

2025 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 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.

Economic Sociology's business meeting took place on August 11, 2025 immediately after the roundtable session, leading to a healthy participation by the membership. The members in attendance were about 40-50, with fluctuating numbers throughout the session.

The business meeting was structured as follows:

- Report from the Section Chair, covering elections, the state of the Section's budget and membership numbers, and a brief discussion about initiatives discussed by Council.
- Ceremony for the Zelizer, Granovetter, and Burt section awards.
- Introduction of the Chair-Elect as incoming Section Chair.
- Invitation to volunteer for committees in the section via online form.

Council Meeting

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The Council meeting was held online via Zoom the week preceding the conference. Present in the meeting were Juan Pablo Pardo Guerra (chair), Ya ching-Huang, Minjae Kim, Max Besbris, Armando Lara Millan, Katherine Sobering, Megan Tobias Neely (council members); Ryan Calder, Davon Norris (incoming council members); Kim Pernel (incoming Secretary/Treasurer); Daniel Fridman (incoming chair).

Discussions centered on:

- A report by the chair on the conference program
 - The report noted a healthy set of submissions and clear themes that characterized the work of members

- A report on membership and the section budget
 - The report noted a prudent use of resources over the years and a healthy balance on the Section's accounts
- A report by the chair on the Section Elections
 - The report included an overview of newly elected council members, some of whom were in attendance and were welcomed to council.
- A discussion of items that need attention, such as continuation of Work in Progress blog partnership liaison, and the need for new members of the editorial team of Accounts.
- An open discussion on initiatives that the section might pursue in the 2025-26 year, including re-starting the Section's mentorship program for both faculty and students.
 - A key constraint Council identified was the proliferation of similar programs across sections, which reduced the pool of likely mentors given their commitments to work elsewhere. The option of pairing up with another section in the future (e.g. OOW) was seen as a viable path forward.

Awards

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

Viviana Zelizer Best Book Award in Economic Sociology

Marion Fourcade and Kieran Healy, 2024, *The Ordinal Society*, Harvard University Press

Georg Rilinger, 2024, *Failure by Design*, University of Chicago Press

Honorable Mention: Kim Pernell, 2024, *Visions of Financial Order: National Institutions and the Development of Banking Regulation*, Princeton University Press

Granovetter Award for Best Article in Economic Sociology:

Matthew Soener. 2024. "'Are IMF programs raising greenhouse gas emissions in the Global South?'" *Socio-Economic Review* 22(4): 1637–1662.

Mary-Collier Wilks. 2024. "The Logic of Patronage: Relational Work in Cambodian International Nongovernmental Organizations" *Socio-Economic Review*

Ronald Burt Student Paper Award in Economic Sociology:

Wenhao Jiang (New York University), "The Cultural Devaluation of Feminized Work: The Evolution of Occupational Prestige and Gender Typing in the United States, 1900-2019"

Honorable Mention: Lauren C. Clingan (Princeton University), "Defining Women's Incomes: Gendered Disruptions and Household Resolutions"

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 budget for 2025 was essentially flat with respect to the previous year. As in previous years, the main expenses for the Section were the Reception and the Award plaques. Costs for the

Reception could have been substantially higher but the decision was made to limit them by controlling the number of sponsored drinks and the food provided to attendees.

The 2025 budget closely matched actual expenses and income from 2024.

In terms of expenses: we budgeted \$2500 for the section reception at the ASA meeting, but actual expenses totaled \$2760 (\$260 more than anticipated). We budgeted \$500 for plaques for section award winners, but actual expenses only totaled \$420 (\$80 less than anticipated). Overall, we spent \$180 more than the \$3000 we had budgeted (total expenditures: \$3180).

In terms of income: the 2024 budget estimated \$3160 in total income (section allocation—base: \$1000, section allocation - per member: \$1488, premium dues: \$672). The actual income received was very close to this estimate: the ASA financial report for the period ending on September 30, 2025 shows \$3013 income received (a shortfall of \$147). We overestimated the section budget allocation by \$88 (actual budget allocation: \$2400) and the premium dues amount by \$59 (actual dues: \$613).

Overall, we expected to add an additional \$160 to our section assets (estimated income \$3160 - estimated expenses \$3000) but we actually saw a \$167 decrease (actual income \$3013 - actual expenses \$3180). Our section ending balance (net assets) on 9/30/2025 was \$7363.

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.

The main means for communicating with members was the listserv provided by ASA. The listserv was, in principle, an efficient way of conveying information to the members of the Section. Some caveats are relevant with regards to the use of the listserv: first, it is unclear why there is a considerable 'cost' of sending more than one or two communications per month. The guidance provided by ASA and previous chairs is that we should use the listserv sparingly. This means that the weekly/bi-weekly/monthly email from Council/Chair becomes the primary mechanism for disseminating information. While centralization has some advantages, it also creates additional work. Surely, an open listserv moderated by the chair or another council member would be a more resilient way of conveying information to the members of the organization, but it has downsides too. The most professional means of communication with the membership was, without any doubt, *Accounts*, the periodical newsletter of the section which is produced to an incredible standard through the work of simply fantastic and dedicated student volunteers.

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

The goal of the section is to promote a community of economic sociologists both nationally and internationally that may serve as a platform for sharing innovations in the field. Part of this objective involves expanding the community to include scholars that have been historically underrepresented both in sociology generally and economic sociology in particular. We did not

have, however, a specific program or initiative for this previous year. The most effective way of diversifying our section is by increasing student participation, since this will lead to a long term shift in the composition of our community. This, however, is hindered by the declining numbers of ASA members, both for faculty and students.

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).

Our programming for the conference centers on the 4 sessions we were allotted for this year. The section had an agnostic approach to the program, insofar as it did not define themes beforehand but invited submissions on any topic relevant to economic sociology. The collection of all submissions was then evaluated for the quality of the contribution, taking care to balance junior and established researchers, as well as those in research-intensive and less-research-intensive institutions. From this set, we identified common themes that organically represent the current interest of our membership. This open-ended approach both showcased research in the field while being attentive to power and resource differentials in our profession.

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 most important activity outside of the Annual Meeting was a webinar organized by an initiative from Sarah Quinn on economic sociology's understanding of the problems surrounding the Trump administration's conflicts with the US Treasury. The event was moderated by the Section Chair and included the participation of Abraham Newman (Georgetown) and Elizabeth Popp Berman (U Michigan). The attendance was strong and it is now available as a recording on YouTube.