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 from Business meeting at ASA August 2022:

Total number of members present: 14

- Council Member Transition – Rogelio
- Member Update: 317 members – slight increase - Rogelio
  - Regular (MB) – 185
  - Student (SA) – 93
  - Affiliate (AF) – 13
  - Emeritus (EM) – 25
  - Associate (AF) – 1
- Finances Update – 2021 Audit Complete, as of June 2022 - $7,353 – Positive outlook with respect to estimated reception and plaque costs that still need to post – Rogelio
- SPPS Award Announcements – Chloe

  Robert Dentler Award (Student Award)

  ★ Katie Gordon, Stony Brook University
  ★ Mary Shi, University of California, Berkeley

Publication Award

★ Sarah Brothers, Pennsylvania State University
Joss Green, Columbia University
★ Honorable Mention: Alvin Camba, University of Denver

**William F Whyte Award (Career Award)**
★ Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, University of Minnesota
★ Ricky N. Bluthenthal, University of Southern California

- Upcoming Events - Rogelio

**ASA Conference**

**SPPS Day - Today, Saturday, 8/6/22**

Reviewed the sessions we sponsored as well as other sessions relevant to SPPS members

**Post-ASA Conference, August SPPS Webinar, 8/23/22:**

o 2:00-3:00PM US-EST – August SPPS Webinar, Co-sponsored with SWS – Career Paths in Applied & Public Sociology

- Other items/updates
  - Discussion of how to recruit new members to our section
  - Discussion of our section website as well as our ASA page
  - Discussion of the ASA community being developed for Sociologists in practice settings: stay tuned for more information
  - Catherine Mobley mentioned recruitment for her NSF grant with Chloe Bird about sociologists working in practice settings
  - Karen Albright discussed a project she is working on developing a series of tools that graduate departments can use to train graduate students to work in applied fields: lacuna-analytics.com
  - Jill Waity asked for anyone interested in being on program committee to let her know

**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.

There were six formal council meetings during the 2021 to 2022 Council Term. In addition, a number of Executive Committee meetings took place to move certain items along. Finally, we did use online balloting to approve Brandon replacing Jill on the Executive Committee and to approve the budget. (See Attached for more details.)
Awards

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

See Above for list of awardees, which were presented at Annual Business

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 2022 budget compared to actual expenses were close to the amounts projected. This was especially true in terms of our reception despite the high labor costs of Los Angeles where our recent annual meeting was held. Additionally, less was spent towards miscellaneous items than previously predicted. When compared to the income, it was unexpectedly higher than anticipated. This was due to a slight increase in membership and less expenses.

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.

Monthly emails through the listserv are how we communicated to our section for all announcements, news, and events. Emails would be tagged to differentiate the type of information being forwarded: [SPPS INFO] - general announcements, [SPPS Event] - event specific info and reminders, [SPPS Opportunities] - marking if members wanted to share an applied/public job or funding opportunity, and [SPPS Request] - if we specifically needed a request for our members to do a task (i.e. fill out a survey, RSVP or other uses.)

When it came to SPPS events, our website was updated and Outlook invites with specific event details were sent out to members as it was helpful to get them on calendars and make them optional to mark accept, decline, or tentative attendance. For non-SPPS member communication, we would update via our Twitter page @ASASPPS, and sometimes our events would be featured in ASA’s Footnotes with help from Preethi Vasishtha. The communication strategy we had used was helpful in getting responses from members that have busy schedules. We were acutely aware that it takes additional reminders to make sure our members could participate in our section events to promote our members’ work and share how others can figure out ways to engage in public/applied positions.

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

The SPPS section is engaged in ways to increase membership in the section with special emphasis on diversifying along racial and ethnic lines. In comparison to the racial/ethnic composition of the ASA membership, our Section falls slightly below in Black (7.3% vs 8.2% for ASA), Asian (6.0% vs 12.0%), Latina/o (4.3% vs 6.1%), and Native American (0.0% vs 0.3%). We will seek to collaborate with sections and co-sponsor ASA receptions with the Race and Ethnic Minorities, Latina/o Sociology, and
Asian/Asian America Sections. In addition, in our nominations for SPPS officers, we will ensure that we diversify the diversity of our slate of candidates. Moreover, we will also broaden the diversity of our Awards committee and nominees for SPPS awards.

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 had limited submissions for the 2022 annual meetings. We had one SPPS session titled “Are the Kids Alright? Applied Sociological Perspectives on Youth Wellbeing.” The papers that were part of the session were in line with the interest area of the SPPS, as they focused on culturally and equitable research on public safety systems and spatial and demographic distribution of exposure to and engagement in crime among children and youth. In addition, in our SPPS business meeting, we presented awards, and the recipients of the awards gave a brief presentation of the research associated with their award. It was obvious that the award winners are engaged in research that is at the heart of the intellectual and social justice core of SPPS.

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.

One of the main things that our section did outside of the annual meeting was hold a series of webinars. We entitled it American Sociological Association (ASA) Section Sociological Practice and Public Sociology (SPPS) Webinar Series. Below I have listed the names and descriptions of the webinars:

**April 2022: Communicating your research to diverse audiences: Three applied sociologists share lessons learned**
Join SPPS members Chloe Bird, PhD (Senior Sociologist: Rand), Rita Stephan, PhD (Regional Coordinator: USAID), and Rogelio Saenz, PhD (Demography Professor, University of Texas at San Antonio via Zoom as they discuss op-eds, policy briefs, working with community organizations, and more.

**May 2022: Expanding the qualitative repertoire: Methodological innovation to advance understanding of perspectives and behaviors.** Join SPPS Immediate Past Chair Karen Albright, PhD (Associate Professor of Medicine - University of Colorado School of Medicine) via Zoom as she introduces newer and more innovative qualitative approaches that may be less well known to health researchers but allows for additional insights into individual- and system-level factors that influence stakeholder perspectives and behaviors. The advantages and disadvantages of each approach will be discussed so that researchers can determine the appropriate methodological choice for their needs. An opportunity for Q&A will follow the presentation.

**July 2022: Part two of Expanding the qualitative repertoire: Methodological innovation to advance understanding of perspectives and behaviors with Karen Albright.**

**August 2022: Co-sponsored by the Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)**
CAREERS PATHS IN APPLIED & PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY
Join both SPPS and SWS for a co-sponsored webinar session on career paths in applied and public sociology led by Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas, PhD (Director of Research - UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute), Renée Skeete, PhD (Manager of Smart Grid Programs - ComEd), Jon Norman, PhD (Managing Director - Evidence and Analytics Group at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching), and Caroline Gray, PhD (Investigator & Qualitative Lead Methodologist - Center for Innovation to Implementation, Ci2i). Learn about their unique tracks that lead to jobs outside of academia and how current PhD students & recent graduates may be able to position themselves for work within industry, non-profits, government agencies, and policy research organizations. An opportunity for Q&A will follow the discussion.

**SPSS Council Meeting for the 2021 to 2022 Term**

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**AUG 18, 2021, WED**

**SPPS Council transition/kickoff meeting**

This meeting convened all but three of the old and new council members and officers to discuss plans for the 2021 to 2022 term, especially the continuation of the Webinars, the new Website, and other efforts for both networking and outreach.

Participants: Jon Norman (new member), Margaret (2nd year student rep), Katie (Rotating out as student rep), Caren (outgoing Secretary-Treasurer, meeting to transfer process on 8/20), Jill (2nd year on Council), Andy (new Chair), Rogelio (Chair-elect), Jen (new member), Carrie (2nd year on Council), Terceira (2nd year on Council) Erica (new Secretary-Treasurer), LaShaune (Council member), Rita Stephan (incoming council member), Augie (past Chair), Karen (outgoing Chair)

- Meeting in LA next ASA
- Bylaws committee starting in Nov – do not yet exist, working w/ old bylaws – duties of 1st year council members – working on the ASA annual meeting program, selecting awards – in revisions, switching it so 3rd years do it
- Incoming 1st year council members do the program twice
- Only 2 committees in bylaws is awards committee and program committee
- Adding ad hoc committees to get things done

**OCT13,2021, WED**

This was the first formal council meeting of the new council. Almost all members were in attendance. The following agenda items were discussed.

**Agenda:**
1. Report on the Program--Rogelio
2. Report on Money and Memberships—Erica
* Membership Count Total: 373 * 194 – Regular * 132 – Student * 14 – Affiliate * 1 – Associate * 32 – Emeritus *

Our current budget after expenses as of the August report (no September report yet): $5,314

1. Call for nominations for council/officers and call for awards. – Deadline: Monday, 10/25
2. What to do with the Website (in decent shape now, after a reboot).
3. How to structure the reception, etc. at LA (should it really be in person), to enhance section’s image.
4. Career Development efforts, most particularly including Webinars.

JAN 31, MON

This was the second council meeting of the new council. The items from the first meeting were continued. In the interim the council had agreed the Brandon McReynolds could fill the unexpired term of the Jill Waity.

The program and the efforts for reception at the LA meeting were reviewed. The effort for the Webinars was continued, as was the website.

The interest in section having a virtual option at the LA meeting was discussed. Participants: Andy Beveride, Erica Ramos, Jill Waity, Terceira, Jenn Vanderminden, Aliyah Turner, Jon Norman, Rita Stephan, Chloe Bird, LaShaune Johnson, Margaret Walkover, Karen Albright

1) Plans for the ASA meeting, including a reception.
2) Current state of Budget and Membership.
3) The Website, should we hire someone, can someone run it for us as a free service.
4) Continued efforts to have virtual professional development. Suggestions for topics, set-up an explicit committee.
5) Networking efforts both at the meeting and prior to and after the meeting. (What is the "community" doing.)
6) Council and other elections.
7) Awards.

- Currently, ASA has not made any updates to whether we will have any hybrid options. Said that hybrid might be too difficult but acknowledges health concerns, limited travel budgets, affordability, and accessibility issues.
- Restarting virtual workshops – topics? Karen Albright may have a workshop, skills building, data visualization, mixed methods, grants, variety of topics
- Chloe – reaching out to SPPS members – reaching out to the section members to ask what they’d like to see virtual sessions on. Need to increase social media – Twitter presence
- Paid webmaster/social media role
- Rita will lead on social media, send her SPPS Twitter login
- Awards and committees – check in with Karen

APR 2022, TUE
This was the third council meeting.
Participants: Andy Beveridge, Chloe Bird, Jon Norman, Jenn Vanderminden, Jilly Waity, LaShaune Johnson, Margaret Walker

- Time-sensitive items?
- Annual ASA Meeting Planning - Program & Receptions
  From Rogelio
  • 1 session
  • 1 business meeting
  • 1 invited session possibly? Need to have it planned in a week, represent scholars of color, impacts on communities on color - at least 4 people - will look into environmental area, local to LA - Chloe will be helpful for this front!

- Current Membership Count & Finances -
  Current membership count: 309
  Mark Fernando - check in about finances for section
  Increase membership - buy student membership?

- Discuss Award Nominations
  Student award - call for submissions? Self-nominate/nominate will sponsor 1 year membership award

- Committee Updates
  • Engagement - Webinar reminders, Social media intern search progress, have one interested, but if not will send out more widely, Director of communications
  • Awards committee - 2nd year, ballot

- Other items
- Reminders:
  o April SPPS Webinar – 4/25: 2-3PM EST
  o 2022 ASA Elections - Open 4/26, close 5/27 at 5PM EST
  o Call for Award Nominations or Self-Nominations – 5/1
  o May SPPS Webinar – 5/18: 2-3PM EST
  o Receptions deadlines – Onsite 6/1, Offsite 7/1 - offsite, UCLA/LA people

- Next meeting: 5/2: 2-3PM CST/3-4PM EST/1-2PM MST/12-1PM PST

Chloe - exploring need for room for awards - The person I was thinking could help with an LA based invited panel is Cecilia Menjivar at UCLA. She is the current president, so that is a bit circular.

Jill - Could we have the reception with that new community that Augie and Terceira are working on forming through ASA? Terceria - not approved just yet but should plan. Receptions only on two days. Our section day is Saturday MAY 2, 2022,

5/2/2022
Participants: Andy Beveridge, Jennifer Vanderminden, LaShaune Johnson, Jon Norman, Rogelio Saenz, Jill Waity, Chloe Bird, Rita Stephan, Terceira, Carrie Lee Smith, Karen Albright, Erica Ramos

Time-sensitive items
- Member Update - 307 members
  • Regular - 176
  • Student - 91
  • Affiliate - 11
  • Emeritus - 28
• Associate - 1
• Finances Update - Mark Fernando from ASA - 2022 Monthly Reports will not be available until after 2021 audit is complete - $5,301
• Committee Updates
  • Social Media Intern - Gerardo Avila (gavila3@luc.edu) - send any changes for the website/Twitter to Gerardo and CC Erica
  • Can send webinar info to Director of Communications Preeti Vasishtha - she published our April webinar in ASA’s Footnotes and will publish our May Webinar in ASA’s Member News and Notes
• Other updates
• Next steps for Award Nominations
• Annual Meeting Sessions & Reception Planning?
• Reminders:
  • 5/18: 2-3PM EST - May Webinar w/ Karen Albright
  • 5/27: 5PM EST - Elections close
  • 6/1 - Onsite reception deadline
  • 7/1 - Offsite reception deadline
• Other items
• Next meeting: Tentative - 5/31: 12-1PM CST/1-2PM EST/11AM-12PM MST/10-11AM PST

Notes:
• Saturday - August 6 - Reception date
• Chloe - can make a list of some local places. Would like someone to work with on contacting them and sorting out what is possible. Need an estimate of how many people and time.
• Terceira - Community approved, name not finalized yet (was Sociologists in the Wild but ASA did not like it), meeting needed to finalize name
• Karen - have a lot of groups interested in applied work, want to be sure we do not get more fragmented, need to do more as a hub,
• Erica - create survey on the likelihood of conference and reception attendance
• Awards committee - have until July but need to get decisions in as early as possible

JUNE 3, 2022
Participants: Andy, Erica, Rogelio, Jill, Jon, Amanda

• Time-sensitive items
  • Award Nominations - Chloe, Erica, Amanda, Andy will review awards; should have more structure for next year
  • Off-site reception - 25 attending, Chloe noted potential sites to check out; Andy did secure a room for awards; must know by 7/1 - make sure it is refundable, outdoors if possible. Erica will be in contact w/ Mark Fernando about tax-exempt purchases.
• ASA Election Results
  **Chair-Elect (3-year term begins in 2022)**
  Julia (Jill) Waity, University of North Carolina Wilmington
  **Council Member-at-Large (3-year term begins in 2022)**
  Allison Roberts, Tennessee Department of Health
  Lorella Palazzo, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute
  Marybeth C. Stalp, University of Northern Iowa
  **Council Member, Student (2-year term begins in 2022)**


Victoria M. Barclay, The University of British Columbia

- July Webinar? - Jill will ask Karen about a part 2 of her webinar for July, suggestions from our Google survey will be for webinars afterwards; will check for webinar link for Northwestern
- Rogelio leading business meeting in LA due to Andy’s absence, might be able to have Jose Calderon, professor emeritus at Pitzer College come as a speaker - 1 session, 1 business meeting
- Erica will check with Caren if we have had tax-exempt purchases before asking Mark Fernando
- Follow-up w/ Augie & Terceria about new community members attended ASA reception?
- August webinar in place of 2nd session - jobs-focused one, Jon can help organize that; perhaps establish an annual jobs webinar
- Also, a discussion of getting a council candidate to fill the last year of Jill Waity’s term.

Scheduling Next Meeting:
- 6/27: 10-11AM

August Webinar - job talk about public/applied jobs for current PhD students or recent graduates
- Will check in with Gwendolyn Purifoye, Terceira, Rodrigo Domiguez Villegas
- Jon will help with leading the session!