Introduction
Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section’s vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2021 to August 2022 and a fiscal year from January 2022 to December 2022. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance
Provide details of your Section’s governance activity during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Business Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Agenda and minutes are attached

Council Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

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Agenda and minutes are attached

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

Lewis Coser Award for Theoretical Agenda Setting:
Claire Decoteau (UIC)

Committee members:
Kimberly Hoang, Val Jenness, Lisa Martínez, Michael Rodriguez, and Claudio E. Benzecry (chair)

Theory Prize (book)
Co-winners:

Charles Camic, *Veblen: The Making of an Economist Who Unmade Economics*


Honorable Mention:

Monika Krause, *Model Cases: On Canonical Research Objects and Sites*

Committee members:
Michael Sauder (chair), Ari Adut, Becky Yang Hsu, Craig Rawlings, and Luciana de Souza Leao

Junior Theorist Award

Winner:

Honorable Mention:

Committee members:
Fatma Gocek (chair), Karida Brown, Paul Joosse, and Nikhil Deb

Best Student Paper Award

Winner:

Honorable Mention:
Mary Shi (Berkeley) "‘Until Indian title shall be… fairly extinguished:’ The Public Lands, Settler Colonialism, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States."

Committee members:
Monika Krause (chair), Waverly Duck, Owen Whooley, Tad Skotnicki, and Laura Acosta-González

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

We had budgeted for reception and Junior Theorist Symposium costs, as well as the website and awards. We also spent on covering childcare for JTS participants who needed it, and our plaques were within the normal price range, though we added a few shipping costs. We co-hosted our reception with two other sections, which reduced our costs. We actually spent less on both the reception and JTS costs than we had anticipated, so we are in good financial standing this year.

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.

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Communication with section members was primarily via the Section email list. The Chair distributed announcements to Section members on a monthly basis, and occasionally with greater frequency when necessary. We also used the two issues of the newsletter to communicate with Section members and posted relevant information for members on our Section website.

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

We endeavored to diversify when constructing committees, recognizing work done in the field, as well as when assembling our Section program (which included sessions on Frontiers of Global Theorizing, as well as a session on Theorizing the US, thus decentering the US as the de facto unit for analysis and generalization). We designed, distributed, and compiled the results for a survey to our section members to gather systematic information on the teaching of graduate classical theory seminars. We were designating a committee to write a report. On the newsletter we published a study by Charlie Kurzman (UNC) on syllabi for graduate theory, which shows how much DuBois is now part of the canon of what is taught in grad courses.

Provide an overview of the section’s programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

We dedicate this year’s ASA theory section panels to dissect this, by looking at both how knowledge of the US has been constituted, and how much recent calls to globalize theory end up -to a certain extent- reproducing some of the ethnocentric binaries behind the powerful formulation of the US as the de facto unit of analysis for producing
generalizable knowledge. The sessions, roundtables, the Junior Theorist Symposium and the joint reception with the GATS and the Comparative Historical sections were all different instances of intellectual exchange, professional networking, and inclusion. The sectional sessions discussed the relationship between center and periphery in the creation of knowledge. The letters from the chair and a symposium on the latest issue of the sectional newsletter also opened up a door for inclusion to those interested in theories from/on Latin America.

16th Annual Junior Theorists Symposium  
Thursday, August 4th, 2022  
University of Southern California  
Organizers:  
Tara Gonsalves (University of California, Berkeley) and Davon Norris (The Ohio State University)  
http://www.asatheory.org/junior-theorist-symposium.html

Theory Section sessions:  
What's New in Field Theory?  
Mon, August 8, 8:00 to 9:30am, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 309

Presider: Sourabh Singh, Florida State University  
Discussant: Thomas Medvetz (UCSD)

Papers:
Toward a Neo-Bourdieuian Field Theory: Six Revisions  
George Steinmetz, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Rise and Fall” of the Walrasian Program in Economics: A Social and Intellectual Dynamics of the General Equilibrium Theory  
Olessia Kirtchik, CESSP (EHESS/CNRS/Paris-I)

The relations between fields (and subfields): homologies, dependencies, exchanges  
Gisèle Sapiro, EHESS

French economists and the symbolic power of (post)national academic capital: Taking sides in cri-ses’ discourses 2008-2017  
Christian Schmidt-Wellenburg, Universität Potsdam

Frontiers of Global Theorizing (Joint Session for Theory Section and Section on Global and Transnational Sociology)  
Mon, August 8, 4:00 to 5:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 404A

Organizer & Presider, Claudio E. Benzecry, Northwestern University

Papers:
Can Iraqis Theorize? Global Theorizing and the Empire  
Zahra Ali, Rutgers University-Newark
Rethinking Global Unevenness: Exchange, Competition and the Political Ecology of Capitalist Globalization
Roberto J Ortiz, California State University-Long Beach

Suzhi: Distinction and Discrimination in a Rapidly Changing China
Lily Liang, SUNY-Cortland & Sida Liu, University of Toronto

The Chinese Cultural Revolution and An Uncanny Origin of Contemporary Global Capitalism
Xiaohong Xu, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

**Theorizing the US**
Tue, August 9, 12:00 to 1:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 1, 153B
Organizer & Presider: Stephanie L. Mudge, University of California-Davis
Discussant: Michael Rodriguez-Muñiz, UC Berkeley

Papers:
Cultural DNA, Pluralism and Schismogenesis: Recovery of Parsonian Conceptions for Diagnosing Our Times
Michael E. Bare, University of Chicago

Cultural Power, Inequality and American Exceptionalism
Gregg Matthew Olsen, University of Manitoba

Power and Light: Public Lands and the Energy Transition in America
Hillary Angelo, UC Santa Cruz

Untangling the Republican, Imperial, and Settler Colonial Dimensions of American State Formation: A Congressional Analysis
Mary Shi, UC Berkeley

Where You From? Belonging, Abstractions and Property Claims
Nicole Elise Trujillo-Pagan, Wayne State University

**Coser Lecture**
Lecture given by the winner of the Coser Award for theory agenda setting
Mon, August 8, 10:00 to 11:30am, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 309

Unmasked: A History of the Individualization of Risk
Greta R. Krippner, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Presider: Claudio E. Benzecry, Northwestern University

**Theory Section Roundtables**
Mon, August 8, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 1
Organizers:
Provide an overview of the Section’s programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

We did not promote many activities during the scholarly year, given that the annual meeting in our case includes a master Lecture, the Junior Theorist Symposium for junior scholars, which has a total of four panels, as well as the session, roundtables and reception.
AGENDA:

1. Introductions, announcements, and congratulations to newly elected officers

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Student Representative: Mo Torres

Thanks to those retiring from service:
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2. Committee Nominations

Nominations Committee – **minimum of 4 nominations to propose at business meeting:**

1)  
2)  
3)  
4)  

Theory (Article) Prize Committee – **need to generate 2 names to propose at business meeting:**

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2)  

3. Secretary-Treasurer’s report and budget (Claire Decoteau)
see attached document (thanks much to Claire for all her labor re this)

4. Membership Report

Current membership stands at 718. (Last year at this same time 736; the year before 728). 800 is magic number to hit before August 31 in order to have a 5th panel on the program.

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4) Neha Gondal
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- Online session off season on teaching (including grads)
- Syllabus exchange

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JOSH SEIM
PayPal account
Create a 3 year position/pay stipend? US 300-500 range
Coordination with newsletter folks
Come to present to council

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Council meeting via zoom when at 7 AM
In order to make JTS still more exciting, inclusive and diverse, create roundtables?
Sessions for earlier
Start thinking of a future survey on Contemporary theory teaching?