

**2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for  
Political Sociology**

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**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.

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**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.

**Political Sociology Section Business Meeting Agenda**  
August 11, 2025, 11 to 11:30pm

**Members and Budget Report** (attached): Nick Occhiuto

**Events Report**

- Shifting mentorship program this year to virtual mentoring series giving challenges this spring—I-Lun will take lead as a test run
- Virtual series that went through fall 2025—are we continuing it? Could add book series etc

**Communications Report:** Nick Occhiuto /Jennifer Dudley

- New and renewing members campaign to get to 800 members by August 30
- Bluesky plans to grow and create more community? Instagram?
- Stay tuned for survey link in listserv messages for volunteer opportunities, panel ideas, etc.

**Thanks to Volunteers/Officers**

- Especially our outgoing officers and council members: Caroline Lee, Bart Bonikowski, and Daniel Laurison!
- If you want to serve, we will be electing a chair, 2 council members, and a student council member in 2026. Let the chair elect know since she chairs this work.

**Introduction of New Chair:** Josh Pacewicz

**New Business/Discussion**

Secretary-Treasurer Report: Political Sociology Section  
Annual Meeting 2025  
Prepared by Nicholas Occhiuto

### Membership Overview

- As of June 30, 2025 the section has 835 Members
  - 443 regular
  - 34 retired
  - 333 students
  - 25 affiliated/other
- Last year it was 767 (457 regular, 29 retired, 263 students, 18 affiliated/other)
- **Financial Overview**
  - We continue to have a surplus! This was generated during the remote ASA years.
  - The net assets from June 2025 were \$11,876
  - The section generates about \$3,000 a year
  - We will have spent about ~\$3,000 this year
    - Reception (~\$2,500, not posted yet)
    - Newsletter volunteers (\$350, posted)
    - Plaques (\$144.43, not posted yet)
    - Graduate student support (\$500—not posted yet)
- AY 25/26 expected beginning balance to carry over: \$11,876 - \$3,000 = \$8,876

### 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.

### Pol Soc Council Meeting Agenda

7am Monday, August 11, West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Picasso.

### Officers and Council (and terms):

**Chair:** Dana R. Fisher, American University

**Chair-Elect:** Josh Pacewicz, Brown University

**Past Chair:** Caroline Lee, Lafayette University

**Incoming Chair elect:** Stephanie Mudge, University of California, Davis

**Section Secretary/Treasurer:** Nicholas Occhiuto, Hunter College, CUNY (3-year term began '24)

**Communications Director:** Jennifer Dudley, Columbia University (3-year term began '24)

### Council (by term):

**Luciana de Souza Leao**, University of Michigan, 2028 (starting at the end of ASA2025)

**Elisabeth Anderson**, New York University Abu Dhabi, 2028 (starting at the end of ASA2025)

**Lynette Ong**, University of Toronto, 2027

**Mathieu Desan**, University of Colorado Boulder, 2027

**Hajar Yazdiha**, University of Southern California, 2026

**Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, Boston College, 2026

**Bart Bonikowski**, New York University, 2025

**Daniel Laurison**, Swathmore College, 2025

**Student members:**

**Valentina Cantori**, University of Southern California (2 year term ends '25)

**I-Lun Shih**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2-year terms ends '26)

**Gabriel Lévesque**, McGill University (starting at the end of ASA2025)

#### Membership update:

- 835 members as of June
- Member drive is in progress (sponsored by Caroline, Dana, and Josh) to fund new graduate student members

#### Budget

- Report from sec/treasurer Nicholas Occhiuto
- Confirm allocations for next year for: Newsletter (\$750), student support (\$500), and Reception (\$3000 if possible since NYC is pricey)—updated to \$3500 by Council
- Do we want to do a mini conference in 2026? Up to new officers given our day next year

#### Volunteers/officers

- Elections upcoming—the chair-elect leads this process in collaboration with the chair—Josh to share any insights from this year's elections
  - In 2026 we will elect a new chair, two council members, and a student council member

#### Awards

Reminder that Council members rotate through the awards committees as pairs based on their years of service, so the 2 new people (Luciana and Elisabeth) will do grad student paper award for 2026, and they rotate up to best article, and then book. Usually, the pair rotates who chairs from the prior year, but they should confirm each year. The winners of the awards (besides the grad student award) are asked to serve on the committee for the following year. The chair decides the distinguished career award committee—I chose myself, past-chair Carolyn, and the winner from last year. Josh will decide if he wants to continue this tradition.

- Non-student winners are expected serve—we need to remind winners at ASA
- Need to do more formal award call for career award to get more nominations

#### On Virtual Events

- Fall 2024 had two virtual panels: September 25 on elite politics and October 29 on political participation/turnout
- Book giveaway / book talks with giveaway?
- Shifting mentorship program to virtual mentoring series giving challenges this spring—I-Lun will take lead

#### On Structure of Sessions for ASA:

- Did open call coordinated between section and open political sociology sessions. It means less overlap but a lot of work up front.
- See how it works and then Josh and Stephanie can decide how they want to proceed.

#### On Section Communications

- Newsletter is great but how to get it out more

- Online communication structure: submit to politicalsoc email address and Jennifer sends regular updates.
- Started bluesky account—we have 1000 followers and a starter pack with x members (it must be updated)
  - We need a clearer plan for sharing content—discuss
  - Content should include our sessions, events, and segments from the newsletter

### **Awards**

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

#### **The Distinguished Career Award in Political Sociology—presented by Dana**

##### **WINNER: Craig Calhoun**

The Distinguished Career Award Committee:

Dana R. Fisher (chair), [drfisher@american.edu](mailto:drfisher@american.edu)

Caroline Lee, Lafayette College, [leecw@lafayette.edu](mailto:leecw@lafayette.edu)

Ching Kwan Lee, [CKLee@soc.ucla.edu](mailto:CKLee@soc.ucla.edu)

#### **The Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award in Political Sociology—presented by Daniel**

##### **WINNER: Stephanie Ternullo's How the Heartland Went Red - Why Local Forces Matter in an age of Nationalized Politics**

Committee:

Daniel Laurison (chair), [dlauris1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:dlauris1@swarthmore.edu)

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#### **The Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for an Article or Chapter Award for Political Sociology Co-Winners presented by Anna Skarpelis:**

Tomás Gold and Ann Mische. “Channeling Anti-Partisan Contention: Field Structures and Partisan Strategies in a Global Protest Wave (2008–2016).” *American Journal of Sociology*, 129(6), 1660–1719.

<https://doi.org/10.1086/730144>

Amanda R. Cheong. “Racial Exclusion by Bureaucratic Omission: Non-Enumeration, Documentary Dispossession, and the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar.” *Social Problems*, spae003.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spae003>

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#### **Best Graduate Student Paper Award (Co-Winners) presented by Lynette**

Emily H. Ruppel - "How Work Becomes Invisible: The Erosion of the Wage Floor for Workers with Disabilities"

María Ximena Dávila — "Building a Longed-for State: How Local Actors Shape the Meaning and Materiality of War-Agrieved Institutions"

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## **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 Political Sociology section spent about the same amount as it brought in during this past year. We were very successful in budgeting for our expenses and only went over by \$2 (!). We began the year with a surplus and expect to carry over a surplus of around \$8,000.

## **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.

Regular communication with section members is coordinated by the Communications Chair. She manages newsletter assembly and a bimonthly email blast. The Chair also sends out communications at times to announce awards, elections, and other particularly timely information. The section coordinates its website: <http://asapoliticalsoc.org/>. It also began a BlueSky Account this year-- @asapolisoc.bsky.social—which currently has over 1000 followers.

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

The section continues to strive to make sure that its committees are representative of its membership. We also strive to expand membership to ASA members at all levels and from all races, ethnicities, identities, and orientations.

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).

The Council decided to have an open call for all sessions in 2025. The chair assembled a committee to work to review all submissions to identify clusters of themes for the sessions. All papers that were not included on panels were invited to join roundtables. This process helped ensure that members felt that their work fit into the section. The section also held a joint reception at the annual meeting with the CBSM and Marxist sections. This joint-reception provided a great opportunity for networking and informal intellectual exchange. Due to challenges to international scholars who chaired our mentoring program, we moved our mentoring program online. We will analyze if it is more inclusive given the current political environment in the US (and many members who were unable to or chose not to join our annual meeting this year due to the political environment).

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 section ran a virtual series through fall 2025. It was relatively well attended, but many members were overwhelmed with challenges as the Trump Administration took office so we paused the series. The council discussed resuming the series after ASA and potentially adding member book talks to the programmatic activities of the section. A mentoring series is being coordinated by our graduate student council members.