

2024 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Economic Sociology

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 2023 to August 2024 and a fiscal year from January 2024 to December 2024. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2023 and August 2024.

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.

We had a robust and well-attended business meeting with roughly 50 members present. The first order of business was a presentation of the newly elected officers and thanks to outgoing officers. We then presented the section awards. This was followed by a short discussion of section membership trends, replacing editorial staff for the *Accounts* newsletter, the new collaboration with other sections and the SASE to revamp the WIP blog, a review of the special programming events, and a discussion of what initiatives will serve our section members.

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.

The council meeting took place on Zoom the morning of August 11 because a number of our officers were not able to attend ASA. The attendees included Juan Pablo Pardo-Guerra, Max Besbris, Devin Wiggs, Katherine Sobering, Armando Lara-Millan, Ya-Ching Huang, Daniel Fridman, Minjae Kim, and Ken-Hou Lin. Lin provided updates about the section, shared the outcomes of all the special section events organized throughout the year. The council also discussed about the WIP blog, how to grow our membership, and what we learned from organizing the 2024 program.

Awards

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

The Section on Economic Sociology's Viviana Zelizer Best Book Award

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

Honorable Mentions:

Megan Tobias Neely, *Hedged Out: Inequality and Insecurity on Wall Street*. Oakland: University of California Press, 2022. (Copenhagen Business School)

Jessi Streib, *The Accidental Equalizer: How Luck Determines Pay After College*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2023. (Duke University)

The Section on Economic Sociology's Granovetter Award for Best Article in Economic Sociology

Gastón, Pablo. 2022. "Moralizing the Strike: Nurses Associations and the Justification of Workplace Conflict in California Hospitals." *American Journal of Sociology* 128(1): 47-93. (Michigan)

Rao, Aliya Hamid. 2022. "Relational Work in the Family: The Gendered Microfoundation of Parents' Economic Decisions." *American Sociological Review* 87(6): 1094-1120. (LSE)

Honorable Mention:

Horvath, Aaron. 2023. "Organizational Supererogation and the Transformation of Nonprofit Accountability." *American Journal of Sociology* 128(4): 1031-1076. (Stanford)

The Section on Economic Sociology's Ronald Burt Student Paper Award

Walker Kahn, "Safe as Houses: Financialization, Foreclosure, and Precarious Homeownership in the United States." (Wisconsin)

Honorable Mentions:

Bowei Hu, "In the Red: How Bank Concentration Fuels Debt Burden for Households, 1999-2019" (UCLA)

Meiying Li, "Devaluation for Whom? Feminization and Wages in an Economically Polarized Labor Market, 2003-2019" (USC)

2024 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2024 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2024. Please account for any substantive differences.

The section decided to co-host a joint reception with OOW and, the Section on Decision-Making, Social Networks, and Society, which let us maximize sections' overlap while saving on the budget. We spent 2,558 on the reception and 503 on awards plaques, bringing us to 3,061 total expenses. We ended the balance with net assets of 7,309, a little above our anticipated assets. with treasurer/ secretary Victoria Reyes, we discussed ways to spend our income to support our members, in the form of travel scholarships for example.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2023 and August 2024.

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 communicated to our members using the Section listserv, as well as our quarterly newsletter Accounts. The section chair sent out a set of announcements every other Monday throughout the year and shared the Accounts whenever a new issue is completed. We did not use social media such as X because it has become a more controversial platform after the change of ownership.

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

DEI goals were addressed through nominations, awards, and session organization. Attempts were also made when selecting volunteers for important functions. These efforts are also described in the discussions of the nominations process, awards process, and session programming. A section member also offered matching funds for donating to the Minority Fellowship Program.

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 attract the best papers in the area, the program committee decided not to restrict our sessions with any particular themes but to keep the call open. Specifically, we used the following language: "This open session invites empirical and/or theoretical papers representing the entire breadth of economic sociology research today. While the theme is open-ended, the program committee also wishes to encourage submissions offering new insight into political economy, financial markets, race and racial hierarchies, NLP, culture, morality, and knowledge."

The four program committee members, including Laura Adler, Guillermina Altomonte, Armando Lara-Millan, and Roi Livne reviewed all the submitted papers and then selected ones with high quality into four sessions:

1. Political-Economy in Sociology
2. Organizations, the State, and Legitimacy in the Economy
3. Markets, Hierarchies, and Social Exclusion
4. Revisiting the Social Meaning of Money

While this procedure is more time-consuming, we believe it produces a stronger program for the section.

In addition, the section co-hosted a joint reception with the Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section and the Section on Decision-Making, Social Networks, and Society. Though this was off-site, it was within walking distance of the conference, in a welcoming and accessible space, and

brought together approximately 250 attendees. We also rebooted the mentoring program for both students and young scholars.

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 held two "Awards Showcase" events on Zoom featuring award committee members and winners to discuss how they both produce and assess quality (organized by Jeff Sheng). It was an opportunity to showcase award winners and allow them to share in the backstage "nuts and bolts" of publishing. We also held a number of other events including Meet-the-Editors (organized by Alya Guseva and Akos Rona-Tas), Navigating the Early Career Track (organized by Barbara Kiviat and John Robinson III), Peer Network Initiative (organized by Barbara Kiviat). Annie Murphy and Julia Stein Dessauer have begun to build a website collecting/curating teaching resource. The website includes undergraduate and graduate syllabi contributed by our members and collected from the internet. Please let me know if you're interested in contributing to the website or database.