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.

Agenda and minutes are attached.

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

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Committee: Fatma Gocek (chair)
Sourabh Singh
Christina Simko
Jakob Habinek

Co-Winners
Andrew Le. “The Third Element of Migration.”

Jacob Habinek: Yuchen Yang. "What's Hegemonic about Hegemonic Masculinity?"

Honorable Mentions:
Laura Acosta Gonzales. "Victimhood Dissociation and Conflict Resolution"
Demar Lewis. “Troubling America's Historical Waters.”

Junior Theorist Award for the best paper produced by an early career sociologist:
Committee: Besnik Pula (chair)  
Neil Gong  
Katrina Quisumbing King  
Poulami Roychowdhury

Winner


Honorable Mention


Theory Prize for the best article in the field of social theory:

Committee: Rhacel Salazar Parreñas (chair)  
Camilo Leslie  
Michal Pagis  
Natalie Aviles  
Ellis Monk


Lewis A. Coser Award given to a mid-career sociologist whose work holds great promise for setting the agenda in the field of sociology:

Committee: Simone Polillo (Chair)  
Chas Camic  
Raul Perez  
Monika Krause

Greta Krippner (University of Michigan)

2021 Finances

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

Like the preceding year, our financial situation is sound. We entered this year with $5,478 in our coffers. While we donated $2,500 to the ASA minority fellowship, our only other expense this
year had been plaques for the various section awards. Thus, so far, we are finishing this year with $6,247, putting us at $770 above our available funds at the beginning of the year. (This budget report is as of November, 2021).
Business Meeting, Sunday August 8, 2021, 4.15-4.45 PM (EDT)

(Note: need 25 members to constitute a quorum. Estimated attendance: 36 participants)

1. Introduction, welcome, and thanks

Thanks to all of section officers and council members. Special thanks to those who are completing their terms of service:

   Past-Chair: Greta Krippner
   Council: Aliza Luft, Monika Krause
   Student Representative: Luna White

I also want to thank all those who chaired committees: Besnik Pula (Junior Theorist Award), Fatma Gocek (Best Graduate Student Paper Award), and Rhacel Parrenas (Theory Prize, Article) as well as the many individuals who served on committees with them. Thanks also to Stephen Ostertag, Shelly Grant, and Jason Ferguson who worked on our membership campaign last fall.

I want to give heartfelt thanks to our excellent newsletter editors – Vasfiye Toprak, Abigail Moore, and Anne Taylor – who began their term as editors of Perspectives last fall.

Thanks to our webmaster, Petina Powers, who has taken over the website last year and has worked tirelessly to keep it updated.

Finally, I want to thank the organizers of the JTS (Laura Halcomb and Sarah Brothers) for their work organizing this important event, under unusually difficult circumstances.

2. Chair reports on election results:

Welcome to:

   Chair-Elect: Isaac Ariail Reed
   Council: Erin McDonnell, Paige Sweet
   Student Representative: Luis Flores

3. Committee Nominations:

   NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
   4 names, from council slate or 4 + any floor nomination:

   1. Josh Seim
   2. Ann Orloff
   3. Ioana Sendriou
THEORY PRIZE COMMITTEE (book in 2021):
At least two names, from council or floor nominations:

1. Moon-Kie Jung
2. Michael Sauder
3. Ari Aduit
4. Luciana Desouza

JUNIOR THEORIST PRIZE COMMITTEE
Receiving up to 3 nominations from the floor, for the incoming chair’s consideration:

Fatma Gocek
Eric Schoon
Paul Joose
Nikhil Deb

BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE: committee at discretion of chair but welcoming nominations or self-nominations

Tad Skotnici
Previous Winners

Awarding of Prizes (presented by Chairs of respective prize committees)

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Greta Krippner (University of Michigan)

This year’s Lewis A. Coser Award goes to Greta Krippner of the University of Michigan. The committee – which was constituted by Chas Camic, Raul Perez, Monika Krause, in
addition to myself – was tasked to identify “a mid-career sociologist whose work holds
great promise for setting the agenda in the field of sociology.” Among many impressive
candidates, we agreed that what makes Greta’s work stand out is that it not only meets
this demanding criterion, but that it does it not just once, but many times. Krippner
begins her contribution to our sociological understanding of the political economy of
finance with solid empirical work, aimed at establishing in a rigorous manner how to
measure financialization—a phenomenon that, at that time, social scientists were just
beginning to become aware of. She goes on to write an agenda-setting and award-
winning book, *Capitalizing on Crisis*, that situates the turn to finance within the political
sociology of the state, contributing to a debate about the fiscal constrains to state
spending, its effects on state legitimacy, and the usefulness of financial markets in
navigating economic uncertainty that had seemingly been forgotten after the end of the
Cold War, and then Greta puts back to the center of our collective attention. In the
meantime, Krippner is also pushing economic sociologists to expand their theoretical
tool kit by recognizing Polanyi’s untapped contribution to our understanding of
embeddedness; she publishes on the communicative practices of central banks,
thorough which they come to govern the economy by talking to markets; and, finally,
she creates a new bridge between economic and political sociology by highlighting the
role of the law in shaping the construction of property rights, and the opportunities and
limits afforded to social movements by such constructions. Krippner’s work travels
across subfields, disciplinary boundaries, and methods, while remaining focused on
urgent intellectual and political problems. The selection committee is very pleased to
name Greta Krippner the 2021 recipient of the Lewis A. Coser Award. We are really
looking forward to hearing her lecture at next year’s ASA! Congratulations!

6  Treasurer Report: Claire Decoteau

7  JTS Report: Laura Holcomb and Sarah Brothers.

8  Membership Report

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749). 800 is magic number to hit before August 31 in order to have a 5th panel on the
program. This would require a fairly ambitious recruitment effort.

9  Incoming Chair Claudio Benzecry takes the “podium” to say a few words.
Theory Council Meeting, Saturday August 7, 2020, 10am (EDT)

Present: (missing Julian Go, Luna White, Aliza Luft, Monika Krause)
Perspectives:
JTS:

1. Introductions, announcements, and congratulations to newly elected officers

Welcome to:

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Thanks to those retiring from service:

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2. Committee Nominations

Nominations Committee – minimum of 4 nominations to propose at business meeting:

Josh Seim
Ann Orloff
Ioana Sendriou
Fernando Domingues Rubio

Ron Breiger
Seth Abrutyn

1) 
2) 
3) 
4) 

Theory (Book) Prize Committee – need to generate 2 names to propose at business meeting:

1) Moon-Kie Jung

2) Michael Sauder
3. Secretary-Treasurer’s report and budget (Claire Decoteau)

4. Proposal to contribute to the ASA Minority Fellowship from our unspent reception budget
   Passed unanimously

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   Greta: Membership drive at beginning of the year
   Erin: Think longer term, Student membership, target
   Valentina: Remaining active during the year
   Luis: What period of the graduate trajectory? JTS as part
   Josh: mentoring event in the year
   Claudio: who would tweet?
   Erin: why pay?
   Anne: constant work

6. \textit{Perspectives} Newsletter Report (Abigail Moore, Vasfiye Toprak, Anne Taylor)

   Problem of nominations: how do we get people to participate?

7. JTS Report (Sarah Brothers, Laura Holcomb)

   Recruitment: use list of registered students to increase membership, link registration to participation in JTS. Virtual conference? Caregiving scholarship, can it be extended, or needs-based scholarship?

   \$415 budget

8. Theory Survey: Teaching Classical Theory
The survey is almost ready to go, but it would be great if you could preview it here and offer any suggestions at the meeting:


Isaac: Forced choice? Alternative to list of authors?

Erin: Also, it would matter whether there is a contemporary theory course offered because Foucault is in my contemporary syllabus not classical

The downside of free response boxes is that they tend to be hell to analyze, lots of work to clean up that text and render it usable so we could say something simple like 70% of syllabi still include weber etc.

9. Coser Award Funding (from last year)

At last year’s Council meeting we discussed possibly re-allocating funding for the Coser reception to subsidize the Theory Section reception while ensuring that Coser Lecture is held directly before the Theory Reception. As it happened, we didn’t get too far with these plans before the meeting was cancelled, so we need to revisit this for next year. This would involve checking with the ASA, and with the Coser family (Andy Perrin), to see how much flexibility we have in allocating the endowment.

Founding document states: “In consultation with the ASA, the committee will set the size of the financial reward each year, preserving the award endowment for future awardees, but spending most or all of the endowment’s income on the award and award-related expenses.”

10. Other items for discussion?