

Newsletter of the Mathematical Sociology Section of  
the American Sociological Association

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**Greetings from the Chair  
Diane Felmlee**

Join me in congratulating the winners of our Section Awards. We will honor the awardees at our *Section Reception*, which takes place at the Hilton on Sun., Aug. 3, beginning at 6:30 pm. Our thanks go out to the Committee Chairs, and committee members who worked on these committees. Congratulations to our newly elected section officers, too (see below). You are welcome to attend our Section Council breakfast meeting on Sat., Aug. 2.

Hope to see many of you at our sessions and meetings in Boston.



*Diane*

**Section Council Meeting**

Date: Sat., Aug. 2

Time: 7:30 – 8:30 AM

Place: *Forty Dalton*, Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel

All Section Council members and Section officers are invited to attend a breakfast Council meeting on Sat. morning from 7:30 – 8:30 AM. It will be held at the main restaurant, the *Forty Dalton*, in the Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel, which is the convention hotel for our Section. We have several items of business, including issues related to the section awards. Please send additional business items to Diane Felmlee, [dhfelmlee@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dhfelmlee@ucdavis.edu).

**Newly Elected Officers:  
2008-2009**

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**James S. Coleman Distinguished Career Award**

**Scott A. Boorman**

Committee Members:  
James Moody, Chair  
Matthew Brasheres, Peter Hedstrom  
Matthew Bothner and Barbara Meeker

**Outstanding Article Publication Award**

**Delia Baldassarri and Peter Bearman**

“Dynamics of Political Polarization,”  
*American Sociological Review* 72: 784-811, 2007.

Committee Members:  
Michael Macy, Chair  
Ron Burt and James Moody

**Outstanding Graduate Student Paper**

**To Be Announced**

Committee Members:  
Guillermina Jasso , Chair  
Eugene Johnsen, Brent Simpson,  
Yoshimichi Sato, Charlotta Stern and Peter Bahr

**Mathematical Sociology Dissertation Award**

**Pamela Emanuelson**

“Extension and Refinement of Network Exchange  
Theory”

Committee Members:  
Diane Felmlee , Chair  
Ken Land, Robert Shelly,  
Nancy Tuma and Brent Simpson

## Information about the Mathematical Sociology Section Sessions at the ASA

**Regular Session. Mathematical Sociology.**

Sat. Aug. 2, 2:30-4:10 Hilton Boston Back Bay

Organizer: *John Skvoretz*, University of South Florida; Presider: *Michael Lovaglia*, University of Iowa

How Do Terrorist Cells Self-Assemble? Insights from an Agent Based Model. *Michael Genkin*, Cornell University; *Alexander Gutfraind*, Cornell University.

Local Convergence and Global Diversity: From Interpersonal to Global Influence. *Andreas Flache*, University of Groningen; *Michael W. Macy*, Cornell University.

Modal Constructions in Sociological Arguments. *Michael Hannan*, Stanford University; *Greta Hsu*, UC Davis; *Laszlo Polos*.

New Measures of Relative Deprivation and the Societal Justice Index. *Jasso Guillermina*, New York University; *Samuel Kotz*, George Washington University.

Discussant: *Michael Lovaglia*, University of Iowa

**Section on Mathematical Sociology Paper Session: Some Flavors of Work in Mathematical Sociology.**

Sat. Aug. 2, 12:30-2:10 Hilton Boston Back Bay

Organizer and Presider: *Eugene C. Johnsen*, University of California, Santa Barbara

How Concerns for Legitimacy Can Bias Assessments of Efficiency *Jerker Denrell*, Stanford University; *Gael Le Mens*, Stanford University

When Do Matthew Effects Occur? *Matthew S. Bothner*, University of Chicago; *Richard Haynes*, Credit Suisse First Boston; *Joel Podolny*, Harvard University

Efficiency and Strong Power: Testing Basic Assumptions of Theories of Exchange. *Marcel Van Assen*, Universiteit van Tilburg; *Pamela Emanuelson*, University of South Carolina; *David Willer*, University of South Carolina

**Section on Mathematical Sociology Paper Session: Some Flavors of Work in Mathematical Sociology cont.**

Cooperation and Reputation in Dynamic Networks *Rense Corten*, Utrecht University; *Karen S. Cook*, Stanford University

Spatial Analysis of Social Networks *Carter T. Butts*, University of California, Irvine; *Ryan M. Acton*, University of California, Irvine

**Section on Mathematical Sociology Paper Session and Mathematical Sociology Business Meeting.**

Sat. Aug. 2, 10:30-11:30 Hilton Boston Back Bay

Organizer and Presider: *Diane Felmlee*

Network Exchange Theory: A Decade of Growth *Pamela Emanuelson*, University of South Carolina.

Epidemic Potential in Networks with Diverse Degree Distributions *James Moody*, Duke University.

Dynamic Models: Retrospective and Prospective Views *Nancy Brandon Tuma*, Stanford University



Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel in Boston, MA