This annual report covers the period of section activity from September 2020 to August 2021 and a fiscal year from January 2021 to December 2021.

Section Governance
Provide details of your section’s governance activity during the period between September 2020 and August 2021.

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.

Introduction
Welcome to the Methodology Section business meeting.

Thank you for joining us in this virtual meeting.

Council
Let me first acknowledge the members of the Methodology Section leadership.

Jeremy Freese, Stanford University, is taking over as Chair.

Erin Leahey, University of Arizona, is our Chair elected.

Katherine Stovel, University of Washington, is the Secretary/Treasurer.

And let me thank Council members Elizabeth Bruch, University of Michigan, and Rob Warren, University of Minnesota, who are both concluding their service.

Continuing their service on council are:

Felix Elwert, University of Wisconsin (2022 outgoing)
David Melamed, Ohio State University (2022 outgoing)
Cristobal Young, Cornell University (2023 outgoing)
Geoffrey Wodtke, University of Chicago (2023 outgoing)
And we have two new incoming council members:
Xi Song, Universality of Pennsylvania (2024 outgoing, 2020 incoming)
Brandon Stewart, Princeton University (2024 outgoing, 2020 incoming)

One student representative is concluding her service, Kat Albrecht, Northwestern, University. Thank you to Kat for such a great job serving.

One student representative is continuing her service, Alina Arseniev-Koehler, UCLA;

And we have one newly elected student representative, Marissa Thompson, who just graduated from Stanford and is now a post-doc at Michigan.

**Announcements:**

1. Size of the section;

2. Kate give the financial report;

**Section Updates**

a) Awards

The Paul F. Lazarsfeld Award recognizes a career of outstanding contributions to sociological methodology.

The Leo Goodman Award recognizes contributions to sociological methodology or innovative uses of sociological methodology made by a scholar who is no more than 15 years past the date of the Ph.D.

The Clifford C. Clogg Award recognizes an outstanding graduate student paper in sociological methodology.

New awards, since our last election:

The **Outstanding Publication Award** recognizes an outstanding article or book in sociological methodology published in the three calendar years preceding the ASA annual meeting at which the award is bestowed.
The **Innovation Award** recognizes a discovery, innovation, or advancement representing a significant contribution to sociological methodology. The contribution may have been made at any time prior to the award year. While this contribution will ordinarily be described in one or more publications, this award recognizes the intellectual contribution itself, and not any publication arising from it.

The **Pedagogy Award** recognizes sustained excellence in teaching and mentorship.

The Lazarsfeld, Goodman, Publication, and Clogg awards are considered annually.

The Innovation and Pedagogy awards are awarded on alternating years.

As always, for any of these award nominations, we would like a wide pool of candidates and work to consider. Do not be shy. Send us your work. Send us your nominations, including self-nominations. The nomination can be very brief.

b) Methodology section quarterly newsletter: featured junior faculty; Thanks to Alina and Kat for working on collecting information on early career faculty to highlight.

c) We have a section website (separate from the ASA website) where we keep the last year of early career faculty spotlights. We also have a Twitter account. Please follow.

d) We had a mentor match program launched this year --- big thanks to Shawn Bauldry for working on this!

**Other initiatives moving forward**

a) Some type of roundtable event at the annual meetings to work through methodological problems;

b) Promoting scholars of color;

c) Mid-year meetings – remote?

d) Ideas for anything we want to do as a section?
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.

Methodology Council Meeting
August 16, 2021, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. PT
https://ucla.zoom.us/j/93579394845

Chairs:
Jeremy Freese, Stanford University (2023 outgoing, 2021 incoming)
Erin Leahey, University of Arizona (2025 outgoing, 2023 incoming)
Jennie E. Brand, University of California - Los Angeles (2021 outgoing)

Secretary/Treasurer:
Katherine Stovel, University of Washington (2023 outgoing)

Council:
Elizabeth Bruch, University of Michigan (2021 outgoing)
John Robert Warren, University of Minnesota (2021 outgoing)
Felix Elwert, University of Wisconsin (2022 outgoing)
David Melamed, Ohio State University (2022 outgoing)
Cristobal Young, Cornell University (2023 outgoing)
Geoffrey Wodtke, University of Chicago (2023 outgoing)
Xi Song, University of Pennsylvania (2024 outgoing, 2020 incoming)
Brandon Stewart, Princeton University (2024 outgoing, 2020 incoming)

Student Representatives:
Kat Albrecht, Northwestern (2021 outgoing)
Alina Arseniev-Koehler, UCLA (2022 outgoing)
Marissa Thompson, Stanford University (2023 outgoing, 2021 incoming)

Agenda

1. Introductions / new members;
2. Updates

   a) Methodology section quarterly newsletter: featured junior faculty; announcements; any additional content?

   b) Methodology section website

   c) Mentor-mentee match program

3. Duncan lecture 2022 (non-sociologist): speaker suggestions?

4. Section initiatives

   a) Promoting methodology as a subfield? Ideas?

   b) Promoting scholars of color; Section demographics

      https://www.asanet.org/academic-professional-resources/data-about-discipline/asa-membership

5. Mid-year meetings

6. Other section business?

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

Clifford Clogg Award (Outstanding Graduate Student Paper)

AND

Sackett, Blair. "Ghosted: Disappearance in Qualitative Research in the Digital Era."

Outstanding Publication Award

Innovation Award
Elizabeth Bruch, University of Michigan
For her innovative theoretical and statistical framework for “cognitively plausible” models of decision making

Paul F Lazarsfeld Award
Tim Liao, University of Illinois,
For his significant methodological and conceptual contributions to several important lines of sociological research, including the measurement of inequality, sequence analysis, and detecting group differences in various modeling frameworks

Leo Goodman Award:
Zack Almquist, University of Washington
For contributions to network methodology that are characterized by deep attention to data issues, clear substantive motivation, and technically innovative solutions, leading to techniques that are useful in real-world settings

2021 Finances
Provide a narrative on how the 2021 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2021. Please account for any substantive differences.

We didn't have anything unusual re: the relationship between expenses and revenue for the past year.