

Migrating to Vegas?!

A Message from Section Chair Michael White



It seems that for 2011, it was the ASA that decided to investigate institutional migration, moving our annual meeting from Chicago to Las Vegas, and moving in time one week later into August. We still hope to see you there and trust that you are making your travel arrangements already.

And we are not the only ones migrating to Nevada. The US Census Bureau tells us that the Las Vegas metro area grew over 40% in the last census decade. Even more, "Nevada is the only state that has maintained a growth rate of 25.0 percent or greater for the last three decades; it has been the fastest-growing state for five straight decades." (2010 Census Brief C2010BR-01 March 2011).

Irrespective of any institutional demographic geographic mobility events, I can promise you stability in programmatic excellence. The work that our capable and dedicated colleagues have put into the program will be on display. In addition to learning from the scintillating intellectual discussion with your demographic and other sociological colleagues, you can learn

from Las Vegas itself. (See Venturi, Scott-Brown, and Izenour *Learning from Las Vegas* [1977] for an older, contrarian architectural view of the place). I'm told there is less neon than before, but there is a neon museum for those who remember (or seek) the old Vegas experience. Bring your best toga for Caesar's Palace and leave your silver dollars at home.

Highlights for section activities (see elsewhere in the *Newsletter* for details) include:

Saturday August 20: Section Day. The program committee has put together an active set of paper sessions. Make you plans from what you see here; of course, these will be listed in the general program as well. Section Paper topical sessions include: (1) Population, Politics, and Policy; (2) Diversity and Inequality among Populations; and (3) New Developments in Family Demography – Jointly with the Family Section

Saturday August 20 6:30 at Trevi: Section Reception and Awards. Our section also will host our annual reception together with the Family Section this year. We will hold our recep-

tion at *Trevi*, which is within the Caesar's Palace complex (see p. 4 for directions), so you can make your way there in comfort. Appreciation goes to our Secretary-Treasurer Kyle Crowder and to Shannon Monnat of UNLV who helped us find this location. Our off-site reception last year in Atlanta was a big success, and we are looking forward to meeting up with our friends in the Family Section to celebrate jointly. The reception will also include a chance to announce and congratulate both sections' award winners.

Saturday August 20: 4:30-5:30 Section Roundtables

As has been practice we'll hold section roundtables in the first half of a section slot, followed by a business meeting. Our student reps Jennifer Buher Kane and Elaine Hernandez (with help from Sara Curran) have played a key organizing role in these roundtables. Join a table for some thoughtful discussion about cutting edge research.

Saturday August 20: 5:30 Section Business Meeting

At our section business meeting, we'll receive a report about section finances and membership. We'll take up any other business. Now is a good time to identify any topics or concerns for the business meeting by sending a message to me, to Kyle Crowder, or to any of the Section Council members. Here we'll also formally recognize our incoming Chair, Judy Treas, and newly elected section members.

I'm betting you'll like our section program in Las Vegas. Figure the odds....

Mike

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Section Sessions for 2011 Meetings

This year the Sociology of Population Section is sponsoring four outstanding sessions at the annual ASA meeting in Las Vegas, including a joint paper session with the Section on the Sociology of the Family and a strong set of roundtable discussions organized by section council members, Sara Curran, Jennifer Buher-Kane, and Elaine Hernandez. All of the section sessions are at non-overlapping times on Saturday, August 20. Please make plans to attend all of the section sessions, stay with us after the roundtables for our section Business Meeting, and then join the mass migration over to Trevi for the always-lively section reception.

Saturday, August 20, 8:30 am

SESSION 044. DIVERSITY AND INEQUALITY AMONG POPULATIONS

Location: Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Room TBA

Session Organizer: *Zhenchao Qian*, Ohio State University

Discussant: *Jennifer Elyse Glick*, Arizona State University

- "Racial Inequality Trends and the Intergenerational Persistence of Income and Family Structure." *Deirdre Bloome*, Harvard University
- "The Non-Equivalent Health of High School Equivalents." *Anna Zajacova*, University of Wyoming; *Bethany Grace Everett*, University of Colorado-Boulder
- "Where Do They Live Now? Incarceration, Reentry, and Neighborhood Racial Composition." *Cody Warner*, *Michael Masoglia*, and *Glenn Firebaugh*, Pennsylvania State University
- "Work-Related Disability, Veteran Status, and Poverty: Implications for Family Well-Being." *Andrew S. London*, Syracuse University; *Colleen M. Heflin*, University of Missouri-Columbia; *Janet M. Wilmoth*, Syracuse University

Saturday, August 20, 10:30 am

SESSION 083. NEW DEVELOPMENT IN FAMILY DEMOGRAPHY (co-sponsored with Section on Family)

Location: Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Room TBA

Session Organizer: *Judith Treas*, University of California-Irvine

- "American Women's Pregnancy Histories: Intentionality Patterns." *Karina M. Shreffler*, Oklahoma State University; *Katherine Stamps Mitchell*, Louisiana State University; *Julia McQuillan*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; *Arthur L. Greil*, Alfred University
- "Family Structure and Income Disparity of American Families, 1996-2009." *Lingxin Hao*, Johns Hopkins University
- "Partner Employment and Dissolution Risk: A Coordinated Cross-National Assessment." *Lynn Prince Cooke*, University of Surrey; *Marie Evertsson*, Yale University; *Juho Harkonen*, Stockholm University; *Heike Trappe*, University of Rostock; *Belinda Hewitt*, University of Queensland; *Michael Gahler*, University of Stockholm; *Dimitri Mortelmans*, Antwerp University; *Torkild Hovde Lyngstad*, University of Oslo; *Jean-Francois Mignot*, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris; *Marika Jalovaara*, University of Helsinki; *Jani Erola*, University of Turku; *Christian Schmitt*, University of Rostock and Yale University; *Anne-Rigt Poortman*, Utrecht University; *Letizia Mencarini*, University of Turin
- "Sex, Cohabitation, and Marriage: The Contexts of Adolescent First Intercourse and Union Formation." *Anthony Paik*, University of Iowa

Saturday, August 20, 2:30 pm

SESSION 126. POPULATION, POLITICS, AND POLICY

Location: Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Room TBA

Session Organizer: *Samantha Friedman*, State University of New York-Albany

Presider: *Shannon M. Monnat*, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

- "Population Policy and Reproductive Health Outcomes in Malawi, Nigeria, and Senegal." *Rachel Sullivan Robinson*, American University
- "Population Problems? State Actors and Low Fertility in Post-War France and Great Britain." *Emily Ann Marshall*, Princeton University
- "Revisiting the Contradictions of Neoliberal Democratization: Transition to Multiparty System and Public Health Inequalities in Tanzania." *Optat H. Tengia*, Brown University
- "Poverty Across the United States: Do County Governments And Their Policies Matter To Populations' Socioeconomic Disparities?" *Linda Lobao*, The Ohio State University; *Mark Partridge*, The Ohio State University; *P. Wilner Jeanty*, The Ohio

Section Sessions for 2011 Meetings (continued)

Saturday, August 20, 4:30 PM

SESSION 155. SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF POPULATION REFEREED ROUNDTABLES

Session Organizers: *Sara R. Curran*, University of Washington
Jennifer Buher Kane, Pennsylvania State University
Elaine Marie Hernandez, University of Minnesota

- **Table 1. Precursors of Poor Adult Health**
 - Gender Differences in the Effects of Religious Attendance on all Cause Mortality among Older Hispanics. *Ashley M. Daily*, Florida State University
 - Maternal Factors Associated with Racial Disparities in Cause-Specific Infant Mortality: Florida 1980-2000. *Jessica C Bishop-Royse*, Florida State University; *Isaac W. Eberstein*, Florida State University
 - The Differentials in Healthy Life Expectancy in Rural-Urban Bangladesh. *Md. Ismail Tareque*, University of Rajshahi; *Nazrul Hoque*, University of Texas-San Antonio; *Kazuo Kawahara*, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
 - Age at First Marriage: Do Health Outcomes Vary by Gender? *Giuseppina Valle*, Florida State University; *Heather Grif-fis*, Florida State University
- **Table 2. Causes and Consequences of Health for Children**
 - Do Fathers Matter for Children's Health in sub-Saharan Africa? *Emily Grace Smith*, Pennsylvania State University
 - Ethnic Differences in Children's Living Arrangements in Rural Malawi. *Monica J. Grant*, University of Wisconsin-Madison; *Sara E. Yeatman*, University of Colorado-Denver
 - There's No Place Like Home: Urban-rural Differentials in Nutritional Status among Children in Ethiopia. *Jane Ofun-dem Ebot*, University of Texas-Austin
 - The Relationship between Women's Status and Child Nutrition: Evidence from Bangladesh. *Radheeka Ranmali Jaya-sundera*, University of Southern California
- **Table 3. Low Fertility around the World**
 - Below-Replacement Fertility in India: The Persistence of the Demographic Transition. *Trina Vithayathil*, Brown University
 - Declining Polygyny and Relative Spousal Power in Reproductive Decisions. *Laurie F. DeRose*, University of Maryland
 - Fertility Behavior in the States of Crisis and Societal Instability (The Case of USSR/Russia). *Yuri A. Frantsuz*, University of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - How the Education System in a Developmental State Implicates Low Fertility: The Case of Singapore. *Hsiao-Li (Shirley) Sun*, Nanyang Technological University
- **Table 4. Dynamics of Fertility Intentions**
 - Fertility from a Couple Perspective. A Test of Competing Decision Rules on Proceptive Behaviour. *Gerrit Bauer*, University of Mannheim; *Thorsten Kneip*, University of Mannheim
 - Modernization, Development and the Changing Dynamics of Son Preference in Urban India: A Qualitative Study. *Ridhi Kashyap*, Harvard University
 - Racial-Ethnic Differences in Fertility Intentions and the Social Value of Children: Hispanic Familism Reconsidered. *Caroline Sten Hartnett*, University of Pennsylvania; *Emilio A. Parrado*, University of Pennsylvania
 - The Road To Children Is Paved With Good Intentions. *Isabel Nadine Haerberling*, University of Zurich
- **Table 5. Dynamics of Fertility Behavior**
 - Comparing Mothers' Maternity Leave Decisions with First versus Second Children: Differences in Expectations and Experiences. *Medora W. Barnes*, John Carroll University
 - Rational Reproduction? Health Insurance Coverage and Married Women's Fertility. *Jennifer Adams Mendoza*, The Ohio State University
 - The Effect of Socioeconomic Status and Fertility on Age Assortative Mating in Remarriage. *Kevin M. Shafer*, Brigham Young University; *Kyle Standiford*, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro; *Russell Brock Hathcock II*, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro
 - Fertility Patterns in the Context of Mexican Migration to the United States. *Kate Hee Young Choi*, University of California-Los Angeles

Section Sessions for 2011 Meetings (continued)

Saturday, August 20, 4:30 pm

SESSION 155. SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF POPULATION REFEREED ROUNDTABLES [continued]

- **Table 6. Migration Processes**
 - Legal Status and the Residential Segregation of Mexicans in New Destinations. *Matthew Hall*, University of Illinois-Chicago; *Jonathan Stringfield*, University of Illinois-Chicago
 - Risk Perception and Depressive Symptoms among the Three Gorges Project-Induced Relocates. *Juan Xi*, University of Akron; *Sean-Shong Hwang*, University of Alabama-Birmingham
 - Victimization and the Decision to Migrate. *Claire E. Altman*, Pennsylvania State University; *Brianna Nicole Remster*, Pennsylvania State University; *Michael Massoglia*, Pennsylvania State University
- **Table 7. Composition of Neighborhoods and Social Networks**
 - Fewer Babies, Better Societies? *Deniz Yucel*, William Paterson University
 - Residential Duration by Race, Tenure, and Ethnicity: 2008. *Peter Mateyka*, Pennsylvania State University; *Matthew C. Marlay*, U.S. Census Bureau
 - Sibsize, Networks, and Culture: A Cross-National Investigation. *Neha Gondal*, State University of New Jersey-Rutgers
 - Subsidized Housing and the Concentration of Poverty, 1977-2008: A Comparison between Eight US Cities. *Yana Andreeva Kucheva*, University of California-Los Angeles
- **Table 8. Population Processes and Social Policy Considerations**
 - Incarceration and Racial Inequality in Voter Turnout. *Jake Rosenfeld*, University of Washington; *Becky Pettit*, University of Washington; *Jennifer Laird*, University of Washington
 - Rethinking Welfare Dependence in a Post-Reform Era: The Case of Food Assistance. *Sukriti Issar*, Brown University
 - Moral Issues in Adolescent Fertility: Framing Non-Governmental Public Action in the Southern Cone. *Javier Hugo Pereira Bruno*, Universidad Catolica del Uruguay
 - Premarital Pregnancy and Beauty in Adolescence. *Jonathan Marc Bearak*, New York University

Saturday, August 20, 5:30 pm

SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF POPULATION BUSINESS MEETING

Location: Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Room TBA (same as section roundtables)

Saturday, August 20, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

JOINT RECEPTION: SOCIOLOGY OF POPULATION AND SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, section awards, and good conversation

Location: Trevi, in the Forum Shops adjacent to Caesar's Palace

Walking Directions from Caesar's Palace Conference Center to Trevi, site of the section reception

- ⇒ From the base on the Conference Center escalator, turn left and then head through the Forum Shops walkway on the right.
- ⇒ When you come to the fork, turn left and continue to follow signs for the Forum Shops.
- ⇒ Pass through the casino, and make your way through the Forum Shops until you come to the large waterfall sculpture in the middle of the Forum Shops.
- ⇒ Trevi is on the right. The reception will be held on the 2nd level of Trevi.

SPECIAL THANKS

There is a lot of planning and coordination that goes into section events for the annual meetings. As an all-volunteer organization, our section relies heavily on the generous, uncompensated work of section members and officers to help plan our section reception, coordinate awards, organize sessions, and perform other behind-the-scenes tasks.

This year we were very fortunate to receive help from **Shannon Monnat** (Department of Sociology, UNLV) who worked diligently to identify a suitable

location for our section reception on August 20, to negotiate the final menu and contract with *Trevi*, the venue for the reception (did we mention that the reception is at 6:30 on August 20?), and to provide us with directions (see bottom of page 4). Please take a moment to thank Shannon for her hard work on this when you see her in Vegas.

Please also offer special thanks to **Kate Cagney** (Director of the Population Research Center, University of Chicago) and **Katie Morris**

(Population Research Center, University of Chicago) who helped to organize the not-to-be reception in Chicago. Kate and Katie staked out more than a dozen potential venues, collected information on pricing and availability, helped us narrow down our choices, and assisted in establishing a contract, just in time for the location of the meetings to be changed to Las Vegas. While this work ultimately went for naught, the efforts to improve the meeting experience for our section members is very much appreciated.

ELECTION RESULTS

The votes have been tallied and the results are in on the 2011 ASA elections. Turnout for the Sociology of Population section was, once again, quite strong (65%). On behalf of the section, we thank you for taking the time to cast your votes and offer our strongest appreciation to those volunteering to serve the section by agreeing to stand for election.

Our new Chair-Elect is **Katharine Donato**, Professor and Chair of Sociology at Vanderbilt University. Professor Donato is a highly productive researcher, award-winning teacher, and current editor of the *American Sociological Review*. The section will certainly benefit from her leadership during her term as Chair in 2012-2013.

Congratulations also to our three new members of the Section Council. Our newly-elected Student Representative on the council is Jessica Cohen, a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at Bowling Green State University. Ms. Cohen will serve a two-year term on the council beginning at the close of this year's ASA meetings in Las Vegas.

Also joining the council are **Rebecca Clark**, Chief of the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and **Christine Himes**, Maxwell Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Policy Research at Syracuse University. Drs. Clark and Himes will both serve three-year terms on the council, beginning in August.

We welcome our newly elected officers and offer our sincerest thanks to outgoing Section Council members, Sara Curran, Elizabeth Frankenberg, and Elaine Hernandez, as well as outgoing Chair, Mike White, for their tremendous service to the section!



Chair-elect Katharine Donato



New Council Member Rebecca Clark



New Council Member Christine Himes

Announcements and Opportunities

Bridget Goosby, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was awarded the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) in Population Research to examine the biological stress-related mechanisms associated with the intergenerational transmission of race differentials in health.

Christine Schwartz was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Christie Sennott (Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology Institute of Behavioral Science University of Colorado at Boulder) has been selected for the 2011-2013 William and Flora Hewlett Foundation/Institute of International Education Fellowship Program in Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development. This fellowship will support research for her dissertation entitled "Childbearing and Motherhood in the Context of HIV/AIDS in South Africa."

Arland Thornton received the 2011 Irene B. Taeuber Award from the Population Association of America and the Princeton Office of Population Research. The Taeuber Award is given every-other-year "in recognition of either an unusually original or impor-

tant contribution to the scientific study of population or an accumulated record of exceptionally sound and innovative research."

Honored by the Section on Aging and the Life Course with its Distinguished Scholar Award for Career Achievement, **Judith Treas** (Professor of Sociology, University of California, Irvine and 2011-12 Population Section Chair) will present the Matilda White Riley Lecture at the 2011 ASA Meetings in Las Vegas.

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC), the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP), and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) announce the annual **Abe Fellowship** competition. The Abe Fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The Abe Fellowship Program seeks to foster the development of a new generation of researchers who are interested in policy-relevant topics of long-range importance and who are willing to become key members of a bilateral and global research network built around such topics. For more information on fellowship research themes, eligibility, and the application process, visit <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/abe->

[fellowship/](http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/abe-) or contact SSRC staff at abe@ssrc.org.

The **National Academy of Sciences'** panel on 'New Directions in Social Demography, Social Epidemiology, and Sociology of Aging' will be holding an open session at the ASA annual meeting in Las Vegas on Monday, August 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (location TBA). The meeting will be co-hosted by Dr. Melissa Hardy, an NAS panel member, and the co-editors of the newly released *Handbook of Sociology of Aging*, Dr. Jacqueline Angel and Dr. Richard Settersten, and representatives from the Division of Behavioral and Social Research of the National Institute on Aging. ASA members with an interest in demography and sociology of aging are welcome to attend. Please contact Keiko Ono (kono@nas.edu) for details.

The European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) invites contributions to its **European Population Conference 2012** in Stockholm Sweden. The EPC 2012 will convene 13-16 June 2012 and is hosted by the Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA). The EPC is a general scientific conference on population studies where at EPC 2012 the theme "Gender, Policies and Population" will receive special attention. For more information and the call for abstracts visit the EAPS website www.eaps.nl

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The purpose of the Section on Sociology of Population is to foster the development of the study of population within the context of sociology

As of June 2011, the section has 471 members, including 94 student members.

If you have ideas for enhancing the section, especially for increasing membership and student participation in the section, or would like to volunteer for a section committee, please contact any of the section officers.

Please submit announcements and other items for the Fall 2011 newsletter to Treasurer/Secretary, Kyle Crowder, at kyle.crowder@unc.edu