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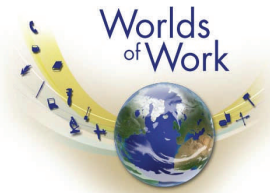
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See you in Boston!

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Message from the Chair, Joane Nagel

This past year has been a great time to serve as Chair of the Race, Gender & Class section. Our subject of inquiry has continued to develop theoretically and empirically, and we have seen matters of race, gender, and class become increasingly defined as integral dimensions of sociological research questions. We may not quite yet see race, gender, and class completely routinized dimensions of all research, but when the ASA convenes in Boston, our section will present to our colleagues an impressive set of sessions that challenge all of us to identify and understand the racialized, gendered, and classed dimensions of identity, inequality, culture, and social change. In addition to our six RGC sessions listed below, please note that this year we are reinstating the Race, Gender & Class Refereed Roundtables, so we can include in the program a broad array of topics of interest to our members.



My thanks to our outgoing Chair, Anthony Lemelle, for his service to the section and his help in my transition from chair-elect to chair. I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to work with a great set of section officers, Council members, and committee chairs and members.

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2008 Election Results

Here are the results of the 2008 elections. Congratulations to our newly elected officers, and thanks to everyone who showed their commitment to the section by volunteering to run for this year's election.

Chair-Elect:

Maxine Craig, California State University-East Bay

Secretary - Treasurer:

Mary Kelly, University of Central Missouri

Council Members:

Elizabeth Bernstein, Barnard College, Columbia University

Antonia Randolph, University of Delaware

Section Sessions at the Annual Meeting

1. **Race, Gender, and Class: Environmental Justice & Global Climate Change.** Monday, Aug 4th. 8:30-10:10am (Hilton Boston Back Bay, Room TBA).

- *Session Organizer:* Joane Nagel (University of Kansas)

- *Climate Change Lessons from the Environmental Justice Movement,* Robert D. Bullard (Clark Atlanta University)

- *Double Jeopardy: Urban Heat Islands and Global Warming,* Sharon L. Harlan (Arizona State University)

- *Say What?! Gender and Climate Change,* Joane Nagel (University of Kansas)

- *Coping with Climate Change: Dimensions of Injustice,* J. Timmons Roberts (College of William & Mary)

- *Race, Place, and the Environment in the Aftermath of Katrina,* Beverly Lillian Wright (Xavier University)

2. **Race, Gender, Class & Capitalism.** Monday, August 4th. 2:30pm-4:10pm. (Hilton Boston Back Bay, Room TBA)

Session Organizer: Fred L. Pincus (University of Maryland-Baltimore County) and Natalie J. Sokoloff (City University of New York)

- *Global Capitalism, Global Knowledge: The Case of Socially Responsible Coffee,* Nicki Lisa Cole (University of California-Santa Barbara)

- *Group Affiliation and Market Embeddedness in American Enterprise,* Zulema Valdez (Texas A&M University)

- *Southern Rock Musicians' Construction of White Trash,* Jason T. Eastman (Coastal Carolina University) and Doug Schrock (Florida State University)

- *Spatial Transversals: Gender, Race, Class, and Tourism in Cape Town, South Africa,* Jill Renee Williams (University of Colorado)

3. **Roundtables, Monday August 4th.** 10:30am-11:30 am (Hilton Boston Back Bay, Room TBA)

Culture and Social Interactions
Education

Gender and Society I

Gender and Society II

Labor and Organizations

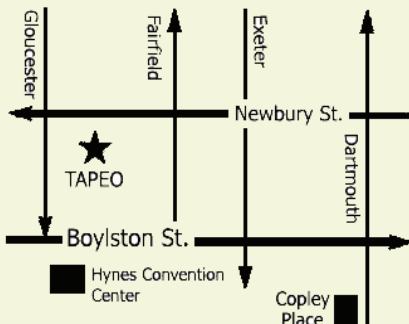
Race and Ethnicity, and Identity

Social Movements and Globalization

Stratification



Section Reception!



The Race, Class & Gender Section will be co-hosting a reception with the Environment & Technology Section.

The reception will take place from 6pm to 8:30pm on Sunday, August 3 at Tapeo Restaurant at 266 Newberry Street--two blocks from the Boston Marriott Copley Plaza Hotel.

We hope to see you there!

Message from the Section Chair

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Thanks to Celine-Marie Pascale, Chair of the Outstanding Article Award Committee, Erica Chito Childs, Chair of the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, and Carla Brailey, Chair of the Outstanding Book Award Committee. The demanding work of these committees is very important to the professional lives of the award nominees and winners and to the vitality of the section. Special thanks to Annee Roschelle, RGC Secretary-Treasurer. This is Annee's last year as Secretary-Treasurer, and I want to recognize her for this important section work. I know that she's especially looking forward to passing on our requests for reimbursements to our new Secretary-Treasurer, Mary E. Kelly. It also has been my pleasure to work with our Chair-Elect, France Winddance Twine, who chaired this year's Nominations Committee. That committee's successful work has resulted not only in a new Secretary-Treasurer. Maxine Craig has been elected our incoming Chair-Elect and Elizabeth Bernstein and Antonia Randolph are our new Council members. Congratulations Maxine, Mary, Elizabeth, and Antonia! Thanks to outgoing Council members Melanie Bush and Celine-Marie Pascale and to student representative, Alexandra Murphy, and thanks also to continuing Council members Carla Brailey, Rodney Coates, Erica Chito Childs, and Milagros Pena and student representative, Siobhan Brooks.

We are trying something new with our reception this year! We'll take a short stroll from the meeting hotels to Tapeo Restaurant (266 Newberry Street) where we will co-host a joint reception with the Environment and Technology section on Sunday, August 3 from 6:00-8:30 pm. We will be crossing two boundaries with this one event—leaving the confines of the hotel and mixing our ideas and en-

ergies with colleagues from another section. This second boundary is one that is not often crossed by the membership of either section, but is a borderland in which fruitful collaboration is possible. Issues of environmental justice, social inequality dimensions of environmental change and disasters, the impact of climate change in the global North-South, and the race, gender, and class dimensions of climate policy all offer opportunities for our members to speak to one another. One of our section sessions, "Race/Gender/Class, Environmental Justice & Global Climate Change," will spotlight the work of our colleagues on some of these issues. We have two very generous section members to thank for arranging this alternative reception location: Carol Wright and Natalia Sarkisian pounded the pavement around the hotels in Boston to find this very exciting venue for our reception. Tapeo is just three blocks from the meeting hotels (check out their website at: <http://www.tapeo.com/home/>); we'll have a cash bar and a fine array of tapas for you to sample and share, so please plan on attending.

Please note: We are looking for a RGC Newsletter Editor. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for this important position. The ASA provides support in producing the newsletter (thank you Diego de los Rios!), so it's a less onerous task than it has been in the past, and it's a great opportunity to network and find out what's going on in the section. We'll be soliciting nominations at the Business meeting or send me your nominations anytime before the August meeting. The Race, Gender & Class section Business Meeting is on Monday, August 4, 11:30-12:10 pm. Please check the program for the room and hotel. See you in Boston!

Articles and Books Written by Section Members

- “Contact and the Continuum of White Women’s Racial Awareness” by Katheryn A. Sweeney in *Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2008): http://repositories.cdlib.org/ucsb_ed/spaces/vol1/iss1/art5
- "And the Last Shall Be First': The Master-Slave Dialectic in Hegel, Nietzsche and Fanon" by Judith Rollins in *Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-Knowledge*, Vol. V, Summer (2007).
- “Indigenous Movements and Globalization: What is Different? What is the Same?” by Thomas D. Hall and James V. Fenelon. *Globalizations* 5:1 (March, 2008):1-11.
- “Locking up Hope: Immigration, Gender, and the Prison System” by Natalie J. Sokoloff and Susan C. Pearce. *Scholar and Feminist Online*, 6(3) (2008).
- “The Intersectional Paradigm and Alternative Visions to Stopping Domestic Violence: What Poor Women, Women of Color, and Immigrant Women Are Teaching Us about Violence in the Family” by Natalie J. Sokoloff. *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* (2008).
- "Expanding the Intersectional Paradigm to Better Understand Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities" by Natalie J. Sokoloff. *Critical Criminology* (2008).
- *Intimate Partner Violence* by Angela J. Hattery. Latham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008.
- *Race, Human Rights, and Inequality* by Angela J. Hattery, David G. Embrick, and Earl Smith. 2008. Latham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008.
- *Managing Multicultural Lives: Asian American Professionals and the Challenge of Multiple Identities* by Pawan Dhingra. Stanford University Press, 2007.
- *Women, Work and Family in the Antebellum Mountain South* by Wilma A. Dunaway. Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Section Call For Nominations

The section on Race, Gender and Class is looking for candidates for the 2009 Election. Please consider nominating colleague or yourself for the following positions:

Chair-Elect (1 year as chair-elect, 1 year as chair, 1 year as past chair)

Student Representative (2 year term)

2 Council Members (3 year term)

Newsletter Editor (2 year term)

Please send nominations (self and other) to France Winddance Twine, RGC Chair-Elect (winddance@soc.ucsb.edu) and Maxine Craig, RGC incoming Chair-Elect (maxine.craig@csueastbay.edu)

Publications of Interest to Race, Gender, Class Section Members

Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal announces the publication of its inaugural issue!

Spaces for Difference seeks to publish research that expands our understanding of issues relating to race and racism, gender and sexuality, social activism, and intersectionalities. Articles freely available at http://repositories.cdlib.org/ucsb_ed/spaces. **Foreword** by Paul Spickard; **Editors' Notes** by Vichet Chhuon, Jesse Gillispie, Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo; **Articles:** Initiating a Culturally Responsive Discourse of Same-Sex Attraction among African American Males by Emery M. Petchauer, Mark A. Yarhouse, and Louis B. Gallien Jr.; Career Decision-Making: Perspectives of Low-Income Urban Youth by Nicki King, Ella R. Madsen, Marc Braverman, Carole Paterson, and Antronette K. Yancey; Contact and the Continuum of White Women's Racial Awareness by Kathryn A. Sweeney; Dehumanization of the Black American Female: An American/Hawaiian Experience by Kimetta R. Hairston; **Book Reviews:**

Polluted Promises: Environmental Racism and the Search for Justice in a Southern Town by Melissa Checker. Reviewed by Michelle Petrie; *Reflections of a Khmer Soul* by Navy Phim. Reviewed by Sophia Chhoeng; *The Object of Memory: Arab and Jew Narrate the Palestinian Village* by Susan Slyomovics. Reviewed by Melinda Bernardo.

Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society. Edited by Richard T. Schaefer. DePaul University (Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Books, March 2008). This three-volume reference presents a comprehensive look at the role race and ethnicity play in society and in our daily lives. Containing nearly 600 entries, this resource provides a foundation to understanding as well as researching racial and ethnic diversity from a multidisciplinary perspective. **Key Features:** Describes over a hundred racial and ethnic groups, with additional thematic essays discussing broad topics that cut across group boundaries and impact society at large. Addresses other issues of inequality that often intersect with the primary focus on race and ethnicity, such as ability, age, class, gender, and sexual orientation. Brings together the most distinguished authorities possible, with 375 contributors from 14 different countries. Offers broad historical coverage, ranging from "Kennewick Man" to the "Emancipation Proclamation" to "Hip-Hop." Presents over 90 maps to help the reader comprehend the source of nationalities or the

distribution of ethnic or racial groups. Provides an easy-to-use statistical appendix with the latest data and carefully selected historical comparisons.

Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare special issue entitled "Beyond the Numbers: How the Lived Experiences of Women Challenges the 'Success' of Welfare Reform" will be guest edited by Mary Gatta and Luisa S. Deprez in September 2008. This special edition explores and critically evaluates the lived experiences of women on and post-welfare using historical knowledge and current qualitative and quantitative research data. Eight articles from around the country focus on how the actual experiences of low-income women challenge conventional ideas about the success of current welfare reform. Throughout the issue, a common theme emerges: to move toward greater social equity, social welfare policy must truly be reformed. The papers, both individually and collectively, provide a direction, a set of actions, and an agenda for this to be accomplished. Importantly, they also contribute to the new poverty knowledge called for by Alice O'Connor in her highly-acclaimed 2001 book, "Poverty Knowledge: Social Science, Social Policy, and the Poor in Twentieth-Century U.S. History."

Social Processes in Hawai'i special issue entitled "Uchinaanchu Diaspora: Memories, Continuities, and Constructions" (February 2008), guest edited by Joyce N. Chinen, includes articles on Okinawa and Diasporic Okinawan communities and issues.

Race, Gender & Class special issue on "Race, Gender, Class, Sexuality, and War" (December 2007), co-edited by Joane Nagel and Meredith Kleykamp, includes articles by Morten G. Ender, Lindsey Feitz, Patricia A. Gwartney, Meredith Kleykamp, Erin Morgan, Joane Nagel, V. Spike Peterson, David E. Rohall, David R. Segal, Mady Wechsler Segal, and Stephanie M. Young.

Race, Gender & Class special issue on "Race, Class, Gender and Capitalism" (winter, 2008), co-edited by Natalie J. Sokoloff and Fred L. Pincus.

Events of interest to Section Members

Association of Black Sociologists

38th Annual Conference

“Challenging Hierarchies: Nation, Race, Class, Sexuality and Gender”

Colonnade Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts

July 29 – August 1, 2008

Sessions on: The Heritage, the Legacy, and the Future of Black Sociology, Race and Immigration in the United States, History of Sociology/Historical Sociology, African Americans in the American Educational System: Contemporary Racial Issues in the So-Called Age of Progress, Immigrant Incarceration: Current Trends and Racial Disparities, Racial and Ethnic ‘Borderlands’, Race and the Criminal Justice System, Comparative Racial Attitudes and Discrimination in a “Colorblind” Era, “Life and Debt” Panel, African Mothering: Emerging Contradictions and Shifting Roles, Community, Class, Politics and Policies, The Obama Candidacy: Finding Meaning in this Political Moment, School Reform in Boston, Race Around the World, The Role of Race in Social Welfare Institutions, Mental Health and African Americans, Challenging the Politics of Research and Publication: A Student Perspective, Race, Class and Health Care, The Obama Candidacy: Race Matters in Today’s Political Landscape, Health Disparities and the African Diaspora, Professional Development Panel: “On the Market: The Successful Job Seeker’s Guide to a Successful Academic Search,” HIV/AIDS and the African American Community, Professional Development Panel: “Academic Job Hunter’s Toolkit: Building My CV, Creating Course Syllabi, Developing a Teaching/Research Statement, and Writing an Academic Research Note,” Race Relations in the Media, Challenging Hierarchies in the Classroom: Nation, Race, Class, Sexuality and Gender, The Social Construction of Race.

Mini-Conference on Race, Labor, and Empire

Northeastern University O’Bryant African-American Institute

40 Leon St., Boston, Massachusetts 02115

August 1-2, 2008

Organized by: The Labor and Labor Movements Section of the ASA and the Association of Black Sociologists. Co-sponsored by: Department of Sociology and Anthropology of Northeastern University, and the following ASA Sections: Asia and Asian America, Latino/a Sociology, Marxist Sociology, Political Economy of the World System, Race, Gender and Class, and Racial and Ethnic Minorities. For Registration and Program Information:

<http://www.laborstudies.wayne.edu/ASA/2008Miniconference/>

Congratulations to the Award Winners!

Distinguished Article Award

Natalia Sarkisian, Boston College, **Mariana Gerena**, Northeastern University, and **Naomi Gerstel**, University of Massachusetts, "Extended Family Integration Among Euro and Mexican Americans: Ethnicity, Gender, and Class," *Journal of Marriage and Family*, Volume 69 (February 2007):40-54.

Graduate Student Paper Award (Co-Winners)

Glenda Flores, University of Southern California, "The Paradox of Race at the Workplace: Latina Teachers Navigating Racial/Ethnic Tensions and Opportunities on the Job"

Eran Shor, Stony Brook University "Contested Masculinities: The New Jew and the Construction of Black and Palestinian Athletes in Israeli Media."

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award

Co-Winners

Dara Strolovitch (2007). *Affirmative Advocacy: Race, Class, and Gender in Interest Group Politics*. Chicago, IL. The University of Chicago Press.

Celine Marie Pascale (2007). *Making Sense of Race, Class, and Gender: Commonsense, Power and Privilege in the US*. NY: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

Honorable Mention—**Mary Patillo** (2007). *Black on the Block: The Politics of Race and Class in the City*. Chicago, IL. The University of Chicago Press.

Race, Class & Gender Section Officers (2007-2008)

Joane Nagel, **Chair**

France Winddance Twine, **Chair Elect**

Anne Roschelle, **Secretary-Treasurer**

Student Representatives

Alexandra Murphy (2008)

Siobhan Brooks (2009)

Council

Melanie Bush (2008)

Celine-Marie Pascale (2008)

Carla Brailey (2009)

Rodney Coates (2009)

Erica Chito Childs (2010)

Milagros Pena (2010)

Section Bylaws

Approved 1996

The purpose of the Section *Race, Gender, and Class* is bifold: first, to promote research that examines the interactive effects of race, gender, and class phenomena; second to promote a curriculum which underscores the centrality of race, gender and class phenomena. By comparing the similarities and differences in how inequalities of race and ethnicity, gender, class and stratification are created and maintained, sociologists can develop a more powerful explanation of the nature of social inequality in general.

Officers of the Section: The officers of the Section shall be a Chairperson, a Chairperson-elect shall serve for one year and will automatically become Chairperson for on year following his or her office as Chairperson-elect. The Secretary-Treasurer, and the Membership Chair shall be elected for a period of three years. Only voting members of the Association shall be eligible to hold office.

There shall be a Council on which a total of eleven persons will be serving. Six members of the Council will each serve for three years. There shall be a graduate student member serving for two years. In the first election of the Council, two Council seats shall be as one-year seats, two as two-year seats, and two as three-years seats. Officers shall not succeed themselves. The Chairperson, Chairperson-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Membership Chair shall also serve as members of the Council with the Chairperson of the Section serving as Chairperson of the Council.

Powers of the Officers: The Council is vested in principle with the power to carry out all necessary operations for the section, acting as the representative of the membership of the Section. Any action of the Section, including changes of the By-Laws, may be brought to the vote of the Section by the Council, by a petition of 10 percent of the members of the Section, or by 25 members of the Section, whichever is less. The functions of the Council include cooperating with the Program Committee of the American Sociological Association in planning the presentation of its field of interest in the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Elections and Voting: The elections of the Section shall be carried out in cooperation with the American Sociological Association and coordinated to their schedule. The exception shall be the first election, which shall be carried out by mail ballot as soon as feasible after the formation of the section. Officers elected shall serve through the first year after the Section is formed and accepted into the Association.

Committees: There shall be a Committee on Nominations, elected each year by those members of the Section present at an open Business Meeting to take place at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be constituted of at least four members, one of whom will be the chair, with the stipulation that no member serve on the Nominating Committee for two consecutive years. The Nominating Committee shall present the people for each office to be voted on by the voting members of the Section, by mail ballot.

There shall also be an Award Committee whose members, will be appointed by the Council. The Award Committee members will serve two year staggered terms to assure continuity. The chair of the Award Committee will be appointed by the Council from among the continuing members. The duties of the Award Committee will be to review submissions and select the winner of the Section's Annual Award for scholarship on the intersections of Race, Gender and Class.

Membership: The membership of the Section shall be drawn from the members of the American Sociological Association who have expressed or demonstrated a major commitment to the sociological study of the intersection of race, gender, and class.

Dues: Dues shall be set by the Council to cover the operation of the Section in accord with the requirements of the American Sociological Association.

Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter editor shall be appointed by the Chair for a two year term, renewable by the Chair for one additional term.