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 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance
Provide details of your Section’s governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

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.

Location: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Floor: Level 5, Grand Ballroom Salon E: Business Meeting

Attendance: Approximately 8-10 Section and Council members attended the 1-hour meeting, including Ranita Ray, Laurel Westbrook, Melissa Abad, and Jordanna Matlon.

Agenda & Notes:
1. Our deeply collaborative work has been highlighted by the Sections Committee in their review and discussion of your Section’s Annual Report; specifically, they provided the following feedback.

The Section is commended for its diversity and vibrancy. Impressive records of collaborations with other Sections to increase inclusivity, including a joint reception with the Section, Sociology of Sex and Gender, and a joint panel session with the Section, Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations in 2022 ASA. In 2023 ASA, the Section dedicates 3 sessions (out of 6) for collaboration with three other ASA Sections.

Thank you for your service to the Section and ASA.
Outgoing chair, LaShawnDa Pittman shared that we planned a joint reception with the Section on Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations (IPNN). RGC also planned the following joint sessions for the 2023 annual meeting:

- Joint Paper Session with Disability in Society
- Joint Paper Session with the Section on Sociology of Culture, which we committed to for another 2 years:
  - 2022 Culture hosted our joint session.
  - 2023 RGC hosted our joint session.
  - 2024 Culture
  - 2025 RGC
- Joint Paper Session the Section on Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations

2. Communication subcommittee:
   a. LaShawnDa was Chair as ASA rolled out ASA Connect, eliminating our use of listservs to communicate with our members.
   b. During this time, I created a Communications Committee taskforce to increase engagement among section members and to spread the responsibility across and beyond current council members. We didn’t gain enough momentum to spread communication responsibilities beyond those maintained by the Chair.
   c. ASA is ending ASA Connect this month and moving back to listservs.
   d. Future action item(s): Our section needs to find someone to oversee the communication subcommittee. Myron Strong stepped down in 2021 and social media accounts haven’t been managed since then (perhaps graduate student or new council members: Marisela Martinez-Cola or Jomaira Salas-Pujols—ideally someone who is on social media on regular basis.

3. We are hosting our first joint reception with IPNN. Based on issues this experience, things to consider for the future:
   a. Set up a subcommittee to help plan and execute, include Jelani Ince (incoming Treasurer)
   b. Consider the budget for our section and any we are collaborating with and the issues that are driven by a budget (e.g., 1) whether to rent a park or a conference venue, 2) the number of attendees impacts whether you can rent back room or entire restaurant), and 3) doing receptions in expensive cities (Montreal 2024, San Francisco 2025).
   c. Double check time of SREM, consider partnering with another big Section if doing it with IPNN again given the budgeting constraints and the ways in which a larger number of attendees constrains the kind of spaces we can rent, as well as other costs.

4. Awards
   a. Ask the same people to serve if they are still around, specifically: Sabrina Strings – Distinguished Career Award; Jessica Vasquez-Tokos—Distinguished Book Award;
Marisela Martinez-Cola or Jomaira Salas-Pujols—Article Award; and Carla Salazar Gonzalez—Graduate Student Paper Award.

b. And then ask former winners.
c. And then open it up to section members ASAP.
d. Laurel Westbrook mentioned a business in Oregon to make future awards. I used Awards.com.

5. **Election coordinator:** Ghassan has agreed to serve in this capacity another year.
6. **Things left undone:** something I had to kick up the road is name change and naming awards. I will review the google survey Ranita made and coordinate sending it out.

**Council Meeting**

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**Date:** September 28, 2022 (11-12 PST, 1-2 CST, 2-3 EST)

**Attendance:** Ghassan, Ranita, Katrinell, Rocio, and Jessica

**Agenda and Notes:**

1. We will be using ASA Connect instead of the listserv.

2. Two topics that we need to let people weigh in on:
   - Changing RGC’s name to “Intersectionality”
   - Naming awards
   - Zulema’s advice- create dialogue among members and assess it this year. Implement outcome under Ranita.

3. **Upcoming ASA Annual Meeting**
   - RGC sessions will be on Day 3—Sunday, August 20th.
   - October 14th—Enter our Section’s 2023 program. You can now access the [2023 Annual Meeting online portal](https://convention2.allacademic.com) and enter the necessary information for your Section’s programming. The [Section Organizer Manual](https://asanet.org) walks you through the tasks you need to complete.
   - We need to brainstorm topics for 6 Sessions and 1 Business Meeting (Your business meeting will be scheduled together along with your shortened session. 30-minute meeting + 60-minute session in one 90-minute time slot).

**Session #1:** Joint Session with Culture: Our sections have a two-year agreement, according to which last year’s joint session came out of the culture section’s allocation, and they entered it online, and this year's would come out of RGC section allocation, and we would enter it online.
The Culture Chair proposed doing something on race, gender, and class in an internationally comparative perspective. She will approach Ann Morning, then Jean Beaman, and Derron Wallace to ask if they would be interested in organizing this. She would perhaps leave the exact title to the organizer (though without losing the focus on race and international comparison)?

We all agreed that this would be open submission so that we won’t miss early career scholars that the session organizer is not closely connected to.

**Session #2:** Joint Session with Disability in Society Section? Proposed Session: “Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender with Disability.” I was contacted by email (9/21) asking you all to vote. I created and sent a survey and you all voted yes.

**Session #3:** A session on Reimagining the future.

**Session #4:** The politics of abortion care-making sure

**Session #5:** Intersectionality and Black and Indigenous erasures within intersectionality.

**Session #6:** Racialization processes
- Anti-blackness in other places
- Racializing processes
- Transnational versus US racial categories

**Session #7:** COVID-19
- Abolition and liberation from RCG
- Pandemic and race through the lens of institutions
- Prison industrial complex

**Session #8:** RCG and Health (Racial Stress, Environmental, Global, Transnational, Intergenerational Trauma)

- I created a survey based on the ideas generated in this meeting. I provided session names and Council Members were asked to rank their top 4 sessions and provide any suggestions to the names I provided. [https://forms.gle/qJzCGHhafEERp1jQ9](https://forms.gle/qJzCGHhafEERp1jQ9)

**4. What are we doing for a reception?**

Last year we did a joint reception with Sex and Gender. Should we approach the current leadership about doing the same next year? Councilmembers proposed doing something with Indigenous People and Native Nations. Councilmembers expressed a desire to do the reception in a large space outside.

**5. Elections Committee**

- Election Coordinator: Ghassan Moussawi
• Per Bylaws, the Nominating Committee Chair is Chair Elect Ranita Ray
• We need two additional council members to serve on the committee: Jessennya Hernandez and LaShawnDa Pittman served as the additional committee members.

6. October 25: Award Nomination Calls

If a Section wishes to post its call for awards on the ASA website, please submit the call by October 25 to sections@asanet.org. All calls will be posted at www.asanet.org/SectionAwardCalls and disseminated to members through a variety of channels.

I emailed Zulema: We would like to post our Award Nomination Calls by the October 25th deadline.

1) Do we set our own dates for when nominations are due?
I used the due dates from the prior year (so just updated the call and made sure deadline was on a weekday). This is important because fairly soon after we need to give the names of winners to ASA and if we don't, the names won't be published or announced in ASA conference program/materials. I had to remind all chairs, but they all did it in time.

2) Do committee members for the awards need to come from the RGC Section committee members or do they come from someplace else? I don't notice all the names from this year's award committees.

At first council meeting, and more direct follow up personal email to section council members if necessary, I asked for volunteers to serve as chairs of award committees. It is also very common for sections to ask prior year awardees to "volunteer" to serve as members of committees. That will give you two people. Three is the sweet spot, and that third person can come from a general call for volunteers that goes out to section members.

3) How do we pick members for the various awards committees? Ask people during our first meeting?
Volunteers - you can solicit volunteers for needed members of award committees or other committees or activities we need to fill (I would send a general call to section members and ask if they want to be a member of an award committee, or presider/discussant for section sessions, etc.) If you can't find enough volunteers, it would also be appropriate to ask Chairs of award committees, or council members, for names.

7. November 15: Bylaws Amendments Proposals
• There were no proposed changes to our bylaws.


8. November 15: Submit Annual Reports
9. Committee on Communications
   - Are there any people who were on that committee still present?
   - Need to maintain the efforts made by former Chair Myron Strong.
   - Anyone willing to Chair this committee?

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

Race, Gender, and Class Distinguished Career Award
Co-Winners:
Dr. Sandra L. Barnes
Department of Sociology
Brown University

Dr. Mary Romero
Professor Emerita
Professor of Justice Studies
School of Social Transformation
Arizona State University

ASA Race, Gender, and Class Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award
Co-Winners:
Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman, Second-Class Daughters: Black Brazilian Women and Informal Adoption as Modern Slavery (Oxford University Press, 2023)

Robert Vargas, Uninsured in Chicago: How the Social Safety Net Leaves Latinos Behind (NYU Press, 2022)

Honorable mentions:
Janet Garcia-Hallett, Invisible Mothers: Unseen Yet Hypervisible after Incarceration (University of California Press, 2022)

Jordanna Matlon, A Man Among Other Men: The Crisis of Black Masculinity in Racial Capitalism (Cornell University Press, 2022)

ASA Race, Gender, and Class Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award
Co-Winners:

Honorable Mention:

Graduate Student Paper Award
Winner:
Smith, DeAnna Y., “Shuffle Out, Shuffle In: Child Protective Services Contact and Institutional Shuffling Amongst Middle-Class Mothers”

Runner-up:
Rogers, Katie. “Weeded Out: An Intersectional Analysis of Inequality in the U.S. Cannabis Industry”

2023 Finances
Provide a narrative on how the 2023 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2023. Please account for any substantive differences.

As of December 2022, RGC ended with the following net assets:

Net Assets - Beginning Balance $10,188
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets 2,332
Net Assets - Ending Balance $12,520

Last year, we spent $2831 for a joint reception with Sex and Gender. We split the cost of the reception for an anticipated 150 participants between the two sections, but an estimated 130 attendees were present. This year, we did a joint reception with IPNN, who had approximately 30 people in attendance at their reception in 2022. IPNN was able to contribute $200 to the reception. We spent the least amount possible for a reception $3296.56.

Bartender- Oliver and Shae $266.56
Beer, wine, and ice delivery $780
Center City District John Collins Park- $1500
A Sweet Surprise by Lashon- $750

We used a public venue (city park) because we had too many attendees to rent a backroom of a restaurant near the conference venue and we couldn’t afford to “buy out” the entire restaurant, which was required for many restaurants for groups our size. The conference venues were too expensive for basic catering and none of the cultural venues (African American museum) worked out either because the rental fee for the space was too expensive (with and without food and drinks) or were booked for that day.

In reviewing the 2023 budget that was submitted in the Section’s Annual Report, it looks like $3500 was budgeted for a reception with the following note: “This amount is based on the
assumption that we will hold a joint reception this year, and to account for inflation. We spent approximately $2800 last year on a joint reception.”

Concluding, we spent under the budgeted amount for the 2023 reception.

We also spent $500 purchasing 12 plaques from Awards.com.

The Previous Year
Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

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.

We created a Communications Committee comprised of Katrinell Davis and Saida Grundy as co-chairs and Jessennya Hernandez. We had 3 goals: 1) Increase engagement, 2) create a Communication Committee Taskforce, and 3) explore more ASA Connect functions.

To increase engagement, we encouraged members to share their new publications, and funding and professional development opportunities, and so on. We maintained engagement by keeping section members abreast about important deadlines, events, and news from ASA in general and about our section in particular. We also shared information sent directly to the Chair from ASA requesting that it be shared with the broader Section.

The proposed communications taskforce would spread the communications responsibilities beyond council members to allow willing section members an opportunity to be more involved with the section didn’t gain momentum. Future chairs may consider inviting graduate students and other section members to serve on a Communication Committee Taskforce. The taskforce would develop a plan for the section’s social media accounts, including connecting with Myron Strong who handed the section’s social media in the past.

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

Our primary contribution to DEI within ASA is that we represent one of the most diverse Sections within ASA. Former Chair Zulema Valdez notes, “We do not have explicit DEI goals, because DEI is imbued in every discussion and decision that is made in the section. DEI is not merely considered as an afterthought or as a box to check. Our leadership and membership is a testament to our strength and leadership in DEI.”

Our council and section membership reflect our intersectional focus within the ASA, meaning we are incredibly diverse not only by race, gender, class, sexuality, and geography, but also by academic institutions (within and outside of the US) and statuses within institutions.
Moreover, during 2023, we continued our strong track record of collaborating with other sections, including newly formed IPNN. We partnered with IPNN for our joint reception and on a session organized by LaShawnDa Pittman and Beth Redbird: Lifting Black and Indigenous Erasures: Centering the Lived Experiences of Black and Indigenous Populations. We also partnered with the Section on Disability in Society and the Sociology of Culture.

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).

To increase diversity and participation at the annual meeting, RGC Chair LaShawnDa Pittman organized the RGC roundtables and cast as a wide of a net as possible to include as many papers as possible. I also selected table organizers at different career stages, ranging from graduate students to professors, to give early career scholars exposure and an opportunity to assume a leadership role. I provided mentorship to graduate students and first-time table organizers tentative about the role.

We continued our legacy and track record of inclusivity and collaboration by supporting a newly formed Section (IPNN) host a reception for its members and by organizing sessions that reflect pressing issues pertinent to historically marginalized populations:

1. **Paper Session (90 min): Comparative and International Perspectives on Race and Culture**

Session Organizer: Derron Wallace dwallace@brandeis.edu Brandeis University
Presider: Monika Christine Krause m.krause@lse.ac.uk London School of Economics

Description: This special session of invited panelists examines the complex relationship between race and culture from comparative and international perspectives. Inspired by the work of cultural theorists such as Stuart Hall, Gayatri Spivak, Pierre Bourdieu, Sylvia Wynter, and Franz Fanon, panelists will consider the political construction of racial categories and the enduring social processes of racialization in diverse cultural contexts. Panelists will explore a range of timely questions. These include (but are not limited to): How are race and culture deployed as politically charged codes for making meaning of social differences? How do such meanings shift across time, place and space? Under what political-economic conditions are race and culture used to draw or disrupt distinctions between social groups? How do the meanings attached to race and culture reproduce inequalities, particularly for minoritized groups? This panel aims to center un(der)explored perspectives in US sociology of culture by investigating perspectives from the regional and diasporic traditions of African, Asian, Caribbean, and European sociology. This session is jointly sponsored by the ASA sections on the Sociology of Race, Gender and Class and the Sociology of Culture.

2. **Paper Session (90 min): Lifting Black and Indigenous Erasures: Centering the Lived Experiences of Black and Indigenous Populations**
Session Organizer: Beth Redbird
Presider: Kimberly Huyser
Open/Invited: Open

Description: The logics of white supremacy, settler colonialization, and slavery seek to erase the presence and experiences of both Indigenous and Black populations. In this session, we seek papers that use intersectional approaches and perspectives to resist and liberate from ongoing logics of erasure, including those that address goals for community building among Black and Indigenous populations. This session is a collaboration between the sections on Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations and Race, Gender, and Class.


Description: These papers engage how racial, gendered, and class constraints shape how disability is acknowledged and accommodated (or how people with disabilities are treated), including treatment of disabilities over time, public policies and practices, social movements and self-advocacy groups, the history of disabilities framing and discrimination, and disparities in disability diagnoses, care, treatments, and experiences. This session is a collaboration between the Race, Class, and Gender and Disability in Society sections. We are committed to full accessibility of participation for all members and will work with contributors to ensure this.

Session Organizer: Kerry Michael Dobransky, James Madison University

4. Paper Session (90 min): The Politics of Abortion at the Intersections of Race, Sexuality, Gender, and Class

Session Organizer: LaShawnDa Pittman
Open/Invited: Open

Description: Papers for this section will address ongoing debates about the racial, gendered, and classed violence in abortion politics and rights, how these intersections shape access to and experiences of abortion, the geography/geopolitics of abortion, public perceptions, social movements, and post-abortion care, as well as how an intersectional framing can inform our understanding.

5. Paper Session (90 min): The Future(s) of Intersectionality (Open)

Session Organizer: LaShawnDa Pittman
Open/Invited: Open

Description: What are the future directions of intersectionality? Increasingly, the aphorism “the future is intersectional” is being used in policymaking, science and social science, environmentalism, public health, technology, and social movements, by bloggers, and among
both older and younger generations. Papers for this session will address future directions for incorporating intersectionality in sociological research by exploring the possibilities and limitations of an intersectional approach within sociological theory, methods, and analytic approaches. Papers can also address how sociology as a discipline might interrogate intersectionality, power, privilege, and positionality (e.g., who we teach, what we teach, who teaches, who gets funding, who occupies positions of power within our departments, associations, and such).

6. Paper Session (90 min): Transnational Racializations

Papers for this session will examine racialization processes from a transnational perspective, including though not limited to exploring comparative work on racialization in various societies; nationalist ideologies and the construction of race; processes and mechanisms of racialization; how racial ideologies and practices that originate in sending countries, travel with migrants across borders, and shape and are shaped by racial ideologies, structures, and practices in receiving countries; the histories of and current forms of transnational racialization; and transnationalism and racial hierarchies.

Session Organizer: Ghassan Moussawi, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

7. Section on Race, Gender, and Class Refereed Roundtables

Session Organizer: LaShawnDa L. Pittman, University of Washington

Provide an overview of the Section’s programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

Our experience this year was like our former council and what was identified by Chair Zulema Valdez in the 2022 report, “Due to the continuing challenges of the COVID19 pandemic, we did not engage in programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting. Our members and our council expressed serious limitations on our capacity to engage in meeting minimal activities this year.”