

**2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis**

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 a 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.

Business Meeting - EMCA Section 43 of ASA 2025

Monday, August 11, 2025, 11:00 to 11:30am, East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Concourse Level Bronze, Michigan 3

Number of members present: 31

Agenda and minutes:

1. Recap of 2024-2025 activities:
 - Newsletter (4 issues: Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2025)
 - Webinar series (3 webinars, all focused on spotlighting graduate student research/research-in-progress; January 23, 2025; March 17, 2025; June 4, 2025)
 - Mid-year Council meeting (February 13, 2025)
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - See copy of report herewith
3. Membership Report:
 - Section membership increased to 121 (from 111 last year)
 - Membership numbers have fluctuated in the past few years but usually within a range from about 110 to 130, so we are currently around the middle of the expected range
 - Maintaining recruitment activities is important
4. ASA Papers Submissions Report and Programming:
 - Able to accept/empanel 19 submissions
 - Thanks to Waverly Duck for securing an additional regular paper session
 - New way of allocating sessions from 2026 onward – discussion of whether to continue using 60 minutes from Business Meeting for an additional resulted in agreement to do so, with a maximum of 3 papers to be included in the 60-minute session

5. Election results:
 - Welcome to new Secretary-Treasurer, J Sterphone, and Section Council members, Jakub Mlynar and Kristella Montiegel
 - Thanks to outgoing Council members, Philippe Sormani and Kaoru Hayano
6. Proposed bylaw amendments
 - a. Aligning start dates for Section leadership terms so that they begin on September 1 instead of beginning on the day after the Section Business Meeting at the ASA Annual Meeting – unanimously supported by Section Council at mid-year meeting in February; consensus at Business Meeting to bring this proposal to vote in 2026 election
 - b. (Re)naming awards in honor of Schegloff, Jefferson: Discussed at mid-year Section Council meeting, with the following possible proposal emerging:
 - i. Name the Best Paper Award for Schegloff (in recognition of the many foundational papers he has authored)
 - ii. Name the Graduate Student Paper Award for Jefferson (in recognition of the crucial role she played in mentoring early career researchers)

Consensus at Business Meeting was to bring this proposal to vote in 2026 election
7. Section Reception and ASA 2026 reminders
 - Section reception: Hubbard Inn, 110 W Hubbard St, 6:30pm, Monday August 11 (snacks provided; cash bar)
 - ASA 2026 will be held in New York, August 7-11, 2026; plan for a late February submission deadline
8. Presentation of 2025 Section Awards:
 - Graduate Student Paper Award (presented by Kevin Whitehead): André Buscariolli (University of California, Santa Barbara), "Managing Trouble Along a Continuum of Accountability: On Police Practices for Dealing with Less-Than-Competent Subjects." *British Journal of Criminology*, 65(1), 54-74, 2025.
 - EMCA Distinguished Book Award (presented by Angela Garcia): Matthew M. Hollander (Marion Technical College) and Jason Turowetz (University of California, Santa Barbara). *Morality in the Making of Sense and Self: Stanley Milgram's Obedience Experiments and the New Science of Morality*. Oxford University Press, 2023.
 - Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship (presented by Aug Nishizaka): Kenneth Liberman (University of Oregon).

Council Meeting

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Council Meeting, ASA Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

Date & Time: Monday, Aug 11, 2025, 7:00-7:45am

Place: East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 3

Attendees: Kevin Whitehead (meeting chair), Satomi Kuroshima, Jason Turowetz, Sylvaine Tuncer, Gordon Chang, (on site); Jakub Mlynar, Philippe Sormani (Zoom)

Apologies: Alex Tate, Kaoru Hayano, Waverly Duck, Kristella Montiegel

Agenda items:

1. Thank outgoing Council Members (Philippe Sormani and Kaoru Hayano); welcome new Members (Kristella Montiegel and Jakub Mlynar) and Secretary-Treasurer (J Sterphone)
2. Possible award(s) named in honor of Schegloff, Jefferson (reminder)
 - Consensus to propose bylaw amendments for 2026 election ballot
 - Best paper/book award proposed to be named “Emanuel A. Schegloff Distinguished EMCA Publication Award,” in recognition of the many foundational papers Schegloff authored
 - Graduate Student Paper Award proposed to be named “Gail Jefferson EMCA Graduate Student Paper Award,” in recognition of the crucial role Jefferson played in mentoring early career researchers
3. Changes in allocation of Annual Meeting slots and potential implications for use of Business Meeting slot
 - Discussion of whether to continue using 60 minutes from Business Meeting slot for an additional paper session in light of changes in how Annual Meeting sessions are; agreement to raise this for discussion at Business Meeting
4. Eligibility criteria for Graduate Student Paper Award
 - Discussion of whether there should be a requirement that papers be published in order to be eligible for this award; consensus to continue to allow unpublished papers to be eligible in order to maximize eligible pool of potential nominations, and in light of numerous unpublished papers previously winning the award before going on in almost all cases to be published.
 - Discussion of whether papers with faculty co-authors should be eligible, given that students working in the “lab model” are expected to list their supervisors/PIs as co-authors on all their papers and are therefore de facto excluded from eligibility even in cases where faculty co-authors’ contributions are no more substantial than some papers where faculty mentors are acknowledged but not listed as co-authors. No clear consensus on this matter; possibility of future discussion but no change in eligibility criteria at the present time.
5. Budget for 2026 (and future years)
 - Concern about increased costs of award plaques and section reception making it impossible to meet these costs as well as the \$300 prize for the Graduate Student Paper Award without exceeding our income.
 - Agreement that budgeting somewhat higher than projected income could be justified by a fully virtual Annual Meeting being added to the rotation in the future, thereby removing the section reception expense in those years (but not clear whether virtual conference is definitely happening – currently not listed on ASA’s “Future Annual Meetings” list?)
 - [Note: Changes in funding allocations announced by ASA following this meeting resulted in our projected income substantially increasing, which alleviates our budget concerns even in the absence of virtual Annual Meetings.]

Awards

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

Graduate Student Paper Award:

André Buscariolli (University of California, Santa Barbara), "Managing Trouble Along a Continuum of Accountability: On Police Practices for Dealing with Less-Than-Competent Subjects." *British Journal of Criminology*, 65(1), 54-74, 2025.

Distinguished Book Award:

Matthew M. Hollander (Marion Technical College) and Jason Turowetz (University of California, Santa Barbara). *Morality in the Making of Sense and Self: Stanley Milgram's Obedience Experiments and the New Science of Morality*. Oxford University Press, 2023.

Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship:

Kenneth Liberman (University of Oregon)

2024 Finances

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

The cost of award plaques for our Section award winners (\$212.61) was higher than the amount (\$150) projected in the 2025 budget, reflecting inflationary increases in the cost of these items and our decision to supply all award winners with wood plaques rather than paper certificates. The cost of the Section Reception (\$287.18) was slightly lower than the budgeted amount (\$300). The prize for the Graduate Student Paper Award remained as budgeted (\$300). In total our 2025 expenses exceeded the budgeted total by \$52.79, but our net assets (\$1290.21) remain healthy.

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.

To meet the goals and values of the Section, we have implemented the following strategies:

1. The Section produced four newsletters during this period, which are available here: <https://www.asanet.org/communities-and-sections/sections/ethnomethodology-and-conversation-analysis-section-newsletters/>

2. Additional communications were conducted through the Section listserv, and through quarterly webinars (as noted below).

The content of the newsletters and webinars was designed to promote the development and maintenance of local, regional, and global networks between scholars in our fields. These communications provide information about upcoming events (within and beyond ASA) and recent publications, highlight the work of both established and emerging scholars, and offer accessible virtual spaces for sharing ideas about both new and classical works in these fields.

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

Consistent with the efforts of previous years, Section leaders have continued to:

1. Maintain and increase diversity in Section leadership with one of the current Co-Chairs and two current Section Council members being international ASA members.
2. Actively promote and recognize work by section members that advances diversity, equity, and inclusion. For instance, one of this year's award-winning papers examined police interactions with members of the public, another focused on moral reasoning in the context of Stanley Milgram's obedience studies, and a third pursued a sustained research agenda on everyday practices across diverse non-Western cultures).
3. Develop programming that amplifies research on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues. Notably, 32% of our papers programmed were presented by international members, and the sessions addressed topics of pressing public importance, such as "neurodivergence" and autism, vaccine resistance, category-based discrimination and biases (e.g., racism, sexism), interactions in legal settings (e.g., Supreme Court oral arguments and jury deliberations), and public smartphone noise disturbances.

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).

As noted in response to the previous question, our programming is designed to provide voice to as many of our members and to reflect a wide range of diversity . To that end, we opted for a shortened (30-minute) Business Meeting so that we could utilize the additional 60-minute panel slot. We had five countries and three continents represented in our programming, and participants consistently remarked that they benefitted greatly from both the official and informal interactions within our section as our section's members are highly active in discussions. Our programming was consistently well-attended, with 35 to 41 attendees in the four paper sessions and 31 attendees in the Business Meeting. We also hosted a Section Reception at a nearby local venue, attended by 36 members, many of whom expressed appreciation for the distinct opportunities for intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, and inclusion in a less formal/lower stakes setting.

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 an explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

The Section hosted three quarterly webinars in 2024-25. At the beginning of the year, a decision was made to dedicate all three webinars to spotlighting and promoting graduate student research, welcoming presentations of both completed projects and research-in-progress. The details of the three webinars are as follows:

Fall (January 23, 2025):

Alvin Chu (University of California, Los Angeles) – "Policing and mental health: Criminalizing crisis through 911"

Satsuki Iseki (Rutgers University) – "Category-based assessments in Japanese talk-in-interaction"

Marat Zheng (University of California, Santa Barbara) – "Initial report on a series of telephone calls during the Shanghai Covid-19 lockdown in 2022"

Winter (March 17, 2025):

Mao Chida (Chiba University) – “How silence is broken in conversations where multiple participants use smartphones”

Yayoi Umemura (Chiba University) – “Establishing joint attention to an object using the ‘model body’”

Spring (June 4, 2025):

Aniek Antvelink (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) – “Navigating cervical cancer screening: Accounting for non- or delayed participation”

Fiona Hu (Ocean University of China) – “Turn-final ‘ha’ in Mandarin Chinese conversation”

Lieve von Hengel (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) – “‘I don't know’-prefaced questions (IDK-prefaced questions) in child vaccination talk”

Unfortunately, attendance at these webinars was low, with between 8 and 12 attendees at each – in contrast to typical attendance figures in previous years (e.g., between 20 and 84 participants in the three 2023-24 webinars). However, those who attended were highly engaged, offering the graduate student presenters substantial feedback and advice. It is also noteworthy that the presenters were from four countries across three continents, including graduate students who may face financial barriers to attending the Annual Meeting in person. These webinars thus provided arenas for such students to present and receive feedback from Section members. Thus, despite the disappointing attendance numbers, we consider these events to have been successful and meaningful in fulfilling their mentoring and scholarly exchange goals.