

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Community and Urban Sociology Section

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 2024 to August 2025 and a fiscal year from January 2025 to December 2025. This report is shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

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.

The Business Meeting was held at the ASA Conference in Chicago and was led by Jeffrey M. Timberlake.

Business Meeting Agenda:

1. Chair's report: Jeffrey M. Timberlake)
2. Treasurer's report: Jeffrey M. Timberlake for Prentiss Dantzler
3. *City & Community* report: Richard Ocejo
4. Introductions of Chair-Elect Brandi Summers and other elected leaders
5. Q&A and discussion

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 was held via Zoom on August 5, 2025, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and was led by Jeffrey M. Timberlake.

Council Meeting Agenda:

1. Chair's Report: Jeffrey M. Timberlake
2. Treasurer's Report: Prentiss Dantzler
3. C&C Editor Report: Daniela Tagtachian for Richard Ocejo
4. Chair-Elect: Brandi Summers
5. Q&A and discussion

Please see attached minutes.

Awards

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

Jane Addams Article Award

Committee: Jan Doering and Christof Brandtner (co-chairs), Emily Walton, Luis Nuño, and Kasey Zapatka.

Winner: Stephanie Ternullo. 2024. "Place-Based Partisanship: How Place (Re) produces Americans' Partisan Attachments." *American Journal of Sociology* 130: 293-343.

Honorable Mention: Nima Dahir & Jackelyn Hwang. 2025. "Who Owns the Neighborhood? Ethnoracial Composition of Property Ownership and Neighborhood Trajectories in San Francisco". *City & Community* 24: 3-25.

Book Award

Committee: Tanya Golash Boza (chair), Nate Ela, Jean Lin, Robert Durán, and Janina Selzer

Co-winners:

Randol Contreras. 2024. *The Marvelous Ones: Drugs, Gang Violence, and Resistance in East Los Angeles*. University of California Press.

Stephanie Ternullo. 2024. *How the Heartland went Red: Why Local Forces Matter in an Age of Nationalized Politics*. Princeton University Press.

Honorable mention:

Tony Cheng. 2024. *The Policing Machine: Enforcement, Endorsements, and the Illusion of Public Input*. University of Chicago Press.

Student Paper Award

Committee: Jeremy Levine (chair), Anna Fox, Lacey Satcher, and Jaleh Jalili

Winner: Max Lubell, "Do Schools Provide a Reprieve from Residential Neighborhood Violence?"

Early Career Award

Committee: Elena Vesselinov (chair), Mervyn Horgan, Jerome Hodos, and Ian Kennedy

Co-winners: Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn

Publicly Engaged Research Award

Committee: Jeni Cross (chair), Brandon Alston, Derek Hyra, and Joanne Derouen

Winner: Esther Sullivan

2025 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2025 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2024. Please account for any substantive differences.

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There was a difference in the amounts for projected expenses for the section’s reception and the actual amount paid, \$5,000 vs. \$7,001. However, there were \$2,000 planned for “Other meeting expenses,” which were not spent on anything else but were added towards the reception expenses. It seems that reception expenses are ever increasing, year after year, and the section needs to plan for at least \$7,000 (but probably more) for the 2026 reception in New York, unless a much cheaper alternative can be found to hosting it at a bar or restaurant.

Please see attached Treasurer’s Report.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

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.

During the year of my term, beginning from August 22 until September 2, I sent roughly bi-weekly updates to all section members through the CUSS listserv (there were 23 such updates). Following my predecessor, I titled these “CUSS Chair Announcements.” I invited submissions from the membership about any professional news items they wanted to share, such as recent publications, job listings, conferences, call for papers, and any other relevant information. In addition, I notified the membership of the appointment of the new editors of *City & Community* and news related to the ASA meeting in Chicago in this fashion.

The section issues a Newsletter, twice a year, Winter and Summer editions. I was invited to write a chair’s message, which I did for both editions. In addition to the newsletter, available at <https://comurb.org>, the section’s Communications Team also maintains a website and social media accounts on Facebook and X (f/k/a Twitter).

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

The section has, for several years, focused on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. As the table below demonstrates, our section is broadly representative of the membership; in addition, our current Chair is the first woman of color to serve in this position, and our Chair-Elect is also a person of color. Finally, there is a great deal of diversity in our leadership on the basis of gender and sexual orientation identity, which should not go unmentioned.

Demographic Group	ASA %	CUSS %
African American	9.3%	12.7%
Asian/Asian American	16.5%	10.3%
Hispanic/Latino(a)	7.2%	7.0%
Native American	0.3%	0.0%
White	54.4%	57.3%
MENA/SWANA	1.8%	1.3%
Other	2.2%	1.1%
Multiple Selected	8.4%	10.3%

In terms of specific steps taken to achieve our goals, each of the major subcommittee leaders (Awards, Sessions, and Elections) engaged in good faith efforts to recruit participants and candidates from a wide range of backgrounds.

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).

There were several programming areas at the conference: (1) four paper sessions and one roundtable session with 20 tables; (2) off-site reception at Remington's on Michigan Avenue, including our (3) Awards Ceremony; (4) mentoring program with about 50 participating faculty and students, who met on an individual and small group basis; (5) business meeting; (6) Several CUSS leaders attended the Open House to talk to ASA members about the section; and (7) The section sponsored 5 graduate students scheduled to make presentations with \$300 travel awards to attend the conference.

CUSS Sessions at the ASA Meetings in Chicago

1. Mechanisms of Segregation, Monday, August 11: 8:00am to 9:30am

Many researchers study segregation, but treat it as a noun, as if it were a disembodied condition of cities, suburbs, and other places. This panel invites papers that focus on the word's root verb — "to segregate" — and examine the specific mechanisms that produce and reproduce segregation in the city. Submissions can be qualitative or quantitative, use historical or contemporary data, and focus on the micro-level or macrolevel of analysis, as long as the mechanisms of segregation are the focus.

Presider/Discussant: Howard Jacob Carlson, Kean University

Organizer: John Logan, Brown University

Panelists

- Cross-municipal segregation as a mechanism of racial inequality - Robert Allen Manduca, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- Ethnonationalist Scapegoating: Segregation and Evictions in Urban India - Liza Weinstein, Northeastern University
- Four Dimensional Segregation: How the Global City Keeps Migrants out of Sight and out of Mind - Kurt Kuehne, New York University Abu Dhabi
- House of Cards: Linking FHA and VA Borrowers to Full Count Census Records - Katherine A. Thomas, New York University; Wenfei Xu, Columbia University; Thomas Storrs, University of Virginia; Jacob William Faber, New York University
- The Roots of Mexican's Racial Segregation: A Case Study of Mexicans in the L.A. Harbor - Maria G. Rendon, University of California, Irvine

2. The Structures and Institutions that Shape Placemaking, Monday, August 11: 10:00am to 11:30am

Place-making is often studied from the perspective of residents and community members, but social structures and institutions also play a central role in how places are defined, produced, and transformed. This session will explore how place-making is shaped by structural and constructivist dynamics relating to race and ethnicity, capital and class, and gender and sexuality, as well as institutions including government, nonprofits, the media, the real estate industry, and the private sector. Panelists will analyze these themes in a variety of spatial contexts including rural communities, urban neighborhoods, global cities, heritage tourist destinations, ethnic and immigrant enclaves, public spaces and encampments, and sites of environmental disasters.

Presider: Nima Dahir, Ohio State University

Session Organizers: Judith R. Halasz, SUNY-New Paltz; Maria Akchurin, Loyola University-Chicago

Panelists

- Rebuilding and Remaking Riverside: The Role of Institutions, Capital, and Community in Place-Making - Sukari Ivester, Tulane University

- Framing Struggles: How Race, Class, and Space Shape Perceptions of Rezoning Among Residents and State Actors - Viktor Bensus, CUNY-Graduate Center
- Media Representations of Le Petit Sénégal: Race, Nativity, and Place-Making in Harlem - Nima Dahir, The Ohio State University
- Dissipating Stigma, Commodifying Authenticity: Singapore's State-Driven Spatial Transformation of Historic Little India - Subadevan Boyd-Devan, Brown University
- When Penalties are Framed as Protections: Street-Level Bureaucrats and the Expansion of Homeless Governance - Claire W. Herbert, University of Oregon; Leslie Jo Weaver, University of Oregon; Dylan Podrabsky, University of Oregon; Emma Singleton, University of Oregon

3. Community and Urban Sociology Roundtables Monday, August 11: 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Organizers: Sarah Farr, University of Michigan; Aaron Howell, University of Mount Union

- Table 1: Community Responses to Collective Harm
- Table 2: Constructing Place Character
- Table 3: Crime and Policing
- Table 4: Environmental Justice and Climate Policy
- Table 5: Gentrification I
- Table 6: Gentrification II
- Table 7: Governing Homelessness
- Table 8: Inequality and Speculation in Housing Markets
- Table 9: Low-Income Housing Provision
- Table 10: Neighborhood Preferences and Residential Mobility
- Table 11: Place and Wellbeing
- Table 12: Place-based Solidarity and Meaning Making
- Table 13: Placing Politics
- Table 14: Urban Governance I: The Organization of Power
- Table 15: Platform Urbanism and Digital Cities
- Table 16: Segregation
- Table 17: Transportation Systems and Mobility
- Table 18: Urban (Re)development
- Table 19: Urban Education
- Table 20: Urban Governance II: Self-governance and Community-led Strategies

4. Urban Sociology and the Legacy of Chicago Monday, August 11: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Chicago has long been front and center in the long history of urban sociology. This session invites reflections on old and new empirical work centering "The Second City," including critiques of or admiration for U.S. urban sociology's long obsession with Chicago.

Presenter: Ryan Center, London School of Economics

Session Organizers: Lacey Anne Satcher, Boston College; Yunhan Wen, Princeton University

Panelists

- Defended Neighborhoods, Vulnerable Routines: The Social Ecology of Everyday Discrimination – Nicolo P Pinchak, University of Chicago; Christopher R Browning, Ohio State University; Bethany Boettner, Ohio State University; J. Brandon Carter, The University of Texas at Austin; Catherine A. Calder, The University of Texas at Austin
- Examining Variation in Access to Internet and Computers Across Illinois Neighborhoods – Della Cox, University of Chicago
- Living Diversity: Statistical and Social Integration in a Racially Diverse Neighborhood – Denia Garcia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Trust in Motion: Neighborhood social context and trust in real-time – Nathalia Santos, Cornell University
- Foretelling a New Chicago Sociology? The work of Jonesville in the Committee on Human Development, 1940-1950 – Liping Wang, Peking University

5. Third Places: Beyond the Home and the Workplace Tuesday, August 12: 8:00am to 9:30am.

Third places are gathering places that are neither the home nor the workplace, including bars, community centers, public parks, churches, schools, and shopping malls. While much research has shown how COVID-19 changed people’s relationships to home and work, this panel welcomes submissions that examine the changing role of third places in post-COVID cities and communities.

Presider: Andrea Leverentz, North Carolina State University

Organizers: Andrea M. Leverentz, North Carolina State University; Matthew Mleczo, Marquette University

Panelists

- Crisis, Community, and Control: Informal Social Sanctions and CV-19 Rule Enforcement in New York City – Kent Rigg, Temple University
- Vanishing Restaurants, Unequal Spaces: Ethnic and Spatial Disparities in New York City’s Post-COVID Restaurant Closings – Qiyao Pan, CUNY
- Digital Nomadism and Urban Change: Integration and Community Dynamics in Mexico City, Olivia Sanchez UCSD
- “A Place Where People are” Organizational Flexibility and the public library as a third place – Lydia Nicole Orr, Temple University

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.

The primary activities outside of the Annual Meeting, in addition to what has already been mentioned, were a series of webinars hosted by City & Community. These included:

How to Write (and Not Write) Journal Articles: A City & Community Perspective

Thursday, September 26, 2024 –1:30pm to 3:00pm (ET)

Aimed primarily at doctoral students and early career scholars, this virtual information session is meant to offer first-time authors some guidance in journal article writing from the perspective of an editor. Richard Ocejo, editor of *City & Community*, will offer some practical tips and common mistakes authors make in papers. Attendees will also get ample opportunity to ask questions about the process and to receive writing advice. While *City & Community* and urban sociology will serve as the main examples, scholars with interest in other subfields and journals are welcome to attend.

How to be a Reviewer: Reviewing Papers for Journals

Thursday, November 14, 2024 –1:30pm to 3:00pm (ET)

While an important part of the publication process, scholars rarely learn how to write reviews that are informative and helpful for both authors and editors. Aimed at early career scholars, this virtual information session is meant to offer some guidance on how to review papers for journals from the perspective of an editor. Richard Ocejo, editor of *City & Community*, will offer some common tendencies--good and bad--reviewers show. While *City & Community* and urban sociology will serve as the main examples, scholars in other subfields who review for other journals are welcome to attend.

Great, but Now What? How to Handle R&Rs

Thursday, December 12, 2024 –1:30pm to 3:00pm (ET)

“We invite you to revise and resubmit this paper” are great words to read from journal. But they are only the start of what may be a long revision process. Aimed at early career scholars, this virtual information session is meant to offer some guidance on how to revise and resubmit papers for journals from the perspective of an editor. Richard Ocejo, editor of *City & Community*, will offer some common tendencies—effective and ineffective ones—in how authors handle R&Rs and tips for how to incorporate reviewers’ comments in your papers (especially when they conflict) and write effective response memos. While *City & Community* and urban sociology will serve as the main examples, the lessons will be universal. Scholars in other subfields are therefore welcome to attend.

CUSS Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 5, 2025

Attendees: Jeffrey Timberlake (Chair), Brandi Summers (Chair-Elect), Elena Vesselinov (Past Chair), Krista Paulsen (Council Member), Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana (Council Member), Robin Bartram (Council Member), Samantha Friedman (Council Member), Theo Greene (Incoming Chair-Elect), Mahesh Somashekhar (Council Member), Bill Holt (Publications Committee), Daniela Tagtachian (City and Community Editorial Assistant), Prentiss Dantzler (Treasurer/Secretary)

1. Treasurer's Report (Prentiss Dantzler)

- Discussion on removing additional line items to reduce costs.
- Noted the increased prices for receptions and award plaques.

2. Awards Coordinator Report (Krista Paulsen & Robin Bartram)

- Shared coordinator role has improved efficiency.
- Krista encouraged establishing partnerships.
- Krista raised a question about document and template storage for future committee activities.
- Jeff highlighted Mahesh's previous experience and Zawadi's new role which allows for overlap and continued support.

3. Publications Committee (Bill Holt (and Jerry Krase)

- Priority: selection of a new editor of *City and Community*.
- Two candidates interviewed: Ann Owen and Brian McCabe co-editorship chosen.
- Recommendations submitted to the Council and then ASA Publications Committee.
- Delay in board appointments due to ASA's late elections.
- A new chair or co-chairs for the Publications Committee needed.

4. City & Community Journal Updates (Daniela in lieu of Richard Ocejo's absence)

- Submissions: 237 total, 204 new.
- Acceptance Rate: 5.1% (down from 6.3%).
- Impact Factor: 3.0 / 3.3 (highest in journal's history).
- Editorial Board Composition (30 members):
- 16 women, 14 men; 12 White, 9 Black, 2 Asian, 2 Hispanic; 1 biracial, 1 multiracial, 1 not disclosed
- Special Issue: W.E.B. Du Bois 125 Years – generally positive responses and a lot of attention. Zawadi (present) and Freeden were congratulated for their work on this.
- Graduate Editorial Assistance Program: Program continues to make meaningful impacts by providing professional development for graduate students. Questions raised about its continued operation given new incoming editors (officially starting January 1, 2026).
- Questions raised by Jeff about the transitional period. Daniela noted some of the ongoing efforts to assure a smooth transitioning: Training scheduled on ScholarOne platform; September meetings planned to ensure a smooth editorial transition; Earlier consultations in lieu of incoming editors.

- Zawadi inquired about continuation of professional development for grad students and junior faculty. Daniela to follow up with Richard. Bill confirmed intentions to continue these programs.

5. ASA Annual Meeting Planning (Jeff)

- Four sessions organized by Zawadi and Mahesh.
- Roundtables organized. Consider inviting roundtable organizers to upcoming meetings especially since we have now shifted to virtual meetings.
- Reception planned.

6. Bylaws and Governance (Jeff)

- Bylaws Update Deadline: November 15
- Jeff offered to draft bylaw changes.
- Discussion on: Governance roles, voting rules, and Council authority; Role of the Chair vs. Council authority.
- Member reflections:
 - Krista: Affirmed Jeff's proposal and noted need for flexibility in response to ad hoc issues.
 - Elena: Suggested consultation with ASA; raised importance of clarifying grad student roles.
 - Brandi: Reflected on past decision-making and the Chair-Council dynamic.
 - Mahesh: Noted variability in Chair leadership styles and bylaw adherence.
 - Elena: Emphasized Chair responsibilities can be delegated; volunteer nature of roles.
 - Brandi: Reinforced prior points with examples of delegation under past Chairs.
 - Zawadi: Advocated for bylaws to serve as institutional memory while allowing flexibility.
 - Elena: Suggested assigning ongoing governance responsibilities to ensure continuity.

7. New Business (Jeff)

- Question regarding international participation by Mahesh. Given his current position, Prentiss noted some growing intentions by international scholars not to attend U.S. based events given the political climate and current immigration practices. Such sentiments are likely to be held until major political changes occur.
- Elena: Shared positive personal experience with inclusion in CUSS; emphasized the importance of maintaining a welcoming culture.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

Community & Urban Sociology Section / American Sociological Association

August 5, 2025

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For this year's annual meeting, we faced challenges of increased cost in our two primary expense categories when compared to previous years. This includes:

- \$7,001 for the reception (\$2,400 deposit already paid)
- \$801 for increased quantity of award plaques.

The journal, whose budget is tracked separately from the overall section budget, has \$14,560 in its ASA account as of June 30, 2025. This is down \$12,606 from June 2024, the report used in the Treasurer's report in 2024. We have received Editorial Office Support of \$12,000 from *City & Community*'s publisher SAGE Publications out of \$24,000 typically scheduled for the fiscal year 2025. The journal account accrued \$557 in publication income this year, down \$11 from the previous year, but higher than the pre-pandemic year (\$510 in 2020), bringing the total journal income to \$12,557. We have spent \$13,239 for editorial office expenses through June 30, 2025. Any remaining funds will be coupled with assets and carried over to 2025.

(2) Membership. As of August 4, 2025, we have 541 members, which is just short the 600-member threshold that would qualify us for four regular sessions at the next annual meeting in New York, NY in 2026. However, this is larger than the 524 figure last year at the same time. However, since 2020, following the trend of general decline section membership we have been experiencing a small general decline. We thank the outreach by the membership retention efforts by the members of the committee, and will continue to monitor the membership number for next year in hopes that we can reach the 600-member by September 1, 2025.

Overall, the financial state of the section is healthy, but with increasing costs for reception and award plaques, fluctuating membership levels, and the expected format change to ASA's annual meeting, there may be room for reconsidering how to balance the financial stability and prioritizing opportunities for younger scholars and scholars without financial resources to stay engaged with the section – a recurring concern for CUSS.

Sincerely,

Prentiss Dantzler

Secretary/Treasurer

American Sociological Assn
 Community and Urban Sociology Section (10)
 For the Period Ended Monday, June 30, 2025

	Year To Date	Acct #
Section:		
INCOME & EXPENSE		
Income		
Dues Income	\$635	37200-010
Section Budget Allocation	2,075	37250-010
Total Income	2,710	
Expenses		
AM Reception Expenses	2,400	37300-010
Total Expenses	2,400	
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$310	
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets - Beginning Balance	\$23,195	
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	310	
Net Assets - Ending Balance	\$23,505	
Journal:		
INCOME & EXPENSE		
Income		
Editorial Ofc. Support	12,000	37235-010
Publication Income	557	37230-010
Total Income	12,557	
Expenses		
Journal Editorial Office Expenses	13,239	37390-010
Total Expenses	13,239	
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	(\$682)	
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets - Beginning Balance	\$15,242	
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	(682)	
Net Assets - Ending Balance	\$14,560	