**Call for Applications: Editor of City & Community**

The Community and Urban Sociology Section (CUSS) of the American Sociological Association invites individual and team applications for the position of editor for the section’s journal *City & Community*. The journal brings together major work and research in urban and community sociology. It is published four times per year.

The official term for the new editor (or co-editors) will begin on January 1, 2026. The editorial transition will begin in late-2025 with the first issue of the new editorial team being the March 2026 issue. The editor’s term is for a minimum of three years, until December 31, 2028, with a possible reappointment of up to an additional two years.

**Editor’s Role:** *City & Community* receives approximately 200 submissions per year. The current journal impact factor is 2.5. The editor is expected to secure timely and appropriate reviews and make the final decision on manuscripts, informing both the author(s) and reviewers of the final disposition. The editor is also responsible for maintaining the high standards of ASA journals, ensuring that issues are filled within the approved annual page allocation, and preventing a long backlog of articles for either review or publication. The editor must show openness to communicating with scholars about diverse ideas and eagerness to continue building the journal’s reputation.

Candidates must be members of both the ASA and the Community and Urban Sociology Section and hold a tenured position or equivalent in an academic or a non-academic setting. Applications from members of underrepresented groups are encouraged.

In accordance with ASA’s mission to publish high quality scholarship, the following criteria are considered in selecting editors:

- established record of scholarship,
- evidence of understanding the mission of the journal and its operation, indicated by experience with the journal across any of a wide variety of activities (submission, reviewing, editorial board experience),
- assessment of the present state of the journal, its strengths and challenges, and a vision for the journal’s future,
- openness to different methods, theories, and approaches to sociology,
- record of responsible service to scholarly publishing and evidence of organizational skills and intellectual leadership,
- evidence of commitment to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

Please note that the ASA Publications Committee seeks editors who embrace the Association’s diversity statement and plan to bring a commitment to DEI principles to their work. The Publications Committee will continue to work with sociologists across our Association to ensure that our work realizes these principles holistically. The time demands associated with these responsibilities vary, but in general, require one full day per week.
Selection Process: To facilitate a fair and inclusive process, the CUSS Publications Committee will consider applications in two phases.

PHASE ONE. Letters of Interest are due on August 1. Interested applicants will submit a short (two pages) letter of interest that addresses the following:

- **Vision Statement:** Set forth your goals and plans for the content of the journal. This may include an assessment of the current strengths, weaknesses, or gaps that you plan to address and how you will carry out your plan.

- **Editor/Co-Editor or Deputy Editor(s) Background Information:** The name, affiliation, and other important information about the potential editor and, if applicable, co-editors and/or deputy editor(s) is required. Describe the qualifications and experience of each person that supports their inclusion.

- **CVs for Editors/Co-Editors** should accompany the Letter of Interest.

In mid-August 2024, we will then invite candidates to discuss with the CUSS Publications Committee the trajectory of the journal as well as candidates' vision and editorial approach. Candidates will then be asked to submit a full application that will be the basis for the decision by CUSS Council and ASA Publications Committee.

PHASE TWO. The Full Application Packet is due on October 1 and should include the following:

- **Editor/Co-Editor Information:** Provide your name, affiliation, and other important information about yourself and, if applicable, co-editors. Describe the qualifications of the potential editor(s) and include their vitae.

- **Vision Statement:** Elaborate your goals and plans for the journal’s content beyond what you have established in the brief letter of interest.

- **Editorial Board:** If appointed, editors will assemble an editorial team by nominating new editorial board members and may also nominate deputy editors. The CUSS Publications Committee must approve all editor-selected editorial board members and deputy editors. Applicants do not need to name deputy editors (if applicable), managing editors, or editorial board members for nominations in their application. Still, applicants should describe their approach and vision for building this team and how it aligns with the intellectual and social justice commitments of the section. Please also discuss in your application how you plan to work with editorial board members or any deputy editors as part of your larger editorial team.

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Write a statement that (1) critically reflects on how your race/ethnicity, gender, and class background shapes your understanding of sociological scholarship and your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at the individual,
organizational, or institutional level, (2) describes your involvement in DEI initiatives and efforts to promote equitable and inclusive leadership citing specific accomplishments and the roles you have played, and (3) outlines specific ways you plan to include marginalized scholars as editorial board members, manuscript reviewers, and authors, particularly scholars from racially marginalized backgrounds and those who are the first in their family to finish college. Please note in your application if you are restricted from answering this question due to state legislation.

- **Professional Ethics and Scientific Integrity Self-Disclosure:** All nominees for the editorship are required to answer a self-disclosure question regarding professional ethics and scientific integrity. If you apply for an editorship, you can submit your required disclosure at this [weblink](https://example.com).

- **Institutional Support:** Applicants will provide a letter from the administration of their institution assuring a suitable level of financial and in-kind support for the editor, a managing editor (usually a graduate student), and the editorial office. The actual costs associated with editing the journal are covered by the publisher, a dedicated portion of section dues, and the editor’s university. Specific negotiations will of course take place after a new editor is selected. This letter **must be included** for the application to be considered.

It is important for candidates to consider the feasibility of serving as editor(s), considering the available resources from both ASA and their institutions. To this end, candidates are strongly encouraged to discuss possible resource allocation with their institutions in advance of submitting an application. Before inquiring about your institution’s available resources, it may be helpful to consult with the following resource: [Talking Points: Benefits to Hosting an ASA Journal for a Department and University](https://example.com).

Because the support offered by different institutions varies widely, you are encouraged to contact ASA Director of Publications Karen Gray Edwards (edwards@asanet.org) to discuss the level and type of ASA support that could be available to you in light of your anticipated institutional package. Detailed financial arrangements are not developed until after the ASA Council appoints the editor.

CUSS Publications Committee will submit a ranked list of candidates to the CUSS Council by November 15, 2024. The CUSS Council will vote and submit their editor selection back to the CUSS Publications Committee. The recommendation is then forwarded to ASA’s Publications Committee by December 15, 2024. ASA’s Publications Committee will review the selection and forward the recommendation to ASA Council.

For questions and further information about the application process, please contact: Theo Greene, Chair, CUSS Publications Committee, tgreene@bowdoin.edu and Elena Vesselinov, Chair, Community and Urban Sociology Section, elena.vesselinov@gmail.com.