

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Family 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

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Awards

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

The Family Section Distinguished Career Award

Winner: Susan L. Brown, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University

The Family Section William J. Goode Book Award

Winner: Gretchen Sisson. *Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood*. 2024. St. Martin's Press Author's affiliation: Department of Sociology, Hunter College, CUNY.

Honorable Mention: Stephanie L. Canizales. *Sin Padres, Ni Papeles: Unaccompanied Migrant Youth Coming of Age in the United States*. 2024. University of California Press Author's affiliation: Department of Sociology, Hunter College, CUNY.

The Family Section Article of the Year Award

Winner: Brady, David, Baker, Regina S., & Finnigan, Ryan. (2024). The role of single motherhood in America's high child poverty. *Demography*, 61(4), 1161-1185.

Authors' affiliations:

David Brady, University of California, Riverside.

Regina Baker, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ryan Finnigan, University of California, Berkeley

The Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award

Winner: Reilly Kincaid. "Time is Money? Differences in First-Order and Third-Order Beliefs about Mothers' and Fathers' Work-Family Priorities."

Honorable Mention: Kylie Yim. "Joyful Yet Burdensome: Cross-Societal Differences in Attitudes Toward Childbearing."

Authors' affiliations:

Reilly Kincaid, affiliation at time of award: graduate student in Sociology at Purdue University

Kylie Yim, affiliation at time of award, graduate student in Sociology at University of Texas

The Family Section Linda Burton Travel Award

Winner: Anne Kou (grad student), Department of Sociology, New York University

Winner: Piritmwa Lilibert Shemu (grad student), Purdue University

Winner: Xiaoyu Yao (grad student), Department of Sociology, University of Albany, SUNY

2025 Finances

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

Section expenses and income differed from the 2024 budget in a few ways. Dues income appears slightly lower than anticipated (- \$194) based on information through Sept 2025. Other income (\$4,950, including \$500 carry over from the year 2024) is higher than the estimated (\$3,500), as we had fundraising for reception and the Linda Burton Travel award. The amount of expenses for the section reception was approximately \$3000 higher than the budget. This is attributable to the fact that the Family section paid all the costs for the joint reception with the Population Section up front, who has yet to reimburse the Family Section for their 3/7 share of the reception costs.

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.

For 2024-2025, the family section used four forms of media communication:

- 1) Family Section Listserv. Our section migrated back to the listserv format in August 2023 and the Chair (Liana Sayer) and our student representatives (Emma Romell and Tia Dickerson) continued to provide the monthly updates email. We sent email updates to the membership sometime between the 15th and 20th of each month. We continued the practice from 2024 of not sending off-cycle announcements except in the rare case when section business needed to be communicated.
- 2) Family Section Newsletter. Our communications team (Ashley Larsen Gibby and Elena van Stee) continued the Family Section Newsletter this year. This biannual newsletter included profiles of family scholars, publication announcements, and “Dear ASA Family Section” features.
- 3) An independent section website (www.asafamilysection.com) was maintained by our co-communication director, Ashley Larsen Gibby
- 4) Social media (specifically tweets about section activities), which was handled by our co-communication director, Elena van Stee. The family section primarily uses one social media account, @asa-family.bsky.social on BlueSky. We discontinued use of @ASA_Family on Twitter/X.

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

We made the following efforts to reach out to section members with diverse backgrounds:

- 1) Linda Burton Award. The section continued to offer three Linda Burton travel awards from underrepresented racial/ethnic minority groups to attend the annual ASA meeting and participate in the section’s activities.
 - We had enough funds to give 3 awards (\$500 for each), after a somewhat successful fundraising initiative that provided \$1,250. The history has been to fundraise every two to three years.
 - The officers served as committee members: Liana Sayer (chair), Kara Joyner, and Sojung Lim.
 - The Call for Applications for the Linda Burton Awards was posted on the Family Section website and Liana Sayer (chair) placed a Call for Applications for the Linda Burton Travel Grants for ASA 2025 in the May 2025 Family Section update. The deadline was extended to June 13, 2025. The committee reviewed and ranked the five submissions. The Chair averaged the rankings and the committee met and agreed on extending the award to three awardees.
- 2) Co-organized a session-sponsored session on Race and Families. The section also continued to co-organize a session with the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities out of our allocation. For the 2025 meeting, our co-organized session was **“Race, Families, and Reproductive Health.”**
- 3) Mentoring and Inclusion Committee. This committee develops and organizes activities and programming to encourage mentoring of early career scholars, with an explicit mission to make the section more inclusive and supportive of diverse groups. This year, it continued to solicit entries for the “Dear Family Section” initiative, which is an advice column in which questions are submitted by junior scholars and are answered by senior family scholars. This committee also organizes the annual mentor-mentee match (See below for details).

- 4) Committee assignments. Representation was an explicit criterion for assigning members to committees, session organizers, and other key roles. Chair relied entirely on the list of names who signed up to volunteer in the Google Form rather than using personal networks.
- 5) We sent out an Open Call for Nominations for the section council positions in the monthly updates.

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Session Organizers: Prisca Gayles, Assistant Professor, University of Nevada-Reno, pgayles@unr.edu; Mónica Caudillo, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, caudillo@umd.edu

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- **Family Section Roundtables, Tuesday, August 12, 8:00-9:00am, West Tower, Hyatt Regency, Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency B**
Roundtable Organizers: Katherine (Kate) Tierney, Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University, katherine.tierney@wmich.edu; Mahala Dyer Stewart, Assistant Professor, Hamilton College, mdstewar@hamilton.edu

The Family Section Roundtables will feature 12 sessions on various family research topics organized into thematic areas for individual roundtables with a small number of participants. Each table will have a presider. Roundtables typically help facilitate meaningful conversations among participants.

2) Joint reception with the Population section.

- The family section held a reception jointly with the Population section, which we do most years.

- The joint reception provides section members with informal networking opportunities and the chance to celebrate and meet winners of the wards and catch up with colleagues and friends.
- The reception was held Monday, August 11, 6:30-8:30 pm at The Gage
- We planned for 150 guests and a budget of \$8200. Actual attendance was close to 150 guests and the final invoice was \$7,858.79.
- We received \$4,100 from Family and Population Section fundraising efforts. Sponsors included Brown University, PSTC (\$250), Brown University, Department of Sociology (\$250), University of Maryland, Department of Sociology (\$1,000), UTSA, Department of Sociology and Demography (\$500), Center for Aging and Policy Studies, consortium Syracuse University, Cornell University, University at Albany (\$500), Syracuse University, Department of Sociology (\$300), Syracuse University, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion and Population Health and Center for Policy Research (\$500), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Sociology (\$500), Christine Percheski (\$100), Anonymous Donor (\$100), Jennifer Karas Montez (\$100).
- After donations, the cost of the reception was \$3,758.79, with 4/7 paid by the Family Section (\$2,331.79) and 3/7 by Population (\$1,427.40).
- Reception committee: Liana Sayer (Family Section chair), Jennifer Karas Montez (Population Section chair).

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.

1) Mentor-Mentee Program

- This year the Mentoring and Inclusion committee matched 40 mentors to the 74 mentees who signed up for mentoring. Some of the pairs met at ASA while others arranged meetings on zoom outside of the meeting. In addition, the committee formed peer mentoring pods based on interests expressed in the survey.

2) Ad-hoc journal exploratory committee

- Committee: Dan Carlson (chair), Kate Choi, Karen Guzzo, Deniz Yucel
- In previous years, the committee reached out to Karen Edwards to request a copy of the market analysis Sage Publications conducted in order to understand where there might (or might not) be an opportunity for a family journal. They were denied this request.
- This year, the committee followed up with Connie Sheehan, the editor at JFI, to inquire as to her plans for succession at JFI. Liana Sayer (Chair) and Jess Hardie (past Chair) had several email exchanges with Editor Sheehan. Liana contacted her again in July 2025 and Dr. Sheehan reported that she had informed the Publishing Editor for Humanities and Social Sciences at SAGE in the Spring of 2024 that she wanted to step aside as Editor of JFI at the end of this 2025. She also told him about the Family Section's desire to add JFI as an official journal of ASA (published through Sage) at roughly the same time. To her knowledge, there have no applications to edit JFI in response to the call for editors posted on the JFI website. Although Sage had consulted with ASA about publishing JFI as an ASA journal, Sage decided recently to maintain the current status of JFI as a "free standing" journal.

- The committee plans to continue to explore options for a Family Sociology ASA journal.

BUSINESS MEETING Minutes

ASA FAMILY SECTION

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 9:00-9:30am

Hyatt Regency West Tower Ballroom Level Gold Regency B

Attendance: 22 members present

- 1. Opening Remarks** – Liana calls meeting to order. Encourages people to volunteer; notes that it is very rewarding. Also, would appreciate session ideas. There is a QR code on the table and shown in the slide so that the members can access the volunteer form with the QR code.
- 2. Approval of minutes** – motion to approve minutes.
- 3. Changes to Council**
 - a. Thank you to the current/outgoing council members – Jess Hardie Halliday was past chair; very helpful; Karen Guzzo and Krystale Littlejohn rote off of the Council; Emma Rommell rotates off as the graduate student rep. Also want to recognize Margaret Gough, who resigned as secretary/treasurer April 2025 because she had accepted a job offer at ASA.
 - b. Welcoming of incoming council members – Jennifer Hook chair-elect, Hope Harvey and Eunsil Oh are new council members, Sojung Lim has been our secretary-treasurer since April 2025, replacing Margaret. Olivia Hu graduate student rep.
 - c. Thanks to communications directors – they take on a lot – website, twitter, and initiated 2x year newsletter – profiles award winners; they are on the website. They do a ton of work just volunteering. We thank Ashley Larsen Gibby and Elena van Stee, who rotate out of the Communications and Social Media team, and welcome Arielle Kuperberg and Virginia Leiter, who are our new team.
- 4. Standing committees** – Thank you to those who served on committees – goes through each committee and each member.
- 5. Meeting related activities** – excellent sponsored sessions this year – one with the Population section; also co-sponsored with the Section on Race/ethnicity; describes the other sessions
- 6. Reception** – co-organized by Pop section; always fun; likely to continue
- 7. Thinking ahead**
 - a. Section will continue the monthly updates and newsletters; nothing off-cycle; make sure if you have an announcement, get it in by the 15th so it can go out by the 20th. Please also send materials to Arielle and Virginia for the newsletter. Please continue to check social media for updates.
 - b. Continue to work on getting a section-sponsored journal
 - c. Continue to work with other sessions. Our membership count is 659, so we are in a good place, assuming the count doesn't decrease before the official census on Sept 1.
- 8. Budget (Sojung)** – Notes that there is a QR code on each table to take the volunteer survey. The section budget is healthy; Linda Burton Travel Award has been well-funded and a worthwhile program.
- 9. Remarks from incoming chair (Kara)**
- 10. Adjourn**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ASA FAMILY SECTION

August 12, 2025, Monday, 7:00-7:45 am

West Tower Hyatt Regency Chicago, Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency B

Present: Liana Sayer; Pilar Gonalons-Pons; Kara Joyner; Tia Dickerson; Karen Benjamin Guzzo; Sojung Lim; Olivia Hu; Emma Romell; Jennifer Hook

1. Introduction, Acknowledgement, Welcome

- Changes to Council leadership: Liana discusses changes to council leadership; who is rotating off who is coming on.
- Bylaws amendment for incoming member terms to begin September 1 approved.

2. Annual Meeting announcements

- **Session events at the 2025 Annual Meeting**
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 - ii. Two co-sponsored sessions were organized to maintain strong ties with sections with shared membership, like Sociology of Population and the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and, in the case of the latter, to promote the section's DEI goals.
- **Session events at the 2026 Annual Meeting, New York:** Liana discusses changes in session allocation in 2026, consisting of the dynamic portion, which is based on membership, and the constant portion; the section day should be Day 1.
- **Joint reception with Population Section:** Monday, August 11, 6:30-8:30 pm at The Gage; 150 guests, ~\$8200 – COST Split is 4/7 Family and 3/7 Population based on membership size; still very expensive; it's better to do it jointly with another section; council decided to continue cosponsoring with Population and to have the reception on Monday.
- **Membership update:** Membership as of July 7 was 659, meaning we should have 4 session-sponsored sessions (plus Roundtable session) PLUS the 4 "affinity slots." Our 2026 session allocation will be finalized in September 2025.

3. Approval of 2024 Council Meeting Minutes: Approved by acclamation

4. Standing Committee Activities (2024-2025): Reports & Business Items

- a. **Nominations:** For the 2024-2025 AY, the Nomination Committee recruited two candidates to run for chair, 9 candidates to run for council, and 4 candidates to run for student representative; did not need to recruit candidates for secretary-treasurer this year; In the end, invited 10 people to run for council (only 1 declined), 9 people to run for chair (7 declined), and 4 people to run for student representative (no declines); overall, a diverse pool of candidates (rank, institution, race-ethnicity), but again had challenges with gender diversity. This is an issue that the committee should remain attentive to moving forward.

- b. **Mentoring and Inclusion**-no specific notes; committee: Pilar Gonalons-Pons (Chair/council member), Allison Leverage (member), Richard Petts (member), Tia Dickerson (graduate student), Grazielle Valentim (graduate student)
- c. **Article of the Year Award**: 41 submissions and one nominated article was deemed ineligible because a committee member was listed as a co-author (conflict of interest)
- d. **Distinguished Career**: Nominees will be held for three years; received 5 nominations, one from the 2025 onward cycle and four from the 2024 award cycle; considered each nominee's career stage, scholarly impact, and service to the discipline (including participation within the ASA Family section and major advances such as the development of data sets or analytic techniques)
- e. **Goode Book Award**: 20 nominations; Based on last year's chair report and in response to a committee member's request, the chair sent along six categories as areas to consider in evaluating the books; Upon receiving committee members' top 2 choices, the chair summarized and shared the results with the committee members via email. There were 7 finalist books; the final decision was made via Zoom on May 12 at 4-4:45 PM EST; an honorable mention was also selected.
- f. **Graduate Student Paper Award**: 27 submissions, a decline from 41 submissions in 2023-24; a winner and an honorable mention were selected.
- g. **Follow-up to 2024 Council discussion about honorable mentions**:
 - a suggestion to consider clarifying what is appropriate to submit or have the Committee chair triage papers, because two of the articles were not addressing family sociology topics. Another suggestion was to clarify guidelines about eligibility. Currently, the guidelines for eligibility are that the paper was written when the author was enrolled in a graduate program. A few articles were submitted by post-docs/assistant professors, but written when they were graduate students. Clarify in the guidelines that the author must be a graduate student when the paper is submitted.
 - Honorable Mentions. Council decided in 2024 to provide certificates to honorable mentions and re-evaluate at the 2025 Council meeting; Council likes the plaques for honorable mention, but suggests selecting one honorable mention.

5. Standing Committees Assignments: 6 positions need to be filled by council members.

- a. **Nominations**: Pilar will chair, and Jen Hook volunteered for the committee.
- b. **Mentoring and Inclusion**: Hope Harvey will chair the committee.
- c. **Article of the Year Award**: Eunsil Oh will chair the committee. Sigrid Luhr are rotating off. Kate Choi, Pilar Gonalons-Pons, and Jenjira Yahirun are eligible for another year. But Kate would prefer to be on the Nominations/Distinguished Career committees.
- d. **Distinguished Career**: Kate Choi will chair the committee.
- e. **Goode Book Award**: Liana will chair.
- f. **Graduate Student Paper Award**: Section chair (Kara Joyner) serves as chair and appoints 4 other members.

6. Ad-Hoc Committees

a. **Linda Burton Travel Award committee**:

The Chair, Chair-elect, and Secretary Treasurer served as committee members. Five submissions were received, after extending the deadline to June 13; had enough funds to give 3 awards (\$500 for each); Suggestions from Committee: (1) formalize committee membership. In 2024, the committee was the Chair, Incoming Chair, Past Chair, and Secretary Treasurer. In 2025, it was the Chair, Incoming Chair, and Secretary Treasurer; (2) Formalize evaluation criteria: Lower resource; Ask about funding from other sources; Family focus/involvement with section; Fundraising schedule: History has been fundraising once every 2-3 years. Members contributed \$1,250 as of June 2025. The Council voted yes to fundraising in 2025-26.

- b. **Journal Exploratory Committee:** following last year's council meeting, committee is created, including members: Dan Carlson (chair), Karen Guzzo, Kevin Shafer, Kate Choi, Deniz Yucel; At the 2024 Council Meeting, Council decided Jess and Liana would contact Constance Shehan about the possibility of shifting editorial control of *Journal of Family Issues* (JFI) to the Family Section. Liana continued the discussion with the JFI, but not much progress was made. Liana asked for suggestions for potential editors for the JFI journal.
- c. **Communication:** Arielle Kuperberg and Virginia Leiter rotate in; Emma Bosley Smith and Ashley Larson rotate out; Listserv schedule: once a month schedule of updates, sent around the 20th of each month; newsletter: published spring, summer, winter in 2024 and autumn and spring 2025. Ashley and Elena started an initiative for a twice-a-year newsletter that spotlighted members with longer pieces, etc.
- d. **Reception committee:** Liana Sayer (Family section chair), Sojung Lim (Family section secretary-treasurer), Jennifer Karas Montez (Population section chair), Courtney Boen (Population section secretary-treasurer); Liana and Jennifer prepared the fundraising proposal for ASA. After the proposal was approved, we solicited donations through our own institutions and asked our councils to solicit donations. \$4,100 in donations was received. We put their logos and our thanks on our reception program; In 2024, speeches were eliminated. This practice will continue. The Chair of the Committee will ask the award winner to come up, the plaque will be presented, and a picture taken.

7. Budget Report: Sojung reports that the section budget is healthy, but that inflation means increasing costs of reception, and that fundraising may be needed, especially for the LBTA award.

8. Adjournment

I. Introduction, Acknowledgement, Welcome

Section Officers, Council Members, and Communication Directors:

Officers (4)

<2025-2026>

Chair: Kara Joyner, University of Texas at San Antonio

Chair-Elect: Jennifer Hook, University of Southern California

Past Chair: Liana Sayer, University of Maryland, College Park

Secretary/Treasurer: Sojung Lim

Section Council (6)

Kate Choi (26),

Caitlyn Collins (27), Washington University, St. Louis

Christina Cross (27), Harvard University

Pilar Gonalons-Pon (26), University of Pennsylvania

Hope Harvey (28), University of Kentucky

Eunsil Oh (28), University of Wisconsin Madison

Student representative (2)

Tia Dickerson (26), Columbia University

Olivia Hu (27), University of Pennsylvania

Communications Webmaster/Social Media Co-Directors

Arielle Kuperberg, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, akuperbe@umbc.edu

Virgina Leiter, Pennsylvania State University vk15080@psu.edu

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Section Council (6)

Jennifer Hook, University of Southern California 2024

Ellen Lamont, Appalachian State University, 2024

Karen Benjamin Guzzo, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2025

Krystale Littlejohn, University of Oregon, 2025

Pilar Gonalons-Pons, University of Pennsylvania, 2026

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Emma Romell, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2025

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II. Announcements

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- Monday, August 11, 6:30-8:30 pm at The Gage
 - 150 guests, ~\$8200 – COST Split is 4/7 Family and 3/7 Population based on membership size

- Family \$4500 budgeted, Population \$?, 10 Sponsors, \$4,100: Brown University, PSTC (\$250), Brown University, Department of Sociology (\$250), University of Maryland, Department of Sociology (\$1,000), UTSA, Department of Sociology and Demography (\$500), Center for Aging and Policy Studies, consortium Syracuse University, Cornell University, University at Albany (\$500), Syracuse University, Department of Sociology (\$300), Syracuse University, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion and Population Health and Center for Policy Research (\$500), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Sociology (\$500), Christine Percheski (\$100), Anonymous Donor (\$100), Jennifer Karas Montez (\$100)
- **Session events at the 2026 Annual Meeting, August 7-11, 2026, New York, NY [!]**
- **SESSION ALLOCATION CHANGE**
 - ASA has changed the allocation process for 2026 section session slots. This is due to a recommendation made by the Annual Meeting Redesign Committee to reallocate regular session slots to sections that Council approved
 - The changes consist of:
 - Every section that had only one programming slot will have an automatic second slot. This is to recognize and support smaller sections.
 - 30 slots are now reserved for sections to propose co-sponsored sessions with one or more other sections. This is designed to foster collaboration between sections that do not require a section to use one of their allocated slots.
 - Remaining slots were divided among sections based on the frequency of regular session topics that mapped to the section – this results in 1 to 5 additional slots based on this mapping.
 - In sum: 2026 allocation is both dynamic and constant – using ASA terms. Dynamic portion is based on membership. The constant is based on the reallocation decisions mentioned above.
 - **IMPLICATIONS**
 - Sections are now required to have at least one open submission session out of the newly acquired slots to “perpetuate the open call nature of the regular sessions that will no longer be offered after 2025.
 - Section sessions will be scheduled on multiple days because there are only 4 programming slots per day
 - Section Day Rotation will continue
- Membership as of July 7 was 659 meaning we should have 4 session-sponsored sessions (plus Roundtable session) PLUS the 4 “affinity slots” (ASA terminology). NOTE our 2026 session allocation will be finalized September 2025.
- Section Day should be Day 1
- Reception [!]
- Very expensive: It’s better to do it jointly with another section.
- Traditionally we do so with the Population section. Do we want to continue partnering with the Population section?
 - Day 1 (family), Day 4 (population) – reception can either be Day 1 Saturday (Family Day) or Day 4 Monday (Population Day)

- **Council decided to continue cosponsoring with Population and to have the reception on Monday, not Saturday.**

III. Approval of 2024 Council Meeting Minutes [!]

- **Approved by acclamation**

IV. Regular Committees—Reports & Business Items

• **Nominations**

- Krystale Littlejohn (chair), Cassandra Cotton, Laura Enriquez, Gayle Kaufman, Lawrence Stacey

For the 2024-2025 AY, the ASA Family Section's Nomination Committee recruited two candidates to run for chair, 9 candidates to run for council, and 4 candidates to run for student representative. We did not need to recruit candidates for secretary-treasurer this year.

To begin the recruitment process, Krystale created a form to solicit nominations from section members. Liana then circulated the call. The committee moved forward with the process of creating the slate after all nominations from the open call were received by the 10/25 deadline.

Krystale provided the committee with the following information:

- 1) A form for committee members to fill out on 10/17 so that they could add additional names for consideration, noting that they should not nominate anyone on the committee.
- 2) An overview of what the committee's work would entail, namely: "Our work will be comprised of coming up with names, choosing from the list of available names as our initial candidates, reaching out to them individually to make the ask, and then continuing until we have enough candidates to fill the ballot. We need at least 2 candidates for chair-elect, 4 for council, and 2 for student representative."
- 3) A spreadsheet with the list of people who were nominated by members of the committee and section members along with people who volunteered for the current year and last (we only had 1 nomination for chair-elect and no volunteers, so I compiled a list of people to ask to run for chair based on people who ran for council and won in years past who hadn't served as chair).
- 4) A form based on #3 asking committee members to choose multiple people to help compile the list of potential candidates to reach out to; the form specified how many people to choose. The message asked members to "think about the spectrum of diversity as you select people so we can ideally have a diverse slate of candidates across many dimensions. We can then divvy up the work of asking them to run."
- 5) The results of the committee's vote, a list of candidates for each person to reach out to, and template text for inviting them to run. The committee invited candidates for council and student representative. Krystale handled inviting people to run for chair. As in years past,

there were many declines for chair, but we were eventually able to recruit two people to run because we started with a long list.

Results:

In the end, we invited 10 people to run for council (only 1 declined), 9 people to run for chair (7 declined), and 4 people to run for student representative (no declines). Overall, we believe we created a diverse pool of candidates (rank, institution, race-ethnicity), but we once again had challenges with gender diversity. This is an issue that the committee should remain attentive to moving forward.

Action steps for next year's council:

Two other issues that came up this year and last that the Council may want to provide explicit guidance on beforehand:

- 1) Regarding graduate student nominees – is it enough to be a student at the time of election, or must nominees continue to be students when the term begins? After asking, **Liana learned that the nominee need only be a student at the time of nomination; moving forward, this should be made clear at the time of solicitation as committee members do not often know the graduation plans of nominees.**
- 2) **Regarding whether nominations committee members may be put forward as candidates** - we disqualified current committee members consistent with last year's practice.
- 3) **Committee will pass nominated members to the next year's committee for consideration**

- **Mentoring and Inclusion**

- Pilar Gonalons-Pons (Chair/council member), Allison Leanage (member), Richard Petts (member), Tia Dickerson (graduate student), Grazielle Valentim (graduate student)
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- **Article of the Year Award**

- Kate Choi (Chair), Allison Daminger, Pilar Gonalons-Pons, Jenjira Yahirun, Sigrid Luhr, Deniz Yucel
- The committee received a total of 41 nominations and reviewed 40 eligible articles. One of the nominated articles was deemed ineligible for this year's award because a committee member was listed as a co-author, which presented a conflict of interest. The chair consulted with the section chair to address this conflict, resulting in the exclusion of that article from consideration.
- The committee evaluated the articles in two stages. Each article was assigned to three committee members, who rated them independently based on five criteria: (a) contribution to the field, (b) theoretical innovation, (c) data quality, (d) methodological innovation, and (e) writing quality. From this process, nine articles were identified for having the highest scores, with one article making the top 2 list for two committee members.

- Following this, the chair sent the list of the nine shortlisted articles to all committee members, who then ranked them, with (1) indicating the most formidable contender and (9) the least formidable. One article clearly emerged as the award winner, receiving the top rank (1) from four committee members and a second rank (2) from another member. This article has been selected as the 2025 Article of the Year.
- Winner: Brady, D., Baker, R. S., & Finnigan, R. (2024). The role of single motherhood in America's high child poverty. *Demography*, 61(4), 1161-1185.

This article uses data from the 1979-2019 Luxembourg Income Study to compare the prevalence and penalties of poverty across 30 high-income countries and within the United States. The article shows that the penalty of single parenthood is higher in the United States than elsewhere. Results from their simulation models also reveal that reducing single parenthood may have a small impact on childhood poverty rates. The committee was extremely impressed by the author's use of a rich data source and usage of cutting-edge methodology to empirically test and challenge a commonly held stereotype: single parenthood is the source of poverty in Black families. We hope that it can contribute immensely to social debates and help inform policy aimed at reducing childhood poverty rates.

- **Distinguished Career Award**

- Christina Cross (Chair), Kate Choi, Caitlyn Collins, Margaret Nelson, Elena Pojman
- Nominees will be held for three years; shared with next year's committee.
- Nominations were due to the chair by March 10th. The nominating materials were circulated via email for the committee to review. We corresponded and voted via email and submitted our decision by April 1st to meet the deadline set by section leadership.
- The call for nominations was announced multiple times via the section listserv, with repeated posts on various social media platforms. The committee received five nominations, one from the 2025 award cycle and four from the 2024 award cycle. We considered each nominees' career stage, scholarly impact, and service to the discipline (including participation within the ASA Family section and major advances such as the development of data sets or analytic techniques).
- We then voted, and Susan Brown received the lowest overall score, with lower scores being associated with a higher ranking (i.e., 1=top choice). She also received the greatest number of top rankings across reviewers.
- Winner: Susan L. Brown, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University
Susan Brown has led a remarkable career as a trailblazing family sociologist and family demographer. As the author of more than 80 peer-reviewed articles in leading sociology, family, demography, and gerontology journals, she has greatly advanced our understanding of the state of American families. While the list of her manifold contributions to field is too long to mention, a few include: 1) her work uncovering the doubling of divorce rates among adults aged 50 and older ; 2) her theorizing on singlehood and her development of measurements

that distinguish dating from the living-apart-together arrangements; and 3) her research on family boundary ambiguity that has profoundly changed the way we think about cohabitation. Beyond her intellectual contributions to the field, Brown's service efforts have played a key role in promoting family sociology and family demography across the US. Notably, she has served as the founder and director of the National Center for Family and Marriage Research, the director of the Center for Family and Demographic Research, vice president of the Population Association of America, and in key leadership roles in the ASA Family Section. Her nominators praise her research and service for being of the highest caliber, and the selection committee could not agree more.

- **Goode Book Award**

- Jessica Halliday Hardie (Chair), Sarah Bruhn, Kelley Fong, Karen Guzzo, Kara Joyner, Hayley Pierce

Process:

- Nomination due: January 13 the first time, extended to January 27 to get more nominations
- The number of books nominated: 20
- The selection procedure:
 - First Round:
 - The committee chair put together the list of the books and authors and shared it with the committee members.
 - The chair asked the members to declare conflict of interests with any of the authors within 4-5 days. One committee member had a conflict with Asad Asad's book.
 - The chair randomly assigned the 20 books to the five committee members, aiming at each book to be read by 2 reviewers. All reviewers read 8 books except Kelley, who read 9.
 - Each committee member was asked to identify and rank their **top 2** books within the books assigned by **March 17**.
 - Based on last year's chair report and in response to a committee member's request, the chair sent along these categories as areas to consider in evaluating the books:
 - Contribution to family sociology
 - Theory, rigor of thought, quality of interpretation
 - Depth/width of the literature
 - Creativity/originality
 - Methodological soundness, data quality
 - Writing clarity
 - Upon receiving committee members' top 2 choices, the chair summarized and shared the results with the committee members via email. There were 7 finalist books.
 - Second round:
 - All committee members read the top ranked books (7 books). Each committee member was asked to submit their ranking of the top 2 books by **May 1st**.
 - Upon receiving their rankings, the chair summarized them and shared the results via email. Because the rankings were fairly spread out across a few books, the committee met on May 12th to discuss the finalists and award a winner.
 - Final decision:

- The committee met via zoom on **May 12 at 4pm-4:45pm EDT** to decide a winner and any honorable mention(s).
- Winner: Gretchen Sisson. *Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood*. 2024. St. Martin's Press

In *Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood*, Gretchen Sisson centers the voices of mothers who placed their children for domestic adoption. These women have largely been ignored in prior work, rendering them invisible in the larger discourse around motherhood, family, and reproductive autonomy. Sisson deftly weaves mothers' personal narratives (told in their own and often heartbreaking words) with rich sociological analysis of the context and forces that surround people's decisions to have and raise children in the contemporary United States. While adoption is presented in U.S. popular discourse as a simple alternative to abortion, Sisson's rich, nuanced analysis reveals that, for women relinquishing their children, adoption is anything but simple. Sisson demonstrates how adoption – as a transfer of children from disadvantaged women to families deemed socially “fit” and “deserving” of parenthood – is not a story of agency and choice but a reflection of the myriad ways that society has failed to meet the needs of so many. Telling the stories of mothers who have relinquished their children highlights the gendered, racialized, and classed power dynamics that undergird motherhood and family life in the US. In doing so, it is an excellent example of the utility of the sociological imagination for understanding real-world challenges.

- Honorable Mention: Stephanie L. Canizales. *Sin Padres, Ni Papeles: Unaccompanied Migrant Youth Coming of Age in the United States*. 2024. University of California Press

By taking us into the world of young people who migrate to the United States without their parents as a strategy for building a better life, *Sin Padres, Ni Papeles* pushes us to reconsider our taken for granted assumptions about immigrant incorporation and the journey to adulthood. Rather than following a normative trajectory that assumes that teenagers live with parents and attend school regularly, Stephanie Canizales powerfully documents how unaccompanied migrant youth forge their own pathways to belonging. They turn to each other, and when they can find them, supportive community spaces to navigate oppressive work conditions, unexpected family ruptures, harmful gendered expectations, and linguistic marginalization. Over time, Canizales shows us, these young people move from disorientation to adaptation, and, if they are lucky enough to find the right socioemotional and socioeconomic support, to success. The book's gorgeous portrayals of pain and hope extend our understandings of the sociology of the family by grappling with the fact that immigrant incorporation for unaccompanied youth is not a fixed endpoint, but an ongoing process of resisting marginalization, building social ties, and reframing aspirations.

- **Graduate Student Paper Award**
- Liana Sayer (chair), Abby Jorgenson, Melissa Milkie, Adriana Reyes, Haoming Song

Process:

- We received 27 submissions, a decline from 41 submissions in 2023-2024.

- The files were stored in Dropbox and the link shared with committee members. Committee members reviewed the submissions for COIs and informed the Chair if they had COIs.
- First-round of reviews: Each member was assigned to read 16-17 papers and sent their two (2) choices by May 2. We then read all 11 finalists as a group.
- Second-round of reviews: All committee members read the top 11 papers. Each member sent the Chair their rankings from 1 (best) to 11 by the deadline of May 28.
- The rankings were averaged, and Reilly Kincaid's paper emerged as the winner, receiving 5 votes in the top one or two and being the only paper ranked first by two reviewers. Kylie Yim's paper scored second highest, with one vote for first, two votes for second, and two votes for third. We decided to award Reilly Kincaid the winner and Kylie Yim as an honorable mention.
- The Chair emailed Reilly to inform her that she had won the award and Kylie that she had received an honorable mention.
- Winner: Reilly Kincaid. "Time is Money? Differences in First-Order and Third-Order Beliefs about Mothers' and Fathers' Work-Family Priorities." Purdue University
 - This mixed-method paper uses original experimental survey and qualitative interview data to explore tensions between what an individual believes (first-order beliefs) and what they think other people believe (third-order beliefs) about optimal work and family arrangements for dual-earner couples. The vignette asks respondents to indicate first- and third-order beliefs about fathers' and mothers' trade-offs between providing economically for their family (financially intensive parenting) versus spending time with their children (time-intensive parenting). The results reveal that most individuals believe other people expect fathers but not mothers to prioritize financially intensive parenting over time-intensive parenting. In contrast, third-order beliefs about mothers are complex, with simultaneous endorsement of financially intensive parenting and primary caregiving. In comparison, the interview data indicate first-order support for prioritizing time-intensive parenting and third-order endorsement of prioritizing financially intensive parenting. The study provides novel evidence that third-order beliefs are less gender-egalitarian compared with first-order beliefs. However, beliefs that mothers should also emphasize financially intensive parenting are eroding gender-traditionalism.
- Honorable Mention: Kylie Yim. "Joyful Yet Burdensome: Cross-Societal Differences in Attitudes Toward Childbearing." University of Texas
 - This paper uses unique comparative survey data to investigate cross-national variation in how subjective perceptions of social uncertainty relate to attitudes about childbearing. The data are from the 2022 Seoul National University Social Value Survey in Asian Cities study and the 2012 International Social Survey Program. The findings indicate that higher perceived social uncertainty is associated with believing that having children is both meaningful and burdensome. Additionally, the study finds that across societies, higher perceptions of uncertainty increased the beliefs that parenthood was burdensome, particularly in very low fertility societies like East Asia where the beliefs that children bring joy also decreased. Social class influences the emotional value and perceived burden of children. The positive influence of uncertainty on beliefs children

brought joy was stronger among higher SES individuals. In contrast, higher uncertainty increased beliefs parenthood was burdensome among lower and higher SES individuals but not middle-class individuals. The study underlines the salience of cultural values about parenting for explaining individual level fertility intentions and societal level fertility trends.

- Suggestion to consider clarifying what is appropriate to submit or have the Committee chair triage papers because two of the articles were not addressing family sociology topics. Another suggestion was to clarify guidelines about eligibility. Currently the guidelines for eligibility are that the paper was written when the author was enrolled in a graduate program. We had a few articles submitted by post-docs/assistant professors but written when they were graduate students. **Clarify in guidelines that author must be a graduate student when the paper is submitted.**
- **Honorable Mentions. Council decided in 2024 to provide certificates to honorable mentions and re-evaluate at the 2025 Council meeting. (!)**
 - i. **Council likes the plaques**
 - ii. **Limit HM to one**

V. Regular Committees—Assignments [!]

We have 6 positions that need to be filled by council members (Jenn, Pilar, Kate, Christina, Caity, Hope and Eunsil)

KATE Choi's preferences Nominations or Distinguished Career – will serve as Chair
Eunsil's preferences for committee membership are: 1) Distinguished Career Award
2) Best Graduate Student Paper Award 3) Committee on Nominations

- **Nominations**
 - 5 members, **“nominated and approved by council members.”**
 - Pilar Gonalons-Pons will Chair – the section had to let ASA know by August 1 who would serve as the Nominations chair. Are there volunteers for the committee?
 - Jen Hook volunteered for the committee
- **Mentoring and Inclusion**
 - i. **HOPE HARVEY will chair the committee**
 - 5 members, nominated and approved by council members. Chair doesn't have to be a council member, but it may be good. The committee chair—appointed by section chair (Someone who served on the committee in prior year). Council members may also volunteer to serve. Volunteer to Chair?
 - Pilar and Tia are rotating off. It would be good if we could convince Allison and Richard to continue serving, keep Grazielle, and ask Olivia to be on the committee.
- **Article of the Year Award**
 - i. **EUNSIL Oh will chair the committee**
 - 5 members, 2-year term, 2 or 3 members rotate out

- Does not need to be a council member
- A note for the 2025-2026 committee membership: Allison Daminger, Deniz Yucel, Sigrid Luhr are rotating off. Kate Choi, Pilar Gonalons-Pons, and Jenjira Yahirun are eligible for another year. But Kate would prefer to be on the Nominations/Distinguished Career committees.
- **Distinguished Career**
 - i. **KATE Choi will chair**
 - 5 members, 2 council members, past recipient (Susan Brown), one graduate student
 - Two council members (one chair): Kate could chair if she rotates off the article of the year award
 - One graduate student
- **Goode Book Award**
 - i. **Liana Sayer will chair**
 - 6 members, past Chair serves as non-voting chair, two council members, past winner, two other section members
 - The bylaw states “The other five (5) members of the Committee shall be selected by the Council and shall include two (2) Council members, and three (3) other Section members who are not on the Council.”
 - Two council members (non-student):
- **Graduate Student Paper Award**
 - 5 members, section chair (Kara Joyner) serves as chair and appoints 4 other members
- **Monthly updates/newsletters**
 - The student representatives (Tia Dickerson and Olivia Hu), section chair

VI. **Ad-Hoc Committees and Award**

- **Linda Burton Awards**
 - i. Report
 - The Chair, Chair-elect, and Secretary Treasurer served as committee members. Five submissions were received, after extending the deadline to June 13. The committee reviewed and ranked the 5 submissions. The Chair averaged the rankings; the committee met and determined the top three submissions.
 - We had enough funds to give 3 awards (\$500 for each) to Anne Kou, NYU; Piritmwa Lilibert Shemu, Purdue University; and Xiaoyu Yao, University of Albany, SUNY.
 - Suggestions from Committee:
 - Formalize committee membership. In 2024, the committee was the Chair, Incoming Chair, Past Chair, and Secretary Treasurer. In 2025 it was the Chair, Incoming Chair, and Secretary Treasurer.
 - **Formalize evaluation criteria**
 - **Lower resource**
 - **Ask about funding from other sources**
 - **Family focus / involvement with section**

ii. Fundraising schedule [!]

- **History has been fundraising once every 2-3 years. Members contributed \$1,250 as of June 2025. Should we fundraise in 2025-26? (yes)**

- **Journal Exploratory Committee**

- Committee members: Dan Carlson (chair), Karen Guzzo, Kevin Shafer, Kate Choi, Deniz Yucel

i. **Plans for coming year [!] continue to explore possibility of a new family sociology journal**

- At the 2024 Council Meeting, Council decided Jess and Liana would contact Constance Shehan about the possibility of shifting editorial control of Journal of Family Issues to the Family Section. Connie replied noncommittally. Liana contacted her again in July 2025 and this is her response: I'll be happy to update you about the future of JFI, and my role in it. I talked to Robert Tinkle (Publishing Editor for Humanities and Social Sciences at SAGE) in the Spring of 2024, telling him that I wanted to step aside as Editor of JFI at the end of this year. I also told him about the Family Section's desire to add JFI as an official journal of ASA (published through Sage) at roughly the same time. There has been a "call" for applications to become the next editor on the JFI website for quite some time. As far as I know, no one has been selected. I told Robert that I will continue to perform the editorial duties until a new editor is chosen. Robert has apparently been involved in discussions with Sage about publishing JFI in conjunction with ASA. But Sage decided recently (I assume) to maintain the current status of JFI as a "free standing" journal. When I've communicated with him about this, I emphasized the original conception of JFI as a sociological journal. He seemed to understand that. I'm not sure what implications Sage's decision will have for the journal's disciplinary perspective, but I expect that it will broaden the official disciplinary scope. If you have suggestions for potential editors that you'd like me to forward to Robert, I'd be happy to do that. You can also refer interested scholars (yourselves included) to the journal's web page for information about how to apply. Unlike professional associations' processes for reviewing applicants, the process at SAGE appears to happen "in-house."
- Discussion & any proposed action

VII. Communication

- Arielle Kuperberg and Virginia Leiter rotate in; Emma Bosley Smith and Ashley Larson rotate out
- Listserv schedule
 - Once a month schedule of updates, sent around the 20th of each month.
- Newsletter
 - Published spring, summer, winter in 2024 and autumn and spring 2025.
 - Ashley and Elena started an initiative for a twice a year newsletter that spotlighted members with longer pieces, etc.

- **Reception Committee**

- Liana Sayer (Family section chair), Sojung Lim (Family section secretary-treasurer), Jennifer Karas Montez (Population section chair), Courtney Boen (Population section secretary-treasurer)

- Jennifer and I worked together very well this year. We reviewed the list of Chicago venues that were approved by ASA (accessibility). We selected the Gage which was also the Family and Population Section reception venue in 2014. Liana coordinated with the Gage on the contract for 150 guests.
- Liana and Jennifer prepared the fundraising proposal for ASA. After the proposal was approved, we solicited donations through our own institutions and asked our councils to solicit donations. \$4,100 in donations was received. We put their logos and our thanks on our reception program.
- In 2024, speeches were eliminated. This practice will continue. The Chair of the Committee will ask the award winner to come up, the plaque will be presented, and a picture taken.
- Do we want to consider mailing plaques to recipients, so the Secretary-Treasurer does not have to bring them to the meeting and award recipients do not have to carry them home?

VIII. Budget

- i. Report by Sojung Lim

IX. Growing section membership

- i. Section membership has held steady this year but with the budget pressures on universities that may change. The May listserv update included a push for section membership and gift memberships. Membership was 659 as of July 7. The official membership count is based on September 1 membership.
- ii. Ways to promote membership? [!] [no discussion due to time]