

JANUARY 22, 2026

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

American Sociological Association
Publications Committee Meeting
January 22, 2026
Via Zoom

Members Present: Bart Bonikowski (Chair), Theresa Rocha Beardall, Tristan Bridges, Elisabeth S. Clemens, Nadia Y. Flores-Yeffal, Shirley A. Jackson, Zakiya Luna, Laurel Westbrook, Adia Harvey Wingfield, Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, and ASA Executive Director Heather Washington (non-voting).

Staff Present: Liska Radachi, Catherine Yim, and Madison Austin.

Invited Guests (for editorship discussion only): Deborah Carr, current editor of *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, S.L. Crawley, current editor of *Sociological Theory*, and Omar Lizardo, current editor of *Sociological Theory*.

Chair Bonikowski welcomed the Committee and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Eastern.

(1) Approval of the agenda

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Meeting Minutes and report of ballot vote

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to approve the July 17, 2025, Publications Committee meeting minutes and the report of the November 24, 2025, electronic ballot vote, as presented. Seconded by Clemens. Motion carried with 9 for and 1 abstention.

The Committee entered executive session.

(3) Editor Renewals

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to approve issuing invitations for two-year extensions to Contemporary Sociology, Social Psychology Quarterly, Society and Mental Health, Sociological Methodology, Sociology of Education, Socius, and Teaching Sociology. Seconded by Jackson. Carried with 10 for and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to approve issuing an invitation for a two-year editorship extension to Amy Stone, editor of Sex & Sexualities. Seconded by Clemens. Carried unanimously.

(4) Editorship Discussions

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to approve the ranked list of editors for Journal of Health and Social Behavior as presented by the search committee to recommend to Council. Seconded by Wrigley-Field. Carried with 10 for and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to approve the ranked list of editors for Sociological Theory as presented by the search committee to recommend to Council. Seconded by Jackson. Carried unanimously.

(5) Co-editorship proposals

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to recommend to Council the appointment of Joya Misra as co-editor of American Sociological Review through December 31, 2028. Seconded by Clemens. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to recommend to Council the appointment of Rebecca F. Plante and Anima Adjepong as co-editors of Sex & Sexualities through December 31, 2027. Seconded by Jackson. Carried with 8 for and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to recommend to Council the appointment of Anne Rawls as co-editor of Sociology of Race and Ethnicity through December 31, 2028. Seconded by Bridges. Carried unanimously.

(5) Editorial board nominations

A motion was made by Harvey Wingfield to approve the editorial board nominations as presented. Seconded by Bridges. Carried unanimously.

The Committee ended executive session.

(6) Special issue proposals

A motion was made by Clemens to approve the special issue of Social Psychology Quarterly as presented. Seconded by Bridges and Harvey Wingfield. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Luna to approve the special issue of Sociology of Education as presented. Seconded by Harvey Wingfield. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bridges to approve the special issue of Teaching Sociology as presented. Seconded by Harvey Wingfield. Carried with 8 for and 1 against.

(7) One-time page allocation increases

A motion was made by Bridges to approve the request for 95 additional pages for Journal of Health and Social Behavior in 2026. Seconded by Harvey Wingfield. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clemens to approve the request for 58 additional pages for Sociological Theory in 2026. Seconded by Harvey Wingfield. Carried unanimously.

Chair Bonikowski reviewed topics noted for future discussion and called for any other business.

NEW BUSINESS

(8) Contexts editor's request to end paywall

Westbrook addressed an email from *Contexts* editor David Grazian, which calls for the removal of the *Contexts* online 11-month paywall. Washington noted that she is in conversation with Grazian.

(9) Adjournment

Chair Bonikowski thanked the Committee for their time and hard work and adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m. Eastern.