
sex and gender news

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FROM THE SECTION CHAIR

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As I write, the United States is knee-deep in a national election that foregrounds race and gender in ways never seen before; waist deep in the big muddy of two protracted wars; and up to our eyeballs with soaring unemployment, threatened retirement plans and plummeting home values. Clearly, it's prime time for feminist sociologists to do what we do best: insightful research on social inequality and violence; inspiring classroom teaching; muckraking public sociology.

It's my hope that the sex and gender section will continue to be one node through which we connect to do this important work. I assume the honor of serving as Chair of a section that is steaming smoothly in this very direction. Under the leadership of Linda Blum, and thanks to the Council and the session organizers, the 2008 ASA meetings in Boston provided an inspiring mix of new research, debate, and—especially through the wonderful session organized around Arlie Hochschild's work—a means of looking to the future with our feet securely planted in our best feminist scholarly traditions.

As you will see in this newsletter—the first put together by our new Editor Valerie Chepp—the 2009 meetings promise more of the same, with some new twists. In addition to two invited sessions—one that focuses on the work of Raewyn Connell, the other (co-sponsored with the Sexualities Section) on gender, sexualities and the state—we invite submissions for paper sessions on gender and: transnational feminist movements, bodies and health, new immigrant communities, race/ethnicity,

the economy and work. As always, one of our sessions will be devoted to roundtables.

This issue of the newsletter also includes a timely essay by Joane Nagel on gender politics in the U.S. presidential election, the minutes from the Boston business meeting, and calls for nominations for 2009 Section awards and officers. And we look back to honor the winners of our 2008 book, article, and graduate student awards. Many thanks to the section members who generously served on awards committees.

Two reminders: First, please send your announcements for job searches, calls for papers, or your newly published book to me to include in the biweekly listserv: messner@usc.edu. Second, help us keep feminist sociology strong and growing: renew your section membership; recruit a colleague or a graduate student.

*** ***In this Issue of the Newsletter:*** In addition to honoring **Kathy Davis, Shelley J. Correll, Stephen Bernard, In Paik,** and **Laura Hamilton** for winning the section's 2008 book, article, and grad student paper awards, we also tell you how to nominate scholars for next year's awards. Please send a nomination letter on behalf of a cutting-edge book, article, or grad student paper in the field of sex and gender. We also encourage you to consider nominating a colleague, friend, or yourself to run for section office; for additional info on the nominating process – read on!

*** ***See Call for Papers:*** For 2009 ASA, August 8-11 in San Francisco on page 2 of this newsletter! The theme for the 2009 annual meeting will be “The New Politics of Community” under ASA President Patricia Hill Collins.

*** ***Attention Student Members:*** Sex and Gender Grad Student Representatives, Irene Boeckmann and Kristen

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Barber, want to hear from YOU. What are your needs? How might the section help you? What would you like to see the two grad reps do on behalf of all Sex and Gender students? Please share any ideas, comments and concerns by emailing Irene at iboeckma@soc.umass.edu or Kristin at kambarber@usc.edu.

Would you like to submit a brief forum piece for an upcoming issue of the Newsletter? If so, email me at vchepp@socy.umd.edu.

To Babe or Not To Babe

Joane Nagel
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That question has been answered. The pretty woman with the sassy mouth dazzled the boys and the girls at the 2008 Republican National Convention. Will her attractive looks and irreverent talk prevail in November? Will our fellow citizens overlook the hypocrisy of Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin's proclamation that "We're proud of Bristol's decision to have her baby" (a choice she wouldn't have had if Ms. Palin's Pro-Life views were the law)? Will Americans vote into office another candidate who stubbornly pursues failed policies like the oxymoron of abstinence-only sex education despite its obvious failure not only in her own family but in the whole country (the US has among the highest teen pregnancy rates in the industrial world)? Will Palin's claim that she'll be a friend of the family in the White House seduce women voters and families of special needs children across the political spectrum? Will Palin turn the heads of an electorate that consistently reports strong dissatisfaction with her party's performance in office?

What is it about a pretty face, cunning speech-writing, and the change-agent claims of political insiders that combine to dazzle onlookers, skirt the issues, and perpetuate a regime? There is something about the gender-sexual order that deflects critical analyses and muddles calculations of self-interest. I say this because of what I've observed from studying the adaptive capacity of the US military to maintain its masculinist culture and sexist practices even while incorporating unprecedented numbers of women into its rank-and-file and officer corps. Instead of transforming the military, women's presence has become a gender and sexual resource deployed against the enemy (e.g., women and femininity as tools in porno-"enhanced interrogations" in Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo prisons) and used against servicewomen themselves (e.g., the record number of sexual harassment and sexual assault reports by women in the armed forces during the Iraq war).

In the 35 years of the All-Volunteer Army, the US military has exhibited impressive organizational and cultural resilience. The military has absorbed women to fill labor needs while protecting its cherished traditions of masculine privilege and devising ways to exploit its new feminine assets. What does the US military's subversion of gender integration have to do with the 2008 presidential campaign? Are Sarah Palin's femininity and family the latest strategic weapons in the Republican political arsenal? I think so. Hegemonies are hard to challenge, agile in adapting to changing demographics, and capable of camouflaging ideological and empirical inconsistencies. War will bring us peace, drilling for oil will end our oil addiction, record deficit spending will end big government, not taxing the rich will make us all richer, and adding a beauty queen to a moribund presidential ticket will ensure victory. I hope the lessons I learned from studying the militarization of gender and sexuality in the Iraq war are wrong when it comes to the 2008 US presidential election. But even if I'm right, we have to remember that change is slow, and it demands steadfast and smart articulation of our truths to power.

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CALL FOR PAPERS Sex and Gender Section 2009 ASA Meetings, San Francisco, CA

The section will sponsor or co-sponsor an exciting array of sessions for the San Francisco meetings, August 8-11, 2009. First, there will be two invited panels (one of them co-sponsored with the Sexualities Section); second, there will be five open submission paper sessions (one of them co-sponsored with the Economic Sociology Section); third, there will be one session devoted to roundtable discussions. Please submit to the open paper sessions. And join us in San Francisco next summer for some vibrant discussion of feminist research.

I. INVITED SESSIONS:

1. Gender & Power in Global Perspective: A Forum on the Work of Raewyn Connell

Organizer: Michael Messner
INVITED SESSION

For more than two decades, the work of Australian sociologist Raewyn Connell has been at the forefront of gender scholarship. Drawing from her own empirical work and that of others, Connell introduced concepts that capture gender's multiplicity and dynamism in life histories, institutional gender regimes and societal

gender orders. In recent years, Connell has turned her attention to examining dynamics of the global gender order. In this session, a distinguished group of invited gender scholars will take Connell's work as a point of departure for discussing their own strategies for thinking about gender and power in global or transnational perspective.

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2. Sexualities, Gender and the State

(Co-sponsored with the Sexualities Section)
Co-Organizers: Kristen Schilt and Tey Meadow
INVITED SESSION

While feminist research on the connections between gender ideologies and state regulation enjoys a long and complex history, only in recent years have scholars looked systematically at the ways in which sexuality, sexual norms and heteronormativity interact with and reinforce modern statehood. The invited papers in this session interrogate connections between popular and scientific concepts of gender and sexuality, and the practical ways states use them to make policy, and to make citizens.

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II. OPEN SUBMISSIONS SESSIONS

3. Movements and Identities: Transnational Feminist Approaches

Co-organizers: Orit Avishai and Danielle Antoinette Hidalgo
OPEN SUBMISSIONS

This session invites papers that examine the gendered, sexualized, classed and racialized structures, activities, and cultural repertoires of movements that challenge the

state and other structures of governance, the identities that they facilitate, and their modes of organizing and mobilization. Papers may address, but are not limited to, the gendered and sexualized dimensions of immigration, religion, and contemporary global struggles (such as struggles over basic resources like water, militarism, the AIDS epidemic, and global warming).

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4. Gender, Bodies and Health: Negotiating and Contesting the "Healthy" Body

Organizer: Shari Dworkin
OPEN SUBMISSIONS

This session invites papers that explore the ways in which "healthy" gendered bodies are produced, challenged and contested across a variety of social institutions (e.g. medicine, work, sport, and media). Papers may examine a range of issues including (but not limited to): the medicalized body, the arenas in which neoliberal ideals intersect with the call to health and/or biomedicalization; how gender relations shape and are shaped by media representations of men's and women's health, mental health, or well-being; how masculinity and femininity structure the promises and limits of health; the ways in which the discourses and/or practices of public health and/or medicine paradoxically structure gendered bodies and healthy living. Interdisciplinary approaches and multiple methods are welcomed.

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5. Gender and New Immigrant Communities

Organizer: Stephanie Nawyn
OPEN SUBMISSIONS

Immigrant communities have developed in new places and in new ways, and these new communities (be they geographical or imagined) are inextricably linked with gender. This session seeks papers that examine the ways that gender operates within interpersonal interactions, social institutions, and macro-structures to shape the

experiences of international migrants, and the movement of people to and relations within new immigrant communities. Topics may include transnational communities, new immigrant destinations, or new immigrant social movements.

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6. Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Co-organizers: Belinda Robnett and Rebecca Klatch
OPEN SUBMISSIONS

This session focuses on research that analyzes the intersection of race/ethnicity and gender. We are interested in papers that examine the ways in which constructions of gender and race/ethnicity influence and are influenced by interpersonal relationships, institutions and organizations, and/or the cultural/symbolic realm.

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7. Gender, the Economy and Work

(Co-sponsored with the Section on Economic Sociology)
Organizers: Mary Blair-Loy
OPEN SUBMISSIONS

This session will explore how gender, the economy, and work (paid and unpaid) are closely intertwined. Gender and families impact the economy and work in various ways. At the same time, social location with respect to the economy and work construct the experience of gender and family responsibilities.

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2008 AWARD WINNERS

Sex and Gender Section Awards

The Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award

Laura Hamilton. 2007. "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Homophobia." Gender & Society. April 21(2):145-172.

The winner of this year's Sally Hacker award is Laura Hamilton for her paper "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Homophobia." Laura is a doctoral student in the Department of Sociology at Indiana University, and this paper was published in *Gender and Society* in April of 2007. The paper examines heterosexual women's use of homophobia as one of their gender strategies. The strategic use of homophobia by men to do hegemonic masculinity has been documented in prior work, but little research explored this issue for women. Laura Hamilton's study fills that gap and documents the unique nature of women's homophobia using detailed ethnographic and interview data from a women's floor in a university residence hall. The study demonstrates that status hierarchy among college women is based on women's positions in the heterosexual erotic market, and lesbians are assigned low rank in this hierarchy because they are seen as both not interested in this erotic market and unable to acquire men's attention. Therefore, women who try to occupy higher positions in this market prefer higher levels of social distance from lesbians. Nevertheless, these women engage in same-sex

eroticism, but they do it for a male audience, define it as heterosexual, and use it as a tool to enhance their position in the status hierarchy. By doing that, they stigmatize same-sex eroticism that is not male-oriented and drastically limit the spaces on campus where lesbians can feel comfortable. The Committee was really impressed by this thoughtful and thorough article. It makes both an important substantive contribution and an insightful theoretical contribution to the field of Sex and Gender. Congratulations!

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Sex and Gender Outstanding Article Award

Recipient

Shelley J. Correll, Stephen Benard, and In Paik. 2007. "Getting a Job: Is there a Motherhood Penalty?" *American Journal of Sociology* 112(5): 1297-1338.

This fascinating article finds a significant bias against mothers in competency evaluations, likelihood of receiving a job offer, and starting salary relative to fathers with identical credentials. The bias is apparent in both controlled laboratory experiments and in a natural experimental audit study of employers. In the laboratory experiment, the authors find that mothers are viewed as less competent and committed and that they are held to a harsher standard, being required to have a better attendance record and a higher diagnostic test score than childless women or fathers. Mothers were much less likely to be recommended for hire and were offered \$11,000 lower starting salaries than equally qualified childless women. In the audit, the authors submitted application materials in pairs (one parent and one non-parent) to employers who advertised in a large northeastern newspaper. Childless women were 100% more likely to receive a callback from employers compared with equally qualified applicants who were mothers. The results show that mothers' lower pay cannot be attributed to unmeasured productivity characteristics that employers are rationally using in pay determination. The article has been cited in the media, by political organizations, in the California State Senate, and by the EEOC. It is a major contribution to studies of gender and work.

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Honorable Mention

Rene Almeling. 2007. "Selling Genes, Selling Gender: Egg Agencies, Sperm Banks, and the Medical Market in

Genetic Material." *American Sociological Review* 72: 319-340.

This engaging qualitative study compares how eggs and sperm, and the women and men who donate them, are valued in the medical marketplace. Almeling analyzes how egg agencies and sperm banks organize the donation process, including how women and men are recruited, screened, and compensated for their genetic material. She uses a complex notion of "market" as comprised of interacting economic, cultural (including gender) and structural/organizational elements, and also biological phenomena (interpreted culturally). The study found that egg donors are paid more and praised more than sperm donors. Almeling argues that this difference is due less to biological supply and demand than to gendered norms of caring motherhood and distant fatherhood. That women's biology is actually more valued in this market is unexpected given the decades of research by sociologists of gender on women's disadvantage in contemporary society. Gender structures the idea that women's "donation" is more precious than men's, and gender allows men to be seen as more pecuniary in their interests. This article demonstrates how sociologists can attend to biological factors while simultaneously resisting essentialized biological explanations.

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The Sex and Gender Distinguished Book Award

Recipient

Kathy Davis. 2007. *How Feminisms Travels Across Borders: The Making of Our Bodies, Ourselves*. Duke University Press.

Our Bodies, Ourselves, which started as a subversive project to educate women about their bodies, sexuality, and their health, has been translated and adapted into 20 languages today. Kathy Davis set out to write *The Making of Our Bodies, Ourselves*, intending to write a history of the group of women who created this text, The Boston Women's Health Collective. She planned to examine how the book became such a remarkably successful feminist project in the United States. Half-way through the project, she realized that she needed to shift her focus from a history of the Collective to treating the text itself as an epistemological project. Davis analyzes the significance of the book's travels and translations for transnational feminist knowledge and body politics. She investigates how women around the world rewrote *Our Bodies, Ourselves* based on their unique experiences and the politics of their countries. Davis treats *Our Bodies, Ourselves* as a "travel theory" and in doing so, critiques U.S. postmodern feminist body theory, which puts Western feminism at the center of its

subject, while failing to examine what feminist health activists around the world do in daily life. Her analysis is based on oral histories with the Boston Women's Health Collective, extensive archival research of three decades of the Collective's documents, and interviews with translators from Latin American, Egypt, China, Thailand, Eastern Europe and many other countries. The book is creative in its focus, beautifully written, and offers a hopeful vision for the possibility of transnational feminist alliances. It will undoubtedly have a great impact on U.S. feminist theory on transnational knowledge and body politics.

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Honorable Mention

Kathrin S. Zippel. 2006. The Politics of Sexual Harassment: A Comparative Study of the United States, the European Union and Germany. Cambridge University Press.

Kathrin Zippel explores the globalization of the concept of sexual harassment from the United States to Europe, and the different ways countries have worked to change employers' practices and workplace culture. While the United States was on the forefront of policy and legal solutions, such policies were met with resistance in Europe, which viewed the United States as a "prudish culture." Zippel provides a fascinating examination of how European feminists first successfully passed measures against sexual harassment at the European Union level, and how those measures were received in member states, in particular, Germany. Zippel draws on theories of comparative feminist policy, gender and welfare state regimes, and social movements to examine the origin of sexual harassment policies. The book is extensively researched, very well-written, and offers a significant contribution to gender scholarship as well as political sociology and social movement scholarship.

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CALL FOR 2009 NOMINATIONS **Sex and Gender Section Awards**

Distinguished Book Award

This award honors those who make a significant contribution to the field of sex and gender through a book on the cutting edge of sociological inquiry.

The 2009 Sex and Gender Distinguished book Award Committee is currently accepting nominations for outstanding and innovative books published in 2006, 2007, or 2008. Self-nominations are acceptable, and authors need not be sociologists. Edited collections are ineligible, and nominations from publishers will not be accepted.

To nominate a book for this award: 1) Please send a two page letter (preferably through email) explaining how the book makes a significant contribution to the sociology of sex and gender to the Committee's Chair, Patti Giuffre, Dept of Sociology, 601 University Dr., Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos TX 78666 (pg07@txstate.edu); and 2) notify the book publisher to send copies of the books by **February 1, 2009** to the chair and all the committee members. (See list of committee members and addresses on page 7). **Nomination deadline is January 15, 2009.**

Distinguished Article Award

This award honors those who make a significant contribution to the understanding of sex and gender through an article or chapter on the cutting edge of sociological inquiry.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2009 Distinguished Article Award. Articles or chapters published in 2006, 2007, or 2008 will be considered. Authors need not be sociologists and articles may be published in journals associated with disciplines other than sociology. Self-nominations are accepted.

To nominate a particular article or book chapter for this award, please submit the following documents as attachments via email to the Committee's Chair, Michelle Budig (budig@soc.umass.edu): 1) a two-page letter explaining why the article makes a significant contribution to the sociology of sex and gender and 2) an electronic version of the article/chapter. Acceptable file formats are PDF, MS Word, or text files. **Nomination deadline is January 15, 2009.**

Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award

Papers are currently being accepted for the 2009 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award. The paper should deal with a theoretical issue or empirical problem important to the field of sex and gender. Papers should be journal length (35 pages maximum). Self nominations are acceptable. Please send a letter of nomination, a hard copy of the paper, and an electronic version of the paper to the committee chair: Allison Pugh, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia, P.O. Box 400766, Charlottesville, VA 22904-4766 (apugh@virginia.edu), and to the other committee members (See list on page 8). **Nomination deadline is January 15, 2009.**

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SECTION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

American Sociological Association
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 11:25 AM, Saturday August 2, 2008

1) Introductions

2) Election Results: Chair-elect: Nancy Naples; new council members: Rebecca Klatch and Jennifer Reich; and, for the Sally Hacker Award Committee: Frances Hasso, CJ Pascoe.

3) Nominated to Nominations Committee: (1) John Bloch, (2) Shari Dworkin, (3) Rebecca Glauber

4) Budget Report: Co-secretary/treasurers (2007-08) Julie Kmec and Laurie Schaffner report that the section is in very good financial shape. As of June 30, 2008, our net assets ending balance was \$9,913.00, which includes \$7,164.00 carry-over from last year. This figure does not reflect the cost of this year's Sally Hacker Award winner compensation (\$600.00) or Section reception (\$2,609.00). These costs total \$3,209.00, producing the estimated budget as of August 1, 2008 (\$9913.00 minus \$3,209.00) to be **\$6,704.00**. As long as our membership remains high (over 1,000), we should be able to expect the same budget for 2008-2009 as this year. (Current membership is 1,119).

5) Nominations for Graduate Representative: Kelly Kretschner; Kristen Barber (selected); Elroi Windsor

6) Congratulations to award winners! We presented awards at the Section reception—a new festive tradition. The winner of the 2008 Distinguished Book Award is Kathy Davis; honorable mention goes to Kathrin Zippel. The 2008 Distinguished Article Award goes to Shelly Correll, Stephen Bernard and In Paik; Rene Almeling received honorable mention for this award. The winner of the 2008 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award is Laura Hamilton of Indiana University. Our thanks to the Chairs of these award committees, Kirsten Dellinger and Julie A. Winterich; Patti Giuffre; and Natalia Sarkisian.

7) Newsletter: We will continue to issue the newsletter 3 times per year, which will include short forum pieces as well as the grad student showcase in the spring. Special thanks to Emily Mann and Ashley Finley for their hard work and important contributions to the newsletter over the past year. Valerie Chepp is the new newsletter editor; she can be reached at vchepp@socy.umd.edu.

8) Acknowledgements to outgoing service – thanks!
Patti Giuffre—Distinguished Article Award Chair
Rebecca Klatch—Nominations Chair
Natalie Sarkisian—Sally Hacker Award Chair
Thanks to all session organizers, committee members and roundtable organizers.

9) Introduction of incoming Section Chair: Welcome to Mike Messner!

10) Next Year's Sessions: Discussion of the 2009 annual meeting in San Francisco, CA. Please sign up for organizing sessions, working on committees (awards or nominations).

Ideas for the San Francisco meeting included:

- Discussion of one author's work, perhaps Raewyn Connell
- Other topics:
 - 1) Gender and violence (Laurel Westbrook)
 - 2) Teaching Sex and Gender (John Bloch) (there is already a professional workshop on this)
 - 3) Hegemonic masculinities (John Bloch)
 - 4) Gender and agency (Amy Best)
 - 5) Gender and Everyday/Performance (Amy Best)
 - 6) Joint session with Sexualities section (Kristin Schill)
 - 7) Gender and Care/How communities shape care (Alison Pugh)
 - 8) Women in the right wing (Jean Dearman)
 - 9) Race and Gender (Belinda Robnett and Rebecca Klatch)
 - 10) Immigration, family, gender
 - 11) Gender and medical sociology (Shari Dworkin)
 - 12) Domestic/international advances in gender/HIV (Shari Dworkin)
 - 13) Feminist questions in new economy (Jennifer Pierce)

11) New Business

- (a) Should we continue to use the listserv to post job announcements? Yes, continue! A majority agreed.
- (b) Sponsorship of the Gender Lens book series is at the talking stage.
- (c) Council decided to do a 3-year trial period of \$600 awards to Sally Hacker Award runner-ups (2 awards at \$300 each).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Kmec and Laurie Schaffner, Co-secretary/treasurers (2007-08)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Papers

The 2009 Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana April 1-4 at the Hotel Monteleone. Society President, Dr. Kathleen Slevin, recently announced that the theme for the 2009 meeting will be Inequalities across the Life Course, "allowing us to showcase the vast and exciting scholarship that has emerged in recent decades around both the causes and consequences of inequality."

The program committee is trying to put together several high-quality sessions in the areas of gender, sexuality, and families (broadly defined). For those of you who live in or near the South, you are encouraged to participate and to send this Call for Papers to graduate students. Regional conferences are an excellent space for students to present their work and gain the confidence and experience necessary for larger national conferences. Submission Deadline: October 12, 2008. Send abstracts to dberk@lsu.edu. For the general CFP: <http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/2008%20Call%20for%20Papers.pdf>

Call for Awards

Sociologists for Women in Society. Feminist White Paper Award: "Research on Policies for Providing Universal Access to Healthcare in the United States."

Prize: \$1000. We invite social science scholars familiar with health care policy research to provide an accessibly written critical overview of the policy options available to the United States in providing universal access to healthcare. We are particularly interested in coverage of relevant feminist scholarship, including consideration of the impact of various policy options on women. The white paper should include a data-based analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of models adopted in other industrialized nations as well as a consideration of the logistics and costs of providing health care in the United States. Limit: 10 pages, exclusive of references and tables. Papers should be submitted electronically in a Word document or RTF format to sws@etal.uri.edu. On Subject Line put: Feminist White Paper Competition. Deadline: January 1, 2009.

Nominations Sought For ASA Major Awards!

ASA members are encouraged to submit nominations for the following ASA awards. The deadline for nominations are provided with each award criteria. Award selection committees, appointed by ASA Council, are constituted to review nominations. These awards are presented at the ASA Annual Meeting each August. The deadline for

submission of nominations is January 31st of each year unless noted otherwise in the individual award criteria.

W.E.B. Dubois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award. This award honors scholars who have shown outstanding commitment to the profession of sociology and whose cumulative work has contributed in important ways to the advancement of the discipline. The body of lifetime work may include theoretical and/or methodological contributions. The award selection committee is particularly interested in work that substantially reorients the field in general or in a particular subfield. Nominations should include a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae and letters in support of the nomination. The most compelling cases contain five to eight letters from a variety of individuals able to speak to the qualifications of the nominees. The person making the nomination should obtain this material and forward it to the committee, with the nominee's curriculum vitae, as a package. Nominations remain under active consideration for five award cycles. Members of the Association and other interested parties may submit nominations to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance Department, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; e-mail governance@asanet.org. The nominations deadline is January 31, 2009.

Distinguished Book Award. This award is given for a single book published in 2007, 2008 and in the month of January in 2009. Nominations must come from members of the Association and should include the name of author, title of book, date of publication, publisher, and a brief statement about why the book should be considered for this award. Send nominations to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance, 1430 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; fax: (202) 638-0882; e-mail governance@asanet.org. Nominations must be received by January 31, 2009.

Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award. The ASA Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award honors outstanding contributions to undergraduate and/or graduate teaching of sociology. The award recognizes contributions that have made a significant impact on the manner in which sociology is taught at a regional, state, national, or international level. These contributions may include preparation of teaching- and curriculum-related materials and publications, participation in the scholarship of teaching and learning, development and communication of innovative teaching techniques, leadership in teaching-related workshops and symposia, involvement in innovative program development, and contributions to the enhancement of teaching within state, regional, or national associations. The award typically is given for a series of contributions spanning several years or an entire career, although it may recognize a single project of exceptional impact. The

award is not designed to recognize outstanding teaching ability at one's own institution unless that is part of a career with a broader impact. Individuals, departments, schools, or other collective actors are eligible. Nominations should include the name of the nominee and a one to two page statement explaining the basis of the nomination. Nominations should also include a vita, if applicable, and relevant supporting materials. Members of the Association or other interested parties may submit nominations to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; fax (202) 638-0882; e-mail governance@asanet.org. The nominations deadline is January 31, 2009.

Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology. This award honors outstanding contributions to sociological practice. The award may recognize work that has facilitated or served as a model for the work of others; work that has significantly advanced the utility of one or more specialty areas in sociology and, by so doing, has elevated the professional status or public image of the field as a whole; or work that has been honored or widely recognized outside the discipline for its significant impacts, particularly in advancing human welfare. The recipient of this award will have spent at least a decade of substantial work involving research, administrative, or operational responsibilities as a member of or consultant to private or public organizations, agencies, or associations, or as a solo practitioner. Nominations should include a one to two page statement and the vita of the nominee and be submitted to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance, 1430 K Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 383-9005; fax: (202) 638-0882; e-mail governance@asanet.org. Nominations must be received by January 31, 2009.

Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues Award. The Award for Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues honors individuals for their promotion of sociological findings and a broader vision of sociology. The ASA would like to recognize the contributions of those who have been especially effective in disseminating sociological perspectives and research. The ASA is cognizant of the fact that there are many professionals (e.g., journalists, filmmakers) whose job it is to translate and interpret a wide range of information, including sociological perspectives and research, for the general public. This award is intended to promote a broader vision of sociology, and to gain public support for the sociological discipline. A nominee must have made noteworthy contributions through any medium of public communication to increase the understanding of sociology. He or she cannot be a professional sociologist and membership in ASA is therefore not required. Nominations should include an account of the nominee's major contributions to furthering the public appreciation

of sociology; examples (e.g., video, printed matter) may be included with the nomination. Send nominating letters to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; fax: (202) 638-0882; e-mail governance@asanet.org. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2009.

Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award. Created in 1971, this award honors the intellectual traditions and contributions of W.E.B. DuBois, Charles S. Johnson, and E. Franklin Frazier. The award is given either to a sociologist for a lifetime of research, teaching, and service to the community or to an academic institution for its work in assisting the development of scholarly efforts in this tradition. Nominations should include a summary of the nominee's career or achievement, and the way in which it is consistent with the traditions of these outstanding African-American scholars and educators. Nominations should include a one to two page statement and a vita, if applicable. Nominations should be submitted to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; e-mail governance@asanet.org. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2009.

Award for Public Understanding of Sociology. This award is given annually to a person or persons who have made exemplary contributions to advance the public understanding of sociology, sociological research, and scholarship among the general public. The award may recognize a contribution in the preceding year or for a longer career of such contributions. Nominations should include the nominee's vita and a detailed one to two page nomination statement that describes how the person's work has contributed to increasing the public understanding and knowledge of sociology. Nominations should be submitted to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; e-mail governance@asanet.org. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2009.

Jessie Bernard Award. The Jessie Bernard Award is given in recognition of scholarly work that has enlarged the horizons of sociology to encompass fully the role of women in society. The contribution may be in empirical research, theory, or methodology. It is presented for significant cumulative work done throughout a professional career. The award is open to women or men and is not restricted to sociologists. Only members of the American Sociological Association may submit nominations for the Jessie Bernard Award. Nominations for career achievement should include a narrative letter of nomination, a copy of the vita of the nominee, and three supporting letters. Nominations should be submitted to: American Sociological Association, ATTN: Governance Office, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20005; e-mail

governance@asanet.org. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2009.

Dissertation Award. The ASA Dissertation Award honors the best PhD dissertation from among those submitted by advisors and mentors in the discipline. Dissertations from PhD recipients with degree awarded in the 2006 calendar year will be eligible for consideration for the 2007 ASA Dissertation Awards. Nominations must be received from the student's advisor or the scholar most familiar with the student's research. Nominations should explain the precise nature and merits of the work. Send nominating letters, six copies of the dissertation, and nominee's curriculum vita (with current address) to: American Sociological Association, c/o Governance Department, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005; fax: (202) 638-0882; e-mail governance@asanet.org. The deadline for nominations for the 2008 Award is January 31, 2009.

New Books by Section Members

Barbara Sutton, Sandra Morgen, and Julie Novkov, eds. 2008. *Security Disarmed: Critical Perspectives On Gender, Race, and Militarization*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press.

Mary Jo Maynes, Jennifer L. Pierce, and Barbara Laslett. 2008. *Telling Stories: The Use of Personal Narratives in the Social Sciences and History*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo. 2008. *God's Heart Has No Borders: How Religious Activists Are Working For Immigrant Rights*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

New Journal Articles by Section Members

Kumiko Nemoto. 2008. "Postponed Marriage: Exploring Women's Views of Matrimony and Work." *Gender & Society* 22: 2 (April): 219-237.

Kumiko Nemoto. 2008. "Climbing the Hierarchy of Masculinity: Asian American Men's Cross-Racial Competition for Intimacy with White Women." *Gender Issues* 25: 2 (June): 80-100.

Natalie J. Sokoloff and Susan C. Pearce. 2008. "Locking up Hope: Immigration, Gender, and the Prison System." *Scholar and Feminist Online*, 6(3).

Natalie J. Sokoloff. 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." *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*.

Natalie J. Sokoloff. 2008. "Expanding the Intersectional Paradigm to Better Understand Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities." *Critical Criminology*.

Natalie J. Sokoloff. 2008. Review of Kathleen Ferraro, *Neither "Angels" nor "Demons": Women, Crime, and Victimization*. 2006. Boston: Northeastern University. In *Contemporary Sociology*.

Natalie J. Sokoloff and Fred L. Pincus are co-editors of a special issue on Race, Class, Gender and Capitalism for the *Race/Gender/Class* journal--to appear in winter 2008.

Job Announcements

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater invites applications for an anticipated tenure-track Assistant Professor position. The teaching of Sociological Theory and Principles of Sociology are the Department's primary areas of need. Other Department needs include family, health and illness, demography, and gender. Candidates will be expected to teach, contribute to department and university service, publish scholarly works, and seek grants as appropriate. Ability to work effectively with students, faculty, and staff with diverse backgrounds is expected. The starting date for this position is August 24, 2009. A Ph.D. in Sociology is required by start of position. Prior teaching experience is strongly preferred. Interested persons should apply in writing to: Leda Nath, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, 428 White Hall, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI 53190. A complete application packet consists of letter of application, curriculum vitae, three current letters of recommendation, teaching evaluations, transcripts, and samples of publications or presented papers. Review of applications will begin October 17, 2008 and continue until position is filled. UW-Whitewater conducts criminal background checks as a contingency to employment. A criminal background check will be conducted prior to an offer of employment. The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer, and actively seeks and encourages applications from women, people of color, persons with disabilities, and all veterans. Names of applicants may be disclosed unless requested otherwise. Names of finalists will be released.

University of Missouri-Columbia. The Women's and Gender Studies Department (WGST) at the University of Missouri-Columbia invites applications for Assistant/Associate Professor position whose primary research and teaching interests focus on African American and gender topics. This is a tenure track position beginning in August 2009. Requirements include an advanced A.B.D. or PhD, evidence of ability

to conduct a program of research on African American gender issues, and commitment to teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Applicants should have research and teaching interests in one or more of the various intersections of race, ethnicity, region, culture, class, gender, age, sexuality, disabilities. The teaching load in the department is four courses per year. The department provides excellent research support, mentoring and offers an exciting intellectual environment. The University of Missouri-Columbia is committed to increasing the diversity of the college community and curriculum. In relation to this, candidates who support those goals are encouraged to apply and to identify their relevant strengths and experiences, indicating these in the cover letter. The Department is interested in candidates who work in the intersections of African American Studies and Women's & Gender Studies. To apply, submit a cover letter that includes a statement of your research, future research program and teaching interests or experience, a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and publication(s) or writing sample(s) to: Dr. Tola Olu Pearce, Chair of Search Committee, Women's and Gender Studies Department, 325 Strickland Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri. 65211. The review of applicants will begin on November 1, 2008 and continue until the position is filled. Please direct questions to Dr. Tola Pearce (pearcej@missouri.edu), Dr. Jacquelyn Litt (Littj@missouri.edu), Chair of WGST, or Administrative Assistant Shelda Eggers at (573) 882-2703 or EggersS@missouri.edu. Further information about the WGST program can be found on the website: <http://wgst.missouri.edu>. The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

The Department of Ethnic Studies at UC San Diego invites applications for faculty positions that will form a possible appointment cluster of one tenure-track and two tenured professors, beginning fall 2009, pending budget approval. We welcome applications from scholars whose work provide critical perspectives on racialized groups in a global and transnational, or, more broadly diasporic context. We particularly welcome expertise in cultural, educational equity, environmental, feminist, immigration, indigenous, or legal studies. Applicants in any social science or humanities discipline are encouraged to apply. Applicants must provide evidence of an original and generative research agenda, commitment to teaching, and ability to work in an interdisciplinary ethnic studies context. The Full Professor position will have teaching responsibilities in association with the Center for Research on Educational Equity and Teaching Excellence (CREATE, <http://create.ucsd.edu/>). PhD in hand by 07/01/09 for Assistant level position. The Department of Ethnic Studies at UC San Diego focuses on the fundamental theoretical and political questions regarding the critical conceptualization of social categories, particularly race,

indigeneity, culture, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, and nation. We are committed to rethinking these issues in a comparative, relational, and multidisciplinary fashion in order to interrogate questions of power and inequality. We provide alternative epistemologies for the study of racialized and indigenous populations in the U.S. and globally in a way that produces new knowledge for the academy and the broader public. The Department of Ethnic Studies is a key center of empirical and theoretically-based research, outstanding teaching, and creative collaborations that promote social justice. UC San Diego is uniquely situated at a nexus; where the global south and north meet at the U.S.-Mexico border, and at the threshold of the Pacific Rim. Applications accepted electronically at: <http://ethnicstudies.ucsd.edu> under "Faculty Recruitment" link. Submit electronic version of: application letter, resume, selected sample publications of no more than 50 pages, and names and addresses of three referees. Applicants are also invited to submit summary of leadership efforts, especially those that contribute to diversity. We will begin reviewing applications on October 15, 2008, but will continue to accept applications until positions are filled for start date of 07/01/09. Salary based on published UC pay scales. UCSD is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer with a strong institutional commitment to excellence through diversity.

Boston College: tenure track joint position with sociology and international studies. The Department of Sociology and the International Studies Program invite applications for a tenure track assistant professor position with a cutting-edge research program in any of the following three areas: global environmental sociology, global social movements, and immigration. Scholars with expertise in any geographic area of the world are invited to apply, particularly those with an Asian/Asian-American Studies focus. The tenure line is housed in the Sociology Department. The position, which begins in the Fall of 2009, entails half-time teaching in International Studies, which is an undergraduate major, and half-time graduate and undergraduate teaching in the Department of Sociology, whose PhD program specializes in Social Economy and Social Justice: Class, Race and Gender in a Global Context. Boston College is an Affirmation Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Applications from scholars of color and women are strongly encouraged. Send CV, a description of research plans, names of 3 referees, and 2 pieces of recent scholarship by October 15, 2008. Applications should be submitted electronically to: socchair@bc.edu.

The University of Pittsburgh: Advanced Assistant to Early Full Professor. The Department of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh seeks a candidate for a tenured or tenure-track position whose work will complement existing departmental emphases in Social Movements

and in Politics and Culture and whose teaching will include graduate and undergraduate courses in the area of race. A candidate's research may employ any methodology and be set in any geographic region. We are seeking to make an appointment at anywhere from the advanced Assistant Professor to the early Full Professor level, pending budgetary approval. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellence and promise in both publication and instruction. We will begin reading applications on October 15, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, send a letter of application, CV, one or two page description of research interests, sample of research writing, and evidence of teaching experience to John Markoff, Chair, Rank Open Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. The University of Pittsburgh is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and members of minority groups under-represented in academia are especially encouraged to apply.

Tufts University. Assistant or Associate Professor (Tenure Track). The Department of Sociology is accepting applications for an assistant or associate professor position to begin Fall 2009. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in sociology by September 1, 2009; a strong record or promise of publications; excellent teaching evaluations; potential for extramurally funded research; and a willingness to serve as department chair in the future. Candidates' research and teaching should be in one of three broad areas: immigration, transnational communities, and globalization; social inequalities and social change; and media, culture, and society. Candidates must be committed to teaching our highly motivated and diverse student body. The usual teaching load is two courses per semester. The successful applicant will be the ninth member of the department. Tufts University is categorized as a Research University/Very High Research Activity (RU/VH), is consistently ranked in the top thirty universities in the country by U.S. News and World Report, and is located in the vibrant intellectual community of Boston. Send a letter about qualifications for the position, a curriculum vitae, the names of at least three references for candidates applying at the associate level or at least three letters of reference for those applying at the assistant level, a sample of published work, and a statement of your teaching philosophy to Professor John E. Conklin, Chair; Department of Sociology; Eaton Hall 115; 5 The Green; Tufts University; Medford, MA 02155. Review of the applications will begin November 30, 2008, and continue until the position is filled. Tufts University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our faculty. Members of underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The Department of Sociology invites applications for a position at the Assistant Professor level, beginning August 16, 2009. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Sociology, or be completed with the Ph.D. by the start date. Sociology is a Ph.D. granting research-oriented department. A successful candidate must have the ability to teach contemporary and classical theory at the graduate level and undergraduate level. Research specializations in one or more of the following areas may be given preference: Crime, Law and Deviance, Race and Ethnicity, or Social Movements. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2008, or until the position is filled. Please send a letter of application, CV, and three reference letters to: Kathryn Ward, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, Mail Code 4524, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 1000 Faner Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901; (618) 453-7626; e-mail kbward@siu.edu. SIUC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer that strives to enhance its ability to develop a diverse faculty and staff and to increase its potential to serve a diverse student population. All applications are welcomed and encouraged and will receive consideration.

University of Southern California. USC's College of Letters, Arts & Sciences invites applications for an assistant professor with a research specialization that addresses issues of immigrant integration. The position, beginning in fall 2009, is part of a university-wide initiative to promote research and teaching on the processes of immigration, settlement, and social transformation. The candidate should be an empirical social scientist working in these areas; we are particularly interested in candidates who can relate their research to policy issues. The search committee is being conducted jointly by the departments of American Studies & Ethnicity, Political Science, Sociology and History, and the appointment will be made formally in one of these departments. USC strongly values diversity and is committed to equal opportunity in employment. Women and men, and members of all racial and ethnic groups, are encouraged to apply. Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, one or two writing samples, and the names of three references and their contact information to: Manuel Pastor, Chair of Search Committee, Department of American Studies and Ethnicity, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-4033. We will begin to review applications on November 5, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled.

The University of Illinois at Chicago. The Departments of Sociology and African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) are seeking a faculty member to join UIC's exciting community of scholars who study race and ethnicity. The ideal candidate will have an outstanding research record and a

strong commitment to teaching and supervising students at both the undergraduate and graduate level. In addition s/he should be prepared to contribute to the Sociology department's doctoral specialty in Race, Ethnicity and Gender, and to the development of an interdisciplinary PhD program involving African American Studies. Preference for an Associate or Full Professor. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience. UIC is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research-Extensive University located in the heart of Chicago, one of the nation's largest metropolitan areas. It is a comprehensive public university with a diverse student body of more than 25,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students. The University is host to a number of exciting interdisciplinary units supporting research on race, ethnicity, and urban studies. These include the Great Cities Institute, The Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, the Latino and Latin American Studies Program, and the History department's Graduate Concentration in the History of Work, Race and Gender in the Urban World. To ensure full consideration, applications should be postmarked by October 15th, 2008. However, consideration will be given to applications until the position has been filled. The University of Illinois is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. As an AA/EOE, UIC encourages applications from women, minorities and people with disabilities. Applicants at the rank of full professor should submit a letter of application and curriculum vitae; all others should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, writing sample and a list of three references to email, SocAAST@uic.edu or mail hardcopy to: Professor William Bielby and Professor Kerry Ann Rockquemore, African American Studies/Sociology Search Committee, Department of Sociology (MC312), University of Illinois at Chicago, 1007 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607-7135

****Remember to send information about new books, articles, upcoming conferences, symposia, awards and any other news about our Section Members that you would like to appear in the next newsletter to Valerie Chepp at vchepp@socy.umd.edu.*

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