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 Section on the Sociology of Sexualities
2022 Business Meeting Agenda
August 6, 2022, 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm, J.W. Marriott Gold Level, Gold Salon
https://bowdoin.zoom.us/j/91900440599?pwd=RGFVMjF2U3NlZUEwUT09

1. Welcome (Angela Jones)

2. Thank You to Outgoing Members and Welcome to New Section Officers (Angela Jones)
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3. Financial/Membership Report (Theo Greene)
4. Updates on Section Journal (Angela Jones)
   - Proposal for section journal submitted to ASA Publications Committee, who will convene for approval in January.
   - Section intends to move forward with a section journal.
   - Thanks to those on the steering committee who participated and offered their feedback.
   - More information to follow on section journal and potential dues fees. Questions can be directed to Angela, Moon, or Theo.

5. Awards Presentations (Angela Jones and Committee Members)
   a. 2022 Martin P. Levine Dissertation Award Winner (Angela Jones)
   b. 2022 Distinguished Book Award (Angela Jones)
   c. 2022 Best Graduate Student Paper (Chris Barcelos)
   d. 2022 Distinguished Article Award (Brandon Robinson)
   e. 2023 Simon and Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award (B. Ethan Coston)
   f. 2022 Early Career Award (Angela Jones)

6. Introduce New Chair, Moon Charania (Angela Jones/Theo Greene)
   - Due to time constraints and the virtual presence of the incoming chair, Angela announced that Moon will send a welcome email to the section membership.

7. Ideas for ASA 2023 Session Sessions (Theo Greene)
   - Due to time constraints, Theo invited people to meet him after the meeting to submit recommendations for section.

8. Nominations for Chair-Elect and Council for 2023 (Theo Greene)
   - Any nominations for next year’s chair-elect and council can be forwarded to incoming Past Chair, Angela Jones.

9. New Business (Theo Greene)
   - Due to time constraints, any new business items can be submitted via email to incoming Chair (Moon Charania), or incoming Secretary-Treasurer (Megan Carroll).
   - Reminder to membership to join the reception at 7:30 pm that evening at the LA LGBT Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.
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At this rate, the funds will be depleted in seven years if we give out $4,000 each year, and eight years if we give out $3,500 each year. We encourage you to donate to the Martin P. Levine Dissertation Fellowship if you can help support the outstanding work of emerging scholars.

It has been a pleasure serving you in the capacity as secretary treasurer. I look forward to continuing my service as Chair-Elect.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo Greene
Secretary/Treasurer, Section on Sexualities

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**2022 Council Meeting Agenda**

August 6, 2022, 10 am – 11 am, J.W. Marriott Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
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**In attendance:** Angela Jones, Theo Greene, B. Ethan Coston and Ghassan Moussawi, Moon Charania, Megan Carroll, Jane Ward, Baker Rogers, Greggor Mattson, Baker Rogers, Jessenya Hernandez, Sarah Steele, and Brandon Andrew Robinson

**Absent:** Blu Buchanan and Brittney Miles

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11. Financial/Membership Report (Theo Greene)
   a. See attached document.

12. Updates on Section Journal (Angela Jones)

   *Proposal for section journal submitted to ASA Publications Committee for review. Response for section journal expected in January 2023.*

   Once approved, it will go to the Council for approval, then it will go to the membership for approval and dues increase.

   Questions about affordability to the student members arose. Council determined that we faculty members could absorb more of the increase.

13. Institutionalizing Orientation and New Leader Training (Angela Jones)

   a. In the past, how much or how little training new chairs and secretaries receive reflects the choices of individual previous leaders. Not having such a system in place has led to unintended yet preventable mistakes. As chair, I created an orientation doc for new chairs and hope that council can discuss and implement a system for ensuring that all new chairs and secretaries have all the necessary information. (See working doc and recommendations).

   Chair announced the institutionalization of new leader training, asking Council to weigh in at a later time due to time constraints.

14. New Positions (Angela Jones)

   a. Does the section want to institutionalize several new positions, including new website, ASA connect moderators, and YouTube channel, we might want to seek a volunteer to help us curate and fix our section Dropbox folder (creating and archiving and organizing).
Chair announced the institutionalization of new positions, asking Council to weigh in at a later time due to time constraints.

15. Committee Reports (Committee Chairs)
   See attached reports by each chair. Due to limited time, we will only have time to discuss questions for clarification and actionable items.
   
   a. Graduate Paper Award
   b. Distinguished Article Award Committee
   c. Distinguished Book Award Committee
   d. Martin P. Levine Dissertation Award
   e. Program Committee
   f. Nominations Committee
   g. Simon and Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award

16. Issues Related to Section Awards (Angela Jones)
   a. **DEI Statements**: Council needs to discuss whether we want to discontinue the use of these statements or revise them. If we continue to use them, we may want to suggest a word length moving forward, given that some people give us one sentence and others several paragraphs.

   Assessments of statements from awards committees revealed that these statements were not useful.

   Analytics meant more than positionality of the author – particularly to celebrate queer of color critique, intersectionality, and transnational research. Council also expressed concern that positionality statements seem a bit too panoptic and neoliberal, reinforcing static identities.

   Committee members agreed that other criteria (i.e., intersectional methods, diversity in citational practices) provided better barometer for assessing diversity and inclusion.

   Committee voted affirmatively to discontinue these statements for future award cycles.

   **Book Award Committee**: The section is receiving increasing numbers of book submissions, and we may need to adopt another system for evaluation. First, future chairs should probably staff this committee with more people. Second, we could adopt a different system for evaluation. For example, if we have 20 books (we actually did, but one was ineligible due to copyright date). Then if we were a larger committee, we’d divide books into groups. So, let’s say we have 8 members and 4 groups of 2. Each pair reads 2-3 books and advances one to the shortlist. Then the entire committee reads each of the shortlisted books. Third, we could not submit our award winners to ASA in June, forgo having the names in the program, which would give the committee more time to evaluate the books. Still, do people want to be
doing this work over the summer?

Ordering awards prove a concern for delaying the award submission date.

Council considered pushing the deadlines for the book award to an earlier time to ensure more time for the committee to review books.

Council weighed in on the challenges of increasing committee members, which includes coordinating schedules with more people.

Council recommended that the decision of distributing books and rubrics for managing workload should be at the discretion of the chair.

Council debated two options:

Everyone read the Introduction and Conclusion of all the books, create a shortlist and then read the entire books on the shortlist.

Council considered committee to read one book and provide a summary of the reading and the merits of the book for the committee to review and select awards using summaries. This might provide equity across committee members from different institutions.

Council voted affirmatively to give the committee both options and allow them to decide. Council also agreed to include detailed instructions for rubrics for each circumstances. Since committees must submit a report, they will have to delineate the processes of awards selection.

**Number of Winners and Honorable Mentions:** Over the past few years, the section has started giving away far more co-winners, honorable mentions, etc. The book award committee referred to this as an “Oprah moment” (as in you get an award, you get an award). We have discussed this before but did not act. Does the council want to make policy/guidelines here?

Council decided that Honorable Mentions are important for graduate students to include on their CVs.

We began issuing award certificates to Honorable Mention winners, which were inexpensive and easy to create.
Council voted affirmatively to leave Honorable Mentions at the discretion of individual award committees.

d. **Accessibility and Book award committee:** Moving forward, should we add a note to the book award call that we accept books in PDF and hard copies?

Council discussed how numerous publishers only provide electronic book copies (or unlimited use of electronic books) in comparison to hard copies.

Allowing e-book submissions also supports section’s ongoing efforts toward diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Does the submission of e-books produce issues of accessibilities.

Council voted affirmatively to include electronic book submissions as part of their calls. If committee members require physical copy, we can indicate preferences for hard copies or e-books.

a. **Eligibility Dates:** In revising our award calls, do we want to clarify acceptable dates for articles (online first and print) and add exact language about ASA policy regarding copyright dates (vs release date) for books?

The Section will accept Online First articles and include that information in the calls.

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Theo Greene
Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer

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It has been a pleasure serving you in the capacity as secretary treasurer. I look forward to continue my service as Chair-Elect.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo Greene
Secretary/Treasurer, Section on Sexualities
Distinguished Article Committee Report

Prepared by: Moon Charania

On April 15, 2022, The Sexualities Distinguished Article Award committee met for 2 hours. Each member of the committee was asked to read each article and come to meeting with their top two or three choices. A total of seventeen articles were submitted for nomination and each article was accompanied by author’s positionality statements. The positionality statements were compiled in a google document for all members to reference.

As Chair of the committee, I reiterated both the awards rubric and the priorities we have as a section. The Awards Rubric by which we abided were as follows.

1. Scholarly approach (Does the article centers sexuality as its primary analytic and is its approach intersectional/transnational/Indigenous/Decolonial?)

2. Significance of research question (Does the article and its varying queries put pressure on the discipline of Sociology?)

3. Methods/Analysis (Here we prioritized methods as a field of ethics, reflexivity, etc….)

4. Contribution/Impact (What new conceptual frames are offered, does the article advance the field, etc.)

5. Writing Quality (Prose, craft, etc….)

The other crucial priorities we shared as a committee was to give preference to BIPOC and Queer/Trans work as well as junior faculty.

In our meeting, Sara Shroff’s article, “Bold Women, Bad Assets: honour, property and techno-promiscuities” almost unanimously surfaced to the top; for most members, she was the first choice. Shroff’s article centers 26-year Qandeel Balooch, a Pakistani social media star, who was strangled by her brother in 2016. Excavating the discourses of honour, capital and promiscuity that emerged around her murder, Shroff brilliantly exhumes the politics of technology, economics and sexuality that shaped both Qandeel’s highly visible life and death. Shifting honor away from its dominant framing as a crime of culture, Shroff reads honour as a metric of heteropatriarchy and capitalism. This reconfiguration of honour was an analytic that stood out to all members.
The committee unanimously agreed that Shroff’s article was smart, well-written, original and made an excellent contribution to a highly relevant and timely issue. Shroff, a junior faculty at Global South institution (Lahore University of Management Sciences), offered a uniquely decolonial approach to sexuality.

The committee decided to honor two other excellent articles Tara Gonsalves, “Gender Identity, the Sexed Body, And the Medical Making of the Transgender”; and a co-authored article by Ghassan Moussawi and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, “Queer Sociology: On Power, Race, and Decentering Whiteness.” Both excellent articles that critically reorient Sociology towards queer of color and trans modes of inquiry.
Sociology of Sexualities 2022 Distinguished Book Award

Prepared by: Angela Jones

The Distinguished Book Award committee received 20 books, including both hardcopies and PDFs. One was disqualified due to copyright eligibility. The committee met twice. We used the ranking system to guide discussion in our first meeting. Still, we discussed each book. We narrowed the submissions down to 5 books. We read the shortlist closely and met again to discuss these books. Our final deliberation was incredibly challenging. We decided on two co-winners and an honorable mention. However, this decision was not unanimous but instead a consensus. We were torn about whether to award another honorable mention.

We recommend that the book award committee reevaluate its deliberation procedures. We are now getting 20 or more books for the past three years. It is simply too laborious for 5 people to read 20 books in a matter of 3-4 months.

We also recommend that in the award calls we note that we accept hardcopies or PDFs.

Co-Winners


Barcelos’s book is an eye-opening feminist ethnography of teenage pregnancies that challenges deeply racist and sexist ideas regarding adolescent pregnancy. They brilliantly use queer of color critique and women of color feminisms to take a fresh and innovative look at teenage pregnancy, by focusing not on identities but racialized, gendered, and classed fashionings of the self in relation to state’s neglect of racially minoritized populations. Barcelos' work is the kind of reflexive and feminist ethnography that allows us to see the ways that states queer certain populations by positioning them as outside normativity—thus deserving of control and “punishment.” The book offers new critical frameworks including the teen pregnancy prevention complex and gendered racial projects, which will undoubtedly shape future research in sociology, gender studies, public health, and beyond.


Vogler’s fantastic ethnography explores the complexities of state classification systems through a sophisticated analysis of how in the US, state officials categorize and make sense of LGBTQ asylum seekers and sex offenders facing carceral punishment identities. The choices and decisions of state actors reify various forms of social control. Vogler argues that the institutionalized classification methods work to naturalize and reinforce conceptions of sexuality rooted in racism, sexism, and cissexism. Vogler’s gift to us is a call to shift how many scholars still think about sexuality. Sexuality is not merely an identity but rather a technology—particularly a technology of social organization and control. Thus, sexuality is used to sort and categorize in ways that reify existing systems of oppression.

Honorable Mention:

Vijayakumar’s brilliant ethnography focuses on AIDS and HIV prevention programs in both India and Kenya. Using transnational and intersectional frames, Vijayakumar explores how sexuality, gender, caste, and nationalism shape global crisis responses. Centering hyper marginalized populations, Vijayakumar demonstrates the critical role that sex worker’s rights activists and LGBTQ people played in India’s AIDS response once the global AIDS complex labeled them “At-Risk.” Interesting, enduring a crisis and being marked “at-risk” opens up access to vital resources, and at the same time shows how marginalized folks like sex workers capitalize on such moments of crisis to challenge state actors, public health authorities, and corporate stakeholders. These activists adroitly show how the AIDS crisis evidences other significant issues stemming from the inequities of global capitalism, which despite the influx of resources to address the crisis leaves the core issues of criminalization, poverty, sexism, caste, and cissexism unchanged.
ASA Sexualities Levine Award Committee Report
Prepared by: Angela Jones
The committee received six submissions. We met and discussed the merits of each proposal. We did use the rankings but our scores did not point to an immediate winner with committee members' scores often being vastly different. Still, after a much generative conversation, we arrived at the following winner and honorable mentions below.
Recommendations: despite advertising for the award in the section digest and on social media, we only received six submissions. Like the early career and lifetime achievement awards, this committee may want to think about additional strategies for recruiting more submissions.

Sociology of Sexualities Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship Winners

Winner: Michelle Gomez Parra, University of California, Santa Cruz
“Desiring a Better Life: Heteronormativity, Mobilities, and Generational Negotiations among Latinas”

Desiring a Better Life proposes an ambitious study on the effects of mobility on mothers and their daughters that is both methodologically exciting and theoretically advanced. This brilliant analysis considers how Latinas' relationship to heteronormativity reflects mobility through immigration and higher education while shaping gender and sexual subjectivities. A particularly exciting element of the project is in how it aims to capture generational negotiations of gender and sexuality, through interviews with migrant mothers and college-going daughters, exploring their mobility experiences and relationships to heteronormativity. Using Photovoice and other participatory digital methods, the project has the potential to make contributions not only to theorizing on sexuality, but also to the methods sexualities researchers in sociology use. This work is bound to contribute to our understanding of racialized sexualities.

Honorable Mentions:
Erika Slaymaker, the University of Texas at Austin
“Gender Flashpoints: Constructing and Contesting the Gender Binary”

“Gender Flashpoints” proposes a cutting-edge study that advances our understanding of the ongoing effects of the gender binary, as well as resistance to it. This valuable analysis examines anti-trans public debates in Texas focused on "bathroom bills" and "anti-trans sports bills." The project explores how gender binaries are re-emphasized at particular "flashpoints," the way these bills emphasize "female vulnerability" and "female fairness," and how LGBTQ activists navigate public discussions. Using a multi-methods approach that draws on ethnography, interviews with public actors, activists, and other leaders, content analysis, and archival work, the project has the potential to inform activists navigating other flashpoints around the gender binary. This work promises to contribute to our understanding of trans studies and the overlap of the sociology of sexualities and the sociology of sex and gender.

Nik M. Lampe, University of South Carolina
“Healthy Aging Beyond Sex and Gender Binaries”

“Healthy Aging Beyond Sex and Gender Binaries” proposes incredibly important work that critically explores the experiences of diverse trans, nonbinary, and intersex people over 65 accessing appropriate health care, given the cisnormativity and endonormativity endemic in health care. The
The project explores access and experiences in health care, advance care planning, and managing health as older TNBI adults through interviews with 50 adults. The project will undoubtedly make important contributions to understanding the complexities of aging for this population, informing strategies for the provision of medical care to aging TNBI populations.
ASA Sexualities Program Committee Report

The section program committee met and discussed all the ideas presented at the business meeting as well as additional ideas that came in via email. While narrowing these ideas down was challenging, we decided on sessions for our four allotted sessions. As part of our ongoing DEI goals and work, we co-organized one with Global and Transnational Sociology and Disability and Society. Also, we decided to have all sessions co-organized. Our goals were two-fold. First, we thought paring a junior and senior scholar (loosely defined and not always possible) together might be an excellent mentoring experience. Second, especially given the ongoing status of the world, we thought dividing the division of labor might also be helpful. As chair, I solicited feedback from organizers and will summarize that informal assessment at the council meeting at ASA. Thus, the section can decide if it wants to institutionalize this practice (especially as long as the pandemic continues) or just have people co-organize when they opt to.

Sexualities Program Committee Sessions 2022

Quantified and Qualified: Metrics of Sexualities
This panel highlights methodological innovations in sexualities research. We encourage papers that disrupt and challenge conventional and conservative epistemological and methodological sociological practices through interdisciplinary, anti-colonial, feminist, and queer perspectives. Papers using autoethnographic methods are especially welcome. We also encourage papers that raise methodological qualms, tensions, and failures as imaginative possibilities and queer potentialities. Papers may attend to a range of topics including, but not limited to: discussions of affect and emotions, collaborative work, reflections on/in the field, queer methodologies, questions of rigor and generalizability, and productive tensions and failures. We are seeking papers that use intersectional frames, and we especially desire papers foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

Organizers
Ghassan Moussawi and Elliot Chudyk

Sexualities, Disabilities, and Displaced Bodies (Co-sponsored by Disability and Society)
This panel explores the contemporary effects of sexual ableism and compulsory able-bodiedness that perpetuates ableist, heteronormative ideas regarding sexuality. We encourage panelists to explore how racism, cissexism, transmisogyny, and misogynoir compound ableist stereotypes and sexual ableism. In addition to papers focusing on the connections between compulsory able-bodiedness, sexual capital, and displacement, we seek work that centers on how disabled folks crip notions of compulsory heterosexuality. We are seeking papers that use intersectional frames, and we especially desire papers foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

Organizers
S Crawley and Emily Ruppel

The Intimacies of Sex and Death
This panel focuses on the literal and figurative proximities of sex and death. Harshly foregrounded by anti-Black and anti-immigrant trans violence, the impact of COVID-19 on sexual cultures, and the movement of queer and trans people across political borders, these intimacies of sex and death also extend to matters of pleasure, desire, and representations of the erotic. Additional topics include vulnerability and risk involved with sex vis-a-vis HIV/AIDS, HPV, BDSM, chemsex, queer sex and anti-queer murder/violence, and conceptual reflections on sex and death, including necropolitics, the erotics of mourning and grief, and queer futurity. We seek papers that use intersectional and transnational frames, and we especially encourage papers
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**Organizers**
Jyoti Puri and Minwoo Jung

**Sexual Political Margins  (Co-sponsored by Global and Transnational Sociology)**
Drawing on the conference theme, this panel considers the relationship between sexualities, political marginality, migration, and the State. The inscription of sexualities and sexual politics into bureaucratic structures, policies, and processes, as well as the capacity of sexualities to disrupt these institutional dynamics, reveals relationships in our social world. We seek papers that explore how sexualities become relevant to political repression, resistance, abolition, and extremism. We are especially interested in papers that consider the sexual politics, identities, and experiences among the Far Right, marginalized transnational groups, and those who are politically repressed. We are seeking papers that use intersectional frames, and we especially desire papers foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

**Organizers**
Yan Long and Rick Braatz
The Nominations Committee consisted of the following members:

Chair: Vrushali Patil patilv@fiu.edu
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Sarah Adeyinka-Skold, sarah.adeyinka-skold@furman.edu
Deniz Yucel, denizyucel18@yahoo.com

This year, the committee needed to fill seven positions: Chair, Secretary/treasurer, three council members, and two graduate student representatives. The committee ultimately produced a slate of eleven candidates for the seven open spots. Drawing from volunteers for various positions, as well as soliciting among our larger membership, the committee sought to produce a slate which reflected the diversity of our section, especially in terms of racial identification, gender identity and national origin. I am pleased to report that the committee was able to offer a slate that was diverse in at the very least one of these ways for every position.
American Sociological Association
Section on Sociology of Sexualities
Simon & Gagnon Lifetime Career Award Committee Report 2022

Submitted by Committee Chair B. Ethan Coston

Committee Members:
Chair – B. Ethan Coston
Council – Vrushali Patil
Council – Greggor Mattson
Council – Julia Meszaros
Prior Recipient - Gloria Gonzalez Lopez

The Simon & Gagnon Lifetime Career Award Committee began our work by e-mail beginning November 29, 2021. Once our committee was in place, we shared the call for nominations, aggregated nominations (we used a shared folder and document in Google Drive for this), confirmed all nominee files were submitted with nominations, reviewed the nominee files, and evaluated the nominee files based on the evaluation rubric.

The call for nominations first went out on the Sexualities listserv on XXX, with a February 1, 2022 deadline. Regular reminders were also sent via the listserv. The call for nominations that was distributed to section membership appears below.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Section on the Sociology of Sexualities of the American Sociological Association aims to encourage, enhance, and foster research, teaching, and other professional activities in the sociology of sexualities for the development of sociology and society's benefit. Our discipline is stunted when it fails to recognize and celebrate the work of marginalized scholars. As a section, we want to make meaningful choices about the scholarship our section values, which is critical to remaining at the forefront of sociology and pushing its boundaries. As such, for all the awards below, committees will pay particular attention to cutting-edge, intersectional, transnational, indigenous scholarship and work from Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), trans and non-binary, disabled, and other marginalized scholars. All the rubrics used for evaluating our awards are here

Please note: All nominees must be registered members of ASA in order to be considered for section awards.

Sociology of Sexualities Simon and Gagnon Lifetime Career Award

Deadline: 2/1/2022

The Simon and Gagnon Award commemorates decades of research and writing on sexualities by Professor William Simon (University of Houston), who died on July 21, 2000, and his longtime collaborator, Professor John Gagnon (SUNY-Stony Brook), who passed away in 2016. The award honors a scholar's lifetime career contributions to the field of sexualities.

The committee will evaluate: 1) breadth of scholarly contributions across an established career of work and projects that span at least twenty years post-PhD; 2) the contributions and impact of the scholarship. Impact metrics may be noted in submissions and will be taken into account. Given that evaluation based solely on impact metrics can reproduce institutionalized inequality, and marginalized scholarship is less frequently published in journals with high impact factors, the committee will also focus on the
contributions and influence of the scholarship, specifically on the field of sexualities; 3) the reach of their work such as through receipt of other awards or recognition or publication/translations in languages other than English; 4) service to the sociology of sexualities field, which may include but is not limited to contributions through teaching, mentorship, community building, and public sociology and; 5) how their scholarship engages with, offers, or advances indigenous sociology, intersectional and/or transnational frames.

Nominations must include electronic copies of 1) a nomination letter, 2) the nominee's CV, and 3) nominee writing samples (not to exceed four) directly relevant to the sociology of sexualities. Nominees must be a member of the section and have received their Ph.D. at least twenty years before the nomination deadline. Self-nominations are not accepted.

The required nomination letter should detail how the nominee has met the qualifications outlined above. Please make sure that the letter explicitly discusses each writing sample, how they meet the criteria, and exemplify the distinct contributions they have made to the field of sexualities. Please also describe the nominee's institutional context. If they are in a faculty position, what is their teaching load? We are especially interested in weighing how institutional context shapes scholarly output and considering faculty's workload at teaching-centered and community colleges. Given the section's commitments to equity and inclusion and our collective desire to recognize and celebrate marginalized scholars' work, please include information in the nomination letter that describes how the scholar or their work contributes to equity and inclusion in the section. The committee also values information regarding mentorship to students of color, first-generation, working-class students, women LGBTQ students, and non-traditionally aged students.

Self-nominations and nominations without a nomination letter will not be considered. Please submit electronic nominations that include all required components, via email to the committee chair, B. Ethan Coston, bmcoston@vcu.edu.

The winner will receive the award at the annual meeting of the ASA in 2023. The section will also organize a session around the awardee's work or scholarly interests for that same year.

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2022.

We received one nomination on January 19, 2021. On January 24, after discussing options with the entire Committee, B. Ethan Coston reached out to Section Chair Angela Jones about receiving the list of names of individuals nominated in the previous year, but who did not receive the award. Based on this list, Coston solicited two additional nominations, which arrived on January 31, 2021 and February 1, 2021 respectively. At this time, the Committee Chair performed the necessary nominee eligibility validation tasks:

- Have twenty or more years passed since the nominee earned their PhD as of the nomination deadline date? If not, nomination is ineligible for consideration.
- Is this a self-nomination? If so, the nomination is ineligible for consideration.
- Is the nominee a member of ASA? If not, the nomination is ineligible for consideration unless the nominee wishes to become a member of ASA prior to committee review of nominations (reach out to nominee).
- Is the nominee a member of the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities? If not, the nomination is ineligible for consideration unless the nominee wishes to become a member of the section prior to committee review of nominations (reach out to nominee).
- Does the nomination include a nomination letter? If no, the nomination is ineligible for consideration (reach out to nominator to let them know this and offer the chance to submit a letter by the publicly-posted nomination deadline).
- Does the nomination contain more than four writing samples? A maximum of four writing
samples may be considered. Contact the nominator if there are more than three writing samples for guidance on which samples to discard prior to distribution for committee review.

Once verified, committee members were contacted and nominee files (in the shared Google Drive) were distributed for review, on February 2, 2022. The committee originally planned to have the nominee files reviewed and meet for discussion by April 1, but at the mid-March check-in, we collectively decided to push back to May 1. On April 18, 2022 we scheduled a May 12, 2022 Committee meeting to discuss the nominees and decide the recipient. Committee members tallied their scores based on the evaluation rubric criteria and scale (see below).

**Standardized Evaluation Rubric**

All award committees must use the section’s standardized evaluation rubrics and follow the protocols outlined in this procedural document. All committees are required to use a two-tiered process. First, individual committee members should use the scoring and ranking system, below, to evaluate articles, chapters, papers, books, and dissertations. Then, they should meet as a group *at least once* to discuss the outcomes. The chair of the committee should take notes to document the committee deliberations and to help inform both the required committee report that is due to the section chair, as well as the text that will be read aloud at ASA to announce the award winner(s). Finally, the chair must ensure that each committee member receives this procedural document outlining the required award committee process (including the chair’s responsibility to form balanced committees) and how our section defines sexualities scholarship, intersectionality, transnational, and Indigenous scholarship.

**What is Sexualities Scholarship?**

Sexualities scholarship broadly examines how social processes shape sexual identities, behaviors, cultures, desires, pleasures, danger, and fantasies and how sexualities shape and are shaped by institutional dynamics, interactions, and the individual. Sexualities scholarship shows the importance and need of studying sexuality itself and how studying sexuality helps us to understand the broader social world.

**What is Intersectional Scholarship?**

Intersectional sexualities scholarship examines how sexuality intersects with other social categories such as race, class, and gender to illuminate the complexities of sexualities in relation to intersecting systems of domination, oppression, and privilege. Sexualities scholarship that is intersectional generally involves asking theoretical and empirical questions informed by how these intersecting systems of domination provide opportunities and barriers across broad cross-sections of lived experience. What this may mean practically is that the interdependence among race, class, gender, and sexuality is substantively engaged with throughout a given work rather than being treated as independent variables, with intersections being taken up in footnotes or brief sections. Sexualities empirical work grounded in intersectional frameworks often includes a discussion of researcher reflexivity, ethics, and evidence that intersectionality has been incorporated throughout—from literature review to methodological choices, analytic approaches, analysis, discussion, and conclusion.

**What is Transnational Scholarship?**
By transnational, we mean scholarship that prioritizes cross-border analysis. Such analysis might consider economic, political, cultural, and other processes that cross geo-political and other borders. While research sites within a transnational framework are often located outside the United States, they may also include sites within the United States, or sites that are situated in more complex ways. In highlighting cross-border processes and analysis, transnational work challenges the US as the default site of analysis, as well as US-centric theories, assumptions, and scholarship.

**What is Indigenous Scholarship?**

Indigenous Sociology includes scholarship that is both produced by, and focused on, indigenous peoples. This work engages with multidisciplinary literature exploring Native experiences, issues pertinent to Indian Country, settler-colonialism, decolonization, and indigenous perspectives, critiques, and theorizing. This work avoids pathologizing Native peoples (and other stolen peoples) and takes seriously the need to combat settler-colonial frameworks in sociological research. *Further information can be found with the Section for the Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations.*

**Rubric**

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Committee members should consider the following questions in their evaluations.

Significance of Research Questions: Does the scholarship identify a gap in the literature? Does the research question(s) speak to this gap? Do the research questions push the boundaries of sociology?
Data, Methods, and Analysis: Do the methods used align with the questions asked? Does the scholarship employ innovative methods? Does the data support the claims made? Are limitations of the research design, and how these limitations were addressed discussed? Is the scholarship reflexive and/or reflective on the positionality of the researcher? Are the research practices, methods, and analyses ethical? Are data analyses appropriate and sufficiently explained?

Contribution/Impact: Does the work make significant contributions to advancing the field of sexualities? Does the scholarship offer a new conceptual frame(s)? Does it build upon or advance existing theory in new and exciting ways? Will the work reshape the ways scholars think about a particular subject? Are findings from the scholarship linked to broader fields of inquiry? Would you assign this work in class?

Writing quality: Is the scholarship written well? Is the prose engaging? Is the writing accessible? Is the work well organized? Does it meaningfully engage with a diverse cross-section of scholars and scholarship and reflect ethical and equitable citation practices?

During final deliberations, committees can and should take into consideration the information nominators and candidates provided regarding scholar positionality or how their work contributes to equity and inclusion in the section. It is also during second-round deliberations that committees will consider: Does the work embody the section's goals and values, such as using an intersectional or transnational analysis?

Based on these criteria, Committee Members evaluated the three nominees. The Committee Chair then tallied the sum evaluation scores for all three nominees, across all five Committee Members’ scores, producing the following results:

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On May 12, 2022 the committee met virtually to discuss the rank order, the process for deciding the recipient, and any issues, concerns, or considerations that needed to be taken into account. We unanimously agreed that the person who received the highest scores across all Committee Members’ rankings, Jyoti Puri, was the clear winner. Draft comments about the award winner were developed by the Committee Chair and sent to the Committee members on May 25, 2022. Committee members read and commented on the draft, and on May 28, 2022 the award winner was notified by the Chair.

When asked whether or not there were any comments, issues, or recommendations about the process, Committee Members agreed that this year’s process was clear, that communication from the Committee Chair was direct and comprehensive, and that the evaluation criteria and rubric were easy to understand and apply. There were no suggestions for improvement in those areas. We did, however, discuss the problem of lacking nominees (e.g. we only received one nominee without having to directly and personally solicit additional others). We all agreed that making personal asks ahead of award calls might
prove effective. This includes both contacting scholars we believe would make good candidates (and informing them of the process of being nominated), as well as contacting individuals in our networks who might have the capacity to coordinate a nomination for one of their colleagues. The Committee Chair also brought up the use of, or lacking use of, social media for these purposes (and wondered what kinds of outreach we could be doing, and in what ways, in advance of the deadline).

ASA Sexualities Chair Orientation Materials

The Section on Sexualities has developed the following orientation materials to assist new chairs as they settle into their new position. This document provides an overview of critical tasks and timelines and summarizes key section-specific practices.

As incoming chair, begin by reviewing the ASA Sections Manual, which is in the New Officer Orientation Materials Dropbox folder, and on the ASA website alongside other resources for new chairs: https://www.asanet.org/section-leaders. The ASA Section Manual is 34 pages and so we have synthesized critical information in this document. In addition to reading through these documents, please do try to attend the new section leader orientation at the annual ASA meeting in August.

Contacts:

- For questions or assistance with issues related to Sections, contact sections@asanet.org.
- For questions on Annual Meeting program planning, sessions, and receptions, contact Meeting Services at meetings@asanet.org.
- For questions on membership or joining a Section, contact Membership at membership@asanet.org.
- For a full staff directory, visit www.asanet.org/staff.

Important Dates:

Below are important dates from the ASA, which are described in further depth in this document. Dates below are provided only as a planning guide and subject to change. Please refer to monthly Section leader emails for the latest deadlines. These dates are related to governance and administrative activity only. The Meeting Services Department will provide Annual Meeting planning related deadlines separately.

August Section leader orientation session during Annual Meeting

August 20 Update ASA Office with names of authorized listservs senders

August 20 Election - Update ASA Office with name of election coordinator/ nominating committee chair

August 31 Official Section member count taken

October 15 Award nomination calls due for posting on ASA website

November 15 Bylaws amendments and dues change proposals due

November 15 Annual Report due

January 15 Election – Deadline to enter slate into the online election system
February 1 Election – Deadline for candidates to join ASA and the Section to be eligible to appear on the ballot
February 28 Election – Deadline for candidates to enter biographical information into online election system
March 31 Election – To be eligible to vote in the election, a membership must be active between April 1 and June 1.
April Election – ASA-wide and Section election opens
June Election – ASA Office contacts all candidates of the election results; Section chairs inform Section membership of results
June 1 List of award winners for printing in ASA Award Program due
July 31 Gift Membership deadline
August 1 Deadline to request an award check to be picked up on-site at Annual Meeting

**Sexualities Section Specific Guide:**

While the ASA section leader orientation is useful, sections norms and practices vary, and in what follows we outline key tasks and practices to keep in mind. You will receive regular emails from ASA, and currently from Mark Fernando. The emails from Fernando are critical. His monthly emails outline key deadlines to keep in mind.

The new chair hits the ground running after the baton is officially passed at the annual meeting in August. At the Section business meeting at the annual conference, the section begins to seek volunteers for committees, and immediately after the conference, the Secretary/Treasurer sends out a Google form or other sheet collecting the names of volunteers for committees. At this meeting, as the new chair, you will have taken suggestions for session ideas from the floor of the business meeting. Right after ASA, the chair should meet with the Secretary/Treasurer for a new leadership meeting to discuss upcoming deadlines and the volunteer list and suggested session list. It is also good to have this orientating meeting as the chair and secretary work on most tasks together.

August and September are busy months for the chair, which for those on the semester system are already busy months as we return to class. Still, having a good sense of what you’ll need to do, hopefully, makes these ASA tasks manageable. First, the new chair works on committee staffing. It is critical that you use the Section Staffing Template to fill these roles. We have a system for staffing committees first with elected council members and then with volunteers from the solicited list. Do keep in mind that sometimes you will need to move people around. For example, if the council member who generally would chair the article committee is submitting work that year, you might switch them to the book award chair. Also, critically, when staffing committees, please keep the section’s DEI goals in mind. That is, please keep the scholar’s areas of expertise, institutional affiliation and rank, and identities (to the extent that you have this information) in mind when staffing committees. Email all committee members with their assignments and instructions. It is critical to give committee chairs the names and emails but also directions. Sample emails are in the appendix. Please edit them as you see fit. However, not all committee chairs will have served in this role before, and even if they have in other sections, it is important that they receive section-specific directions. It is also vital to send committee chairs emails with directions throughout the award cycle, outlining deadlines. See the appendix for an additional sample email.
Once your committees are organized, you can immediately turn to your work chairing the Program Committee. This happens quickly, and in 2021-22, the completed sessions were due to ASA on October 1st. The finalized award calls are also due this month. In 2021-22, the calls were due on October 15th.

Next, the section’s annual report is due in November. Don’t worry. This is not too onerous. There are several sections in this report, and you, the outgoing chair, and the secretary/treasurer have a section to complete. You can find all the past reports in Dropbox and can use those as a guide if helpful.

While you are working on the tasks above, the past-chair will be working with the nominations committee you assembled to put together our slate of candidates for the spring election. While the deadline for section ballots is in January, the nominations committee should have begun its work in the fall. Getting people to agree to run and finalize the slate can take time.

After the new year, your work slows, but it is important to remain in contact with your committees as needed, especially around the award deadline in February and as new membership numbers come in work with the secretary/treasurer on membership drives over the months leading up to the conference. Also, the section does 2-3 Newsletters that are independent of the bi-monthly Digest that goes out to the Listserv. So, after the new year, you’ll want to discuss with the section secretary and the Newsletter editor your plan and timing for the year’s Newsletters.

In the spring, as section chair, you will be chairing the Levine Dissertation Award, the Book Award committee, and the Reception Planning Committee. In 2021-22, the deadline for all award winners to appear in the program is June 1st. The deadline for contract submission for reception venues was due June 1 for on-site and July 1st for off-site.

In advance of the August meeting, once all award winners have been selected and submitted to the ASA, you’ll need to work with the section secretary to collect committee reports. Remember to remind your award committee chairs that they should be prepared to announce the winners and briefly describe the winning work at the business meeting. Also, as part of the transition into new leadership, please update this document and other relevant section materials for incoming leadership.

Appendix:

Committee Assignments-ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities

To the best of their ability, the section chair will work to ensure that committees reflect differences in racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual identities, and abilities of the section membership and the sociology of sexualities studies at large. Among the committee volunteers, the section chair should ensure that all committees have representation from scholars across a range of institutions (including non-faculty researchers), as well as scholars working in marginalized areas such as transnational scholarship and trans studies. Given that some people may not volunteer on their own (for a range of reasons), this means the section chair, in consultation with the council, should consider reaching out directly to people who did not volunteer or who are not in the section as a way to get more people involved.

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
Council Member 1st year
Council Member 1st year
Past recipient (when available)
Volunteer(s)
*one of the council members on this award’s committee serves as Chair of Committee
**Best Article**
Chair-Elect (chair of the committee)
Council 2\textsuperscript{nd} year
Council 2\textsuperscript{nd} year
Volunteer(s)

**Book Award Committee**
Chair- (chair of the committee)
Council 2\textsuperscript{nd} year
Council 2\textsuperscript{nd} year
Volunteer(s)

**Simon & Gagnon Distinguished Career Award (alternating with Early Career)**
Outgoing Chair
Council, 3\textsuperscript{rd} year
Council, 3\textsuperscript{rd} year
Past recipient (when available)
Volunteer(s)
*one of the council members on this award serves as Chair of Committee

**Early Career Award (alternating with Simon & Gagnon)**
Outgoing Chair
Council, 3\textsuperscript{rd} year
Council, 3\textsuperscript{rd} year
Past recipient (when available)
Volunteer(s)
*one of the council members on this award serves as Chair of Committee

**Martin Levine Dissertation Award Committee**
Current Chair (Chair of the Committee)
Sex and Gender Chair
LGBT Caucus Chair (this varies, sometimes this individual is not available)
Volunteer(s)

**Program Committee**
Chair
Secretary/Treasurer
Grad Reps
Volunteer(s)

**Nominations Committee**
Outgoing Chair
Council, 1\textsuperscript{st} year
Council, 1\textsuperscript{st} year
Volunteers

**Roundtable Organizers**
2—to be selected by current chair

**Reception/Local Arrangements Committee**
Chair
Volunteer(s) who live locally
(Chair of co-sponsoring section, when applicable)

Sample Emails to Committee Chairs to Be Tailored as Chair Sees Fit
Email after initial staffing:

Dear Committee Chair:

Thank you for chairing the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. Below you will find an overview of your tasks as committee chair, directions for your committee, and a copy of the award call, and the standardized rubrics the section (link to current docs) uses to evaluate applications. First, as award committee chair, please review your duties:

Now that we have submitted our award calls to ASA, please contact your committee members and let them know where you will store applications and provide them access to that Dropbox, Google Drive, etc. Also, please direct all your committee members to read your committee’s award call, our rubrics, and evaluation instructions carefully. This document has critical information regarding our two-tiered evaluation process, questions to consider during evaluation, and at what points the committee considers factors such as whether the work is intersectional and the applicant positionality statement. Your committee members are:

It is the job of the award committee chair to ensure that each candidate under consideration for an award meets the basic eligibility criteria for that award (e.g., nomination materials submitted by the publicly-posted deadline, page limits, positionality statement submitted, etc.)

Please certify your pool of candidates. If the pool has a limited number of candidates, if, for example, there are no BIPOC or trans candidates (to the extent you have access to this information), or if the pool has no candidates that do transnational and intersectional work, the committee can solicit additional nominations.

Especially for our most labor-intensive committees such as book and article awards, you may want to direct your committee members to begin reading as submissions come in. For example, we have been averaging 20 book submissions, and some committee members may face challenges beginning their reading in February and deliberating only a couple of months later. Below is ASA’s general timeline for the evaluation of award submissions:

February – First round review of nominations

March – Second round review of nominations

April – Final round of review of nominations

May – Makes final award selection

Thus, you can tweak this as you see fit to meet the needs of your committee, intending to have the names, titles, and a short description of what the committee valued in the award-winning work to me by May 27th. Our more labor-intensive committees such as book and article often first meet in April and then again in May.

Once all submissions are received, please also ask your committee members to disclose any conflicts of interest. Members who know someone or have worked with someone, do not need to recuse themselves,
but you might ask them to publicly disclose the COI and choose to have them weigh in last during deliberations of that application.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your continued service to the section. Your committees' award call is below.

Warmly,

CHAIR

INCLUDE CALL BELOW

**Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities**

**Deadline: 2/1/2022**

Papers are currently being accepted for the 2022 ASA Sociology of Sexualities' Graduate Student Paper Award. Winner(s) will receive the award at the ASA's annual meeting in Los Angeles in 2022. In accordance with the ASA policy, winners must be members of the section. This award is given to a paper authored by a student currently enrolled in a sociology graduate program.

The committee will evaluate the article based on several criteria, including an evaluation of 1) the significance of the research questions posed; 2) quality/rigor of the research; 3) contributions/impact of the discovery or theoretical innovation; 4) the expansion of knowledge or representation for underrepresented groups; 5) and overall writing quality. We particularly encourage submissions that employ indigenous sociology, intersectional, and transnational lenses, as well as those from marginalized scholars.

Papers do not have to be published to be eligible; submissions should be manuscript length and no longer than 35 typed, double-spaced pages. A paper may be co-authored by two or more students who would share the award. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible.

Self-nominations are welcome. Nomination letters are not required and will not be considered in the awards process." Please send an email to the committee chair, XXXXX with your/author’s name, institutional affiliation, email, paper title, if applicable journal/edited volume, and publication date (online first or print are both acceptable as long as it was during 2020-2021 calendar year), and brief positionality statement.

The section is committed to equity and inclusion and advancing our collective desire to recognize and celebrate marginalized scholars' work. Thus, please, if the nominee is comfortable, please include information in your notification to the committee chair that indicates if the scholar is from a historically marginalized group and if their scholarship engages with, offers, or advances indigenous sociology, intersectional and/or transnational frames. This positionality statement is also helpful to our work compiling Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statements as part of our annual reports to ASA.

The deadline for nominations is **February 1, 2022.**
APPENDIX ONE: REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

MEMBERSHIP:

As of July 29, 2021, our current membership totals 442, down from 464 in 2022 and up from 412 in 2020. We can attribute a variety of factors to the decrease, including declining numbers of membership renewals overall. I feel hopeful that we can improve on these numbers, but we will need to continue encouraging our members to renew (and whenever possible, offer gift membership). The numbers have steadily increased over the course of the year, however, due to a push by the Secretary/Treasurer to encourage memberships renewals and gift memberships through the biweekly digest.

Effective last year, the official count date (which will determine our annual budget and our session allotment at next year’s ASA) has moved from September 30 to August 31. In previous years, we have managed to get our official count above 500 due to a final push that occurs between the end of ASA and the September 30 deadline. Although the additional memberships are small during this period (25 – 30), they have been essential to keep the threshold for a section journal. Additionally, our membership numbers influence the budget allotment for the section in the 2022-2023 year.

Next Year’s Conference in Philadelphia will take place August 17 – 21, 2023. These dates depart from the traditional Friday to Tuesday format to a Meeting running from Thursday to Monday. Our scheduled “day” for ASA’s 2022 Annual Meeting is Saturday, August 19 (Day 2 of the Conference). We will likely have 3 sessions for next year’s conference.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

NB: These estimates are based on the latest financial information provided by ASA (ending in June 2021). This report may change between now and the Business Meeting on August 6.

As of August 04, our section has a total balance of $4,144.00. This balance does not reflect expenses for award plaques ($373), shipping, and expenses related to the reception ($252.18 for beverages; food expenses TBD). While we will not be able to provide an estimate at this time, we will end the fiscal year with a surplus of nearly $2000 for 2023.

MARTIN P. LEVINE FELLOWSHIP FUNDS

As of May 19, 2022, the balance of the Martin P. Levine Fellowship Funds was $25,209.30. This does not count the $4,000 that were disbursed to this year’s winner ($3,000) and two honorable mentions ($500 each). Once these funds are disbursed, the funds will stand at $21,209.30. In the past several years, we have given out between $3,500 and $4,000 each year. Multiple winners split the $3,000 cash prize, while the honorable mentions receive $500.
At this rate, the funds will be depleted in seven years if we give out $4,000 each year, and eight years if we give out $3,500 each year. We have begun this year to seek donations to add to the pot; however, we have only raised about $1000 so far. ☹️ We will need to continue considering a more sustained and aggressive effort to raise funds to keep this fellowship going.

It has been a pleasure serving you in the capacity as secretary treasurer. I look forward to continue my service as Chair-Elect.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo Greene
Secretary/Treasurer, Section on Sexualities
Distinguished Article Committee Report

Prepared by: Moon Charania

On April 15, 2022, The Sexualities Distinguished Article Award committee met for 2 hours. Each member of the committee was asked to read each article and come to meeting with their top two or three choices. A total of seventeen articles were submitted for nomination and each article was accompanied by author’s positionality statements. The positionality statements were compiled in a google document for all members to reference.

As Chair of the committee, I reiterated both the awards rubric and the priorities we have as a section. The Awards Rubric by which we abided were as follows.

1. Scholarly approach (Does the article centers sexuality as its primary analytic and is its approach intersectional/transnational/Indigenous/Decolonial?)
2. Significance of research question (Does the article and its varying queries put pressure on the discipline of Sociology?)
3. Methods/Analysis (Here we prioritized methods as a field of ethics, reflexivity, etc....)
4. Contribution/Impact (What new conceptual frames are offered, does the article advance the field, etc.)
5. Writing Quality (Prose, craft, etc....)

The other crucial priorities we shared as a committee was to give preference to BIPOC and Queer/Trans work as well as junior faculty.

In our meeting, Sara Shroff’s article, “Bold Women, Bad Assets: honour, property and techno-promiscuities” almost unanimously surfaced to the top; for most members, she was the first choice. Shroff’s article centers 26-year Qandeel Balooch, a Pakistani social media star, who was strangled by her brother in 2016. Excavating the discourses of honour, capital and promiscuity that emerged around her murder, Shroff brilliantly exhumes the politics of technology, economics and sexuality that shaped both Qandeel’s highly visible life and death. Shifting honor away from its dominant framing as a crime of culture, Shroff reads honour as a metric of heteropatriarchy and capitalism. This reconfiguration of honour was an analytic that stood out to all members.
The committee unanimously agreed that Shroff’s article was smart, well-written, original and made an excellent contribution to a highly relevant and timely issue. Shroff, a junior faculty at Global South institution (Lahore University of Management Sciences), offered a uniquely decolonial approach to sexuality.

The committee decided to honor two other excellent articles Tara Gonsalves, “Gender Identity, the Sexed Body, And the Medical Making of the Transgender”; and a co-authored article by Ghassan Moussawi and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, “Queer Sociology: On Power, Race, and Decentering Whiteness.” Both excellent articles that critically reorient Sociology towards queer of color and trans modes of inquiry.
Sociology of Sexualities 2022 Distinguished Book Award

Prepared by: Angela Jones

The Distinguished Book Award committee received 20 books, including both hardcopies and PDFs. One was disqualified due to copyright eligibility. The committee met twice. We used the ranking system to guide discussion in our first meeting. Still, we discussed each book. We narrowed the submissions down to 5 books. We read the shortlist closely and met again to discuss these books. Our final deliberation was incredibly challenging. We decided on two co-winners and an honorable mention. However, this decision was not unanimous but instead a consensus. We were torn about whether to award another honorable mention.

We recommend that the book award committee reevaluate its deliberation procedures. We are now getting 20 or more books for the past three years. It is simply too laborious for 5 people to read 20 books in a matter of 3-4 months.

We also recommend that in the award calls we note that we accept hardcopies or PDFs.

Co-Winners


Barcelos’s book is an eye-opening feminist ethnography of teenage pregnancies that challenges deeply racist and sexist ideas regarding adolescent pregnancy. They brilliantly use queer of color critique and women of color feminisms to take a fresh and innovative look at teenage pregnancy, by focusing not on identities but racialized, gendered, and classed fashionings of the self in relation to state’s neglect of racially minoritized populations. Barcelos' work is the kind of reflexive and feminist ethnography that allows us to see the ways that states queer certain populations by positioning them as outside normativity—thus deserving of control and “punishment.” The book offers new critical frameworks including the teen pregnancy prevention complex and gendered racial projects, which will undoubtedly shape future research in sociology, gender studies, public health, and beyond.


Vogler’s fantastic ethnography explores the complexities of state classification systems through a sophisticated analysis of how in the US, state officials categorize and make sense of LGBTQ asylum seekers and sex offenders facing carceral punishment identities. The choices and decisions of state actors reify various forms of social control. Vogler argues that the institutionalized classification methods work to naturalize and reinforce conceptions of sexuality rooted in racism, sexism, and cissexism. Vogler’s gift to us is a call to shift how many scholars still think about sexuality. Sexuality is not merely an identity but rather a technology—particularly a technology of social organization and control. Thus, sexuality is used to sort and categorize in ways that reify existing systems of oppression.

Honorable Mention:

Vijayakumar’s brilliant ethnography focuses on AIDS and HIV prevention programs in both India and Kenya. Using transnational and intersectional frames, Vijayakumar explores how sexuality, gender, caste, and nationalism shape global crisis responses. Centering hyper marginalized populations, Vijayakumar demonstrates the critical role that sex worker’s rights activists and LGBTQ people played in India’s AIDS response once the global AIDS complex labeled them “At-Risk.” Interesting, enduring a crisis and being marked “at-risk” opens up access to vital resources, and at the same time shows how marginalized folks like sex workers capitalize on such moments of crisis to challenge state actors, public health authorities, and corporate stakeholders. These activists adroitly show how the AIDS crisis evidences other significant issues stemming from the inequities of global capitalism, which despite the influx of resources to address the crisis leaves the core issues of criminalization, poverty, sexism, caste, and cissexism unchanged.
ASA Sexualities Levine Award Committee Report
Prepared by: Angela Jones
The committee received six submissions. We met and discussed the merits of each proposal. We did use the rankings but our scores did not point to an immediate winner with committee members’ scores often being vastly different. Still, after a much generative conversation, we arrived at the following winner and honorable mentions below.
Recommendations: despite advertising for the award in the section digest and on social media, we only received six submissions. Like the early career and lifetime achievement awards, this committee may want to think about additional strategies for recruiting more submissions.

Sociology of Sexualities Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship Winners

Winner: Michelle Gomez Parra, University of California, Santa Cruz
“Desiring a Better Life: Heteronormativity, Mobilities, and Generational Negotiations among Latinas”

Desiring a Better Life proposes an ambitious study on the effects of mobility on mothers and their daughters that is both methodologically exciting and theoretically advanced. This brilliant analysis considers how Latinas’ relationship to heteronormativity reflects mobility through immigration and higher education while shaping gender and sexual subjectivities. A particularly exciting element of the project is in how it aims to capture generational negotiations of gender and sexuality, through interviews with migrant mothers and college-going daughters, exploring their mobility experiences and relationships to heteronormativity. Using Photovoice and other participatory digital methods, the project has the potential to make contributions not only to theorizing on sexuality, but also to the methods sexualities researchers in sociology use. This work is bound to contribute to our understanding of racialized sexualities.

Honorable Mentions:
Erika Slaymaker, the University of Texas at Austin
“Gender Flashpoints: Constructing and Contesting the Gender Binary”

“Gender Flashpoints” proposes a cutting-edge study that advances our understanding of the ongoing effects of the gender binary, as well as resistance to it. This valuable analysis examines anti-trans public debates in Texas focused on "bathroom bills" and "anti-trans sports bills." The project explores how gender binaries are re-empasized at particular "flashpoints," the way these bills emphasize "female vulnerability" and "female fairness," and how LGBTQ activists navigate public discussions. Using a multi-methods approach that draws on ethnography, interviews with public actors, activists, and other leaders, content analysis, and archival work, the project has the potential to inform activists navigating other flashpoints around the gender binary. This work promises to contribute to our understanding of trans studies and the overlap of the sociology of sexualities and the sociology of sex and gender.

Nik M. Lampe, University of South Carolina
“Healthy Aging Beyond Sex and Gender Binaries”

“Healthy Aging Beyond Sex and Gender Binaries” proposes incredibly important work that critically explores the experiences of diverse trans, nonbinary, and intersex people over 65 accessing appropriate health care, given the cisnormativity and endonormativity endemic in health care. The
project explores access and experiences in health care, advance care planning, and managing health as older TNBI adults through interviews with 50 adults. The project will undoubtedly make important contributions to understanding the complexities of aging for this population, informing strategies for the provision of medical care to aging TNBI populations.
ASA Sexualities Program Committee Report

The section program committee met and discussed all the ideas presented at the business meeting as well as additional ideas that came in via email. While narrowing these ideas down was challenging, we decided on sessions for our four allotted sessions. As part of our ongoing DEI goals and work, we co-organized one with Global and Transnational Sociology and Disability and Society. Also, we decided to have all sessions co-organized. Our goals were two-fold. First, we thought paring a junior and senior scholar (loosely defined and not always possible) together might be an excellent mentoring experience. Second, especially given the ongoing status of the world, we thought dividing the division of labor might also be helpful. As chair, I solicited feedback from organizers and will summarize that informal assessment at the council meeting at ASA. Thus, the section can decide if it wants to institutionalize this practice (especially as long as the pandemic continues) or just have people co-organize when they opt to.

Sexualities Program Committee Sessions 2022

**Quantified and Qualified: Metrics of Sexualities**
This panel highlights methodological innovations in sexualities research. We encourage papers that disrupt and challenge conventional and conservative epistemological and methodological sociological practices through interdisciplinary, anti-colonial, feminist, and queer perspectives. Papers using autoethnographic methods are especially welcome. We also encourage papers that raise methodological qualms, tensions, and failures as imaginative possibilities and queer potentialities. Papers may attend to a range of topics including, but not limited to: discussions of affect and emotions, collaborative work, reflections on/in the field, queer methodologies, questions of rigor and generalizability, and productive tensions and failures. We are seeking papers that use intersectional frames, and we especially desire papers foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

**Organizers**
Ghassan Moussawi and Elliot Chudyk

**Sexualities, Disabilities, and Displaced Bodies (Co-sponsored by Disability and Society)**
This panel explores the contemporary effects of sexual ableism and compulsory able-bodiedness that perpetuates ableist, heteronormative ideas regarding sexuality. We encourage panelists to explore how racism, cissexism, transmisogyny, and misogynoir compound ableist stereotypes and sexual ableism. In addition to papers focusing on the connections between compulsory able-bodiedness, sexual capital, and displacement, we seek work that centers on how disabled folks crip notions of compulsory heterosexuality. We are seeking papers that use intersectional frames, and we especially desire papers foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

**Organizers**
S Crawley and Emily Ruppel

**The Intimacies of Sex and Death**
This panel focuses on the literal and figurative proximities of sex and death. Harshly foregrounded by anti-Black and anti-immigrant trans violence, the impact of COVID-19 on sexual cultures, and the movement of queer and trans people across political borders, these intimacies of sex and death also extend to matters of pleasure, desire, and representations of the erotic. Additional topics include vulnerability and risk involved with sex vis-a-vis HIV/AIDS, HPV, BDSM, chemsex, queer sex and anti-queer murder/violence, and conceptual reflections on sex and death, including necropolitics, the erotics of mourning and grief, and queer futurity. We seek papers that use intersectional and transnational frames, and we especially encourage papers
foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

Organizers
Jyoti Puri and Minwoo Jung

Sexual Political Margins  (Co-sponsored by Global and Transnational Sociology)
Drawing on the conference theme, this panel considers the relationship between sexualities, political marginality, migration, and the State. The inscription of sexualities and sexual politics into bureaucratic structures, policies, and processes, as well as the capacity of sexualities to disrupt these institutional dynamics, reveals relationships in our social world. We seek papers that explore how sexualities become relevant to political repression, resistance, abolition, and extremism. We are especially interested in papers that consider the sexual politics, identities, and experiences among the Far Right, marginalized transnational groups, and those who are politically repressed. We are seeking papers that use intersectional frames, and we especially desire papers foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

Organizers
Yan Long and Rick Braatz
Nominations Committee Report
By Vrushali Patil

The Nominations Committee consisted of the following members:

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Chris Barcelos, chris.barcelos@umb.edu
Sarah Adeyinka-Skold, sarah.adeyinka-skold@furman.edu
Deniz Yucel, denizyucel18@yahoo.com

This year, the committee needed to fill seven positions: Chair, Secretary/treasurer, three council members, and two graduate student representatives. The committee ultimately produced a slate of eleven candidates for the seven open spots. Drawing from volunteers for various positions, as well as soliciting among our larger membership, the committee sought to produce a slate which reflected the diversity of our section, especially in terms of racial identification, gender identity and national origin. I am pleased to report that the committee was able to offer a slate that was diverse in at the very least one of these ways for every position.
The Simon & Gagnon Lifetime Career Award Committee began our work by e-mail beginning November 29, 2021. Once our committee was in place, we shared the call for nominations, aggregated nominations (we used a shared folder and document in Google Drive for this), confirmed all nominee files were submitted with nominations, reviewed the nominee files, and evaluated the nominee files based on the evaluation rubric.

The call for nominations first went out on the Sexualities listserv on XXX, with a February 1, 2022 deadline. Regular reminders were also sent via the listserv. The call for nominations that was distributed to section membership appears below.

Please note: All nominees must be registered members of ASA in order to be considered for section awards.

Sociology of Sexualities Simon and Gagnon Lifetime Career Award

Deadline: 2/1/2022

The Simon and Gagnon Award commemorates decades of research and writing on sexualities by Professor William Simon (University of Houston), who died on July 21, 2000, and his longtime collaborator, Professor John Gagnon (SUNY-Stony Brook), who passed away in 2016. The award honors a scholar's lifetime career contributions to the field of sexualities.

The committee will evaluate: 1) breadth of scholarly contributions across an established career of work and projects that span at least twenty years post-PhD; 2) the contributions and impact of the scholarship. Impact metrics may be noted in submissions and will be taken into account. Given that evaluation based solely on impact metrics can reproduce institutionalized inequality, and marginalized scholarship is less frequently published in journals with high impact factors, the committee will also focus on the...
contributions and influence of the scholarship, specifically on the field of sexualities; 3) the reach of their work such as through receipt of other awards or recognition or publication/translations in languages other than English; 4) service to the sociology of sexualities field, which may include but is not limited to contributions through teaching, mentorship, community building, and public sociology and; 5) how their scholarship engages with, offers, or advances indigenous sociology, intersectional and/or transnational frames.

Nominations must include electronic copies of 1) a nomination letter, 2) the nominee's CV, and 3) nominee writing samples (not to exceed four) directly relevant to the sociology of sexualities. Nominees must be a member of the section and have received their Ph.D. at least twenty years before the nomination deadline. Self-nominations are not accepted.

The required nomination letter should detail how the nominee has met the qualifications outlined above. Please make sure that the letter explicitly discusses each writing sample, how they meet the criteria, and exemplify the distinct contributions they have made to the field of sexualities. Please also describe the nominee's institutional context. If they are in a faculty position, what is their teaching load? We are especially interested in weighing how institutional context shapes scholarly output and considering faculty's workload at teaching-centered and community colleges. Given the section's commitments to equity and inclusion and our collective desire to recognize and celebrate marginalized scholars' work, please include information in the nomination letter that describes how the scholar or their work contributes to equity and inclusion in the section. The committee also values information regarding mentorship to students of color, first-generation, working-class students, women LGBTQ students, and non-traditionally aged students.

Self-nominations and nominations without a nomination letter will not be considered. Please submit electronic nominations that include all required components, via email to the committee chair, B. Ethan Coston, bmcoston@vcu.edu.

The winner will receive the award at the annual meeting of the ASA in 2023. The section will also organize a session around the awardee's work or scholarly interests for that same year.

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2022.

We received one nomination on January 19, 2021. On January 24, after discussing options with the entire Committee, B. Ethan Coston reached out to Section Chair Angela Jones about receiving the list of names of individuals nominated in the previous year, but who did not receive the award. Based on this list, Coston solicited two additional nominations, which arrived on January 31, 2021 and February 1, 2021 respectively. At this time, the Committee Chair performed the necessary nominee eligibility validation tasks:

- Have twenty or more years passed since the nominee earned their PhD as of the nomination
deadline date? If not, nomination is ineligible for consideration.
- Is this a self-nomination? If so, the nomination is ineligible for consideration.
- Is the nominee a member of ASA? If not, the nomination is ineligible for consideration unless the
nominee wishes to become a member of ASA prior to committee review of nominations (reach
out to nominee).
- Is the nominee a member of the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities? If not, the nomination is
ineligible for consideration unless the nominee wishes to become a member of the section prior to
committee review of nominations (reach out to nominee).
- Does the nomination include a nomination letter? If no, the nomination is ineligible for
consideration (reach out to nominator to let them know this and offer the chance to submit a letter
by the publicly-posted nomination deadline).
- Does the nomination contain more than four writing samples? A maximum of four writing
samples may be considered. Contact the nominator if there are more than three writing samples for guidance on which samples to discard prior to distribution for committee review.

Once verified, committee members were contacted and nominee files (in the shared Google Drive) were distributed for review, on February 2, 2022. The committee originally planned to have the nominee files reviewed and meet for discussion by April 1, but at the mid-March check-in, we collectively decided to push back to May 1. On April 18, 2022 we scheduled a May 12, 2022 Committee meeting to discuss the nominees and decide the recipient. Committee members tallied their scores based on the evaluation rubric criteria and scale (see below).

Standardized Evaluation Rubric

All award committees must use the section’s standardized evaluation rubrics and follow the protocols outlined in this procedural document. All committees are required to use a two-tiered process. First, individual committee members should use the scoring and ranking system, below, to evaluate articles, chapters, papers, books, and dissertations. Then, they should meet as a group at least once to discuss the outcomes. The chair of the committee should take notes to document the committee deliberations and to help inform both the required committee report that is due to the section chair, as well as the text that will be read aloud at ASA to announce the award winner(s). Finally, the chair must ensure that each committee member receives this procedural document outlining the required award committee process (including the chair’s responsibility to form balanced committees) and how our section defines sexualities scholarship, intersectionality, transnational, and Indigenous scholarship.

What is Sexualities Scholarship?

Sexualities scholarship broadly examines how social processes shape sexual identities, behaviors, cultures, desires, pleasures, danger, and fantasies and how sexualities shape and are shaped by institutional dynamics, interactions, and the individual. Sexualities scholarship shows the importance and need of studying sexuality itself and how studying sexuality helps us to understand the broader social world.

What is Intersectional Scholarship?

Intersectional sexualities scholarship examines how sexuality intersects with other social categories such as race, class, and gender to illuminate the complexities of sexualities in relation to intersecting systems of domination, oppression, and privilege. Sexualities scholarship that is intersectional generally involves asking theoretical and empirical questions informed by how these intersecting systems of domination provide opportunities and barriers across broad cross-sections of lived experience. What this may mean practically is that the interdependence among race, class, gender, and sexuality is substantively engaged with throughout a given work rather than being treated as independent variables, with intersections being taken up in footnotes or brief sections. Sexualities empirical work grounded in intersectional frameworks often includes a discussion of researcher reflexivity, ethics, and evidence that intersectionality has been incorporated throughout—from literature review to methodological choices, analytic approaches, analysis, discussion, and conclusion.

What is Transnational Scholarship?
By transnational, we mean scholarship that prioritizes cross-border analysis. Such analysis might consider economic, political, cultural, and other processes that cross geo-political and other borders. While research sites within a transnational framework are often located outside the United States, they may also include sites within the United States, or sites that are situated in more complex ways. In highlighting cross-border processes and analysis, transnational work challenges the US as the default site of analysis, as well as US-centric theories, assumptions, and scholarship.

**What is Indigenous Scholarship?**

Indigenous Sociology includes scholarship that is both produced by, and focused on, indigenous peoples. This work engages with multidisciplinary literature exploring Native experiences, issues pertinent to Indian Country, settler-colonialism, decolonization, and indigenous perspectives, critiques, and theorizing. This work avoids pathologizing Native peoples (and other stolen peoples) and takes seriously the need to combat settler-colonial frameworks in sociological research. *Further information can be found with the Section for the Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations.*

**Rubric**

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Committee members should consider the following questions in their evaluations.

Significance of Research Questions: Does the scholarship identify a gap in the literature? Does the research question(s) speak to this gap? Do the research questions push the boundaries of sociology?
Data, Methods, and Analysis: Do the methods used align with the questions asked? Does the scholarship employ innovative methods? Does the data support the claims made? Are limitations of the research design, and how these limitations were addressed discussed? Is the scholarship reflexive and/or reflective on the positionality of the researcher? Are the research practices, methods, and analyses ethical? Are data analyses appropriate and sufficiently explained?

Contribution/Impact: Does the work make significant contributions to advancing the field of sexualities? Does the scholarship offer a new conceptual frame(s)? Does it build upon or advance existing theory in new and exciting ways? Will the work reshape the ways scholars think about a particular subject? Are findings from the scholarship linked to broader fields of inquiry? Would you assign this work in class?

Writing quality: Is the scholarship written well? Is the prose engaging? Is the writing accessible? Is the work well organized? Does it meaningfully engage with a diverse cross-section of scholars and scholarship and reflect ethical and equitable citation practices?

During final deliberations, committees can and should take into consideration the information nominators and candidates provided regarding scholar positionality or how their work contributes to equity and inclusion in the section. It is also during second-round deliberations that committees will consider: Does the work embody the section's goals and values, such as using an intersectional or transnational analysis?

Based on these criteria, Committee Members evaluated the three nominees. The Committee Chair then tallied the sum evaluation scores for all three nominees, across all five Committee Members’ scores, producing the following results:

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On May 12, 2022 the committee met virtually to discuss the rank order, the process for deciding the recipient, and any issues, concerns, or considerations that needed to be taken into account. We unanimously agreed that the person who received the highest scores across all Committee Members’ rankings, Jyoti Puri, was the clear winner. Draft comments about the award winner were developed by the Committee Chair and sent to the Committee members on May 25, 2022. Committee members read and commented on the draft, and on May 28, 2022 the award winner was notified by the Chair.

When asked whether or not there were any comments, issues, or recommendations about the process, Committee Members agreed that this year’s process was clear, that communication from the Committee Chair was direct and comprehensive, and that the evaluation criteria and rubric were easy to understand and apply. There were no suggestions for improvement in those areas. We did, however, discuss the problem of lacking nominees (e.g. we only received one nominee without having to directly and personally solicit additional others). We all agreed that making personal asks ahead of award calls might
prove effective. This includes both contacting scholars we believe would make good candidates (and informing them of the process of being nominated), as well as contacting individuals in our networks who might have the capacity to coordinate a nomination for one of their colleagues. The Committee Chair also brought up the use of, or lacking use of, social media for these purposes (and wondered what kinds of outreach we could be doing, and in what ways, in advance of the deadline).

ASA Sexualities Chair Orientation Materials

The Section on Sexualities has developed the following orientation materials to assist new chairs as they settle into their new position. This document provides an overview of critical tasks and timelines and summarizes key section-specific practices.

As incoming chair, begin by reviewing the ASA Sections Manual, which is in the New Officer Orientation Materials Dropbox folder, and on the ASA website alongside other resources for new chairs: https://www.asanet.org/section-leaders. The ASA Section Manual is 34 pages and so we have synthesized critical information in this document. In addition to reading through these documents, please do try to attend the new section leader orientation at the annual ASA meeting in August.

Contacts:

- For questions or assistance with issues related to Sections, contact sections@asanet.org.
- For questions on Annual Meeting program planning, sessions, and receptions, contact Meeting Services at meetings@asanet.org.
- For questions on membership or joining a Section, contact Membership at membership@asanet.org.
- For a full staff directory, visit www.asanet.org/staff.

Important Dates:
Below are important dates from the ASA, which are described in further depth in this document. Dates below are provided only as a planning guide and subject to change. Please refer to monthly Section leader emails for the latest deadlines. These dates are related to governance and administrative activity only. The Meeting Services Department will provide Annual Meeting planning related deadlines separately.

August Section leader orientation session during Annual Meeting
August 20 Update ASA Office with names of authorized listservs senders
August 20 Election - Update ASA Office with name of election coordinator/ nominating committee chair
August 31 Official Section member count taken
October 15 Award nomination calls due for posting on ASA website
November 15 Bylaws amendments and dues change proposals due
November 15 Annual Report due
January 15 Election – Deadline to enter slate into the online election system
February 1 Election – Deadline for candidates to join ASA and the Section to be eligible to appear on the ballot
February 28 Election – Deadline for candidates to enter biographical information into online election system

March 31 Election – To be eligible to vote in the election, a membership must be active between April 1 and June 1.

April Election – ASA-wide and Section election opens

June Election – ASA Office contacts all candidates of the election results; Section chairs inform Section membership of results

June 1 List of award winners for printing in ASA Award Program due

July 31 Gift Membership deadline

August 1 Deadline to request an award check to be picked up on-site at Annual Meeting

**Sexualities Section Specific Guide:**

While the ASA section leader orientation is useful, sections norms and practices vary, and in what follows we outline key tasks and practices to keep in mind. You will receive regular emails from ASA, and currently from Mark Fernando. The emails from Fernando are critical. His monthly emails outline key deadlines to keep in mind.

The new chair hits the ground running after the baton is officially passed at the annual meeting in August. At the Section business meeting at the annual conference, the section begins to seek volunteers for committees, and immediately after the conference, the Secretary/Treasurer sends out a Google form or other sheet collecting the names of volunteers for committees. At this meeting, as the new chair, you will have taken suggestions for session ideas from the floor of the business meeting. Right after ASA, the chair should meet with the Secretary/Treasurer for a new leadership meeting to discuss upcoming deadlines and the volunteer list and suggested session list. It is also good to have this orientating meeting as the chair and secretary work on most tasks together.

August and September are busy months for the chair, which for those on the semester system are already busy months as we return to class. Still, having a good sense of what you’ll need to do, hopefully, makes these ASA tasks manageable. First, the new chair works on committee staffing. It is critical that you use the Section Staffing Template to fill these roles. We have a system for staffing committees first with elected council members and then with volunteers from the solicited list. Do keep in mind that sometimes you will need to move people around. For example, if the council member who generally would chair the article committee is submitting work that year, you might switch them to the book award chair. Also, critically, when staffing committees, please keep the section’s DEI goals in mind. That is, please keep the scholar’s areas of expertise, institutional affiliation and rank, and identities (to the extent that you have this information) in mind when staffing committees. Email all committee members with their assignments and instructions. It is critical to give committee chairs the names and emails but also directions. Sample emails are in the appendix. Please edit them as you see fit. However, not all committee chairs will have served in this role before, and even if they have in other sections, it is important that they receive section-specific directions. It is also vital to send committee chairs emails with directions throughout the award cycle, outlining deadlines. See the appendix for an additional sample email.
Once your committees are organized, you can immediately turn to your work chairing the Program Committee. This happens quickly, and in 2021-22, the completed sessions were due to ASA on October 1st. The finalized award calls are also due this month. In 2021-22, the calls were due on October 15th.

Next, the section’s annual report is due in November. Don’t worry. This is not too onerous. There are several sections in this report, and you, the outgoing chair, and the secretary/treasurer have a section to complete. You can find all the past reports in Dropbox and can use those as a guide if helpful.

While you are working on the tasks above, the past-chair will be working with the nominations committee you assembled to put together our slate of candidates for the spring election. While the deadline for section ballots is in January, the nominations committee should have begun its work in the fall. Getting people to agree to run and finalize the slate can take time.

After the new year, your work slows, but it is important to remain in contact with your committees as needed, especially around the award deadline in February and as new membership numbers come in work with the secretary/treasurer on membership drives over the months leading up to the conference. Also, the section does 2-3 Newsletters that are independent of the bi-monthly Digest that goes out to the Listserv. So, after the new year, you’ll want to discuss with the section secretary and the Newsletter editor your plan and timing for the year’s Newsletters.

In the spring, as section chair, you will be chairing the Levine Dissertation Award, the Book Award committee, and the Reception Planning Committee. In 2021-22, the deadline for all award winners to appear in the program is June 1st. The deadline for contract submission for reception venues was due June 1 for on-site and July 1st for off-site.

In advance of the August meeting, once all award winners have been selected and submitted to the ASA, you’ll need to work with the section secretary to collect committee reports. Remember to remind your award committee chairs that they should be prepared to announce the winners and briefly describe the winning work at the business meeting. Also, as part of the transition into new leadership, please update this document and other relevant section materials for incoming leadership.

**Appendix:**

**Committee Assignments-ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities**

To the best of their ability, the section chair will work to ensure that committees reflect differences in racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual identities, and abilities of the section membership and the sociology of sexualities studies at large. Among the committee volunteers, the section chair should ensure that all committees have representation from scholars across a range of institutions (including non-faculty researchers), as well as scholars working in marginalized areas such as transnational scholarship and trans studies. Given that some people may not volunteer on their own (for a range of reasons), this means the section chair, in consultation with the council, should consider reaching out directly to people who did not volunteer or who are not in the section as a way to get more people involved.

**Graduate Student Paper Award Committee**
- Council Member 1st year
- Council Member 1st year
- Past recipient (when available)
- Volunteer(s)

*one of the council members on this award’s committee serves as Chair of Committee*
Best Article
Chair-Elect (chair of the committee)
Council 2nd year
Council 2nd year
Volunteer(s)

Book Award Committee
Chair (chair of the committee)
Council 2nd year
Council 2nd year
Volunteer(s)

Simon & Gagnon Distinguished Career Award (alternating with Early Career)
Outgoing Chair
Council, 3rd year
Council, 3rd year
Past recipient (when available)
Volunteer(s)
*one of the council members on this award serves as Chair of Committee

Early Career Award (alternating with Simon & Gagnon)
Outgoing Chair
Council, 3rd year
Council, 3rd year
Past recipient (when available)
Volunteer(s)
*one of the council members on this award serves as Chair of Committee

Martin Levine Dissertation Award Committee
Current Chair (Chair of the Committee)
Sex and Gender Chair
LGBT Caucus Chair (this varies, sometimes this individual is not available)
Volunteer(s)

Program Committee
Chair
Secretary/Treasurer
Grad Reps
Volunteer(s)

Nominations Committee
Outgoing Chair
Council, 1st year
Council, 1st year
Volunteers

Roundtable Organizers
2—to be selected by current chair

Reception/Local Arrangements Committee
Chair
Volunteer(s) who live locally
(Chair of co-sponsoring section, when applicable)

Sample Emails to Committee Chairs to Be Tailored as Chair Sees Fit

Email after initial staffing:

Dear Committee Chair:

Thank you for chairing the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. Below you will find an overview of your tasks as committee chair, directions for your committee, and a copy of the award call, and the standardized rubrics the section (link to current docs) uses to evaluate applications. First, as award committee chair, please review your duties:

Now that we have submitted our award calls to ASA, please contact your committee members and let them know where you will store applications and provide them access to that Dropbox, Google Drive, etc. Also, please direct all your committee members to read your committee’s award call, our rubrics, and evaluation instructions carefully. This document has critical information regarding our two-tiered evaluation process, questions to consider during evaluation, and at what points the committee considers factors such as whether the work is intersectional and the applicant positionality statement. Your committee members are:

It is the job of the award committee chair to ensure that each candidate under consideration for an award meets the basic eligibility criteria for that award (e.g., nomination materials submitted by the publicly-posted deadline, page limits, positionality statement submitted, etc.)

Please certify your pool of candidates. If the pool has a limited number of candidates, if, for example, there are no BIPOC or trans candidates (to the extent you have access to this information), or if the pool has no candidates that do transnational and intersectional work, the committee can solicit additional nominations.

Especially for our most labor-intensive committees such as book and article awards, you may want to direct your committee members to begin reading as submissions come in. For example, we have been averaging 20 book submissions, and some committee members may face challenges beginning their reading in February and deliberating only a couple of months later. Below is ASA’s general timeline for the evaluation of award submissions:

February – First round review of nominations

March – Second round review of nominations

April – Final round of review of nominations

May – Makes final award selection

Thus, you can tweak this as you see fit to meet the needs of your committee, intending to have the names, titles, and a short description of what the committee valued in the award-winning work to me by May 27th. Our more labor-intensive committees such as book and article often first meet in April and then again in May.

Once all submissions are received, please also ask your committee members to disclose any conflicts of interest. Members who know someone or have worked with someone, do not need to recuse themselves,
but you might ask them to publicly disclose the COI and choose to have them weigh in last during deliberations of that application.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your continued service to the section. Your committees' award call is below.

Warmly,

CHAIR

INCLUDE CALL BELOW

Best Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Sexualities
Deadline: 2/1/2022

Papers are currently being accepted for the 2022 ASA Sociology of Sexualities' Graduate Student Paper Award. Winner(s) will receive the award at the ASA's annual meeting in Los Angeles in 2022. In accordance with the ASA policy, winners must be members of the section. This award is given to a paper authored by a student currently enrolled in a sociology graduate program.

The committee will evaluate the article based on several criteria, including an evaluation of 1) the significance of the research questions posed; 2) quality/rigor of the research; 3) contributions/impact of the discovery or theoretical innovation; 4) the expansion of knowledge or representation for underrepresented groups; 5) and overall writing quality. We particularly encourage submissions that employ indigenous sociology, intersectional, and transnational lenses, as well as those from marginalized scholars.

Papers do not have to be published to be eligible; submissions should be manuscript length and no longer than 35 typed, double-spaced pages. A paper may be co-authored by two or more students who would share the award. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible.

Self-nominations are welcome. Nomination letters are not required and will not be considered in the awards process." Please send an email to the committee chair, XXXXX with your/author’s name, institutional affiliation, email, paper title, if applicable journal/edited volume, and publication date (online first or print are both acceptable as long as it was during 2020-2021 calendar year), and brief positionality statement.

The section is committed to equity and inclusion and advancing our collective desire to recognize and celebrate marginalized scholars' work. Thus, please, if the nominee is comfortable, please include information in your notification to the committee chair that indicates if the scholar is from a historically marginalized group and if their scholarship engages with, offers, or advances indigenous sociology, intersectional and/or transnational frames. This positionality statement is also helpful to our work compiling Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statements as part of our annual reports to ASA.

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2022.
Awards

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

**Sociology of Sexualities Simon and Gagnon Lifetime Career Award**
Awarded at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association

*Jyoti Puri, Simmons College*

**Sociology of Sexualities 2022 Graduate Student Paper Award**
Winner: *Tara Gonsalves, University of California, Berkeley*
Title: “Gender Identity, The Sexed Body, And the Medical Making of Transgender”

**Honorable Mentions: Kendall Ota, University of California, Santa Barbara**
Title: “Queer Heterotopias in “Straight(ish)” Spaces: The Case of Korean Spas”

*Canton Winer, University of California, Irvine*
Title: ‘My Gender Is Like an Empty Lot’: Gender Detachment and Ungendering Among Asexual Individuals”

**Sociology of Sexualities 2022 Distinguished Article Award**
Winner: *Sara Shroff, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)*

**Honorable Mentions: Tara Gonsalves, University of California, Berkeley**
“Gender Identity, the Sexed Body, and the Medical Making of Transgender,” Gender & Society 34(6), 2020.

*Ghassan Moussawi, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, and Salvador Vidal Ortiz, American University*

**Sociology of Sexualities 2022 Distinguished Book Award**
*Co-Winners: Chris Barcelos, University of Massachusetts, Boston*

*Co-Winner: Stefan Vogler, NORC at the University of Chicago*
Honorable Mention: Gowri Vijayakumar, Brandeis University

Sociology of Sexualities Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship Winner: Michelle Gomez Parra, University of California, Santa Cruz
“Desiring a Better Life: Heteronormativity, Mobilities, and Generational Negotiations among Latinas”

Honorable Mentions: Erika Slaymaker, University of Texas at Austin
“Gender Flashpoints: Constructing and Contesting the Gender Binary”

Nik M. Lampe, University of South Carolina
“Healthy Aging Beyond Sex and Gender Binaries”

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 2022 budget matched the actual expenses and income from 2022. To celebrate an in-person conference, we held a larger reception that was extremely well attended. Awards and costs to support the section website helmed close to the budget.

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 section communicated with members through four methods: the Sexualities listserv, the biweekly Sexualities Digest, and the Sexualities Newsletter, which goes out three times a year. This year, the section also launched a website that also lists announcements and archives newsletters and publications.

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

The section continued its work of testing and refining its policies on awards and leadership selection. After completing a round of awards and leadership selection, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee revised evaluation rubrics to increase diversity and inclusion, especially around race, gender identity, and transnationalism. After careful deliberation, the council voted to discontinue their use because they were ineffective. We do still ask committees to certify their pool of candidates. For the lifetime and early career awards, the committee chairs keep an eye on nominations as they come in. If the pool has a limited number of candidates, if, for example, there are no BIPOC or trans candidates (to the extent they have access to this information), or if the pool has no candidates that do transnational and
intersectional work, the committee works to solicit additional nominations. Invitations for committee work from every committee, including awards committees, were based on these procedures. We also continued our practice to ensure that every committee had diverse members. Additional for each award, diversity and inclusion procedures included considering citational practices, and applications of intersectional methods.

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).

This section’s programming for the annual meeting included three open panel sections entitled Quantified and Qualified: Metrics of Sexualities, Sexualities, Disabilities, and Displaced Bodies (co-organized with the Section on Disability in Society), and the Intimacies of Sex and Death. Unfortunately, the latter session was canceled due to the fact that several panelists could not make it to the Annual Meeting. The section also held Section Roundtables.

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.

This year, we continued our practice of creating a reading list for section members that highlight sexualities work connected to race, sexualities, and transnationalism. These efforts continue the section’s ongoing commitments toward diversity and inclusion.