

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Crime, Law, and Deviance

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.

Our 2025 business meeting was held on August 10 2025, during the ASA meetings. We had roughly 20 members in attendance, as well as several council members and other section leadership. Our main orders of business were presenting this year's awards, presenting a budget update, and asking for volunteers and ideas for ASA 2026. The agenda and meeting minutes are attached.

Agenda:

- Summer 2025 business:
 - Recognition of awardees
 - Recognition of committees
 - Budget report
- New business:
 - Discussion of topics for ASA 2026
 - List circulation for committee volunteers

MEETING NOTES

August 10, 2025

-In attendance: ~20 members

THANK YOUs

-Welcome to new council members, thank you to exiting council members, chairs, newsletter editors, etc.

-Thank you to committee members

AWARDS (presentation)

- Book award
- Career award
- Article award
- Student paper award

MISC.

- Budget update (good health)
- Discussion items membership and budget, engagement, ASA meeting ideas, committee volunteers needed!!

Ideas for next year's session ideas

- new theoretical insights, across institutions
- incarceration (and health?)
- reentry
- anniversary of key books/articles?
- punishment & predation
- crime by elites, white collar crime
- more global/international/comparative
- thematic re: NYC?

Suggestions:

- Keep roundtables, keep some panels pretty open to broaden participation
- New idea: lightning talks by students?

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.

Our 2025 business meeting was held on September 19, 2025. Our main order of business was approving the section budget and deciding on section sessions for ASA 2026 meetings. The list of council members in attendance and our meeting minutes are attached.

Agenda:

- Summer 2025 business:
 - Budget report
 - ASA business meeting minutes
- New business:
 - Updates on section lot allocation and why it increased
 - Determining session topics for ASA 2026
 - Reception thoughts
 - Discussion of new initiative for raising student research funds

ASA CLD Council Meeting (approved meeting minutes)

9.19.25

1:30 p.m. (central time)

In Attendance

Holly Foster
Danielle Rudes
Youngmin Yi
April Fernandes
Vanessa Panfil
John Leverso
Joss Greene
Brianna Remster
Bryan Sykes
Naomi Sugie
Michelle Phelps

Meeting Minutes

1. Discussion of 2025 and 2026 budgets

- a. Waiting for ASA numbers regarding reception cost for 2025 to complete 2025 budget
- b. 531 members as of July 31, 2025
- c. 2026 budget will be updated soon

2. Discussion of 2026 Sessions

- a. **Discussion:** Broad council member discussion of ideas solicited by members at the 2025 Business Meeting. Some members felt more open calls were appropriate, others liked particular ideas. Some discussion of corresponding to the ASA conference theme, some discussion of distinguishing from L&S section, and some discussion of inviting local partners from NY-area for a section. Then, a conversation about a possible invited panel.
- b. **Decided:** Two generalized open (criminology/punishment systems and criminalized/deviance), immigration/crimigration, one NYC focused, and one invited with *Punishment & Inequality* author (invited)...Bruce Western (now at Russell Sage in NY). Council members signed up to lead these.
- c. Holly (C/P), P&I (Michelle), others TBD

3. Miscellaneous topics

- a. Finding ways to fund a small account for students (idea regarding the lack of current funding and the cuts to NSF grants). Book raffle, ASA funds/initiatives, potential for fundraising for student support and/or sponsorship for reception, potentially co-sponsoring reception again with another section.

Awards

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

Distinguished Student Paper Award

Winner: Iolanthe Brooks. "Shuffling Within the System: The Pervasive Uncertainty of Prison Transfers."

Honorable Mention: Anne K. Johnson, Portland State University, "Drunk Hunters: Constituting Logics of Law Enforcement Phlebotomy."

James F. Short Distinguished Article Award

Co-winner: David Knight. 2024. "Carceral Passages: Coming of Age in Prison America." American Journal of Sociology.

Co-winner: Enrique Alvear Moreno. 2024. "The Paradox of Sanctuary: How Punitive Exceptions Converge to Criminalize and Punish Latinos/as." Law & Social Inquiry.

Honorable Mention: Hollie Nyseth Nzitatira and John Gasana Gasasira. 2024. "Identities and Interactions: Reentry and Reintegration after Incarceration for Genocide." American Journal of Sociology.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award

Winner: Neil Gong. 2024. Sons, Daughters, and Sidewalk Psychotics: Mental Illness and Homelessness in Los Angeles. University of Chicago Press.

Albert J. Reiss, Jr. Distinguished Scholar Award

Winner: Dr. Dana L. Haynie, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, at The Ohio State University.

2025 Finances

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

The 2025 budget began with a net balance of \$1,795 and the ending 2025 budget is at \$3175 as of this report. Assets were budgeted for 2025 at \$6395, and expenses (reception, awards, and newsletter) budgeted for 2025 at \$4600. The real assets for the CLD section were \$6844, in keeping with and just slightly over the budgeted amount. The actual expenses for CLD were \$3,895, somewhat below those budgeted. One area of savings was in the reception costs, which involved shared expenses through co-sponsorship with two other sections.

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.

As in previous years, we used the ASA CLD listserv to keep members up-to-date on job postings, events and conferences, special calls from journals, our section's call for awards, general announcements, calls for newsletter items, and dissemination of the general information and our newsletters. In particular, the section moved to producing a bi-monthly emailed digest with information. In addition, we produced three newsletters this year (archived at: <https://www.asanet.org/communities-and-sections/sections/crime-law-and-deviance-section-newsletters/>) and disseminated information through the section's X account (@SocCrimeLawDev).

In addition, this year we reformulated a new engagement committee to focus on member communication as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Inclusion & Engagement Committee, comprised of two doctoral candidates and three assistant professors, organized an

array of programming intended to further professionalization, build vertical community, promote the section, and induce excitement among current and potential members. Regarding professionalization, the committee held a "How to Conference" panel wherein four invited panelist - who varied by field concentration/departmental home (i.e., sociology, criminology, law and society) and tenure status (e.g., pre and post) - offered guidance and practical tips for maximizing the intellectual, social, and professional dimensions of conferences. Twenty-four people attended the virtual panel, 16 of whom were non-organizer, non-panelist attendees. Blending the goals of professionalization with vertical relationship building, the committee also organized a mentorship program, culminating in matches between 22 mentors and 36 mentees. To promote the section, the committee slightly increased social media activity via Twitter/X and discussed the merit of expanding this engagement to LinkedIn and Bluesky. The committee also endeavored to jointly accomplish section promotion and excitement generation by disseminating swag, stickers combining puns with a proud display of the CLD section and broader ASA. Last, the committee acknowledged the benefit that fundraising and/or local sponsors could have on receptions and began developing a list of organizations and centers that could be mobilized.

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

Our section maintains that advancing sociological understanding of crime, law, deviance, and social control requires investing in the creativity and intellectual strengths of diverse scholarship and membership. As such, we strive to foster an inclusive environment that magnifies marginalized voices and provides a space where all members feel welcome, intellectually engaged, and supported. We continue to deepen our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion through staffing committees and council member election slates with members diverse across race/ethnicity, age and gender, institutional affiliation, and research area; selecting ASA panel topic of interest to a wide range of section members, and engagement efforts with new and returning members, including junior scholars from underrepresented backgrounds. We also honor the trail-blazing efforts of scholars like Ida B. Wells-Barnett in our section awards and make sure that all of our award committees think about the broad range of scholarship in the field and attend to work that deepens out understanding of race, class, gender, and other axes of inequality as they intersect with crime and punishment.

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).

This year, in addition to the business meeting and on-site joint reception, we offered one invited session, two open sessions, and roundtables. The two open sessions were well-attended panels on labor, markets, and work in the criminal-legal system and queer criminology, respectively. Our roundtable session had great participation, with 10 roundtables, each with multiple presenters and a discussant from the section. Our invited panel featured a diverse set of scholars/scholarship on the issue of policing, including the criminalization of immigration, race and policing, and police violence. These panels brought together our section members on a variety of relevant and engaging topics. In addition, our joint reception with the Sociology of Law and Disability and Society sections allowed us to strengthen existing ties and build new professional connections across the section.

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.

Please see notes above regarding the work of the Inclusion & Engagement Committee.