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

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ASA August 2022 Business Meeting Minutes

Introduction and Welcome

Liz Gorman: special welcome to newly elected section council members and leaders, especially Ron Levi, Matthew Clair, and (not here) Theresa and Michael and Demar Lewis, our grad student rep.

People rotating off: Monica and (not here) Jenny and Jill, and grad student rep. Elizabeth Martin.

Treasurer’s report

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Liz: Thanks to Ashley for report and for chair as communications chair

Thank all the committee chairs for the serious amount of work, including chair-elect Sida Liu who chaired the program committee, Monica Bell nominations committee, Jenny Carlson book prize committee, Swethaa Balakrishnan article committee, Stefan Vogler grad student paper award committee, and Mary Nell Trautner undergrad award committee. Thank you. Very tough year to get volunteers so your service is especially appreciated!

**Update on communications and publications:**

Liz: General feeling that there was a need for better communication within and externally to outside audiences (other sociologists who might want to join, graduate and undergraduate students, and journalists, policymakers, and others outside academia), communicate the vitality and wonderful work inside the section.

Convened a committee to consider alternatives that might appeal to internal and external audiences, but also realistic about the amount of work they would demand of section members and that section members would be willing to do.

We considered reviving the newsletter, but the sense was not a lot of enthusiasm nor any volunteers to take it on.

A number of other alternatives considered. Opted for a tripartite solution:

First, launch an externally hosted website, which is up and running thanks to Ashley, but still a work in progress. The goal is to serve as an introduction to the section for students and other sociologists who might want to join and as a source of info and resources for section members, and eventually serve as a place to store and provide resources like syllabi, comprehensive exam reading lists, teaching suggestions, etc.

Second, the website hosts our blog; it’s exciting, but depends on member contributions. We want it accessible to nonspecialists, making our exciting work more visible to outside audiences as well as to internal audiences. So when you publish something interesting and exciting, contact Ashley (editor) and write up a short piece in accessible journalistic language that summarizes ideas and findings. We already have some great posts from Sida and our award winners. We want more! The blog will welcome original essays, policy explainer, thought piece, timely piece, etc.

Third, promote and inform people about what’s going on, including on the site, in the blog, and in general, via twitter and maybe other platforms in the future. That will hopefully create more community and vitality in the section and help the outside world know more about what we’re doing.
Unbeknownst to us, the ASA has also launched its own new form of communication (not sure if we can say more), coming soon.

**Award Ceremony**

[Plaques to be distributed at professional development section.]

Liz on behalf of Mary Nell Trautner for Undergrad Paper Award Committee: Thanks to those who nominated folks. We selected Danielle Efrat’s article [description of and nice things about Daniella’s article].

Stefan Vogler for Grad Paper Award Committee: Great papers nominated, chose Isaac Dalke for honorable mention [description of and nice things about Isaac’s paper] and Blanca Ramirez as winner [description of and nice things about Blanca’s paper].

Swethaa Balakrishnan for Article Award Committee: Honor to read the articles and how rich our littlish field is and how consequential our questions are. It was a very hard choice to pick the winners. Two honorable mention and one winner, all not here, but great, great work. Great illustration of what the future of the field ought to be. Robin Bartram [description of and nice things about Robin’s paper]. Talia Shiff [description of and nice things about Talia’s paper]. Winner is Poulami Roychowdhury [description of and nice things about Poulami’s paper].

Emily Ryo for Book Award Committee: Thanks to committee members (Jenny Carlson, Asad Asad, David Frank, and Holly McCammon). Wide range of topics and revealed how vibrant the field is, many excellent nominated, but two rose to the top. Matthew Clair honorable mention [description of and nice things about Matt’s book]. Stefan Vogler winner [description of and nice things about Stefan’s book].

**Bylaws Amendment Discussion**

Liz: We have some proposed bylaw amendments that we need to discuss (by rule).

One shouldn’t require much discussion and will be on the ballot: remove the term newsletter editor and replace it with Chair of the communication and publications committee because the newsletter is defunct for now. Not precluding the revival of the newsletter at some point if future section letter wants to do it.

[No comments from audience]

Less straight forward is undergraduate student paper prize: do we want to continue to offer it? Should we handle it differently if we keep it? This year’s committee was very enthusiastic about Daniella’s paper, but in recent years we’ve not had as much interest and most sections don’t seem to have this type of prize. Should we eliminate it or try harder to recruit nominations?

Mark Suchman: If we want to eliminate it because we don’t have enough submissions, that’s our fault. We can nominate more papers. I’ve nominated several winners. I tell students in my classes students in this class have won awards, hopefully that’s inspiring. Eric has also nominated several winners. Great way to build interest in the field. Very valuable to have the prize. If it was a cost issue, that’s a discussion point; but we should nominate more.
Sida Liu: Every year, we don’t get a lot of nominations. I share Mark’s view, but this also means all of us need to try harder to promote the award among our undergrads. As chair elect, next year we will also try harder to promote the award better and also maybe move the deadline later.

Mark: The deadline makes a big difference, the biggest and best papers come in later.

Liz: It was April 30, but later would probably help. Consensus is try harder and next year we’ll do that. Other comments? [No] Invite Sida to remark on incoming chair.

**Comments from the Chair Elect/Incoming Chair**

Sida Liu: Thanks to Liz for all of her hard work in the past year.

As Liz mentioned, ASA is building this secret platform that’s not yet launched, but we’ve (Liz, Ashley) gotten some training in it. Better than list-serve, and more 21st century. Every month, leaders send out monthly emails, but you don’t really engage much otherwise, but with ASA Connect (still not launched, so guessing) we can all be more engaged and members can engage more with each other. As a section, we can think about how to use it. We can decide how much to put into the platform. At a minimum, we’ll continue the monthly emails, but we’ll likely do a lot more. We can do forums for section members, a civil polite version of the rumor mill, post information about the job market; section members can directly connect without the section leaders. We’re very excited about it. We’d love input from everyone about how we as a section can take advantage of that and the new website.

This year I was program committee chair, four really exciting panels, one yesterday (Swethaa chaired) but three more to go. Attend those panels! As a section, that’s how we build community.

**Closing**

Liz: Thank you all for attending! Meeting adjourned.

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**Council Meeting**

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**Council Breakfast Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday, August 9, Savoca Restaurant, JW Marriott*

Formatting Notes:
- parentheses indicate absent individuals
- Brackets indicate comments from leadership, rather than person giving the report. Double brackets indicate updates since the meeting.
1. Welcome and introductions

Liz: Thanks to those who attended and helped with the social last night!

2. Special welcome to incoming officers and Council members: Sida Liu, Chair; Ron Levi, Chair-Elect; new Council members Matthew Clair, (Theresa Rocha Beardall, Michael Sierra-Arevalo).

3. Thanks to those who will be rotating off the Council: Monica Bell, (Jennifer Carlson), (Jill Weinberg); (Elizabeth Martin, grad student rep)

4. Treasurer’s report – Ashley Rubin

Ashley: Upshot: We spent more this year than last (obviously), but we also made less money (so far) this year than last year, so we are eating our buffer that we built up.

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Last year, we had more dues income (330 v. 221), but a lower section budget allocation (1874 v. 2003), but overall we were ahead in terms of how much we brought in YTD at that point.

And of course last year we didn’t have a reception because no in-person ASA and this year it was especially expensive.

We’re also currently lower in membership (420) than we were last year with (471) (we’re ahead where we were in 2020—399).

[Question from Ron or Shauhin (?) about pass the hat – discussion about doing it over email instead.]
Membership is down [group discussion: but ASA overall and other sections are also down recently, so probably we’re okay. But we should drive membership all year.]

5. Committee chairs’ reports
   • Program committee - Sida Liu

Sida: Five-person committee, quite a few submissions. Need to think about how to coordinate bc CLD also had L&S panels.

[Ashley: These are organized outside of sections by ASA program committee (?) or other general leadership.]

Fewer roundtables this year (only three, originally five, people dropped).

[Liz: Topics picked were interesting but narrow, were there a lot of submissions?]

Last year someone thought we should do a virtual covid one and got zero submissions so dropped that and split up the legal actor/infrastructure into two panels.

Next year, think of more general topics.

[Ron: When do we decide this?]

We can email the list and ask for ideas and decide later.

[Liz: Some sections do entirely open calls, but get a lot of submissions and sometimes hard to get them to hang together.]

Having a professional development panel this year, many thought a good idea. Do we do that every year? It does take up a slot.

[Ashley: Do it online next.]

• Nominating committee - Monica Bell, Asad Asad

Monica: Thanks to those who agreed to run for positions!

Committee was Monica, Asad, Beth Hirsch, and Spencer Headsworth. Modeled it on how Mary Rose did it previously. Did a ranked voting process to figure out whom to nominate. Council was easy, plenty of candidates on time, students went well. Chair took more time to find a second candidate. We had not previously done an open call to the community, even though it makes sense to do. Someone wanted to run late in the process, so needed to have a more open process. Frustrating during covid because many are turning things down.

[[AR: We used to do a call for nominations. It usually brought in a lot of good suggestions.]]

[Liz: had a lot of trouble staffing committees. Will this continue next year? Thank you Monica and committee!]
• Communications and Publications committee - Liz Gorman, Ashley Rubin

Liz: The big project for this year was to tackle the communications issue for the section. Newsletter had become defunct. Had a sense as a member that there wasn’t enough communication within the section, just the chair’s email. Followed Shauhin’s practice of sending out a monthly email (other sections are more annoyingly frequent).

Convened a committee of Ashley, Sida, Emily, and Brian Gran. Considered various possibilities about reviving a newsletter or other alternatives that people are interested in and that people would be willing to do the work for. No interest or willingness to do the newsletter, so that’s over.

Came down on creating a website with announcements, ideally we’d start to make resources available (syllabi, comprehensive exam reading lists), post pictures of events, and location of a blog whose goal would be to provide accessible, non-specialist-friendly summaries of members’ research (which other sections do successfully), hoping to get people into the habit of thinking about this and getting others to read the blog posts that they might not otherwise read the academic version. Aiming to be like another blog that actually gets journalists’ attention. So far, posts from Sida and our award winners. Idea is to promote people to what’s available there through twitter and eventually through other forms of social media.

ASA is moving toward a new communication system replacing the listserves with something like LSAtalk, but more complex. Way to communicate within and beyond sections. We all need to learn how to use that.

Ashley: Twitter going well, not that much work, encourage folks to do blogs!

Liz: Also good to do original essays.

[Monica: In law, there’s reviews of other people’s articles. That could be another great genre.]

[Matt: Job market candidates might have a clear motivation to do.]

[Swethaa: People coming in might be interested.]

Ashley: RA position on the rise? As treasurer, I’m not sure I support it. Recommend staggering committee so people have help for the first six months to see it’s not so scary work.

• Mentoring committee – (Jill Weinberg)

Liz: Nothing much happened this year. Regret that we didn’t have any mentorship.

[Sida: We do have the PD panel]

• Book award committee – (Jennifer Carlson), Asad Asad

Asad: Committee was Jenny, David John Frank, and Emily Ryo. Jenny was a fearless leader and organized wonderfully. Each member read 7-8 books, two readers per book, pick two favorites, then took the list of books where one or two readers supported it, then all read 7-8 books at the end. Each read them, some recusals. Vogler’s book won, Clair’s recommended. Wonderful work from our section members.
[Liz: Thank you to the committee!]

- **Article award committee – Swethaa Ballakrishnen**

Swethaa: Had about 37 articles that qualified. (Checking qualification took more time than expected.) Rose to 40 with stragglers. Each read about 10 articles, then upped 5 papers each, then everyone read those 15, then top 5 that got more than two votes each got lengthy discussions. Committee met four times. Big spreadsheet. Lot of people who were field-adjacent submitted. Lots of recusals. Two honorable mentions, both could have easily been the winner. Robin and Talia. Poulami had the most votes. Even if you don’t win, you’re winning by being in that top block.

[Ron: We should go after these field-adjacent people to advertise ourselves to them.]

[Matt: Make membership required?]

Nominator needs to be member.

[Liz: Winners need to become members.]

- **Grad Student Paper award committee – (Stefan Vogler)**

From Stefan in absentia via Liz: They received 15 submissions. Recommendations: Page length limit given that some submissions were 35 pages but others were 70-80 pages like a law review. More equitable if more standardized.

[Sida: I’ll think about it]

- **Undergrad Student paper award committee – (Mary Nell Trautner)**

Liz: We’re one of the few sections that has a UG award. There were very few submissions.

[Sida: We should discuss whether to keep that award or not.]

[Monica: Surprised there are so few]

Group: Usually very few.

Liz: Most UGs aren’t thinking about ASA.

[Emily: It’s more a function of an advisor. You might get five noms from one person. There’s a structural inequality. Opportunity needs to be the same for all.]

[Matt: Same thought. We should promote this as a thing to tell section members: nominate your students. Think about people admitting students to grad program.]

[Demar: Promote in December after people have graded finals, think about nominating your students, targeted.]
[Liz: If we keep it, recommend pushing the deadline later than April 30. Probably senior theses are best qualified, and those are later.]

[Demar: Do several monthly reminders.]  

[Shauhin: Have grad committee handle these papers?]  

[Sida: We need bylaw change.]  

[Swethaa: We don't have to give an award if there are too few noms.]  

[Liz: One approach is try harder to promote, later deadline, and if that doesn’t work, we abolish it.]

6. Proposed by-laws changes  
   • Re “Newsletter Editor” language

Liz: Proposal is delete “newsletter editor” and replace with “publications committee chair” [see email for language].  

[No issues raised.]  

   • Re undergraduate paper award

[See above. We discussed this before as part of the committee reports.]  

7. Sida Liu remarks re upcoming year

Sida: No big agenda for next year, but want to highlight the new ASA Connect platform. A new website for ASA, all sections will have a group; list-serve will end in September and we’ll launch our group then. We want to replicate the monthly email (at minimum)—it will take the form of a post in that group.

What else do we want to do with the platform? Really powerful platform. Members can organize threads, discussions, debates, job market advice. Ashley had suggested a more civil version of the rumor mill. Opens up a lot of possibilities and all sections are currently trying to figure out how to use this. After the launch, we’ll have a better idea.

Ashley and I will be the two main people using it but want more advice and suggestions about what we can use for this platform. Will discuss the rest at the business meeting.

Closing

Liz: Thank you to everyone for your service!

Awards

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

Honorable mentions:


Committee: Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Chair; Scott Duxbury, Simone Zhang

Distinguished graduate student paper award

Honorable mention:

Committee: Stefan Vogler, Chair; Tony Cheng, Rebecca Johnson

Distinguished undergraduate student paper award
Daniella L. Efrat, UCLA, “Immigration-Related Retaliation Facing Undocumented Low-Income Workers in California”

Committee: Mary Nell Trautner, Chair; Theresa Rocha Beardall, Erin McAuliffe

Distinguished book award

Honorable mention:

Committee: Jennifer Carlson, Chair; Asad Asad, David Frank, Holly McCammon, Emily Ryo

Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award (joint with the Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance)
Co-winners: Alexes Harris, University of Washington, and Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine

Committee: Anthony Peguero, Chair; Fiona Kay, Ethan Michelson, Sara Wakefield.
2022 Finances

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

The section’s income was $229 less than estimated. We are not sure of the reasons for this. The section’s expenses were $926 greater than budgeted. This was primarily due to the unexpectedly high cost of holding a reception in downtown Los Angeles. The cost of award plaques was also somewhat higher than anticipated because the titles of the selected papers were long, which led to higher lettering costs. On the other hand, the costs of student award winner travel expenses were less than budgeted. Despite our overall higher expenses, we were able to leave the section with a comfortable balance of $3,306.

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 Sections’ communications strategy was the Chair’s principal focus during the 2021-2022 year. The following message sent by the Chair to the membership via the Section listserv summarizes what was done.

Hello Sociology of Law Section members,

I’m delighted to announce that the Section has a new website and blog! You can find the website here: https://asasociologyoflaw.com — and the Law in Action blog here: https://asasociologyoflaw.com/law-in-action/.

Since the section ceased issuing a formal newsletter a few years ago, communications within the section have been largely limited to the Chair’s monthly email. This spring, the Publications and Communications Committee tackled the question of what we could do in addition to improve information flow and enhance the sense of community and vitality in the section. After several alternatives were considered and evaluated — for both their value for members and the potential that volunteers would be willing to do the necessary work — a consensus emerged around a three-pronged strategy involving a new website, a blog, and more active use of social media. Committee Chair (and Secretary-Treasurer) Ashley Rubin has graciously volunteered to take the lead on these initiatives.

The website will serve a dual purpose as both an introduction to the section for non-members and a store of information and resources for members. Currently, the site provides information concerning the current and past leadership of the section, current and past award winners, sessions and other upcoming events at the annual ASA meetings, and other news. In the future, we plan to include other resources as well, such as course syllabi and comprehensive examination reading lists.

We’re especially excited about the public-facing Law in Action blog. The core content will be summaries of members’ newly published work, written in accessible, high-impact style suitable for students, journalists, and policymakers. Our hope is to provide greater visibility for
important ideas and findings that should be known beyond the relatively small audience of academic specialists. We’ve launched the blog with a piece from Chair-Elect Sida Liu and posts from this year’s award honorees are starting to come in. **We invite all of you to submit posts about your new articles or books!** The blog will also welcome “issue explainers” and other short, thoughtful essays on current law-related problems and events, again aimed at a public audience. To submit a post, contact Ashley Rubin at atrubin@hawaii.edu for details.

We’ll publicize new blog posts, as well as other section news, more actively and consistently on **Twitter and other social media** as appropriate. Graduate students: we expect that next year’s budget will include funding for an assistant to help with this, so if you’re web- and social-media-savvy and would like to help the section, contact Ashley Rubin to let her know of your interest. This will be a great opportunity to work with the Publications and Communications Committee and become informed about the exciting work going on in the section.

Finally, I want to recognize the Publications and Communications Committee — Chair Ashley Rubin and members Sida Liu, Emily Taylor Poppe, and Brian Gran — for the time and effort they put in to developing a thoughtful strategy that would serve the section’s needs in a sustainable way. Thank you all!

Best,

**Elizabeth Gorman**

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

The Section is committed to encouraging and achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion so that sociologists from all backgrounds feel represented and welcomed. Section leadership – including officers, Council members, and committee members – reflected substantial diversity with respect to gender, race, and ethnicity. In September 2021, the Chair solicited volunteers to form an ad hoc committee on membership, diversity, and inclusion, but unfortunately there was insufficient response from the Section membership to do so.

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).

**Sociology of Law Section Program at the Los Angeles ASA Meetings**

**Monday, August 8**

**3717. Section on Sociology of Law. Decolonizing the Sociology of Law: Gender, Race, and the Global South**

LACC, Level 2, 304C, 2:00-3:30pm

Session Organizer: Jack Jin Gary Lee, New School For Social Research
Presider: Jack Jin Gary Lee, New School For Social Research

Inherently Traumatic, Invariably Victimizing: The Legal Construction of Subject Positions for Survivors of Sexual Violence - Tugce Ellialti-Kose, Trent University

Of Deviance and Patriarchy: Mechanisms of Gender-Based Discrimination in Russia’s Corruption Markets - Marina Zaloznaya, University of Iowa; Jennifer Glanville, University of Iowa; Jennifer Lola Haylett, University of Iowa

Rationalizing Gender Exclusion: The Genesis of a Gendered Juridical Field in the Islamic Republic of Iran - Reyhaneh Javadi, University of Alberta

Sexual Citizens, Traditional Subjects? Thinking Sexual Democratization Beyond Colonial bifurcations - Stephen D Seely, University of Newcastle

Statecraft and Borderwork: Emerging Frontiers of Political and Social Representation in Colonial Punjab - Harleen Kaur, UCLA

Discussant: Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen, University of California Irvine

Section on Sociology of Law Reception
Bonaventure Brewing Company, 404 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Tuesday, August 9

4144. Section on Sociology of Law Roundtables
LACC, Level 2, 502B, 8:00-9:00am
Session Organizers: Sida Liu, University of Toronto; Mikaela Rabinowitz, San Francisco District Attorney’s Office

Table Presider: Sida Liu, University of Toronto

Table 1. Structure and Bureaucracy in Criminal Justice

Table Presider: Joshua Kaiser, University of Massachusetts- Amherst

Brazil’s Public Defenders in Action: A Topological Study of Work, Inequality and State Transformation - Maria-Fátima Santos, University of California, Berkeley

Bureaucracy, Legitimacy, Race, and Class: The Historical Origins of Penal Exclusion in the United States - Joshua Kaiser, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

How Structural Power and Social Inequalities are Reinforced by Police-Subject Encounters - Craig Alan Boylstein, Coastal Carolina University
Litigant Status and the Judicial Gatekeeping of Expert Evidence in Courts - Timothy L. O'Brien, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Stephen L Hawkins, UW-Milwaukee

Peering through the Blue Wall: Police realignment and California’s SB-1421 peace officer transparency law - Carlos Felipe Bustamante, George Washington University

Possibility of Alternative Adjudication: A Case of Alternative Justice System Developed by the Kurds in Turkey - Yeter Tan, Binghamton University

Table 2. Legal Challenges for Organizations and Civil Society
Table Presider: Ina Filkobski
Lawyers In The Streets: Public Assembly And Protest In Hong Kong Between Empire And Totalitarianism - Terence C.Halliday, American Bar Foundation
Legislation processes and their impact on civil society of Israel - Ina Filkobski
Mediating Autonomy: Healthcare Organizations’ Response to the California End of Life Option Act - Megan S. Wright, Pennsylvania State University; Cindy L. Cain, University of Alabama-Birmingham


The closing civic space for women's organizations in Rome - Martina Di Folco, University of Oxford

Table 3. Rights, Inequality, and Alternatives
Table Presider: Meredith Hall, University of Southern California

Automobility on Installments or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Car Loans - Nicholas Tucker Reyes, Teachers College, Columbia University; Spencer Headworth, Purdue University

Codifying Fear: Measuring How Fear Reifies Environmental Law - Kat Albrecht, Georgia State University

COVID-19 and The CARES Act in the Deep South: Mortgage Relief, Race, and Foreclosure - Bronwen Lichtenstein, University of Alabama; Joe Weber, University of Alabama

Owning the Hate: Property Entrepreneurship and the Trademarking of Racial Slurs - Meredith Hall, University of Southern California

Section on Sociology of Law Business Meeting
LACC, Level 2, 502B, 9:00-9:30am
4336. Section on Sociology of Law. Becoming a Sociologist of Law  
LACC, Level 2, 409A, 10:00-11:30am  

Session Organizer: Sida Liu, University of Toronto  
Presider: Sida Liu, University of Toronto  
Panelists: Ellen Berrey, University of Toronto; Elizabeth Chiarello, Saint Louis University; Kwai Hang Ng, University of California, San Diego; Ashley T. Rubin, University of Hawaii- Manoa; Emily Ryo, University of Southern California

4536. Section on Sociology of Law. Legal Actors and Legal Infrastructures I  
LACC, Level 2, 409A, 12:00-1:30pm  

Session Organizer: Matthew Peter Fox, SUNY Brockport  
Presider: Vitor Dias, Indiana University-Bloomington  
A Tale of Two Worlds? Child Custody Outcomes of Divorce Litigations in Contemporary China - Ya Su, Dickinson College  
Expandable and Worthy? Victim Exceptionalism Tradeoffs in Immigrant Legal Services - Lilly Yu, Harvard University  
Global Environmental Change, Local Social Problems: Litigating for Climate Justice in a Microcosm of the Anthropocene - Vitor Dias, Indiana University-Bloomington  
Punitive Protests and Judicial Decisions: Evidence from Brazil’s Anti-Corruption Movements - Luiz Vilaca, University of Notre Dame

4736. Section on Sociology of Law. Legal Actors and Legal Infrastructure II  
LACC, Level 2, 409A, 2:00-3:30pm  

Session Organizer: Heba Alex, University of Chicago  
Presider: Heba Alex, University of Chicago  
A Study of Pandemic and Stigma Effects in Removal Proceedings - Ian Peacock, University of California, Los Angeles; Emily Ryo, University of Southern California  
Democratizing the Local State: Claims, Complaints and the Right to Welfare in India - Anindita Adhikari, Brown University  
“Legal Exhaustion” and the Crisis of Human Rights: Legal Mobilization Against Torture of Kurdish Women - Nisa Goksel, Arizona State University-West; Jaimie Morse, University of California-Santa Cruz  
Of the State, Against the State: Public Defenders, Street-Level Bureaucracy, and Discretion in Criminal Court - Gillian Sle, Princeton University  
Using the law to contest law enforcement: How activists intervene in legal fact-finding - Magda Boutros, University of Washington
This panel sessions definitely met the Section’s goal of promoting intellectual exchange and exposure to new and exciting research in the subfield. The professional workshop on “Becoming a Sociologist of Law” provided guidance and advice to early-career sociologists with interests in sociology of law. The Mentoring Committee had intended to plan a mentoring event to take place during the Annual Meeting, but this did not come to fruition due to family emergencies affecting the committee membership. It was fortunate, then, that the lack of a mentoring event was offset to some extent by the professional workshop. The reception, held on the terrace at Bonaventure Brewing Company, was well-attended and successful, and met the Section’s goal of promoting networking. The business meeting and the Section’s in-person program as a whole promoted a sense of community that many members experienced with pleasure and gratitude after two years of virtual meetings due to the Covid pandemic.

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 Mentoring Committee had initially intended to plan a mid-year mentoring event. Unfortunately family emergencies prevented the committee membership from following through on that intention.