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.

See attached

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.

See attached

Awards

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

Distinguished career award: Jack Goldstone, Virginia E. and John T. Hazel, Jr. Chair Professor of Public Policy at George Mason University, and a Global Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholar


Graduate student paper award: Jiaqi Liu, University of California, San Diego, “State Power Beyond the State: Digital Infrastructures of China’s Diaspora Governance During the Covid-19 Pandemic.”


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 two main expenses: paying for a reception at the 2022 ASA meeting in Los Angeles and purchasing and shipping plaques to award winners.

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.

We communicate with our members in the following ways: we used the ASA listserve for monthly announcements, we have a Twitter account (@ASApoliticalsoc), we have a website/blog ([Political Sociology Section – of the American Sociological Association](asapoliticalsoc.org), and an semi-annual newsletter.

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

Our goal was to be open and inclusive. We invited members from under-represented groups to participate in section committees and we sponsored panels on research within political sociology that focused on racial inequality.

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 sponsored four panels on recent advances in political sociology and we dedicated a panel to Richard Lagemann, a central figure in political sociology and former chair who passed away in Summer 2021.

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 hosted a book forum in Spring 2021 where five people presented their books. The panel was limited to junior faculty. We had a membership drive in September 2021, which allowed us to reach 800 members. Political sociology is a vibrant section.
Political Sociology Section
Business and Council Meeting Notes
August 9, 2022
Notes taken by Jasmine Kerrissey, Secretary/Treasurer

Business Meeting
Chair Announcements

1. New Section leaders
   a. Jen Triplett (student)
   b. Bart Bonikowski (council)
   c. Daniel Laurison (council)
   d. Paul Almeida (chair)
   e. Jasmine Kerrissey (sec/treasurer)

2. Award winners
   a. See below for winners
   b. Awards announced; plaques will be sent directly to recipient

3. Section volunteering
   a. This year sign-ups will be virtual

4. Treasurer report
   a. Healthy financial shape
   b. Had roughly $11,000 before conference
   c. Spent about $3000 for reception and $400 for plaques

5. Year’s activity to expand activities
   a. Media
      i. Have twitter account
      ii. Have website— a little sleepy, but could resurrect it
   b. Membership drive in the fall (2021)
      i. Reached over 800 members
   c. Spring activity- book forum (remote)
      i. This went well!
   d. Reception at ASA
      i. Around 40-50 people attended
      ii. More food/drinks for next year
   e. Thank you to ASA staff for working with the section

6. Questions and comments
   a. Paul Almeida: Talked with other sections about doing joint remote discussions, maybe expanding the book forum.
   b. Laurie (student rep): grant writing workshop
c. Jennifer Suzanne- Kempton- mentoring program

d. Question: What is the process for proposing panels?
   i. Fabio: soon (early fall) need to get proposed panels submitted. Up to each chair to decide how to allocate or decide panels
   ii. Idea: have a virtual “all our ideas” on panels and then vote
   iii. Suggestion- Better to have open panels
      1. Fabio: beware, ASA makes us narrow it a bit

e. Kerice- communications director. Leads newsletter. Please let them know ideas for newsletter.
   i. “tales from the field”, which focuses on method experience
   ii. Political sociology bookshelf
   iii. Newly elected or award winner– will be profiled in newsletter
   iv. Jennifer is webmaster, thinking about updating website. Did survey about how to update, but little response. Let them know.

Council Meeting

1. Ideas for spending money
   a. Pre-conference
   b. Graduate student- stipend for presenting awards
   c. Give honorarium for winning award
   d. Food for reception- more
      i. On site v off
      ii. Mentor event right before event

2. Money to fund awards and conference travel
   a. Award money – only for grad student award
      i. Would eventually change bylaws
      ii. Could we give the 2022 grad student an honorarium, retroactively?
   b. Money for presenting
      i. Panelists
      ii. Maybe roundtables, budget permitting
   c. Fabio suggests funding for grad students, unemployed, and/or adjuncts in this order: grad award, presenting panelists, presenting round tables. Must show up to get it. “Do you need support for travel” or “does your institution pay for this”?-- some sort of self reporting. A declaration of need.
      i. Grad paper award
      ii. Panelists
      iii. Round tables
   d. Kerise: maybe pay for registration fees, because it will cover up front costs. Not sure if that is allowed by ASA.
      i. Could get need assessment from information that ASA already has?

3. Mentor event
   a. Do right before reception, so that both grads and faculty stay
   b. Jen Triplett did it in Philly for CHS section
4. Virtual events
   a. Book events
   b. Teaching political sociology
   c. Showcase award winners work
   d. Important to feature grad students and early career folks
5. Summarizing the discussion
   a. Mentoring event seems promising
   b. Financial support for graduate students
   c. Virtual events (book events)
      i. These went well and we should continue/expand on them
6. OTHER:
   a. CHS owes us a session because of Richard L.’s memorial panel.
      i. Nitsan at Brown University is the one that knows that

Award Winners

Distinguished Contribution for Scholarship Award for a Graduate Student Paper

Winner:

Jiaqi Liu: “State power beyond the state: Digital infrastructures of China’s diaspora governance during the Covid-19 pandemic”

Honorable mention:

Pei Palmgren: “State capacity and opportunistic governance: the Causes and consequences of regulatory brokerage in Thailand’s guestwork formalization process”

Committee members: Lauren Duquette-Rury (chair), Wayne State University; Nella Van Dyke, University of California, Merced; Maro Yousef, University of Southern California; Minwoo Jung, Loyola University Chicago

Distinguished Contribution for Scholarship for an Article

Co-winners:


Committee members: Irene H.I. Bloemraad (chair), University of California, Berkeley; Kiyoteru Tsutsui, Stanford University; Jessica Kang, UC-Irvine; Sourabh Singh, Florida State University; Jun Liu, University of Copenhagen; Andrew N. Le, Arizona State University

**Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award in Political Sociology**


Committee members: Marco Garrido (chair), University of Chicago; John Veugelers, University of Toronto; Marina Zaloznaya, University of Iowa; Nicholas Wilson, Stony Brook University

**Distinguished Career Award in Political Sociology**

Jack Goldstone. Virginia E. and John T. Hazel, Jr. Chair Professor of Public Policy at George Mason University and Global Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Committee members: Fabio Rojas (chair), Indiana University; Evelyn Huber, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; John Stephens, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill