

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Race, Gender, and Class

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.

1. Welcoming Incoming Section Leaders:

Chair-Elect (3-year term begins in 2025): Assata Zerai, University of New Mexico

Council Members (3-year term begins in 2025)

Jasmine Hill, University of California, Los Angeles

Freedden Blume Oeur, Tufts University

Graduate Student Member (2-year term begins in 2025)

Jinsun Yang, University of Oregon

2. Thanking outgoing members:

Ranita Ray (Past Chair)

Carla Salazar Gonzalez, University of California, Los Angeles (Student Representative)

Sabrina Strings, University of California, Irvine

Jessica Vasquez-Tokos, University of Oregon

3. Distribution of awards

4. Members count: 30

4. Other items: contact Victoria Reyes, Chair-Elect, for ideas about sessions for next year

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.

We only had one and had no note-taker, as our Sec-Treasurer wasn't present, so we have no minutes.

Awards

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

Early/Mid-Career Award

Winner: Freeden Blume Oeur, Associate Professor of Sociology, Tufts University

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award

Winner: *Laboring in the Shadow of Empire: Race, Gender, and Care Work in Portugal* by Celeste Vaughan Curington, Rutgers University Press (2024)

Co-honorable mentions: *The Sociology of Cardi B: A Trap Feminist Approach* by Aaryn L. Green, Maretta Darnell McDonald, Veronica A. Newton, Candice C. Robinson, Shantee Rosado, Routledge (2024)

Brotherhood University: Black Men's Friendships and the Transition to Adulthood by Brandon Jackson, Rutgers University Press (2024)

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award

Weisshaar, Katherine, Koji Chavez, and Tania Hutt. 2024. "Hiring Discrimination Under Pressures to Diversify: Gender, Race, and Diversity Commodification across Job Transitions in Software Engineering." *American Sociological Review* 89(3) 584-613.

Graduate Student Paper Award:

Winner: Paper by Jane Furey, "The Consequences of Racialized Education Careers: How Education Upgrading Maintains Black-White Economic Inequality."

Honorable Mention: Paper by Katherine Thomas, "Countering the Current: Flood Risk and Uneven Patterns of Immobility"

2025 Finances

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

As of December 2024, RGC ended with the following net assets:

As of the December 2024 financials, the section had \$13,956.72. This does not include the Section's budget allocation for 2025 or the amount used to pay for the ASA conference in 2025.

Net Assets - Beginning Balance: \$17,575

Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets: \$3,626

Net Assets - Ending Balance: \$13,949

Last year, we spent \$3500 for a joint reception with Sexualities and IPNN in Montreal. We split the cost of the reception for an anticipated 150 participants between the three sections. We budgeted the same amount for this year's reception because Chicago is also an expensive city.

This year, we spent \$3,618.28 and had a joint reception with Sexualities and IPNN in Chicago and hosted it at the conference hotel.

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.

All communication was over the list-serv. We posted everything our membership wanted and kept them in the loop for our activities throughout the year.

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

Our sessions were very diverse, including sessions never offered before at ASA, including: Speculations as Method, Queer of Color Critique, Feminist Complicities, and one on Empire. That is, we expanded our transnational sessions and had one invited session on Migration from the African Continent. So we expanded to cover geographical locations, theories that are marginalized (queer of color critique), and a topic on Empire.

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 section sent out an email asking members to propose sessions and to run for office. We received many submissions and as a council we voted on the sessions. We made sure to be diverse and equitable in covering underdiscussed topics and geographical locations as described above. We invited one non-Sociologist, Martin Manalansan to be a discussant for the Queer of Color Critique panel since it's the first of its kind ever at an ASA.

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.

N/A