

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Section on the Sociology of the Body and Embodiment

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.

Sociology of Body and Embodiment Business Meeting
ASA Annual Meeting 2025
Saturday, August 9, 5-5:30 pm
Chicago, IL, Swissotel. Concourse Level, Zurich B

Introductions, Thanks to Outgoing Members, Welcome to new Council Members

Current Council 2024-2025

*Denotes outgoing council member

Chairs

Chair: Kate Mason, Wheaton College (2023-2026)

Chair-Elect: David Hutson, Penn State Abington (2024-2027)

*Past Chair: Asia Friedman, University of Delaware (2022-2025)

Secretary-Treasurer

*Secretary-Treasurer: Piper Sledge, University of Arizona (2022-2025)

Council Members

*Dana Berkowitz, Louisiana State University (2022-2025)

*Alka V. Menon, Yale University (2022-2025)

*Rayanne Streeter, Maryville College (2022-2025)

Virginia (Ginger) Kuulei Berndt, McDaniel College (2023-2026)

Danya Lagos, University of California, Berkeley (2023-2026)

Madeleine Pape, University of Lausanne (2023-2026)

Tara Gonsalves, Columbia University (2024-2027)
Nadia Kim, Texas A&M University (2024-2027)
Paige Sweet, University of Michigan (2024-2027)

Student Representatives

*Torisha Khonach, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College
*Bex MacFife, University of Oregon

Welcome Incoming Council Members!

Chair-Elect (3-year term)

Kelly Underman, Drexel University (2025-2028)

Secretary-Treasurer (3-year term)

Danielle Bessett, University of Cincinnati (2025-2028)

Council Members (3-year term)

Catherine Tan, Vassar College (2025-2028)
Torisha Khonach, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (2025-2028)
Alyson K. Spurgas, Trinity College (2025-2028)

Student Council Member, Student (1-year term)

Lauren Fishel, University of Oklahoma (2025-2026)
Zoe Muzyczka, University of Cincinnati (2025-2026)

II. 2024-2025 Committee Reports (Brief)

Summary of Finances + Membership (Piper Sledge)

- *Piper was unable to attend, but shared a report to be read out. The Section is small but in good shape; our membership numbers are stable and, apart from the annual meeting (plaques and reception) our expenses are negligible. We have had good success partnering with other, larger sections to host the reception and make costs manageable.*

Program Committee (Kate Mason , with Erynn Masi de Casanova, Robyn Rowe, Lauren Fishel, & Rayanne Streeter)

- *Kate described the Committee's work over 2024 -25. We had only one paper session to plan (an open session), but several roundtable sessions. And we coordinated with other sections and with ASA to arrange a reception (with Medical Sociology and Sociology of Mental Health) and to find a section (Aging and the Life Course) willing to share space with us for our Mentoring Roundtables.*

Nominations (David Hutson , with Natalie Ingraham and Rebecca Plante)

- *The nominations committee had to work on an accelerated timeline this year, due to changes in the makeup of the committee that led to a delay in beginning work. Natalie and Rebecca jumped in and were able to quickly assemble a slate of nominees thanks to the work of the previous year's committee (which had pretty extensive lists of members and interested parties), plus willing volunteers who had named themselves willing to run in the post-annual meeting survey.*

Communications Committee (Madeleine Pape , with Yeryeng Choi (social media coordinator), Bex Macfife, and Brittney Miles)

- *This year, the committee focused on providing once-monthly communications via email to the section, plus highlighting section members and important section news on social media. The social media work, led by Social Media Manager Yeryeng Choi, included starting a new Bluesky account. The team did not focus on updating the section website on Weebly, though they noted some important changes that will need to happen to update the page and keep information there current.*

Membership & Mentoring Committee (Tara Gonsalves , with Ginger Berndt, Lacey Bobier, Torisha Khonach)

- *This year, membership numbers were stable. We have a membership and mentoring event tomorrow!*

III. Awards

Article Award (Asia)

Committee members: Asia Friedman (chair), Joss Greene, Jennifer Mueller, Michelle Smirnova

- **Winner:** Phung N. Su and Phi Hong Su (2023) "Discomforting surplus: gender, sexualization, and omissions in ethnographic fieldwork." *Frontiers in Sociology* 8:1154435.
- **Honorable mention:** Tara Gonsalves (2024) "Elaborating Embodied Boundaries: Medical Expertise and (Trans)Gender Classification." *AJS* 29 (5): 1311–1358.

Book Award (Alka)

Committee members: Alka Menon (chair), Dana Berkowitz, David Hutson, Jinsun Yang, Zoe Muzyczka

- **Winner:** Johnson, Chelsea. 2024. *Natural: Black Beauty and the Politics of Hair*. NYU Press.

Graduate Student Paper Award (Danya)

Committee members: Danya Lagos (chair), Brandon Alston, Nadia Kim, Paige Sweet

- **Co-Winner:** Kristen Miller (CUNY Graduate Center) "We Outside! Bike Life and the Collective Experience of Blackness Beyond Capture"
- **Co-Winner:** Michael Zanger-Tishler (Harvard University) "Visual Identifiability and its Consequences: A Study of American Jews and Antisemitism"

IV. Installation of new officers – Passing of M. Bodiment to new section chair, David Hutson

V. 2025-26 Committee Sign Ups (Kate Mason & David Hutson)

Paper sign-ups are at tables; Google Form will be circulated via the listserv for section members.

David mentioned a possible project of exploring what it would take to sponsor a Body and Embodiment Journal (he has done some preliminary research with ASA, speaking to other sections). Some members expressed interest in follow-up conversations.

VI. ASA 2026 Annual Meeting — Disrupting the Status Quo: Putting Sociology to Work for a More Equitable Society. (New York) (David).

Brainstorming about possible session topics/section collaborations

Council Meeting

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Sociology of Body and Embodiment Council Meeting ASA Annual Meeting 2025 Day/Time: August 5, 12:30 -2 PM EST

Attendance: Kate Mason, David J. Hutson, Alka Menon, Alyson K. Spurgas, Asia Friedman, Catherine Tan, Danielle Bessett, Danya Lagos, Lauren Fishel, Madeleine Pape, Paige Sweet, Rebecca Plante, Nadia Kim, Tara Gonsalves

Call to Order: 12:34pm

1. Introductions, thanks to outgoing members + welcome to incoming members

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Not in attendance:

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2. Events at ASA & Council Support

- a. Saturday, Aug. 9 Business Meeting: 5-5:30 p.m. (Swissotel, Floor: Concourse Level, Zurich B). **Need representatives from award committees, as many council members as possible.**
 - Meeting is only 30 minutes long (We used 1 hour of Business Meeting time to allot towards the Roundtables session)
 - Committee chairs should keep their reports brief (~1 paragraph) except for Award Committees.
 - Award Committees should take their time highlighting the winners/honorable mention recipients
 - Danya confirmed they will represent for Graduate Student Paper Awards
 - Alka confirmed she will represent for the Book Award
- b. Saturday, Aug. 9 Reception: 6:30-8:30 at The Hawksmoor (offsite), with Med Soc and Mental Health. **Need volunteers to walk/ride share over from Hyatt Lobby** (meet at 6, leave by 6:15)?
 - Alyson, Catherine, and David volunteered. They, and any other volunteers, should meet Kate in the Hyatt Lobby around 6:00pm.
- c. Sunday, Aug. 10 B&E Mentoring Roundtables: 2-3:30 p.m. (West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago. Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency A). **Please attend and spread the word, especially to grad students and early -career faculty.**
 - Senior faculty needed, as we have early career faculty attending.
 - Asia volunteered to attend if someone else is able to go to the Open House in her stead. David volunteered to do so.
- d. Sunday, Aug. 10 ASA Section and Community Open House: 2-3:30 p.m. (East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Grand Ballroom A). **Yes, this is directly scheduled up against the mentoring roundtables (the timing was not under our control). We need one more council member to attend.**

2. Expanded session allocation for 2026 and beyond (Kate Mason, David Hutson)

- a. ASA formed a working group to reconsider the allocation of conference sessions. Previously, session allocation was based primarily on Section membership size.

- All “Regular Sessions” in the ASA Annual Meeting will be distributed to corresponding Sections
- Allocation will now be based on dynamic (membership numbers) and constant (what we automatically get from ASA).
- b. The change: B&E will be allocated 5 sessions (estimated), including 4 programming sessions and 1 business meeting
 - 2 dynamic and 2 constant slots. One session must be an “open session.”
- c. Additionally, there will be a reserved pool of co-sponsored sessions
 - B&E won’t need to use our allocated sessions to co-sponsor.
- d. Soliciting ideas for session ideas
 - Business meeting and membership survey
 - Embodied labor? Co-sponsored with Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section

2. 2024-2025 Committee Reports and Discussion

- a. **Nominations Committee - Rebecca Plante**
 - The Nomination Committee did groundwork in 2023-2024 to ensure a strong slate of candidates. They prioritized representation and diversity along the lines of institution type, global location, race, career stage, etc.
 - Rebecca discussed having someone to keep tabs on communication from different committees to make sure we’re staying on top of things
 - Rebecca mentioned the “hidden curriculum” to Section work leads to procedure feeling opaque - suggested create timeline or calendar
 - We discussed possibly starting a Section Google Drive? Danielle noted Medical Sociology section has one
 - B&E has an email address. We could possibly use that GMail address as one login rather than granting access to Council members who will rotate in and out of their roles.
- b. **Finances + Membership (Kate Mason, for Piper Sledge)**
 - Budget information included in the report is not final until October
 - Membership numbers looking stable
 - Funds are mainly spent on award plaques, social media manager stipend, and the reception
- c. **Program Committee (Kate Mason)**
 - ASA 2025 (See Section II above)
 - This past year, the Program Committee worked diligently on Session reallocation and meeting with other Sections to get Roundtable space.
- d. **Communications Committee (Madeleine Pape)**
 - The Communications Committee distributed a monthly newsletter and kept up with social media, creating a new Bluesky account in addition to maintaining the X profile
 - Calls for Graduate Student Profiles resulted in two profiles
 - Website remains un-updated: Madi suggested keeping a pared down version of the website with only essential information so that the website is easier to maintain

- Kate expressed that spam filter issues filtered out B&E Newsletter for some members/Council members
- e. Membership and Mentoring Committee (Tara Gonsalves)**
- Mentoring Roundtables
 - See Section II, C above.
 - The Committee created buttons to be distributed at ASA 2025. The buttons were designed by Torisha Khonach and ordered from a queer-owned small business on Etsy. Ginger will try to distribute buttons to other Council members to hand out, and Ginger will bring buttons to the Saturday sessions for distribution as well
 - No gift memberships have been donated yet.
- f. Best Grad Paper (Danya Lagos)**
- From Danya: “I have to hop off, unfortunately, but I wanted to just clarify that in the Grad Student Award report, the second co-winner’s name is Michael Zanger-Tishler. Sorry for the error in not listing his name! Big thanks to Nadia Kim, Paige Sweet, and Brandon Alston for their excellent work on this committee! Sorry to have to leave early - see some of you in Chicago!”
 - Nadia and Paige said the decision process was straightforward thanks to numeric system detailed in the Report
 - Kate reminded us that one paper can potentially be submitted for both the Best Grad Paper and Best Article Awards, so committees should be mindful about communicating any overlap
- g. Best Article (Asia Friedman)**
- Asia reported a low number of applicants. Kate suggested using the listserv outside the monthly newsletter to distribute Calls for Nominations and remind potential applicants that they can self-nominate
 - Introduced winner and honorable mention recipient
- h. Best Book (Alka Menon)**
- The committee members experienced variability of their selections for the top 3 candidates, but there was a standout winner
 - Alka suggested that the biggest challenge was coming to a consensus about what “body and embodiment literature” constitutes. Future committees should discuss these expectations ahead of reviewing submissions.

2. New Business

- a. Section programming outside the annual meeting - workshops, virtual events, etc.**
- Alka noted that the Sociology of Culture has a "Culture and Contemporary Life" web series (?) that draws contributors from different sections. Could be helpful to reach out to them to learn about this series, see if we could participate or learn from their example! Could also be a good way to help sociologists learn more about Body and Embodiment and how their work might fit in—especially around the time that we're putting out calls for book and paper award nominees.
 - Tara added that Global and Transnational Sociology section has hosted a series of teach-ins this year, and they've been successful (but also seem like a lot of work to put on)
- b. Body and Embodiment Journal**
- David raised a related issue: a few years back, he—along with section members Kjerstin Gruys and Mary Nell Trautner—had a series of meetings with ASA Journals and SAGE to talk about the possibility of launching a Body and

Embodiment journal that would be run through the section. This would potentially raise membership fees—possibly upwards of \$40 for a section membership—but several people spoke about the potential value of having a journal that centered on Body and Embodiment scholarship (instead of having to look for it in a range of other journals and subfields). It was suggested that we reach out to other sections that have launched journals recently—Race and Ethnicity, and Sexuality—to find out about the impact of the increased membership fees on membership numbers.

- There was some rich discussion of the pros and cons of launching a journal - many were excited about having an intellectual home for the subfield, while also sharing concerns about the amount of work it would entail, how well our small section is situated to support the work of editing a journal like this. It was noted that the Sex and Sexualities journal arose out of a years-long conversation, and what seemed to be a groundswell of support within the section. David notes we don't know if such a groundswell exists in B&E for a journal, but it might be good to learn more about members' level of interest in this!

c. Enhancing Section Visibility

- Can we get more Sociology of the Body -type courses on the books at our institutions? This is a first step toward making our courses indispensable to sociology (and perhaps other) majors, so that over the long term, when those instructors leave, the new job ads might call for someone who teaches "gender, body, and health"...
- Could we include this as a topic in our Mentoring Roundtables? (how to search for a job as a B&E scholar when job ads never call for this; how to build B&E content and courses once you have a job)
- Is there a good Annual Review article on body and embodiment? Should there be? While the policy of the Annual Reviews seems to be "don't call us, we'll call you"—they invite contributors—we discussed how the editorial board meets in January... could the section make a suggestion to the editorial board about the need for a review article, and perhaps even float some names?

Awards

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

Best Article Award

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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.

Section expenditures were slightly more than anticipated. Reception costs in Chicago were more expensive than previous meetings by \$300. Funds allocated to other expenses were diverted to the annual meeting reception to make up the difference. The other increase was due to a change in pricing by the manufacturer of the award plaques. In 2024 the cost per plaque was \$27.65 and in 2025 this increased to \$32.90 per plaque, for an increased total expense of \$59.46.

Estimated Expenditures 2025

Expense Category	Budgeted Amount	Details (use the cells in this column to provide information on each expense)
Annual Meeting		
Reception	\$ 700	Use this space to provide details
Other Meeting Expenses	\$ Enter amount	Use this space to provide details
Awards		
Student Awards	\$ Enter amount	Use this space to provide details
Award Plaques	\$ 137.93	Based on 2024 cost @ \$27.65/ plaque
Other		Use this space to provide details
Communications		
Website	\$ 0	Web manager stipend
Newsletter	\$ Enter amount	Use this space to provide details
Other	\$ 0	Communications committee stipend (\$150 x 2 co-chairs)
Miscellaneous		
Membership	\$ Enter amount	Use this space to provide details
Other	\$ Enter amount	Use this space to provide details
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 837.93	<i>Sum estimated expenses</i>

Estimated Income

Income Category	Estimated Amount	Details
Section Allocation – Base	\$ 573	<i>ASA Office will provide figure mid-October. See note 1 on how this figure is calculated.</i>
Section Allocation – Per Member	\$ 434	<i>ASA Office will provide figure mid-October. See note 2 on how this figure is calculated.</i>
Premium Dues	\$ 0	<i>ASA Office will provide an estimated figure. See note 3 on how this figure is calculated.</i>
Contributions	\$ 0	Use this space to provide details
Misc	\$ 0	Use this space to provide details

Total Estimated Income	\$ 1007	<i>Sum estimated income</i>
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Budget Summary

Estimated Remaining Balance at end of December 2024	\$ 3,584	<i>Accounting for all estimated costs for the remainder of the year, estimate the remaining balance.</i>
Total 2025 Estimated Income	+\$ 1,007	<i>Fill in from the Estimated Income table above</i>
Total 2025 Budgeted Expenditures	- \$ 837.93	<i>Fill in from the Budgeted Expenditures table above</i>
Total	= \$ 3,753.07	<i>To calculate net amount, sum Lines 1 and 2, then subtract Line 3.</i>

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.

Website

The Communications committee catalogued several issues in need of updating on the website, but focused their energies elsewhere this year. (<http://sectionbodyembodiment.weebly.com/>)

E-mail Digest

We maintained a once-monthly newsletter to section members via the ASA section listserv. That included several job listings (though there were several we had to turn away because of not having an ASA Job Bank listing number). Other communications included periodic sharing of calls for papers and section members' announcements about new publications.

Social Media

Yeryeng Choi served as our stipend-compensated social media manager. This work included posts on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1D2YPhvAm3/>) and X (@ASA_Bodies), as well as launching a new social media presence on Bluesky (@asabodyembodiment.bsky.social). There were 15 new posts on the ASA Body and Embodiment Facebook Group between September 2024 and August 2025, with 425 members. Given changes in content moderation and increased presence of bots and trolls on X, we may be moving away from using the X account in the future (but are keeping it active for now).

Posts primarily served two functions: (1) amplifying section news beyond the newsletter (we noticed that some members were not receiving the digest emails, perhaps because of email filter settings, so providing this information via multiple channels seemed wisest to spread the word), and (2) sharing tips from the "Ask a Mentor" page on the Section website.

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

Our section seeks to maintain a diverse membership and highlight research that emphasizes diverse bodies and embodied experiences. In terms of gender diversity, we have one of the highest rates of non-binary members of any section (12.3% of members, second only to Sociology of Sexualities for the most non-binary members, and well above the ASA average of 3.7%). We also have significantly above-average representation of women (about 65% of Section members identify as women, compared to 53% of all ASA members).

Racial/ethnic diversity within the section was comparable to ASA as a whole, with equivalent percentages of Black (8.7% for both Section and ASA) and Hispanic/Latine (6.7% for both Section and ASA) members. However, we have fewer Asian/Asian American members than ASA as a whole (10.8% vs. 15.3%), fewer Native American (0% vs. 0.2%), Middle Eastern/North African (0% vs. 1.7%), and “Other” (0% vs. 2%). And while international members made up just over 1% of ASA members, 0% of Section members had international memberships. Compared to previous years, our representation of Black members is slightly down, while representation of Hispanic/Latine members is up (and rates of representation of other racial/ethnic groups are similar).

We continue to pursue further diversification of our section in several ways. First, we recently restarted the Section mentoring program and have been taking part in the Sections and Communities open house at the annual meeting, both of which offer opportunities to introduce the section to members who may not be as familiar with our work, and to support students and first-gen scholars.

Additionally, over the past several years, our award committees have typically included intersectional analysis as one of the criteria for evaluating the graduate student papers, articles, and books submitted for section awards. Given that embodied experiences in society are shaped by how one is racialized, gendered, etc., these criteria simultaneously uphold robust standards for research and help promote scholarship on diverse and multilayered communities. This year’s award winners, for example, include scholarship on Blackness, gender identity and sexuality, Jewish ethnicity, and more.

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).

Section on Sociology of Body and Embodiment: Open Session

Time: Saturday, August 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

Place: East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago. Concourse Level/Bronze, Randolph 1A

Organizer: Apryl Williams

Presider: Aven Peters

Description: This session showcases the cutting edge of research on the sociology of body and embodiment. Each of the papers in the session teach us something new about what we think we know about the body, embodiment, and embodied labor.

Presenters:

- Rebecca Wolfe, "A Thin Body Is a Holy Body: The Spiritualized Thin Ideal in American Culture"
- Marisa C Gonzales & Jeremy Short, "Influence, Participate, or Sit the Bench? Entrepreneurial Variance in NIL Engagement among Female Athletes"
- Alina Arseniev-Koehler, Ming Tai-Seale, Crystal Wiley Cené, Eduardo Grunvald, & Amy Sitapati, "Leveraging Diagnosis and Biometric Data to Uncover Disparities in Obesity Diagnosis"
- Daniela Carreon, "Cuerpos Marcados: Latina Mothers, Body Image, and Cancer Experience"
- Torisha Khonach, "Parenthood as a Reprieve: The Liminal Moment of Weight Gain Approval"

Section on Sociology of Body and Embodiment Roundtables

Time: Saturday, August 9, 4-5 p.m.

Place: Swissotel. Concourse Level, Zurich B

Organizers: Robin Rowe and Lauren Fishel

Table 1 (Gender) Presider: Jesse Shircliff

- Beth Gaines, "Gender Brokers and the Medicalization of SGM Breast Cancer Reconstruction Surgery"
- Ezelbahar Metin, "No Touchy-Touchy!"

Table 2 (Weight) Presider: Ariane Prohaska

- Adam Visokay, Kentaro Hoffman, Stephen Salerno, Sasha Shen Johfre, Tyler McCormick, "BMI Can Predict Adiposity, but not Well Enough to Learn about Obesity Prevalence"
- Arianna Salas, "Gender Composition of Peer Group Characteristics on Adolescent Body Image and Weight Adjustment Aspirations"
- Lori Kowaleski-Jones, C. Andre Christie-Mizell, "Gender Differences in Perceived Body Weight"
- Ariane Prohaska, "Postfeminist Healthism and Women's Experiences Using GLP-1 Medications for Weight Loss"

Table 3 (Bodies & Politics) Presider: Rin Ferraro

- Xiaogao Zhou, "Regulating Transgender"
- Carmen Choong, "Status Threats in the Age of Government-Led Self-tracking Campaigns"
- Alyson K. Spurgas, "The Biopolitics of 'Previving'"

Table 4 (Bodies Reimagined) Presider: Sarai M. Richter

- Hangwoo Lee, "Bodily Intelligence of Affect"
- Natalie Blanton & Darbee Hagerty, "Doom Embodied"
- Nicholas Bascuñan-Wiley, "Oriented Sensibilities"
- Sarai M. Richter, "Walking in Relation"

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Joint Reception w/ Section on Medical Sociology & Section on Sociology of Mental Health)

Time: Saturday, August 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Place: Offsite, Hawksmoor, 500 North LaSalle Drive

Organizers: Kate Mason, with Karen Lutfey Spencer (Medical Sociology) and Lijun Song (Mental Health)

Please note: This location is .8 miles from the Hyatt Regency. Anyone who would like to arrange to share a ride or walk over together should meet up in the Hyatt lobby at 6 p.m., departing 6:15 at the latest.

Day 2 (Sunday)

Body and Embodiment Mentoring Roundtables

Time: Sunday, August 10, 2-3:30 p.m.

Place: West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago. Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency A

Organizer: Tara Gonsalves

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.

Given our small size, we do not offer extensive programming outside of the annual meeting. This year, during the early days of the new U.S. Presidential Administration, we held a video call for members to ask about any unanticipated interruptions in funding or other impacts on members' work as faculty and graduate students; this was before ASA had made a public statement, and we sought to provide a listening space for members so that, if there was a clear need, we could help make those needs visible to ASA. However, while many members of Section Council attended, there were virtually no section members present outside of Council.

Most of the time, we seek to use social media and the email newsletter to connect members to the work of the section.