2021 Section Annual Report for
Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities

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.

SREM Business Meeting
2021
30-minute meeting to facilitate an additional session

1. Chair’s Opening Remarks: Welcome, Verna M. Keith

Thanks to those cycling off of elected SREM Positions:

Council Members:
San Juanita Garcia (Santa Barbara) 2021
Victor Ray (U of Iowa) 2021

Student Representative:
Jalia Joseph (Texas A&M University)

Publications Committee:
Saher Farooq Selod, Chair (Simmons College)
Wendy Leo Moore (Texas A&M University)

2. Announcements

Amendment to By-Laws Approved

Volunteers Needed for the following:
• Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award Committee
• Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award Committee
• James Blackwell Graduate Student Award Committee
• Distinguished Early Career Award
• Nominations Committee
• Program Committee
• Graduate Student Travel Award
• Social Media Administrator
Editor Report/Publication Committee
Membership will receive a report from Editors of SRE via SREM Announcements

3. Secretary-Treasurer’s Remarks on our final spending

4. Presentation of Awards
   - Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award
   - Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award
   - James E. Blackwell Student Paper Award

5. Comments: Nicholas Vargas—Incoming Chair

6. Welcome to President-Elect, Joyce Bell (University of Chicago)

7. Welcome to newly elected Council members:
   - Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde (Utah State University)
   - Apryl Williams (University of Michigan)

Adjourn to attend SREM Roundtables

Council Meeting
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SREM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
July 2021
SREM Chair: Verna M. Keith  Chair-Elect: Nicholas Vargas

Present:
  - Verna M. Keith, Chair
  - Nicholas Vargas, Chair-Elect
  - Wendy Roth, Past-Chair
  - Onoso Imoagene, Secretary-Treasurer
  - San Juanita García, Outgoing Council Member
  - Victor E. Ray, Outgoing Council Member
  - Celeste Curington, Continuing Council Member
  - Anthony Peguero, Continuing Council Member
  - Jalia Joseph, Outgoing Student Rep
1. Approved Bylaws Changes

Council briefly discussed the bylaws changes approved in the 2021 ASA elections. These changes included moving the publication committee chairship from 2 years to 1 year; increasing the associate editors to SREM journal to 3-year terms; changes to procedures for selecting SREM editors; approving a process stipulating that amendment of bylaws can proceed after the annual business meeting and/or after electronic discussion.

2. Saher Selod: Publication Committee Report

The Publication Committee completed the selection of new editors for the SREM journal, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Transition of SRE from founding editors David Brunsma and David Embric (Virginia Tech University) to new editors, JT Thomas (University of Mississippi) and Brian Foster (Georgetown University) is moving smoothly.

3. SRE Report (Kevin Zevallos)

Submissions matched the previous year submissions. This year, 30% of submissions are international. Timeline for reviews and decision has not changed. Acceptance is a little under 11%. Approximately 5-7% of authors are SREM members. About 27% of submissions from SREM members are accepted as they tend to be of high quality. Want to encourage higher submission rate among members. In response to question by San Juanita Garcia, Zevallos noted that submission by members is tracked by requesting an updated membership roster from ASA.

Zevallos will be ending his tenure as managing editor. His outstanding contribution to SRE was acknowledge by the Council and by David Brunsma, the outgoing Editor.

4. Report on Extended Journal Pages (David Brunsma)

ASA has approved a one-time 240-page increase for SRE. The cost will be borne by the journal but not the section.

5. Budget Report (Onoso)

Onoso reported on the budget for this year; funds spent and funds remaining
6. **Change to the Procedures Document**

Wendy proposed, and the Council agreed, that the duties of the Chair-Elect and Past-Chair should be exchanged. Under this change, the Past-Chair will chair the Nominations Committee and the Chair-Elect will chair the Mentoring Committee. The rationale is that the Past-Chair has some institutional knowledge about who would want to serve in office and the nominations committee tasks are more institutionalized. Additionally, the excitement that Chair-Elect brings is important for keeping members engaged year-round and thus mentoring is a more appropriate role for the Chair-Elect.

7. **Spending Remaining SREM Funds**

Discussed several suggestions for spending some of the remaining SREM Funds including:
- Adding funds to the Graduate Student Travel Award (Verna & Wendy)
- Sponsor a mentoring workshop at annual meeting (San Juanita)
- Solo reception at the annual meetings (Wendy)
- Half-day student workshop—modeled along the lines of the Latino Section Norma Williams Mentoring Committee

Council agreed to allocate additional 2k to the 2k that went unused in 2021 for the Graduate Student Travel Award due to the virtual platform. Also agreed to allocate additional 2k for mentoring activities. Nick and Joyce Bell, the Chair-Elect and Chair of the Mentoring Committee, should discuss how to use the funds.

8. **Procedures for Responding to Social and Political Issues**

Discussion of how to respond to social and political issues and requests for public statements on a given issues. Issues considered:
- Should the Council make these decisions? If so, do such issues require unanimous agreement?
- Should we consider establishing a political affairs committee? If so, should the Chair appoint members?

The Council agreed that any final decision regarding procedures should be sent out to the membership and included in the procedures document to facilitate transparency. Further consideration will be taken up during the year.

9. **Committees and Awards**

The Graduate Student Travel Award Committee was established in 2021 but no funds were distributed due to the shift to a virtual platform for the annual meetings. This award is subject to availability of funding.

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Awards offered in 2022
Cox Book Award
Cox Article Award
Blackwell Graduate Student Award
Distinguished Early Career Award
Founders Award
Graduate Student Travel Award

Committee Assignments
- Cassi Pittman Claytor, Case Western Reserve University (2022) – Member, Founder’s Award (Communications Coordinator from January 1-August 31 & ex-officio member of SREM Publication Committee)
- Shantel Gabriela Buggs, Florida State University (2022) – Chair, Founder’s Award, (Communications Coordinator from September-December 31 and ex-officio member of SREM Publication Committee)
- Anthony Peguero, Arizona State University (2023) – Chair, Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award
- Celeste Currington, North Carolina State University (2023) – Chair, Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award
- Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, Utah State University (2024) – Chair, James Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award
- Apryl Williams, University of Michigan (2024), - Chair, Distinguished Early Career Award
- Korey Tillman, University of New Mexico, Mentoring Committee

10. Other Business

Verna endorsed and urged Nick to continue working with the newsletter Co-Editors, Emma-Claire LaSaine and J. Sterphone, who wish to remain in their positions.

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

Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award
- Matthew Clair, Privilege and Punishment: How Race and Class Matter in Criminal Justice Court (2020)

Oliver Cromwell Article Award
- Steven Foy and Rashawn Ray, “Skin in the Game: Colorism and the Subtle Operation of Stereotypes in Men’s College Basketball.”
James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award


2021 Finances

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

Our total expenditure for 2020-2021 was $2,710 which is less than we typically spend annually because ASA annual meeting 2021 was a virtual event where we did not incur the expense of a SREM reception.

For AY 2021-2022, we expect our expenses to increase because we shall host a SREM reception at the ASA 2022 annual meeting, a mentoring event, and spend $4,000 towards ASA travel awards for SREM student members. We expect to receive a $1,500 contribution from SRE journal towards the SREM reception and plan to bring our total SREM reception expense (after SRE’s contribution) to $3,500. Our proposed budget will be $9,680. $3,500 towards the SREM reception, $1,000 towards the mentoring event, $4,000 towards student travel awards, and $1,000 towards other expenses including award plaques, publication breakfast, social media coordinator, etc.