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.

2022 BODIES & EMBODIMENT BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks (Kjerstin Gruys)
   a. Thanks to Outgoing Members
      Georgiann (Past Chair), Krystale Littlejohn (Secretary-Treasurer), Asia Friedman, Susan Markens, Eddie Flores, (Council) Torisha Khonach Stone and Brittney Miles (Student Representatives)
   b. Welcome New Section Leaders
      Asia Friedman (Chair Elect), Piper Sledge (Secretary-Treasurer), Dana Berkowitz, Alka Menon, Rayanne Streeter (Council), Cassidy Boe, and Navjotpol (Grad Student Representatives)

II. Announcement About Committee Volunteers for 2022-2023 (Kjerstin)
   a. We are looking for people to staff the following committees:
      i. Best Publication Award
      ii. Best Graduate Student Paper Award
      iii. Program Committee (+ local events committee?)
      iv. Nominations Committee
      v. Communications Committee
      vi. Membership Committee
      vii. Mentorship Committee
b. ALSO look for a sign-up and info gathering form that will go around on the listserv. This form will also have a place to nominate yourself or others for chair, council, and student members and to suggest ideas for the 2023 conference.

III. Budget Report, 2021-2022 (Krystale Littlejohn)

IV. Section Awards (Kjerstin Gruys)
   a. Chair, Best Graduate Student Paper Award – Andrea Miller
      i. Thanks to committee members
      ii. Announce winner(s) and briefly describe their work.
   b. Chair, Best Publication Award – (Kjerstin Gruys subs for Georgiann)
      i. Thanks to committee members
      ii. Announce winner(s) and briefly describe their work.

II. Welcome New Section Chair (Kjerstin introduces Michelle as Chair)

III. 2023 Program Ideas (Michelle)
   a. Only ONE Session Guaranteed – Open vs. Themed?

IV. New Business

2022 BODIES & EMBODIMENT BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

ASA Annual Meeting 2022
Sociology of Body and Embodiment Business Meeting Minutes
Prepared by Krystale E. Littlejohn, Secretary/Treasurer
Sunday August 7th, 11:00 am PDT

Section leaders in attendance: Kjerstin Gruys (chair), Krystale Littlejohn (secretary-treasurer), Asia Friedman (chair-elect), Kemi Balogun, Angela Jones, Michelle Smirnova, Miranda Waggoner.

Kjerstin Gruys opened the meeting at 11:05am by welcoming attendees to the meeting and providing an overview of the agenda. Gruys thanked outgoing past chair, secretary-treasurer, and outgoing council members, before welcoming new chair-elect, council members, and grad student representatives.

Gruys provided an overview of committees and reminded attendees of the mentorship event taking place the following day.

The meeting proceeded to the awards ceremony where Miranda Waggoner provided comments on the Best Graduate Student Paper Award and Krystale Littlejohn awarded the plaque to Taylor Paige Winfield.

Gruys provided comments on the section’s Best Publication award, this year awarded to a book, and Littlejohn presented the award to Angela Jones.
Gruys provided comments on the work of the co-winner of the Best Publication Award, Piper Sledge.

Gruys provided comments on the work of the Honorable Mention for the Best Publication Award, Kelly Underman.

Gruys concluded chair duties by handing over the mantle to Michelle Smirnova.

Smirnova thanked Gruys for making the chair transition seamless, noted excitement about serving the section, and asked for session ideas for the section’s session at the 2023 ASA meetings.

Asia Friedman, chair-elect, suggested that if there’s only one session, it would be a good idea to keep it open to promote maximum flexibility. Gruys suggested that it’s often helpful to have a small way to distinguish between the regular section and the section session at the ASA meetings. Maxine Craig mentioned previously organizing an open session and stated that it’s a lot of work to organize, but you end up with a lot of good material too. Taylor Paige Winfield suggested “Teaching Bodies,” in line with the conference theme. Kemi Balogun suggested, “Knowledge and Power and Bodies,” also in line with the conference theme.

Maxine Craig made an announcement about a new journal, *Critical Studies in Fashion and Beauty*, and circulated a flyer.

Smirnova opened the floor for any other new business; there was none.

Smirnova thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11:31am PT.
Chair: Kjerstin Gruys, University of Nevada, Reno
Chair-Elect: Michelle Smirnova, University of Missouri, Kansas City
*Past Chair: Georgiann Davis, University of New Mexico

**Secretary+Treasurer**
* Secretary/Treasurer: Krystale Littlejohn, University of Oregon

**Council Members**
*Oluwakemi (Kemi) M. Balogun, University of Oregon
*Edward Orozco Flores, University of California-Merced
*Asia Friedman, University of Delaware
Natalie Ingraham, California State University-East Bay
Susan Markens, CUNY-Lehman College
Andrea D. Miller, Webster University
Angela Jones, Farmingdale State College, SUNY
Miranda Waggoner, Florida State University
Sonny Nordmarken, University of Houston

**Student Representatives**
*Brittney Miles, University of Cincinnati (Student Representative)
*Torisha Khonach Stone, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Student Representative)

**Welcome Incoming Council Members**

**Chair-Elect**
Asia Friedman, University of Delaware

**Secretary+Treasurer**
Piper Sledge, Bryn Mawr College

**Council Members**
Alka V. Menon, Yale University
Dana Berkowitz, Louisiana State University
Rayanne Streeter, Maryville College

**Student Representatives**
Navjotpol Kaur, Memorial University
Cassidy Boe, University of South Florida

II. **2021-2022 Committee Reports / Points of Discussion**

a) **Summary of Finances + Membership (Krystale)**

a. Summary of Finances
   i. We have $4,636 remaining in our account as of May 31, 2022.
   ii. Our total spending is consistent with spending in years past.
iii. Our end-of-year balance for 2021-2022 should be approximately $3,277. Our expected 2022-2023 expenditures are $1,400.

b. Summary of Membership:
   i. Presently: 216.
   ii. One year ago at this time: 233.
   iii. Two years ago at this time: 259.

b) Program Committee (Kjerstin)
a. Summary Info:
   i. Next year’s ASA: Philadelphia, PA, August 17-21, 2023. Our section day should be on day 3: Monday, August 20th.
   ii. Because our section membership has dropped below 300, we will only have 1 session and 1 roundtable/business session during ASA 2023.

b. Updates / For Discussion:
   i. ASA presenter attendance challenges for both paper session & roundtables. Almost half of accepted presenters have backed out due to expense and covid risk. ASA has been very rigid in not allowing hybrid sessions.
   ii. Important to pursue co-sponsored sessions for 2023 ASA and beyond to increase number of overall sessions.
      - Note: in 2024 we will be allotted an extra session due to our section day being Tuesday. This could be helpful in negotiating a multi-year co-sponsorship in which the other section uses one of their sessions to co-host in 2023 and we use one of our sessions to co-host in 2024.
   iii. We will need a local arrangements committee in Philadelphia area to locate 2023 ASA Reception venue

c) Nominations (Michelle or Kjerstin)
a. Summary Info:
   i. Nominations committee successfully filled the ballot despite challenges, including loss (and replacement) of committee chair.

b. Updates / For Discussion
   i. Next year we will need to elect 2 grad reps, 3 council members, and 1 Chair-Elect

d) Best Publication Award, Book Year (Georgiann)
a. Summary Info:
   i. Co-Winners:
      Piper Sledge, Bodies Unbound: Gender-Specific Cancer and Biolegitimacy (2021, Rutgers University Press)
ii. Honorable Mention:

b. Updates / For Discussion:
   i. Discuss possibility of holding the book award every year.

e) **Grad Student Paper Award Committee (Andrea)**
   a. Summary Info:
      i. Winner:

   Taylor Paige Winfield, “Embodied Theodicy: From Conceptual to Bodily Engagements with Suffering”

   b. Updates / For Discussion: NONE

f) **Membership Committee (Kemi)**
   a. Summary Info: TBD
   b. Updates / For Discussion: NONE

g) **Mentorship Committee (Susan & Sonny)**
   a. Summary Info: TBD
   b. Updates / For Discussion: Discuss challenges and brainstorm strategies to maximize advertising and participation in this year’s mentoring event.
III. 2022-23 Committee Sign Ups (Kjerstin and Michelle)
   a. Council members assignments be finalized via email.
   b. Non-council committee membership to be recruited at 2022 Business Meeting and through an emailed poll.

Section Committees
- Chair of Program Committee: Michelle (2022-23 Chair)
- Roundtable Organization: (TBD Grad Student Rep)
- Chair of Nominations Committee: Asia (2022-23 Incoming Chair)
- Chair of Membership Committee:
- Chair of Communications Committee:
- Chair of Mentorship Committee:
  - Grad Student Mentorship Committee Member: (TBD Grad Student Rep)

Award Committees
- Chair of Best Publication Award Committee: Kjerstin (2022-23 outgoing chair)
  - Committee Members (?):
    - Angela Jones (former winner)
    - Piper Sledge (former winner)
    - Kelly Underman (former honorable mention)
- Chair of Best Graduate Student Paper Award:
  - Committee Members:
    - Taylor Paige Winfield (former winner)

V. Any other announcements or new business?

2022 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ASA Sociology of Body and Embodiment Council Meeting Minutes
Prepared by Krystale E. Littlejohn
Tuesday July 26th, 10:00 am PT

In attendance: Kjerstin Gruys (chair), Georgiann Davis (past-chair), Krystale Littlejohn (secretary-treasurer), Asia Friedman (chair-elect), Kemi Balogun, Dana Berkowitz, Cassidy Boe, Natalie Ingraham, Angela Jones, Torisha Khonach, Susan Markens, Alka Menon, Brittney Miles, Andrea Miller, Piper Sledge, Michelle Smirnova, Miranda Waggoner.

Gruys called the meeting to order at 10:00am PT.

Introductions and welcome to new Council members
Gruys welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for their flexibility in switching to a virtual meeting given the number of people who are unable to make it to the ASAs. Gruys opened the floor to introductions, with everyone mentioning their location and role in the section for the 2021-2022 year or new role for the upcoming year, if applicable.

After introductions, Gruys began recording the meeting at 10:10am. Gruys thanked the outgoing council members—Davis, Littlejohn, Friedman, Markens, Flores, Miles and Khonach—and then introduced incoming members—Friedman, Sledge, Menon, Streeter, Berkowitz, Kaur, and Boe.

**Annual committee reports**

1) Finances

Littlejohn summarized the section finances—212 members as of July 10th, noting that membership numbers have continued to decline in the last few years as has been the case for other sections. Littlejohn called attention to a change in ASA policy in which sections are no longer put on probation for falling below 200 section members. Instead, the ASA uses annual reports to assess the health of sections. In terms of finances, Littlejohn noted that the section remains financially healthy and is on track to be in line with financial numbers from years past: the section will have over $3,000 in its account and is expected to have $3,277 at the end of the year after this year’s expenses are deducted.

2) Program Committee

Gruys thanked Stone for working on the committee and organizing great roundtables (4), and thanked Kelly Underman and Paige Sweet for organizing the Mobile Bodies in a Global World session. Gruys reminded members that the section is sharing roundtables with the Consumers and Consumption section so that we can have the roundtables and a mentorship event together and that we’re co-hosting our reception with the Disability section onsite for accessibility reasons.

Gruys mentioned the challenge with attrition on panels this year and ASA’s refusal to accommodate a virtual option. As such, people who can’t attend are locked out of the meeting. Two presenters dropped out entirely and 1 would like to attend but can’t do so in person. The program committee decided that they would like to find a way to accommodate and make the session happen. They’ve arranged to have a video-recorded presentation and then, if possible, have the second presenter zoom in. In the chat, Markens suggested that attendees in the session could use their mobile hotspot for a willing person with unlimited data to support having the presenter call in if Wi-Fi isn’t available. If that isn’t feasible due to tech issues, the speaker will call in via speaker phone. For roundtables, attendees can combine tables, if needed.

In the chat, Jones mentioned that ASA has waived the two-paper rule so it may be possible to invite a replacement speaker who is attending. Gruys mentioned that Stone might follow up about it and they agreed to see if it might be possible to move a participant from a roundtable to the session. Stone agreed to look into it further.
Gruys noted that the section will be allotted an additional session in 2024 because our section day is on the last day of the ASAs and mentioned that council should be thinking about how we might collaborate with another section.

Gruys queried council about who lives in the Philadelphia area, requesting that they email to follow up about serving on the local arrangements committee.

3) Nominations

Smirnova thanked Jones and Berndt for adeptly handling last minute changes to the committee and running a successful slate of candidates. Gruys noted that the incoming chair of the section (Friedman) will automatically serve as chair of the nominations committee and suggested scheduling time with Gruys or Smirnova to pass on knowledge about candidates who passed up election this year, but said they’d be open to running next year. Gruys also suggested that the committee begin their work as soon as possible to make it easiest and thanked the outgoing committee for their work.

4) Awards

Davis mentioned the particularly laborious nature of serving on the Best Publication committee this year given that they had 15 book submissions, which doubled from last year. Davis noted that the committee decided on two co-award winners and an honorable mention. Davis suggested it might be time for the section to think about offering the award every year because of the dramatic increase in the number of submissions and the volume of submissions itself. Davis also noted that the changes that the section made this year might have shaped the increase in submissions, namely allowing nominees to submit PDFs instead of hardcopies and removing the requirement that nominees submit a nomination letter. In the chat, Littlejohn expressed support for the decision to allow PDF submissions to avoid disadvantaging candidates from lower-resourced institutions.

Gruys expressed enthusiasm that the changes may have positively shaped the number of submissions and posed question to committee about whether the section should shift to having a book award committee now or wait until the next time there is a book award committee in two years to assess the number of submissions then. Davis mentioned that it was such a close decision, but that the section couldn’t award so many awards but having an award every year would help mitigate the issue. Jones noted the importance of thinking about not going over the five committee rule and mentioned that a task force might be a possibility given that there’s no limit on the number of task forces that a section can have. In the chat, Jones and Sledge express support for having an award every year. Gruys mentioned that the option could also be to have an awards committee that gives multiple awards as Gruys has observed with the Sex & Gender section. Gruys noted that this could be a good year to proceed with a change given that we have three winners who can help serve on the book award committee next year. In the chat, Markens asked about whether the section would need to change its bylaws. Also in the chat, Sledge noted that the section bylaws already have a general awards committee and then lists the awards that the section gives. Sledge noted that if the section transitions to an annual book award, the section might need to change the bylaws according to ASA policy.

5) Article Award Committee
Miller noted that the committee evaluated 14 papers and noted that, like the Best Publication committee, the Grad Paper committee also had a tough time. The winner was clear, but they had a really tough time deciding on an honorable mention so they didn’t award one. Miller mentioned that one thing that was mentioned by the previous committee chair Jennifer Haskin was a similar date issue that Davis mentioned. In the chat, Miller elaborated that “the issue with the graduate award paper is that we accept published an unpublished papers so the timeline of submission is also difficult (much like the book award). Published papers are easy because we can see the date of publication, but for unpublished papers we have no idea when the paper is "complete, etc."

6) Membership committee

Balogun noted that the committee emailed people who had been on council previously to encourage giving gift memberships, but is wondering 1) if the section should talk about our goals, 2) whether the committee should try to reach 300 members by the August deadline, and 3) whether the committee should try to get people to donate gift memberships to help us reach whatever threshold council decides on.

Gruys mentioned that issue is about both feasibility and context, with a big part of the problem financial difficulty—not just paying $5-$10 for section membership, but also paying for the ASA membership and then registration. Davis mentioned the challenges with doing a membership push given the current context and the ways that ASA has failed to support its members, namely by not allowing the section to use membership numbers from 2019 to have 2 sessions (as they did previously) and also its unwillingness to accommodate members who aren’t able to attend the meetings in person. Davis also mentioned how membership is also related to whether a person can nominate themselves for awards, which is unfortunate. In the chat, Jones noted that the Sexualities section doesn’t work on a pay-to-play model and winners are automatically renewed. Gruys suggested that perhaps the goal isn’t to get to 300 members, but instead to have a conversation about what the benefits of the section membership are and to brainstorm how to leverage them as well as chairs using their roles to advocate with ASA. Gruys mentioned that an alternative in the future is to pursue a DIY format wherein sections host their own sessions on a platform like Zoom that’s independent from ASA. This is in line with Miller’s suggestion in the chat that the section’s activities don’t have to revolve around ASA.

7) Communications Committee

Friedman noted that ASA is moving to ASA Connect and getting rid of the digest so the incoming communications committee is going to have a heavier lift as they figure out things. Friedman noted that while we’re all in support of the grad student profiles being featured, it’s been a struggle to keep them going so the incoming committee should think about whether they want to continue with them. Lastly, Friedman noted that the website hasn’t been updated in a while and noted that we should work on making sure that the web manager gets the information to have it updated. In the chat, Littlejohn mentioned that Khonach updated the website the day before the meeting and seconded Friedman’s call to make updating the website regularly a priority.

8) Program Committee
Markens mentioned the mentoring committee had 3 main initiatives: continuing the mentorship match program (a mentee and mentor matched 1:1 at the beginning of the year), the Ask-a-mentor column (the committee poses questions to mentors and they write up responses to be shared with the section membership), and (after three years of preparing for it) the mentoring roundtables. Markens noted that what they organized ended up being very different than originally planned. The committee teamed with Consumers and Consumption to have a combined mentoring event to share resources and have one roundtable session for all of the roundtables and one roundtable session for the mentorship roundtables event, but ASA messed up the programming. Markens noted that the benefit of how it all worked out is that the section is now doing the roundtables on our own without the Consumers and Consumption section, but it also requires only the labor of the committee. Markens noted that if the next committee decided to proceed, they might want to ask about whether the committee will continue pursuing the event as a solo event or a shared event. The challenge is that sharing the event with another section for next year means that the roundtables aren’t on our section day so it can be hard for people to stay at the meetings that long. The event doesn’t show up when you search for Body & Embodiment events so the big question is how do we let section members know about the event; the goal on this front is to get out an off-cycle message separately and also send a digest message. Markens asked members to like posts on Facebook and Twitter to help get the word out. Gruys suggested having off-cycle messages for mentoring and membership and opening up the mentoring event to non-section members to help them and facilitate increasing membership. In the chat, Miller expressed enthusiasm for getting membership numbers up. Markens mentioned drawing strongly from council to get mentors for the one-on-one mentorship program and the Ask-a-mentor column so the pressing thing to consider if we open up mentorship beyond the section is making sure that we get more mentors. Gruys asked for people to volunteer to write a paragraph for the Ask-a-mentor column and Miles put the questions in the chat that they’re looking for answers to: 1) What tips do you have for maximizing ASA attendance? 2) I am not attending ASA, how can I still network and build relationships with B&E scholars? In the chat, Markens noted that there are non-council members and people who won’t be at the meeting who would be interested in serving on committees and asked if something will be circulated so that they can sign up.

Any other announcements or issues?

Gruys mentioned that there would be follow-up via email regarding committee sign ups, gift memberships, and mentorship and thanked everyone for attending.

Gruys adjourned the meeting at 11:12am PT.

Awards

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

Best Publication Award (Book Year)

Co-Winners:
Piper Sledge, *Bodies Unbound: Gender-Specific Cancer and Biolegitimacy* (2021, Rutgers University Press)
Honorable Mention:

**B&E Graduate Student Paper Award**
Taylor Paige Winfield, “Embodied Theodicy: From Conceptual to Bodily Engagements with Suffering”

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

**BUDGET REPORT – 2022 Finances**

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**Committee Membership:**
Krystale E. Littlejohn (Secretary-Treasurer)

**Membership & Revenue Summary:**

We have 212 section members as of July 11th, which means that we’ll have 1 session and an additional session for our business meeting. Our numbers have continued to decline over the last few years, as is also the case for other sections. We currently have 21 fewer members than we had June 30th of last year. Our section membership was 262 in July 2019, 259 in July 2020, and 233 in 2021.

ASA no longer places sections on probation for having fewer than 200 members. Instead, they rely on the annual report to assess a section’s health. The numbers are still used to allocate sessions. Membership numbers through August 30, 2022, will be used to determine the number of sessions that we’ll have next year. Gift memberships are only allowed through July 31st according to ASA rules. Here is our expected asset forecast for 2022-2023 based on a 212-person membership roster.

**Current roster (212 members):**
The budget allocation is based on the number of section members as of August 31st. For sections with between 200 and 299 members, the ASA uses the following formula to determine the base allocation ([# of section members – 100] * 5). The section allocation is $2 * # of section members.

For 2022-2023, our total budget allocation would be $984 based on 212 section members: 
(212-100)*5 + (212*2)=560+424=$984

Reaching 300 section members is useful because the ASA allots a base of $1000 for sections with at least 300 members.
Our final budget allocation as of November 15, 2022 ended up being 1040 (600 base allocation and 440 member allocation). We ended up with a final membership count of 220 members, whereas the budget allocation projection from the 2022 annual report was based on 212.

Financial Expenditures Summary:

Our end-of-year balance has been at or above $3,000 for the past five years. We have $4,636 remaining in our account as of May 31, 2022. Our total spending is consistent with spending in years past.

Our end-of-year balance for 2021-2022 should be approximately $3,277. Our end of year balance for 2022 ended up being $3,345. Our expected 2022-2023 expenditures are $1,400.

2021-2022 expenses:
- Web manager stipend: $200
- Communication co-chair stipends: $300
- Award plaques: $109
- Section Reception: $682

Total expenses: $1,291

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.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT
American Sociological Association
Section on the Body and Embodiment
Communications Committee Report 2021-2022

Committee membership:

Asia Friedman (Co-chair)
Natalie Ingraham (Co-chair)
Virginia Berndt (social media)
Torisha Stone (webmaster)

Overview of Committee Activities:

Website
Torisha kept the website updated throughout the year.
1. Added image for the 2021 business meeting.
2. Updated the “Ask a Mentor” series.

There is much more we can do here. See “Future plans and recommendations below.”
Blog
The blog was mostly dormant this year, as entries have not been submitted based on calls in the bi-weekly digest or our efforts to recruit from the 2021 ASA B&E roundtables.

Bi-weekly digest
Asia was responsible for the section digest newsletters, which went out on the 1st and 15th of each month (moving to monthly digests when submissions were sparse). She continued to use a shared Dropbox folder to organize the digests and gathered content from the section email address (asabodynews@gmail.com).

NOTE: If we want to continue the graduate student profiles section, we need more graduate student profiles to include in the digest and on our social media.

Social Media
Asia and Virginia managed our ASA Body and Embodiment Group on Facebook, which grew by 7 new members since September 1st, 2021 and now stands at 423 members. There have been 14 posts since September 1st, 2021 with 4 comments and 56 reactions.

The B&E Twitter account has been maintained by Virginia, cross-posting from our Facebook posts. Our Twitter account has gained 141 new followers since August 2021 with an average of 3,168 tweet impressions per month. We had a total of 9,031 profile visits with an average of 753 profile visits per month. Tweets with the highest engagement included (in no particular order): (1) Social Media Connections posts, (2) Calls for Submissions/Abstracts, (3) Award announcements. We’re happy to announce that we currently have 1,150 Twitter followers (as of July 6, 2022)! We have had steady feedback from section members and featured researchers that they appreciate our Twitter efforts and increased social media presence of our section. Despite Virginia not having as much time as last year in maintaining the B&E section Twitter account, the strong following the section Twitter has amassed has allowed for easier and more intermittent maintenance.

Future plans and recommendations:
- Social media
  o Continue the great work Virginia has done to grow our following and build community via social media.
  o After the 2022 annual ASA meeting, Virginia plans to implement a series called “Meet your Section Council!” on social media. Virginia plans to reach out to council members for permission to feature them, as well as solicit a small blurb and headshot (and perhaps offering the option of using what is already written on their academic website to save them time/effort).
- Bi-weekly digest
  o The submissions have been a bit thin this year. We should be more active in encouraging members to submit their publications, position announcements, and calls for papers for inclusion. If the level of submissions remains where it is, we should consider moving to monthly rather than bi-weekly digests.
  o We want to make sure to emphasize the graduate student profiles ahead of and after the ASA annual meeting during job season. If we want to continue this
feature, we recommend that someone be specifically assigned the task of creating a list/recruiting for these profiles.

- We need to consider how to transition the digest to ASA Connect. There are “announcements,” “discussions,” “events,” and a library of documents. How will the different components of the section’s current communications be integrated into the new system? One thing to note when planning for this transition is that the activity is compiled into a “digest” that members receive via email unless they opt out, this can be as frequently as daily. However, as mentioned in the Administrator training, things listed as “announcements” do not “count” as activity and will not be included in the digests. We would have to start a discussion thread for that.

- **Blog**
  - The blog remains a challenge in terms of recruitment efforts, as it has been for the last several years. The committee recommends discussing whether to continue with the blog at the business meeting and see if there are any suggestions.

- **Web site**
  - We were a bit remiss this year in keeping the website fully updated with new officers, awards, or other important information. Torisha has done a great job with absolutely everything we have asked; we just failed to ask for everything we should have this year! There is a lot of room there for more content to be added/updated each year, but someone needs to take leadership specifically for that piece of the communications work.

In terms of how these activities meet the goals and values of the section, we feel very proud to have developed increasingly inclusive and democratic forms of communication through, for example, our facebook group and our graduate student profiles. Our section values building a strong and inclusive community of scholars who are interested in sociological perspectives on bodies and embodiment. One thing we could do better in the pursuit of these goals is to find ways to highlight the research accomplishments of our members, which we have typically added to our bi-weekly newsletter, but haven’t had as many submissions as we could. Furthermore, we hope that the ASA transition to ASA Connect will help us communicate more effectively and more efficiently.

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

The Sociology of Body & Embodiment Section is committed to diversity and inclusion.

This year we have pursued diversity and inclusion in the following ways:

Each year, we aim to have a diverse, inclusive, and representative slate of candidates running for election, including identifying candidates from underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender, career stage, and institutional affiliations. Our nominations committee prioritized developing a diverse slate of leaders nominated for our election ballot. As a result of this process, over half (4/7) of our incoming leadership are from underrepresented groups.
We also take effort to ensure that our section committees have diverse membership.

We continued to feature graduate student profiles across our platforms. Since beginning this practice we have featured 22 grad students, of which just under half have been students from underrepresented groups.

Last year, the Section donated their reception funds to the ASA Minority Fellowship Program and we will be working to institutionalize a $200 annual donation to this fund.

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).

Program Committee Report 2021-22
Prepared by Kjerstin Gruys, Section Chair

Program Committee Membership
Chair: Kjerstin Gruys
Member: Dan Morrison
Graduate Student Rep: Torisha Khonach Stone
Session Co-organizer: Paige Sweet
Session Co-organizer: Kelly Underman

The Body & Embodiment Section had a total of 2 sessions as well as an assigned reception time, which provided time and space for multiple events this year:
1. 1 session allocated by ASA
2. 1 combined roundtable session + business meeting
3. 1 mentoring event
4. 1 evening reception (co-hosted with the ASA Section on Disabilities)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the B&E 2022 conference program experienced numerous last-minute changes, as approximately half of our presenters and presiders – across both our session and our roundtables – could not attend the ASA meeting in person. Several of these individuals were willing to present via zoom, but ASA did not provide this as an option. Rather than cancelling our sessions, we did the following:

1. For our Regular Session
   a. We replaced the presider/discussant at the last minute and
   b. Offered the presenters the options to either pre-record their presentation and to call in live (audio-only) for Q&A OR they could assign a proxy presenter.
      i. One presenter chose to pre-record their presentation and participate in the Q&A via phone.
      ii. A second presenter declined both options.
c. Once all of the regular session presenters had been given these options, we were still left with only 2 presenters.
d. To make the session more robust, the program committee reviewed all of the roundtable submissions and identified 2 submissions that overlapped with the regular session theme. We offered these authors the option of “upgrading” to a regular session (instead of the roundtable), which was successful. Thus, we had 4 presentations at our regular session.

2. In response to similar last-minute changes among roundtable participants, we re-organized our roundtables into 2 tables (from 4), which allowed us to proceed with our roundtable event with adequate coverage at each table.

Detailed 2022 Body & Embodiment Program

1. “Mobile Bodies in a Global World”

“This session invites papers on intersection of bodies and embodiment and their movement across borders. Papers might be situated on movement within or across states and nations. Topics might include the movement of those labeled as displaced, asylum-seekers, refugees, and others who have crossed, or been crossed by, political and other borders. Papers that resonate with the conference theme are preferred, but we will consider all papers that engage themes of mobility through the lens of bodies and embodiment.”

Session Co-Organizers:
Kelly Underman, Drexel University
Paige Sweet, U. of Michigan

Original Presenters (in ASA program)

Presider: Dan Morrison,
Discussant: Kelly Underman, Drexel University

- “Allostatic Load and Internal Migration: Health Impacts of Residential and Social Transitions in Early Adulthood” Anna Shelter
- “Impact of Covid-19 on Mothering Practices among Low-Wage working Immigrant Women Workers” Soulit Chacko, IUPUI
- “Pumping iron for strength and power: prisoner’s perceptions of a stable body.” Johannes Muller, Justus-Liebig University, Michael Mutz, Lustic-Liebig University Gliessen
- “Re-politicising ‘vaccine hesitancy’: people on the move, COVID-19 and frontier embodiment on the Italian-French border” Costanza Torre, London School of Economics & Political Science, Sara Vallerani, University of Roma Tre: Eloisa Franchi, University of Paras, Saclay

Discussant: Kelly Underman, Drexel University

Actual Presenters
Original presenters who presented either in person or via pre-recorded talk + live Q&A:
• “Allostatic Load and Internal Migration: Health Impacts of Residential and Social Transitions in Early Adulthood” Anna Shelter (in person)
• “Impact of Covid-19 on Mothering Practices among Low-Wage working Immigrant Women Workers” Soulit Chacko, IUPUI (pre-recorded presentation, live Q&A via phone, audio only)

Presenters who moved from roundtables to the session:
• Qualitative Study of Body Image and Culture Among Iranian-Americans
  Sepehr Khosravi, skhosravi@horizon.csueastbay.edu
• Neuroplasticity and Vulnerability
  Logan Neitzke-Spruill, lneitzke@udel.edu, University of Delaware

Discussant: Dan Morrison, Abilene Christian University (sub for Kelly Underman)

Original Presenters who could not attend and did not present via proxy or pre-recorded talk:
• “Pumping iron for strength and power: prisoner’s perceptions of a stable body.” Johannes Muller, Justus-Liebig University, Michael Mutz, Lustic-Liebig University Gliesien
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2. Roundtables
“We invite paper submissions on all topics in the area of sociology of body and embodiment in our refereed roundtable session. Paper submissions will be grouped thematically, with two to four presentations per table.”

Organizer: Torisha Khonach Stone, UNLV

Table1: Body and Embodied Work (Presider Torisha)
Anxiety mechanism in playing sports without sex segregation
Jinsun Yang, jinsuny@uoregon.edu

“Best Wishes, Don’t Fall”: Pole Work in Strip Clubs
Dana Fennell, dana.fennell@usm.edu, University of Southern Mississippi; Clay A. Hipke, cahipke@gmail.com

Fighting as Reality: Notebooks of a Professional Muaythai Boxer
Benjamin Steinhardt Case, benjamin.case.1@asu.edu, Arizona State University

Table 2: The Body, Environment, and Health (Presider, Dan Morrison)
Lived experiences of NF1 patient from the perspective of their social roles
Atefeh Aghaei, atefeh.aghaei.1978@gmail.com, University of South Carolina; Seyed Ahmed Fanaei, m.fanaei357@gmail.com, KPC Health, Chapman Global Medical Center, Orange, CA; Mohsen Khalili, Dr.khalili52206@yahoo.com
The third event was organizing mentoring roundtables during the ASA 2022 meetings, an activity that had been postponed twice since 2020 due to Covid.

Although the event was co-organized with the Consumers & Consumptions section, miscommunications with ASA led to some issues with how the event was listed in the program. Ideally, if this event is repeated, it will be important to communicate clearly that each section’s traditional research roundtables will occur alongside the other section’s mentoring tables. This allows junior section members to attend both their section’s research roundtables and also their section’s mentoring event.

The event was basically set up as roundtables around which the mentees rotate. Mentors were solicited by emails to council and individual senior members (often former council members) as well as through a sign-up link made available on section Facebook, twitter and list-serve announcements. All three, and the digest, were used to advertise the event, as well as for mentees to optionally sign up their interest in attending to help pre-event preparation. This event was well attended, with 8 mentors and 13 mentees. We followed the original plan of having mentors sit at tables, while students rotated from table to table every 15 minutes.

If we want to continue the event, but on the same day as our section we could try to find another small section that shares our ASA section day, or we could try for a repeat exchange with Consumers and Consumption. Alternatively, since the ASA seems to be encouraging mentoring activities (e.g., they no longer count participation in such activities against meeting participation limits) we could ask for a separate time slot for such a section event. The committee welcomes council’s input on this, especially since it involves programming for the meetings.

**B&E + Disabilities Sections Co-Hosted Reception**

Lastly, in addition to the above events, we also hosted a shared reception with the ASA Section on Disabilities, which was well-attended, particularly by graduate students (our event was a few steps away from a graduate student social event hosted by ASA).

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.

Our Mentorship Committee managed and organized 2 activities/events outside of the Annual Meeting. The first of these is the continuation of our mentor-mentee matching program. The second effort was publishing a “Ask a Mentor” column in which senior members of the section responded in writing to questions that were either submitted by graduate students or generated by the committee. Each published column included 1 question with two mentors responding.

Given our section’s longstanding commitment to mentorship and community, these activities helped students receive mentorship and also helped develop connections between more senior and more junior
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Committee
Susan Markens (co-chair)
Sonny Nordmarken (co-chair)
Virginia Berndt
Brittney Miles

Overview of Committee Activities

The committee managed and organized 3 activities/events this year, one at the ASA meetings and two outside of the ASA Meetings. One of the major committee activities involved continuing our successful mentor-mentee matching program. We provided a 12/20/21 deadline to submit interest via a google form, advertising the program and posting a call for both mentees and mentors in the 11/15, 12/1 and 12/15 digests. In total, we made 7 mentee-mentor matches. Of those, only 1 was matched with a faculty mentor who responded to the initial survey request in the newsletter; the rest were made after the mentor form was specifically sent to council, and one mentor agreed to two matches so the committee did not need to solicit further mentors. In early February emails were sent to each pair to introduce them to one another and suggest that they arrange to meet virtually or over the phone/video-chat at least 1-2 times per semester over the course of the year.

The second continuing mentoring initiative was publishing the “Ask a Mentor” column. Using previously submitted questions and committee-generated questions, the committee published two columns, one in December 2021 and one in August 2022. There is another column that is in-process with one response and will be published once a second is received. Each column featured one question with two mentor-authors responding. Most author-mentors were recruited from the section council or our committee. Each column was posted in a bi-weekly section newsletter, as well as on the section Facebook page, and a permanent link was put on the top of the section website where members can access all columns published.

In the appendices below (after the Recommendations for 2022-2023), we include our email solicitations/correspondence and google form text (and links) for our mentor match initiative, which may serve as useful resources for future committees (Appendix 1). We have also included a table of the mentor and mentee matches for 2021-2021, in case future committees wish to reach out to a broader network of senior section members or solicit any feedback on the program (Appendix 2). We have also included a list of all our “Ask a Mentor” questions and the name of the two mentor authors for each questions for our published columns this year (Appendix 3).

Recommendations for 2022-2023
The one-on-one mentoring matches for the mentor program seem to continue to be a successful initiative and we believe this program should continue, and with a similar time table (solicitations in fall/early winter, matches made in the beginning of the calendar year/early winter, with a recommendation to continue through that calendar year). Not as many junior members signed up for the program as in previous year so the committee/council may want to figure out other ways to advertise it. Additionally, unlike previous years, we did not extend the deadline and give potential mentees a second chance to sign up in February. A second-chance sign-up might help catch those who didn’t see the first announcement or for those who took more time to realize they wanted a mentor. It may also be useful to survey junior members to find out how, if at all, to advertise and/or improve program. As mentioned above, we only had one mentor show up from our initial solicitation, and council was heavily relied on to help with this program. If we had more mentee sign-ups we would have had to do more work with one-on-one outreach and recruitment. Further brainstorming of how to get people to sign up as mentors, as mentees (at business meeting?; on b&e fall survey?; in a separate-solo email blast so it’s noticed; on twitter/Facebook etc,) should be considered, although in the end this is a successful and worthwhile program that we feel should continue.

The “Ask a Mentor” section for the B&E newsletter benefited from previously solicited questions and earlier mentor-author recruitment from the previous year’s committee’s work. The committee feels that the column was successful, but welcomes feedback from members, as well as council members who can run analytic assessment of how much the columns were accessed online. This is the second year of this initiative and council/mentoring committee should discuss when/if its success is evaluated. As of now there is enthusiasm to continue it for at least another year. The committee, going forward, will need to decide the best way to solicit more questions for the column so welcomes feedback from council on that. This year’s questions were mostly committee generated so next year’s committee may want to solicit more questions from members again to generate a new list to use for the column. The committee also needs to decide whether they should aim for more than two columns a year. As with the mentor program, the committee was largely dependent on volunteers/recruitment from council and committee members. If council members are feeling overburdened with such requests and/or have suggestions of other possibly productive methods to recruit senior mentors for our initiatives all suggestions are welcome. One suggestion the committee has is to put an item in our annual fall membership survey asking people if they’d be willing to serve as an author-mentor so there’s a handy list of potential mentors, beyond council, to reach out to.

This year’s committee was a committee of four: an associate professor, two recent PhDs starting their first tenure track jobs, and one graduate student (three were council members). Labor was divided so teams of two took over one activity (mentor program and column), with the senior co-chair taking primary responsibility for ASA roundtable event as that took coordination with section chair and others. However, all committee members oversaw and looked over all program emails and general goals. As a result, we found this size and composition of the committee to be a very good number and mix of people to share the burden of the work and to get a variety of perspectives. We would suggest trying to keep membership of the committee around this amount (at least 4 members, and at least one more senior member), and to have roll-over membership to keep continuity and knowledge of programs, although of course more and new members are always welcome to join. Nordmarken and Berndt are willing to serve as co-chairs which would help with the division of labor, and the continuity of programs.
Appendix 1: Email solicitations and correspondence and for mentoring initiatives

Text of mentor matching initiative announcement sent to Body & Embodiment listserv:

The Mentorship Committee of the ASA Body & Embodiment Section is seeking expressions of interest from all members interested in participating in the 2022 Mentoring Program as a mentor or a mentee.

This initiative is aimed at strengthening Body & Embodiment scholarship and community by supporting durable connections between mentors and mentees in our section. To this end, the initiative will connect mentors and mentees in early 2022 and encourage a year-long commitment.

We envision this mentoring program to match more junior scholars (graduate students, postdoctoral researchers or assistant professors) with more senior mentors (assistant professors and beyond). If you fall under the junior scholar category, please do not hesitate to sign up for this mentorship program. For those in the senior scholar category, we encourage you to participate in this rewarding opportunity to connect with and mentor junior B&E scholars. We need you for this program to succeed!

The focus and structure of mentorship is at the discretion of mentees/mentors, but could potentially involve: zoom meetings at least once a semester; mentors sharing insights from their early career experiences; CV feedback; brainstorming publication strategies; reviewing syllabi and teaching goals; advice on how to maximize conference experiences; job market advice; or any other topic deemed valuable by the mentee and mentor.

If you are interested in being a mentor or mentee for the 2022 Mentoring Program, please register your interest via this Google Form by Tuesday, December 20th. If you would like to participate as both a mentee and mentor please fill out the form twice (once for each request).

Please reach out to susan.markens@lehman.cuny.edu if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
The B&E Mentoring Committee
Susan Markens (chair), Virginia Berndt, Brittney Miles, Sonny Nordmarken

Sample text of emails sent to mentee and mentor matches:

Dear ______ and _____,

We are pleased to match you as mentor-mentee through the ASA Sociology of Body and Embodiment Section’s 2022 mentoring program. We did our best to match you based on the mentoring needs identified. We hope you benefit from mentoring on research and professional development through this program.
We hope that you will follow-up this email by contacting one another to set-up a time to talk by phone or zoom to get to know one another better and develop expectations about your relationship. Each mentor-mentee relationship will develop its own trajectory, but we suggest that mentors and mentees agree to meet by zoom or over the phone at least once or twice a semester over the course of a year, but you of course can also use email on an as-need basis. This kind of regular and scheduled contact will help mentors and mentees get to know one another, develop the trust needed to have a strong mentoring relationship, and ensure that mentors and mentees stay in touch despite the rigors of everyday academic life.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Mentee:
NAME
Graduate Student
________University
EMAIL

Mentor:
NAME
Associate Professor
________University
EMAIL

Cheers,
Sociology of Body and Embodiment Mentoring Match Committee
Susan Markens (co-chair)
Stephanie A. Pullés (co-chair)

Appendix 2: Mentor/Mentee matches for 2022

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Appendix 3: Summary of “Ask a Mentor” column with column questions and mentor authors.

December 2021 Question: As a scholar constantly engaging with the body and identities, do you have any insight into how and when to disclose information related to my identity while on the job market or during campus visits (disability, being partnered, having children, sexuality, etc.)?
I am very open about these dimensions and talk about them without much prompting, but I would not want them used against me either.

*Mentor-Authors: Virginia Berndt and Sonny Nordmarken

*August 2022 Question: What tips do you have for maximizing ASA attendance?

*Mentor-Authors: Carrie Lee Smith and Rene Almeling