend the $200 for student awards, the $300 for the website, or the $200 for membership activities, and so, overall, we underspent our budget.
In terms of income, we expected to earn $482 in premium dues and $1341 in section allocations ($1823). We have earned $1,694 in total to date.

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 PWSC section leadership routinely communicated with section members through emails send 1-2 times per month by the chair, supplemented by additional announcements from our communications director, Ori Swed. In addition, the section runs a blog, Conflict(ed), which had 21 blog posts written by PWSC scholars during the past year. [https://www.pwsc.us/conflicted-the-pWSC-official-blog](https://www.pwsc.us/conflicted-the-pWSC-official-blog)
The section also continued the Virtual Coffee Hour program, with seven different presentations or panels throughout the year, including book talks, presentations of research in progress, a research panel, and a panel on careers in academia for graduate students. I also worked with graduate students at the ASA meetings in August 2022 to begin planning additional panels for the 2022-3 academic year. [https://www.pwsc.us/virtual-coffee-hour](https://www.pwsc.us/virtual-coffee-hour)
In addition, we also maintain a section website that we use to communicate with our members. [https://www.pwsc.us/home](https://www.pwsc.us/home)

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

The goal of PWSC is to serve as a vibrant intellectual home for scholars from a wide range of backgrounds who work in the fields of peace, war, and social conflict. Because of the international nature of PWSC’s work, diversity for our section includes diversity of national backgrounds, diversity of countries scholars are currently living in, and
intellectual diversity in research methods, case studies, and theoretical orientations. This year, we had members currently living in at least 14 different countries. Our main focus this year, beyond recruiting new members using the methods outlined in the membership section, was to provide value for our members even if they were not able to make it to ASA in person. To this end, we planned year-round activities for the section (see below).

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 had one panel and three roundtables at this year’s conference. The panel was an open session on Issues in Peace, War, and Social Conflict. The roundtables were grouped thematically: Violence and Identity, Pathways to Peace and Wellbeing, and Discourses and Infrastructures of War and Conflict. In addition, the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section held its regular Council meeting and the Section Business meeting, which also served as our awards ceremony. We also co-hosted a reception at the Grand Central Market with the Section on Human Rights. After missing two years of in-person conferences, our primary goals at the conference were to reconnect members and to welcome in new members, particularly graduate students, who had joined the section during the pandemic. This meant that our activities were centered primarily around networking and sharing information about ways to get involved in the section—via volunteering, mentoring, presenting research, or writing for the section blog, Conflict(ed).

1345. Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict. Open Session on Issues in Peace, War and Social Conflict
LACC, Level 2, 504, 10:00-11:30am
Session Organizer: Thomas V. Maher, Clemson University
Presider: Thomas V. Maher, Clemson University
Armed Conflict, Peacebuilding, and Gender Equality in Colombia’s Local Government - Natalia Duarte-Mayorga, University of Pittsburgh; Melanie M. Hughes, National Science Foundation; Muge Finkel
“Peace Fatigue,” Power Sharing, and Political Impediments to Community-based Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland - Curtis Carl Holland, SUNY-Old Westbury
Leadership, Organizational Form, and Movement Fragmentation in the Lethal Outcomes of Mexico’s Vigilante Mobilizations, 2012-2015 - Dolores Trevizo, Occidental College
Self-Fulfilling Grievances: Flemish War Casualties and the Front Movement during the First World War - Thomas William Gepts, University of California, Berkeley; Robert Braun, University of California-Berkeley
Discussant: Charles F. Seguin, Pennsylvania State University

1773. Peace, War, and Social Conflict Roundtables
JW Marriott, Gold Level, Gold Salon 3, 2:00-3:00pm
Session Organizer: Syeda Quratulain Masood, Brown University
Table 1: Violence and Identity
Table Presider: Mariah K. Warner, Ohio State University
Table 2: Pathways to Peace and Wellbeing
Table Presider: Sema Hande Ogutcu Fu, Lincoln University
Indigenous Participatory Action Research to Heal Intergenerational Effects of War Trauma - Shahd Asaly, USF
Multiple Fronts and Conflict Resolution: Rivals’ Impact on Civil Conflict Combatants’ Negotiation and Settlement Behavior - Sema Hande Ogutcu Fu, Lincoln University
Resistance and Peacebuilding: Lessons from Asia - Lester R. Kurtz, George Mason University
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Table 3: Discourses and Infrastructures of War and Conflict
Table Presider: Laura Acosta, Northwestern University
How Censored Discourse influences East Asian States’ Relations with Japan - Joseph E. Yi, Hanyang University
Pro-Government Mobilization in Postrevolutionary Iran: Organizational Infrastructure, Regime’s Contentious Origins, and Threat - Saber Khani, Boston College; Ali Kadivar, Boston College
The Symbolic Third and Civil War Reoccurrence in Mid-Twentieth Century Colombia - Laura Acosta, Northwestern University
Wartime voluntary engagement: civilian assistance to displaced individuals amidst the Donbas war, Ukraine - Nataliia Stepaniuk

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.

The section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict held seven different Virtual Coffee Hours throughout the year.
10/29/21: Dana Moss, “The Arab Spring Abroad.”
11/15/21: Nicole Fox, “After Genocide: Memory and Reconciliation in Rwanda”
12/10/21: Salvador Santino Regilme, “Aid Imperium: United States Foreign Policy and Human Rights in Post-Cold War Southeast Asia”
The mentoring committee re-formed and made preparations to create mentorship matches for the 2022-23 year. They also organized a panel on academic careers outside of sociology and prepared another panel for the 2022-23 year on careers outside of academia.

It was a busy year for our blog, Conflict(ed). Given U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and ongoing threats of political violence in the United States, it was an active year for public discussion about Peace, War, and Social Conflict. Conflict(ed) had 21 different blog post for the 2021-22 year. Bloggers included PWSC graduate students, PWSC faculty, and outside experts invited to submit blog posts.