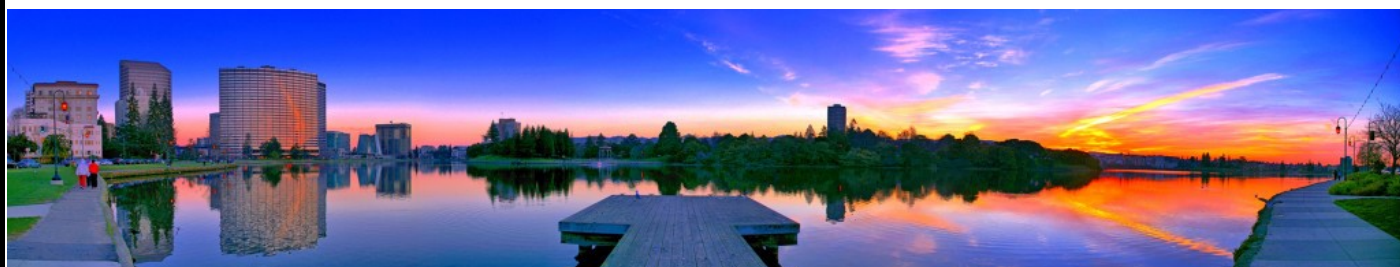


Attention PSA Members: Make your plans to attend the Annual Meeting in 2016 in Oakland



Downtown Oakland from Lake Merritt by Greg Leong for Visit Oakland

Although abstracts will not be due for several months, I urge you to start thinking about your projects, and your ideas for the Annual Meeting of the PSA in 2016.

The meeting will take place at the Oakland Marriott in Downtown Oakland, a short stroll away from Jack London Square, with its BART station to take you into "The City" as we locals like to refer to the wonderful city of San Francisco, or to whisk you to Downtown Berkeley, feet from the UC-Berkeley campus, as well as being the stop on the Amtrak route from SoCal, a lovely trip that takes a day but is cheaper than the Southwest flight and is so much more comfortable and relaxing than dealing with airports these days. The Coast Starlight Amtrak train travels every day between Los Angeles and Jack London Square for \$49.00 each way!

Oakland has had a new renaissance of restaurants, both high end and hole in the wall places with great food and drink; Sarah Jordan Bloch (sjordanbloch@stanford.edu), Local Arrangements, will be compiling a list, so if you have a favorite place in Oakland, please let her know, either restaurant, micro brew, club, of coffee house.

Great Museums are located in both Oakland and The City, with the re-opening of the SF MOMA set for early next year.

Most of all, come to Oakland for PSA in 2016 for the Sociology...elsewhere in this issue you will find the program committee, a strong and diverse group of scholars and practitioners, whom I have challenged to think outside the box for presenters, types of sessions, and diversity of topics. If you see topics missing from the list, or have an idea for a session that is distinctive, please let me know and I will appoint you a Program Advisor, and task you with organizing that session.

Let's work together to make this the best PSA ever. See you in Oakland!

—PSA 2015-16 President Rob Nash Parker robnp@aol.com

Call for Papers, PSA 2016

The 2016 Submissions portal will be open soon and accessible from the home page of the PSA website, pacificsoc.org. **The deadline for all submissions will be October 30, 2015.**

To organize its annual meeting, PSA primarily uses an online system of Open Submissions to Topical Areas. This means that most scholars hoping to participate in 2015 will access the online system, choose a topical area, and indicate their preferred type of participation (formal research presentation, research-in-progress, or some other type of session). You can find the 41 topical areas on the next page. However, PSA committees also sponsor some special sessions. Most of these are organized completely by the committee, but some seek paper submissions from any interested scholars. The current list of these sessions with an open call for papers is included below. Faculty, graduate students, and other professional sociologists need to provide an abstract of their proposal, with a maximum 200 words, to include the objective, methods, results, and conclusions as appropriate.

Undergraduate students wishing to participate in the PSA meeting first select the undergraduate poster or roundtable format, then choose the topical area that best fits their work. Undergraduate students are asked to provide a longer proposal that includes two pages of information on their research question, intended contribution of their research, description of theory and methods, and a third page of source references. Undergraduates also are required to give name and contact information for a faculty mentor who is familiar with their work.

You may submit a paper proposal only *once*, to only one topical area or open-call committee-sponsored session—that is, you may not submit the same paper to more than one place within the online submission system. You may, however, submit several *different* papers to one or more topical areas or open-call committee-sponsored sessions. We will provide more detailed information on how to use the online submission system in the September newsletter and on the PSA website.

Linking Theory and Practice: The Conduct of Sociology

By PSA President and Program Chair Robert Nash Parker robnp@aol.com

The theme for the 2016 PSA Annual Meeting is “Linking Theory and Practice: The Conduct of Sociology.” I want you to begin to think of ideas for sessions, workshops, projects, media presentations, poster sessions, panel discussions, and other creative forms for a program I hope to be distinct, creative, and encompassing.

My selection of this theme is based on a fundamental idea in sociology that many of us, especially in the Pacific Region, recognize, and that is how applied research cannot proceed without a fundamental understanding of the underlying causes of social behavior or phenomenon which the applied research is designed to impact.

This is an approach to Applied Sociological Research that requires linking theory and practice, as it would be impossible to understand the causes of any sociological phenomenon without theoretical models that guide research, measurement, and analysis. The results of such theoretically guided research then can become the basis of sound policy intervention; if you do not know the causes of something, how can you know what policy to manipulate in order to effect change in the outcome?

This is the case across the wide spectrum of sociological research done by members of the PSA. I seek to represent this great diversity of research questions, methodological approaches, topics of study, and direct or indirect impact on society and the people in society in the program for the 2016 PSA meetings. To that end, I have appointed a Program Committee that covers a wide range of topics that are traditionally represented in the PSA programs. I have also introduced some new areas, including Asian/Asian American Sociology, GIS and Spatial Sociology, and Sociology of Islam and the Middle East, as these are areas of growing interest among contemporary sociologists in the Pacific Region and elsewhere. Program Advisors are people who are organizing sessions on the program theme; contact them with ideas for these sessions.

The next page is a list of the Program Committee members, the topical areas they cover, and their contact information. If you do not see a place for your idea on this list, please email me, and I will be delighted to discuss your idea for the 2016 program. See you in Oakland in 2016!

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PSA Reports

PSA 2015 Conference Satisfaction Survey

Former PSA Executive Director Chuck Hohm started the practice of sending out post-conference surveys, and this was continued after PSA 2015. Of 891 people who registered for the conference, 237 (27%) completed the survey. Over the last few years, response rates to the annual survey have dropped, yet data in many areas remains quite consistent across these years. A big thank you to these respondents for taking a few minutes to provide valuable feedback and help PSA improve future conferences!

The Big Picture

Planning for each PSA conference begins about two years ahead of the actual conference, and a contract needs to be developed soon after this. Once PSA signs a contract with a hotel, it is bound by the terms of the contract, with a hefty financial penalty for any breach of this contract. The contract for PSA 2015 was negotiated by former Executive Director Virginia Mulle back in 2013. President Patricia Gwartney prioritized locating the conference in a hotel and city that demonstrated positive labor relations; Long Beach's passage of Measure N and the Hyatt Regency were the best fit within the southern PSA region.

In order to maintain the number of sessions typical of recent years, PSA requires a hotel which can provide lots of meeting room space, and yet the overall PSA sleeping room bookings and food and beverage expenditures cannot always compete with the money a hotel may make from other avenues. PSA's current governing Constitution describes, as much as possible, rotating the PSA conference through the northern, central, and southern part of the PSA region over a three year span. This makes it fairly challenging to secure a hotel contract. Increasingly, PSA is less able to convene in prime "destination" cities, while secondary regional cities like Long Beach and Oakland are more possible. In order for PSA to meet in "destination" cities, registration fees would need to increase, and attendees would likely need to pay higher room rates/parking/etc. In developing a hotel contract, PSA must juggle multiple factors, and it is not always possible to "get" everything on the PSA wishlist. For PSA, a huge priority is keeping attendance at the annual conference affordable for undergraduate students, graduate students, and junior faculty. One possible avenue to address this situation is for PSA to develop multiple-year contracts with selected hotels in a few cities, and rotate through them; this is essentially what some other regional sociology associations do, although PSA includes a larger geographical area.

In addition, given PSA's tradition of scheduling its annual conference in March/April, it is very difficult to find any meeting days that will not conflict with some members'/attendees' Spring Break or the first week of a new term. Universities and colleges in the PSA region have widely varied calendars. Some attendees prefer to have the conference during their spring break; others will not attend if this is the case. Add to this the various religious holidays which occur in spring, on varying days each year, and it is just not possible to find the "perfect" time for all.

Several factors made PSA 2015 uniquely challenging for both the PSA executive office and many attendees. As evidenced in survey responses, the largest of these was the fact that the City of Long Beach scheduled the Formula E race to overlap with the PSA conference. At the time when PSA signed the contract with the conference hotel, this race was *not* even known as a possibility. The dates arranged did not overlap with the usual race events held in Long Beach. Because no overlap was foreseen, no clause was included in the contract with the hotel which would allow PSA to relocate without penalty if a race was scheduled. The conference hotel itself was only notified of the fact that the new race had been scheduled late in 2014, and from this time they worked with PSA to do their best to minimize the impact on our attendees. PSA repeatedly sent information out to people who had pre-registered, paid membership, were listed on the program, and even to people who were in any of these categories for PSA 2014 via email, the PSA newsletter, and postings on the PSA website.

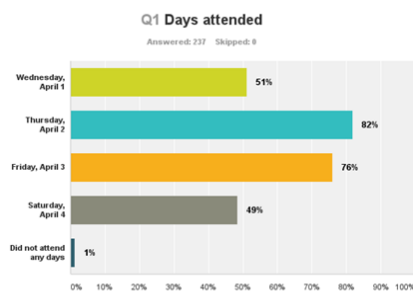
The PSA 2015 contract specified a Wednesday to Saturday conference, ending just before Easter Sunday. This time was selected

both because it was when PSA could get good sleeping room rates, and in response to prior survey results which indicated that most PSA attendees did not see this sort of schedule as a major issue. Because the specter of the Formula E race shadowed Saturday, sessions (including undergraduate posters and roundtables) were tightly scheduled into Thursday and Friday with lighter schedules on Wednesday and Saturday.

Another factor, likely less visible to attendees and members, is that PSA did not have an Executive Director for part of 2014. This delayed the development of the online submission system, the online portal to purchase membership and registration, and impacted overall PSA systems and processes.

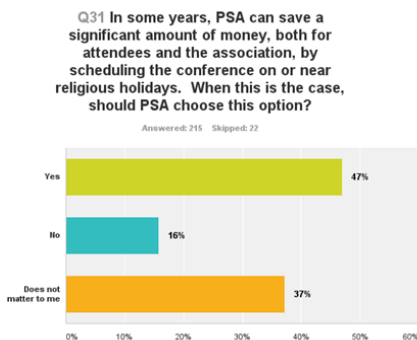
PSA 2016 is scheduled for Wednesday-Saturday, March 30 to April 2, at the Marriott Downtown in Oakland, California. President Robert Nash Parker prioritized scheduling so as not to conflict with religious holidays. PSA 2017 is currently in the planning process.

Attendance and Scheduling

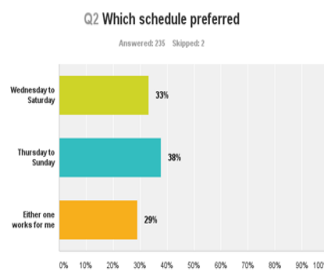


Comments later in the survey indicate that Saturday attendance was impacted by parking issues due to the Formula E race; however, attendance on both the 1st and 4th days was similar in all prior years when surveys were conducted, with both Wednesday to Saturday and Thursday to Sunday patterns.

Respondents showed some preference for a Thursday to Sunday meeting pattern (38%), although preference for a Wednesday to Saturday pattern was almost as strong (33%), with the remaining respondents (29%) indicating that either pattern is fine with them. PSA is working to schedule the 2017 conference in a Thursday to Sunday pattern.

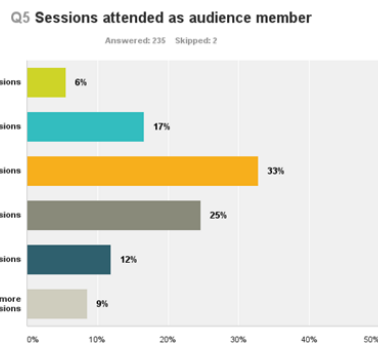


As in prior surveys, a large majority of respondents indicated that scheduling on or near religious holidays was okay with them or did not matter.



Participation, Session Attendance, and Session Quality

The large majority of respondents participated as presenters (70%), with most of these presenting in only one session (55%).



Session attendance as an audience member is consistent with responses from 2014 and 2013, and similar to 2012.

Just over half (54%) of respondents rated the quality of presentations as good, 27% said they were excellent, and 11% said they were mixed in quality. In comments, several respondents indicated unhappiness with presenters who were no-shows. Another theme was that too many sessions had too few people in the audience. Some respondents suggested that sessions be condensed, so that there are fewer sessions overall, possibly with more presenters in each session, and that then fewer sessions would be scheduled at the same time. This brings together strategies for lowering the impact of no-shows, increasing audience numbers, and decreasing the possibility of attendees having to choose between multiple sessions in which they are very interested. However, it would also likely mean that sessions would include a wider range of

presentations, less focused on a similar theme/topic/etc. Another strategy to address no-shows, and which would also support more accurate planning for expected conference attendees, is to require all presenters to pay pre-registration at least a month prior to the conference in order to keep their names in the program. A few respondents noted technical difficulties with projectors or other equipment as impacting the quality of presentations. To address this issue, PSA needs to invest in replacing older projec-

tors and have a wider variety of projector to laptop connector cords available, particularly ones that will work with newer laptops that require mini-HDMI and other specialty cords. A few respondents stated that PSA should provide a laptop for each session room; although this would be quite costly, perhaps a few laptops or other devices on hand for presenters to check out is a good option.

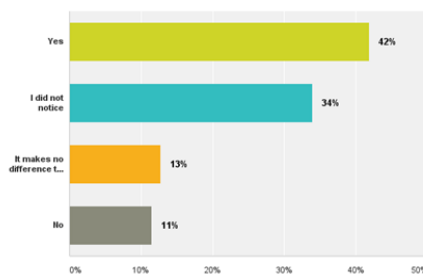
Program and Program Materials

Respondents rated the printed program as good (58%) to excellent (34%). This is similar to prior years. Producing this program is complicated by requirements of the printer—60 pages is the maximum number possible for a center-stapled program which can be printed and delivered in a quick turnaround time. The cost is high, even with lower cost paper; adding heavier weight paper or color printing would add significantly to this cost. This page limit creates challenges in including some of the elements respondents requested, such as abstracts of all papers. In comments, a few respondents questioned whether or not a printed program is necessary, or could simply be replaced by an electronic version. This was seen as both good for the environment and more convenient for attendees. However, only a few attendees elected not to take the printed program that was offered at registration. For future conferences, PSA will work to have an actual app developed for an online program. Another possibility is that if the rate of pre-registration can be increased, this will allow for a more precise estimate of how many printed programs are needed. Some respondents expressed specific components they would like to see in future programs; these comments are very helpful. Several elements which respondents asked for actually were included in the printed program, but can be made more prominent or otherwise improved.

The online program for 2015 was a “canned” version produced by the submission software developer. In future years, hopefully PSA will be able to have more influence on the look, feel, and features available in online programs and program apps. Respondents rated the online program as excellent (26%), good (43%), and fair/poor (11%), while 19% said they did not use it. This shows a high rate of usage of the online program, so that it is definitely a priority for improvement. Comments were split between reporting that the online program was easy to use and that it was difficult to use. Concerns included that the online program visually looked different from the PSA website, which was confusing, and that it was not so easy to access from the website.

Q9 Did you appreciate having sessions on similar topics “stacked” on the same day?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 10



One strategy used in scheduling sessions for 2015, as much as possible, was to “stack”, or schedule sessions in a specific topical area sequentially and in the same or neighboring rooms. A color-coded layout showing this stacking was posted on the PSA website and included in emails sent to registrants and presenters. Respondents indicated mixed answers as to whether or not they appreciated this stacking; 42% said they did appreciate the stacking, 34% said they did not notice it, and 24% said they either did not care or did not appreciate it.

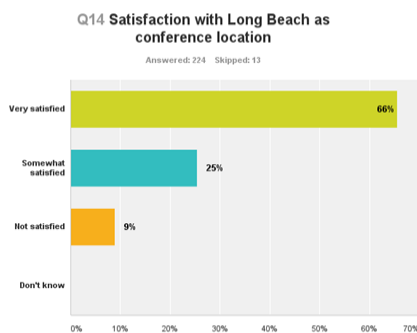
Most respondents (88%) replied that they did not notice any gaps in the program; this contrasts with 78% of respondents who noted the same in 2014 and provided a list of specific gaps. Most of the gaps noted by this year’s respondents were in topical areas which received few submissions. Hopefully PSA will receive more submissions in these areas in future years.

Overall, most (59%) respondents did not attend any receptions. Of those who did attend receptions, 20% attended the Presidential lunch, 16% the Welcome reception, and 9% the committee receptions. In comments, respondents provided helpful information on what sort of food they prefer, when they prefer for receptions to be scheduled, and wishes for more opportunities for inter-institutional mingling.

Most (53%) of respondents did not attend any Presidential sessions. Of those who did attend these sessions, the comedy show by W. Kamau Bell was the most popular (27%), followed by Michael Messner’s Star Speakers session co-sponsored by the Membership Committee (14%), then the Questions of Justice: Ferguson, Missouri and Beyond (9%) presentation and other Presidential sessions. Many respondents (21) included positive comments about W. Kamau Bell’s performance, summarized in the message “I will never forget the comedy show. Brilliant.”

Most respondents reported using pre-conference PSA services; 73% used online pre-registration, 67% used the preliminary program, and 63% used the online submission system. Comments included that the online submission system needed improvement, and that there was some confusion over who needed to pay membership and/or registration. Of note, PSA initiated a new software interface in November, 2014 for membership and registration. This system was designed to collect more data on members and registrants, as well as to allow for an account to be created and then accessed in future years, easing membership and registration processes and enabling members/registrants to update their addresses and other important information themselves. This new interface likely contributed to many of the issues reported by respondents, particularly because many had to submit a presentation proposal in one system, then create their member and registration accounts in another system. For 2016, the goal is for these software systems to be linked into a single system.

Long Beach and the Conference Hotel

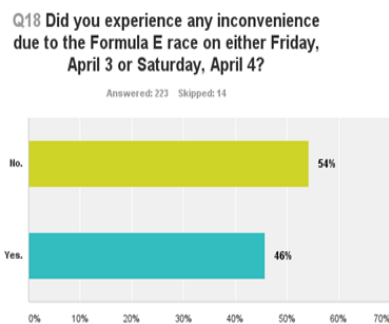


Most respondents were very satisfied with Long Beach as a location for the conference. Positive comments included “better than San Diego”, and “one of my favorite cities”. Negative comments about Long Beach as a location centered on the concurrent Formula E race and ensuing parking issues as well as restrictions on walking to/from the hotel to restaurants. A few respondents said that it was difficult to get to the hotel from LAX, and that Long Beach did not seem to be a “destination” or highly desirable city to visit. One respondent noted that PSA seems “California focused” in siting conferences.

Most respondents reported that travel to and from Long Beach was very easy (58%) or somewhat easy (33%). Most respondents were satisfied with local amenities (67% very satisfied, 27% somewhat satisfied), although a few comments noted that a lunch break would be nice, that the hotel food was not that great, and that the Friday afternoon and Saturday closure of the area around the hotel for the Formula E race made it difficult to walk to restaurants. Other respondents reported that there were lots of restaurants within a short distance of the hotel.

Most respondents (72%) were very satisfied with the hotel meeting space, while 22% said they were somewhat satisfied. Comments cited the split floor plan as the biggest issue. Other negatives were the lack of a great “hangout” space for PSA attendees, the windowless meeting rooms, and that undergraduate poster sessions could have been scheduled in a better space. A few respondents commented on poor internet in some meeting rooms. PSA has to pay for internet access in meeting rooms, with charges often about \$150 per room per day. This is not possible for every room; so presenters and sessions that indicate they need internet *in their proposals* are scheduled into one room where PSA pays for internet access. There were, however, some issues with internet access in this room. Although PSA sent out an email to all presenters, asking for immediate information on any internet or other special A/V needs, only a few presenters responded. The space to request special A/V equipment will be made more prominent in the 2016 submission system.

As explained above, the Formula E race was scheduled well after PSA was locked into a contract with the hotel. This was a surprise to both PSA and the hotel, and the only option was to do the best we could to minimize impact on our attendees. This was semi-successful. In comments, several respondents felt that the hotel did a good job of providing supports and information, while other respondents felt they did not get the information they needed. Of note, once PSA was notified of the scheduling of the race, information was posted on the website, preliminary information was sent out in emails to all who were on the program and/or had current membership or pre-registered, included in the newsletter, and an email with details on the situation was sent out again just prior to the conference. The people who experienced the most inconvenience seem to have been those who commuted to the conference.



Respondents were split in their satisfaction with the book exhibit, with 28% reporting they were very satisfied, 39% somewhat satisfied, and 27% did not visit the exhibit.

These results are similar to prior years, although different scales for responses were used in some years. Comments included that the exhibit could have been bigger and had more variety of books and publishers. In recent years, many publishers see PSA as “too little” and are not interested in the cost of setting up their own area. The company PSA has partnered with, the Library of Social Sciences, works to be as comprehensive as possible in bringing a variety of books. They are delighted to receive information about a particular book or author attendees would like to see available at PSA, and this call for information was sent out to all who were current members and/or pre-registered and faculty listed on the program. One respondent expressed interest in having an online book exhibit rather than a physical one. This may be an area to explore, as this could allow for more variety of books to be represented, while not requiring the exhibit company or publishers to gamble on the expense of shipping them to the conference.

Of the 54% of respondents who stayed in the conference hotel, 90% reported they were able to obtain the PSA rate, while 2% said they were able to do so for part of their stay. The percent of respondents staying in the hotel is similar to prior years (except for Reno 2013, where 86% stayed in the conference hotel), but the percent reporting using the PSA rate is higher than 2014 (73%) and slightly higher than other years. Notably, Friday night sold out quickly at the PSA rate, and PSA was able to add some rooms beyond what the contract stated, including arranging for the PSA rate at the nearby Hyatt the Pike. However, the hotel was able to sell Friday night rooms at a higher price to Formula E racers and staffers, and PSA was not able to get further rooms. Still, it seems that attendees were more successful in booking rooms at the PSA rate than occurred in 2014 (73%), and slightly more successful than in 2013 and 2012 (86%). Respondents were split in their satisfaction with the cost of rooms at the PSA rate, with 45% very satisfied and 43% somewhat satisfied. Some noted that the rate was high, especially for students and junior faculty or those whose institutions did not provide funding. One comment was “I always think we should be able to negotiate lower rates...we ‘fill’ the hotel, so why shouldn’t we get deeper discounts?” To clarify, PSA typically fills its contracted room block, but not the entire hotel. The Hyatt Regency Long Beach, for example, has 528 guest rooms. On Thursday night, PSA’s highest occupancy night, 231 of these rooms were used by PSA at the PSA rate. When PSA negotiates a contract with a hotel, it typically has to guarantee that it will fill at least 80% of the rooms it asks to be held in its room block; if bookings fall short of this number, PSA has to pay a substantial cost. In formulating the contract, then, PSA has to do the best it can to estimate bookings within a fairly narrow range. If too few rooms are held, then attendees cannot get a room at the PSA rate and this is a problem for them; if too many rooms are held and not filled, PSA is liable for a large expense. Respondents who stayed in the conference hotel were mostly very satisfied with the quality of the rooms (85%) and service by hotel staff (84%).

“Bests” and Places for Improvement

The most common response (41 respondents) for the best thing about the conference was sociology itself—the opportunity to attend sessions, learn, and be inspired. The next most common theme was the location, hotel, and hotel staff (31 respondents). Many respondents valued seeing friends and colleagues (19) and networking (19). Respondents also named certain sessions as their conference highlight, with the W. Kamau Bell Curve most named (15 respondents), followed by other specific sessions (15 respondents collectively). For some respondents (12), the best thing was presenting their own work. Ten respondents noted that the conference was friendly, with several contrasting PSA with other sociological associations which feel less friendly to them. A significant group (9 respondents) identified student presentations as their “best thing”. Other highlights included meeting a mentor through the Making Connections program of the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, the AKD pre-conference on teaching and learning, the Student Reception, and “the location and the local labor issues”.

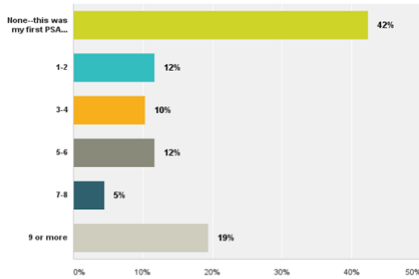
The number one thing named by respondents as a something they would like to change was presenters who were no-shows (15). The next most frequently identified areas for change, noted by 15 respondents each, were “nothing”, the Formula E race, and various desires for more information or communication from PSA prior to the conference. Ten respondents expressed that they wanted more sessions on a certain topical area or wanted their session/certain sessions to be scheduled at a different time or in a different room. Ten respondents wanted audiences at sessions to be larger. Seven respondents noted that they had a difficult time choosing between sessions scheduled at the same time. Other areas named by respondents were the location/hotel (6) or the cost of the hotel and overall cost of attendance at the conference (4), a desire for PSA to provide more free stuff (“swag”, breakfast, lunch) (4), issues with wifi or other technology (3), issues with a particular presider or discussant (3), wanting more “big names” or UC participation (3), a desire for more interaction (2), more undergraduate sessions (1), and a complaint of undergrad-

uate presenters being mixed in with “professional” presenters (1).

Overall, respondents rated the quality of the 2015 conference as excellent (47%) and good (45%). A significant number (42%) of respondents reported that this was their first PSA conference; this is similar to results in prior years. Of respondents who had attended prior PSAs, 23% said 2015 was above average, 27% average, and 8% below average in comparison to other years. These results, for both quality of the conference and comparison to prior PSA conferences, are difficult to compare with prior years, as different scales were used for response choices in different years.

Q32 How many previous PSA meetings have you attended?

Answered: 727 Skipped: 15



Most respondents (77%) plan to attend PSA 2016 in Oakland. This is the second highest number of “yes” responses, following those who intended to attend Portland 2014 (78%), over the course of PSA surveys. Of those who do not plan to attend, the number one reason is lack of funding (43%), followed by difficulty getting to the location (31%), experiences with PSA (19%), the dates scheduled (13%), moving out of the area (11%), and other (28%). Comments explaining “other” included graduating/leaving the discipline/changing careers, scheduling conflicts/not enough time, dissatisfaction with “rigor” of PSA, nothing to present, and not sure if can make it. All three commenters who expressed dissatisfaction with the rigor of PSA connected this with “too many” presentations by undergraduate and/or graduate students.

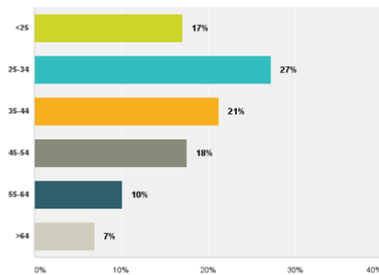
This was the first PSA attended by 42% of respondents, while 19% had attended 9 or more PSAs. This demonstrates that PSA has both a large infusion of new attendees each year, particularly undergraduate students, but also a significant group of longtime PSA members and attendees. These results are very similar to surveys from other years.

Demographics

Respondents tend to be younger, with the largest number (27%) in the 25-34 year old range. This is quite similar to prior years, where percentages in each age range varied by only a few percentage points.

Q34 How old are you?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 28

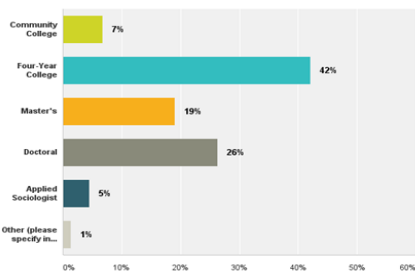


The largest number are affiliated with a four year college or university (42%), followed by affiliation with a doctoral institution (26%). Over the last few years there has been a slight shift in affiliation, with small increases in respondents affiliated with community colleges (currently 7%) and four year colleges, with corresponding small decreases in respondents affiliated with Master’s (currently 19%) and doctoral (currently 26%) institutions.

In terms of gender/sex, 59% of respondents identified as women, 36% as men, less than 1% as transgender, and 2% as genderqueer. This is fairly consistent with prior years, where the greatest proportion of women was 70% in 2014 and the lowest 59% in 2015.

Q37 Which category best reflects your institutional affiliation?

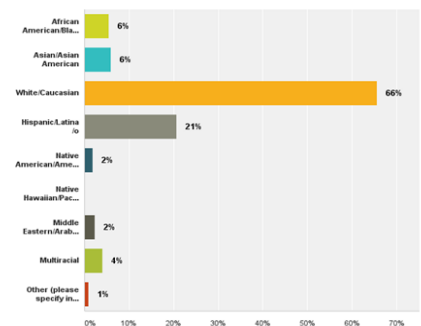
Answered: 221 Skipped: 16



A majority of respondents reported their race/ethnicity as white (66%), followed by Latino/a (21%), African American/black (6%), Asian/Asian American (6%), multiracial (4%), Native American (2%) and Middle Eastern/Arab American (2%). The most notable trend is an increase in Latino/a respondents from 8% in 2011 to the current 21%, with a corresponding decrease mostly in white respondents.

Q35 What is your race/ethnicity? (Please select all that apply.)

Answered: 218 Skipped: 19



2015 Membership, Registration, and Annual Meeting Report

Membership as of June 1, 2015 is 831, while registration for the 2015 conference was 893. The charts below share demographic and other information about PSA members and conference attendees, as reported into the new online member system. People can opt out of reporting much of this information, so note that numbers often do not add up to the full membership or registration.

Membership 2015 as of 6/1/2015				
	Number	Percent		
Undergraduate	189	23%		
Master's student	87	10%		
Ph.D. student	144	17%	Total students: 420 51%	
Part-time faculty, community college	18	2%	None of these are tenure track	0%
Part-time faculty, university/four-year	24	3%	4 of these tenure track	17%
Full-time faculty, community college	36	4%	25 of these tenure track	69%
Full-time faculty, university/four-year	276	33%	191 of these tenure track	69%
Emeritus/Retired Faculty	23	3%	Total faculty: 386 46%	58% tenure-track
Applied, Public, Practicing	13	2%	Total Applied: 13 2%	
	831			

Registration 2015				
	Number	Percent		
Undergraduate	230	26%		
Master's student	103	12%		
Ph. D. student	150	17%	Total students: 471 53%	
Part-time faculty, community college	17	2%	None of these are tenure track	0%
Part-time faculty, university/four-year	29	3%	4 of these are tenure track	14%
Full-time faculty, community college	31	3%	20 of these are tenure track	65%
Full-time faculty, university/four-year	269	30%	188 of these are tenure track	70%
Emeritus/Retired Faculty	21		Total faculty/etc.: 369 41%	57% tenure-track
Applied, Public, Practicing	19			
	893			

Students are just over half of the membership, and a little more of conference attendees. Very few part-time faculty, both at community and four-year colleges, are tenure-track or tenured, while most full-time faculty are. Proportionately, membership and registration includes more faculty who are full-time, tenure-track, and at four-year institutions. The number of applied sociologist members is very low (2%).

Gender

A large portion of members and registrants did not report their gender identification, so the results on the next page are incomplete.

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Members									Registration							
	Female		Male		Other		Blank		Female		Male		Other		Blank	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Students	186	44%	96	23%	3	<1%	135	32%	214	45%	107	23%	3	<1%	157	33%
Faculty/etc.	159	40%	98	25%	2	<1%	139	35%	148	40%	87	24%	2	<1%	132	36%

Race/Ethnicity

Many members and registrants opted not to provide information on their racial/ethnic identification, so these results are incomplete.

Race/Ethnicity (note: mark all that apply)																		
	White		Latino/a		Asian/ Asian Am		African Am/ Black		Native Am		ME/ Arab Am		Nat Hwn/PI		Other		Blank	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Members																		
students	152	36%	82	20%	33	8%	14	3%	8	2%	5	1%	4	1%	15	4%	142	34%
faculty/etc.	181	45%	37	9%	22	6%	16	4%	7	2%	3	1%	2	<1%	7	2%	149	37%
Registrants	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
students	161	34%	96	20%	33	7%	17	4%	7	1%	5	1%	5	1%	16	3%	174	37%
faculty/etc.	159	43%	30	8%	21	6%	14	4%	3	1%	4	1%	3	1%	7	2%	147	40%

Interest in Information on Disability Support Services at the Conference

Seventeen (eleven students and 6 faculty/etc.) conference registrants expressed interest in receiving information about disability support services available at the conference. PSA needs to gather more information on the types of support services needed by attendees, and how they can be addressed.

Interests Within Sociology

Members and registrants were asked to identify their three top interest areas within sociology. To consider these results, a weighted scale was used, where each identification of an area as a respondent's first choice received three points, as second choice two points, and as third choice one point. These points were then added. Results were disaggregated to consider a possible difference between faculty/etc. and student interests. Gender and sexuality was indicated as the top choice by both groups, followed by race and ethnicity. Faculty and others selected inequalities and stratification as the third choice, while students selected crime, deviance, and social control. Faculty and others selected teaching and learning as the fourth choice, while students selected inequalities and stratification. Faculty and others selected crime, deviance and social control as their fifth choice; students selected education, which was sixth choice for faculty. Students selected social movements and social change as their sixth choice.

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Interests	Faculty/etc.				Students			
	1st	2nd	3rd	Weighted	1st	2nd	3rd	Weighted
Applied, Public, Clinical, Practicing Sociology	10	6	8	50	10	6	3	45
Communities, Regions: Urban, Rural	3	3	9	24	8	6	2	38
Comparative, Historical Sociology (including development and globalization)	7	3	9	36	4	8	9	37
Crime, Deviance, Social Control	27	16	8	121	37	14	6	145
Culture	8	10	11	55	14	18	19	97
Demography and Population	10	5	2	42	9	3	4	37
Education	25	15	5	110	33	11	8	129
Environmental Sociology	8	5	9	43	15	8	6	67
Family, Intimate Relationships, Lifecourse	16	12	12	84	10	17	4	68
Gender and Sexuality	51	42	22	259	50	33	13	229
Inequalities, Stratification	16	33	23	137	18	29	27	139
Media	2	7	6	26	5	10	8	43
Medical Sociology	9	5	5	42	15	5	4	59
Methods--Qualitative	3	11	18	49	3	12	18	51
Methods--Quantitative	3	6	8	29	1	7	9	26
Political, Economic Sociology	8	14	11	63	7	9	9	48
Race and Ethnicity	37	33	22	199	27	30	24	165
Social Movements, Change	12	15	22	88	23	15	20	119
Social Psychology, Interactions	13	8	6	61	12	5	19	65
Teaching and Learning Sociology	22	18	29	131	5	7	13	42
Theory, Knowledge	7	9	8	47	6	11	11	51
Work, Labor, Organizations	9	10	8	55	9	5	9	46

State in PSA region	Membership	Registration
California	381	428
Washington	68	56
Oregon	55	57
Arizona	31	30
Colorado	28	35
Nevada	25	27
Idaho	17	15
Utah	17	21
New Mexico	9	8
Canada	8+	7
Alaska	7	5
Montana	2	3
Wyoming	1	0
Hawaii	0	0
Mexico	0	0

Membership and Registration by State in the PSA Region

California is the most represented state. It is usual for PSA conference attendees to increase from the state in which the conference is held. This pattern can be seen in the difference between members and registrants from California. Another factor in both membership and registration is that some states have a greater population and more colleges and universities.

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Membership by Institution

The CSUs are the largest portion of members, followed by UCs. In total, 20% of 2015 PSA members indicated affiliation with an R1 institution. These numbers reflect both faculty and students together.

Membership by Institution	#	%
CSU	210	25%
UC	109	13%
U of O and OSU	27	3%
U of NM and NMSU	14	2%
UW and WSU	13	2%
U of AZ and ASU	12	1%
U of U and USU	10	1%
U of CO and Colorado SU	8	1%
Stanford	4	0%
All R1 in region	170	20%

Annual Meeting Report, 2015

Income for the 2015 Annual Meeting was \$67,988, while expenses were \$71,206 and an additional \$1,661 for awards. Overall, the Annual Meeting had a negative balance of \$4,879. This is due to the fact that this year PSA general funds needed to be used to cover the expenses of student travel grants and giveaways at the student reception, which amounted to \$6,250. Although interest earned on the Endowment Fund is earmarked for this purpose, at present the fund is not earning interest. In prior years, the Endowment Fund earned interest in very safe time deposits; however, in recent years the interest possible from time deposits have decreased to almost nothing. The PSA ad hoc Investment Committee of 2014 created a plan for PSA to invest the Endowment Fund and hopefully earn a much better return. If PSA can complete the process to become a non-profit public benefit corporation, these investments can begin.

Income	
Registration	34,970
Membership	26,465
program ads	125
SAGE partial bags	750
U of O sponsorship Pres party	3,000
ASA food	518
SWS food	500
lunch tickets	205
tours	70
Kamau tickets	1,385
Total Income	\$67,988
Expense	
AKD	33
bank fees on registration, membership, other sales (approximate)	1,856
A/V	13,434
Hotel food and beverage Note: the actual expenditure was \$22,360 after reimbursements from ASA and SWS	26,583
Outside food and beverage	1,775
advertising	349

Kamau	4,750
staff and officer rooms	2,658
ED travel (bring programs, supplies)	478
printing, bags, other	2,822
student travel grants and giveaways at student reception Note: this should come from Endowment Fund interest, but had to come from general PSA operating funds this year	6,250
postage, shipping and receiving	436
Travel-program chair, ED site visit	637
Program Chair, Volunteer Coordinator Honorariums	3,500
Online submission system	5,000
Tours	645
Total Expense	\$71,206
Awards Expenses	
UG, Grad honorariums	400
UG, Grad rooms	686
Social Conscience	500
supplies and printing	75
Total Awards Expense	\$1,661
Income less Expenses Total Note: Without the expense of student travel grants and giveaways, this would be a positive balance.	\$(4,879)

PSA News and Announcements

New Editors Selected for *Sociological Perspectives*

The PSA Council selected the team of Matthew Carlson, Hyeyoung Woo, and Lindsey Wilkinson from Portland State University as the new co-editors of *Sociological Perspectives*. They will begin working on their first issue of the journal on July 1, 2015.

Thank You to the Faculty Mentors of the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Making Connections Program

At PSA 2015, five faculty and one graduate assistant generously gave their time to meet with students who signed up for the Making Connections mentorship program. This important program aims to support the academic success and careers of students who are members of racial/ethnic minority groups.

Thank you to: **Blackhawk Hancock**, DePaul University; **Mary Danico**, Cal Poly Pomona; **Lillian Nahar**, CSU San Marcos; **Jeffrey Montez de Oca**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs; **Matthew Atencio**, CSU East Bay; and **Elaine Kaplan**, University of Southern California

PSA 2015 AWARDS, Presented at the Annual Meeting

2015 Distinguished Scholarship Award: Paul Almeida, *Mobilizing Democracy: Globalization and Citizen Protest*

Honorable mention: Randol Contreras, *The Stickup Kids: Race, Drugs, Violence, and the American Dream*

The 2015 Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award: Karen Pyke, UC Riverside

The 2015 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award: Valerie Francisco, University of Portland

The 2015 Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives* Award: Jan E. Stets and Peter J. Burke,

“Self-Esteem and Identities,” Vol. 57(4):409-433.

Honorable mention: Valerie Jenness, “Pesticides, Prisoners, and Policy: Complexity and Praxis in Research on Transgender Prisoners and Beyond,” Vol. 57(1):6-26.

The 2015 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award: Jesus Perez, “Latina/o Self-Identified Students

at HSU: Beyond Their Freshmen Year”

The 2015 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award: Hasan Mahmud, “Social Determinants of Remitting

Practices Among Bangladeshi Migrants in Japan”

Social Conscience Award: Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and a Healthy Community

2015 PSA Council and Committee Meeting Minutes Summaries

Complete Minutes can be accessed on the PSA website.

Council 2014-15 (Thursday): Report from publisher's representative Tom Mankowski on Sociological *Perspectives*; revenue slightly exceeds estimate in contract. Report from *Sociological Perspectives* editors, including great increase in submissions. President Gwartney reported on Council decisions and work since the last Annual Meeting. Past Vice President Shari Dworkin reported on the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Investment Committee; PSA will be able to implement these after update in legal status. Secretary reported on the revised clarification of committee member terms of service. Treasurer reported on financial overview for 2014, and the work of Audit Committee in reviewing financial documents. Executive Director reported membership and registration, revised and new data systems for member and financial information, and the status of the process to become a Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation; Council members signed consent. President-Elect Parker reported on planning for the 2016 conference.

Council 2015-16 (Saturday): President Parker reported on planning, program, etc. for the 2016 conference. Publications Committee Chair presented recommendations of the committee in regards to candidates for new editors for the journal; Council voted to delay making a decision until further information obtained from candidates. Secretary reported on committee meetings and relayed proposal to rename the Undergraduate Paper Award; Council voted to table this proposal. Treasurer motioned for approval of travel grants and registration waivers; Council approved. Executive Director reported on receipt of adequate number of member votes in favor of becoming Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation at Business Meeting on Friday; new Council members signed consent. Council approved formation of Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, tasked with drafting the proposed new Bylaws to be then voted on by membership, and appointed members to it. Council recommended for Secretary and Treasurer to become elected, rather

than appointed by the Executive Director.

Awards Committee: Discussed ways to better promote awareness of PSA awards, whether or not to broaden Scholarship award to include anthologies, how to ensure that student papers submitted are an appropriate length and format. Approved proposal forwarded to rename Undergraduate Student Paper Award as Virginia Mulle Undergraduate Student Paper Award; to be forwarded to PSA Council.

Committee on Practicing, Applied, and Clinical Sociology: Discussed possible student and faculty appointees to committee for 2016, ways to increase presence of Applied Sociology at 2016 conference, and sessions and other events committee proposes to sponsor. Committee plans to create a handout of all papers/sessions with an applied approach to better promote these at the 2016 meetings.

Committee on Teaching: Discussed new clarification of committee terms of service and committee description. Endorsed proposal to rename Undergraduate Student Paper Award for Virginia Mulle, to forward to PSA Council. Discussed possible sessions for committee to sponsor for 2016, with topics of neoliberalism and the "precariat", the constraints on engagement with students (class size, curriculum standardization, budget cuts, etc.), with the possibility for a mini-conference on these issues.

Committee on Community Colleges: Discussed concerns about effect of submissions process on offerings of submissions relevant to community colleges, and aim for committee to sponsor more sessions specific to community colleges; developed a list of possible sessions, including teaching issues in community colleges (including part-time teaching), issues faced by re-entry and underrepresented students, veterans and community colleges, activism and building community on community college campuses, standards and accountability and McDonaldization. The committee would like to see increased participation by community college faculty and students at PSA, and dis-

cussed ways to promote this.

Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities: The committee would like to continue to include designated student members in addition to the current specified number of members. Discussed how to continue and better promote the the committee's Making Connections program and Talking Circles. The committee intends to sponsor a special speaker at the 2016 conference, as well as workshops on microaggressions and scholarship/activism.

Committee on the Status of Women: Discussed what data on conference participants would be useful to the committee to consider issues of gender. Two issues were discussed: is there a need for childcare to be provided, and should the committee create position papers on issues? The committee is interested in recruiting men as members. Developed a list of possible sessions to organize for the 2016 conference, how to promote these sessions, how the committee may support the needs of students and other attendees.

Publications Committee: Focused on discussion of the search for new editor(s) for *Sociological Perspectives*, to come to a decision on which candidate(s) to recommend to the PSA Council.

Committee on the Status of LGBTQ Persons: Discussed sessions to organize for the 2016 conference, including Queer Bodies and Intersectional LGBTQ Studies, as well as concerns with when committee-sponsored sessions were scheduled and how this can impact attendance. Discussed incidence at an undergraduate roundtable session where transphobic comments were made, and how to prevent this in the future. The committee offers to provide Discussants for roundtables featuring discussion of LGBTQ-related studies.

Committee on Committees: Discussed committee tasks to fill committees, and assigned members to work on recommendations for appointees.

Emeritus and Retired Sociologists Committee: Discussed the structure of the committee and its tasks and role within PSA, focusing on whether or not the committee should move towards a caucus model; no decision reached. The committee plans to organize sessions for 2016 on Bullying in the Academy, Aging and Identity, Alternative Careers for Sociology Majors, and other possible sessions. The committee requests that future printed programs include a page of past Presidents.

Minutes have not yet been received from the Endowment Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Committee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Committee on Freedom in Research and Teaching, and Membership Committee.

Council Actions, February 2015-June 2015

- Approved: Review/Evaluation of Executive Director, 2/13/15
- Approved: Clarification/Revision of committee member terms of service, 2/14/15
- Approved: Appointment of new *Sociological Perspectives* editorial team from Portland State University, 5/4/2015

Visit the PSA website to make a donation to the PSA Endowment Fund.

You can access the PSA e-store through your member account, and make a purchase a donation.

Get Ready to Nominate a Colleague or Student for PSA 2016 Awards!

The 2016 Distinguished Scholarship Award

The *Distinguished Scholarship Award* is granted to sociologists from the Pacific region in recognition of major intellectual contributions embodied in a recently published book or series of at least three articles on a common theme. To be eligible for the 2016 award, a book or the most recent article in a series must have been published in 2014 or later. If a book has both a hardback and paperback copyright date and no significant changes have been made in the book between editions, the committee will consider the earlier copyright date as the one determining eligibility for the award. Nominations must be from individual members of the PSA; the Committee does not accept nominations from publishers. Edited books are not eligible for this award. The deadline for nominations is **November 1, 2015**. You will need to send three copies of the book; request mailing address when you submit nomination information.

The 2016 Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award

The *Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award* honors individuals whose distinctions as teachers have made a significant impact on how sociology is taught. It is typically given for contributions spanning several years or an entire career. Nominations for this award should be submitted in packet form and include the following information: 1) a summary statement of the nominee's contributions to the teaching of sociology that may include, but is not limited to, honors and awards received by the nominee, publications or scholarly activity related to teaching/pedagogy, papers presented at national conferences on teaching/pedagogy, innovative approaches to teaching, a discussion of the nominee's impact in disseminating knowledge, leadership in teaching, or mentoring students; 2) a current curriculum vitae; 3) a minimum of six letters of support from students and colleagues, including the nominator's letter; and 4) other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). Prior nominees are encouraged to re-submit updated materials.

The 2016 Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology

The *Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology* is designed to honor and encourage the work of junior faculty (typically fewer than seven years post-Ph.D.). This award recognizes innovative and creative approaches to teaching and demonstrated commitment to mentoring students. Nominations for this award should be submitted in packet form and include the following information: 1) a summary statement of the nominee's contributions to the teaching of sociology that may include, but is not limited to, a discussion of innovative approaches to teaching, a discussion of the nominee's impact on student learning, or a demonstrated commitment to teaching pedagogy through presentations, publications, workshops or other evidence; 2) a current curriculum vitae; 3) a minimum of four letters of support from colleagues and students, including the nominator's letter; and 4) other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional).

The 2016 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award

The *Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award* honors sociological work in the Pacific region (whether by an academic or non-academic), that has made a positive impact on social and organizational institutions, improved organizational performance, contributed to community betterment, and/or eased human suffering. Nominations for this award should be submitted in packet form and include the fol-

lowing information: 1) a nominating letter that provides an overview of the nominee's distinguished praxis contributions, which should make clear how the nominee's work has made a positive impact and how the contributions are above and beyond typical professional service; 2) a minimum of two letters of support from individuals having direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution to sociological praxis; 3) supporting documents, examples of which include, but are not limited to, presentations at scholarly conferences, published articles, reports, media materials, community documents, or grant/contract proposals primarily authored by the nominee, that speak to this significant contribution. Prior nominees are encouraged to re-submit updated materials.

The 2016 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award

Each year, the *Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award* honors an outstanding article published in the most recent volume of *Sociological Perspectives*. To be eligible, the article must be worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship and contribution to the discipline. The article must have been published in 2015 (Vol. 58).

The 2016 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award

The *Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award* recognizes an undergraduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. This award includes a \$200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2016 conference hotel. To be eligible a paper must be: 1) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; 2) written by an undergraduate student or students in the Pacific region; 3) written or substantially revised in the last year; 4) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and 5) unpublished. Nominations for the award must include a copy of the paper, an abstract, and a minimum of one letter of support.

The 2016 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award

The *Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award* recognizes a graduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. This award includes a \$200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2016 conference hotel. To be eligible a paper must be: 1) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; 2) written by a graduate student or students in the Pacific region; 3) written or substantially revised in the last year; 4) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and 5) unpublished. Nominations for the award must include a copy of the paper, an abstract, and a minimum of one letter of support.

The Social Conscience Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Social Conscience Award is given to a worthy community-based organization located in the city in which the PSA Annual meeting is held--for 2016, this is Oakland, California. This is a monetary award and honors a community organization that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community. Awardee will be selected by the Social Conscience Committee. Watch for information on where to send nominations in the September newsletter and on the PSA website.

Deadline for nominations for all awards except the Distinguished Scholarship Award is February 1, 2016.

News from Other Organizations

Send in your announcements to psa@humboldt.edu for inclusion in future PSA newsletters and posting on the PSA website. You can send employment opportunities, calls for papers, etc.

Funding Opportunity: 2015 National Service and Civic Engagement Research Competition

The Corporation for National and Community Service released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of up to \$800,000 for the 2015 National Service and Civic Engagement Research Competition. The broad objectives of the competition are to:

- Promote research on national service, civic engagement, and volunteering among researchers and practitioners
- Broaden the evidence base for programs using national service and volunteering
- Increase the availability of innovative research methods used to study to national service and volunteering

The deadline for applications is **July 16, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. EST. Successful applicants will receive awards of between \$30,000 and \$300,000 per year for 3 years. During the 2015 fiscal year, CNCS plans to award approximately \$800,000 in awards to institutions of higher education.

This competition will support research projects in one of three priority areas:

Economic benefits of national service, volunteering, and civic engagement

Innovative research methodologies applied to national service models

Measuring and exploring relationships among civic engagement, national service, and volunteering.

The research competition will support both new and seasoned researchers. Students working on dissertations are invited to apply, as are new scholars breaking into the field and established scholars with deep experience.

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Sincerely,

Mary Hyde, Acting Director

Office of Research and Evaluation, Corporation for National and Community Service

Additional Resources: [The 2015 National Service and Civic Engagement NOFA](#)

Call for Papers: 2015 Annual Conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology

Oct. 8-10, 2015 Montgomery, AL

“Social Justice from the Local to the Global: Sociology on the Move”

Deadline for Submissions: **July 15, 2015**

[Please click here for submission materials and registration information](#) *Please note that you must be registered for the conference by August 15, 2015 to be included in the program.

Please direct all program inquiries and submissions to 2015 Vice President and program organizer Karen Albright at AACSsubmission@gmail.com.

To join AACS or renew your membership, please visit our website at www.aacsnet.net

Call for Syllabi for Research Project

Three Sociology faculty have begun a research project on Introduction to Sociology and Social Problems syllabi. We want to examine the required course content for both classes.

We are asking for individuals to volunteer to send us your syllabus for one or both classes, if you have taught either class in the last three years (2012-2015). We would request that syllabi which are sent to us do more than list "chapter 3," etc., given that we might not have access to the book/readings you have assigned. We'd appreciate it if you would clarify such information by saying "chapter 3 – research methods," and so on.

Should content of a person's syllabus be used as an exemplar in one or more manuscripts which we hope will come from this project, your name will be kept confidential. Nor will we borrow any ideas from any volunteer for our own syllabi.

If you are willing to participate in this study by sending in your syllabus, please email it (Word or PDF document only please) to syllabusproject@valdosta.edu by September 30, 2015. If you have questions, please also email us at that address.

Thank you for considering our request,
Stephanie Gonzalez-Guittar, Kathe Lowney, and Anne Price

Received from: Anne Price, PhD, Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice
Valdosta State University

ISSUES IN HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE FOR SPECIAL GROUPS, SOCIAL FACTORS AND DISPARITIES

Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving special groups, social factors and disparities linked to issues in health and health care are sought. This includes examination of health and health care issues of patients or of providers of care especially those related to special groups, social factors including education, family, income, government, or neighborhoods or social networks or health beliefs and attitudes. Papers that focus on linkages to policy, population concerns and

either patients or providers of care as ways to meet health care needs of people both in the US and in other countries are solicited.

Volume 34: Papers sought For Research Annual, Research in the Sociology of Health Care published by Emerald Press

The volume will contain 10 to 14 papers, generally between 20 and 35 pages in length. Send completed manuscripts or close to completed papers for review by February 1, 2016. For an initial indication of interest in outlines or abstracts, please contact the same address no later than **November 15, 2015**. Earlier inquiries are welcome and will be responded to when sent (in the summer, for example). Send as an email to: Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Sociology Program, Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Box 873701, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-3701 (phone 480 965-8053; E-mail, Jennie.Kronenfeld@asu.edu). Initial inquiries by email are encouraged and can occur as soon as this announcement is available.

Funding Opportunity: 2015 National Service and Civic Engagement Research Competition

The Corporation for National and Community Service released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of up to \$800,000 for the 2015 National Service and Civic Engagement Research Competition. The broad objectives of the competition are to:

- Promote research on national service, civic engagement, and volunteering among researchers and practitioners
- Broaden the evidence base for programs using national service and volunteering
- Increase the availability of innovative research methods used to study to national service and volunteering

The deadline for applications is **July 16, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. EST. Successful applicants will receive awards of between \$30,000 and \$300,000 per year for 3 years. During the 2015 fiscal year, CNCS plans to award approximately \$800,000 in awards to institutions of higher education.

This competition will support research projects in one of three priority areas:

Economic benefits of national service, volunteering, and civic engagement

Innovative research methodologies applied to national service models

Measuring and exploring relationships among civic engagement, national service, and volunteering.

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Call for Papers : Narratives of Identity in Social Movements, Conflicts & Change

Research in Social Movements, Conflicts & Change, Vol. 40

Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change, a peer-reviewed volume published by Emerald Group Publishing, encourages submissions for Volume 40 of the series.

This volume will include research in two areas: (1) submissions focused on analytical analyses of identity and narratives of identity in conflict outbreaks, dynamics, resolution and/or post-conflict peacebuilding and transitional justice; and (2) general submissions appropriate to any of the three broad foci reflected in the *Research in Social Move-*

ments, Conflicts and Change series title. The Volume Editor is **Landon E. Hancock** (Kent State University). Submissions may focus on single or comparative case studies or may explore other avenues of analysis, but all submissions should be data-driven and theoretically informed.

Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change (RSMCC) is a fully peer-reviewed series of original research that has been published at least annually for over 35 years. We continue to publish the work of many of the leading scholars in social movements, social change, and peace and conflict studies. Although RSMCC enjoys a wide library subscription base for the book versions, all volumes are also published both in book form and are available online to subscribing libraries through Emerald Insight. This ensures wider distribution and easier online access to your scholarship while maintaining the esteemed book series at the same time.

RSMCC boasts quick turn-around times, generally communicating peer reviewed-informed decisions within 10-12 weeks of receipt of submissions.

Submission guidelines To be considered for inclusion in Volume 40, papers should arrive by **September 15, 2015**, earlier submissions are welcomed as well. Queries about possible submissions are also welcomed by the Volume Editor in advance of the submission due date.

Send submissions as a WORD document attached to an email with the subject line "RSMCC" to Landon Hancock, guest RSMCC editor for volume 40 at: lhancoc2@kent.edu

Except for on the title page (which should include full contact information for all authors) remove all self-references (in text and in bibliography). Include the paper's title and the **unstructured** abstract on the first page of the text itself.

Provide 5-6 key words below the abstract

For initial submissions, any standard social science in-text citation and bibliographic system is acceptable.

For more information, please visit the RSMCC website: www.emeraldinsight.com/series/rsmcc

Please forward and distribute this call widely.

Call for Papers: Humboldt Journal of Social Relations Spring 2016 Special Issue: Sexuality in the Post-Marriage Equality Era

This special issue of the *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* (HJSR) examines U.S. culture and politics after the marriage equality tipping point. As of February 2015, 71% of the U.S. is living in a state where same-sex marriage is legal. Many queer activists have been concerned that the focus on marriage equality would take away from other queer social movements, or fundamentally change queer norms and institutions. Has that happened? What is next for queers in the U.S.?

Submissions are due on **September 11, 2015**. Proposed topics include:

- Notions of the “family”—has marriage equality changed the queer family and kinship system? Do queer people now face additional pressure to have kids?
- Next and continuing steps for queer social movements.
- New and changing intersections between queer and other identities, such as racial, religious, immigration status, ability or fat.
- Changing issues of rights, such as housing and employment.
- Bridges between queer social movements and others, such as immigration, homelessness, prison abolition and environmental activism.
- Renewed or diminished focus on political participation, including voting, running for office, holding office and lobbying.

- Changing strategies of litigation in queer movements.
- Major issues around which we raise funds and awareness for queer issues.
- The evolving social and political relationship with the T in LGBT.

Authorship: All authors are encouraged to collaborate with others inside or outside academia. Interdisciplinary submissions are welcome.

Manuscript Submission:

1. Manuscripts should be in 12 point font, double spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words. To facilitate blind review, authors should incorporate a cover page that includes an article title, author contact information, a biographical statement of 75 words or less, and an abstract of 150 words or less. Format citations, tables, figures and references using American Sociological Association style.
2. Email hjsr@humboldt.edu with a message subject “HJSR: Sexuality Submission” and attach your manuscript in .doc or .docx format.
3. Via postal mail, send a check for \$20 made out to “HJSR” including a note with your contact information, and the date on which you sent your electronic submission.
4. Submission implies commitment to publish HJSR. Authors should not simultaneously submit to another journal. Manuscripts should not have been published elsewhere.

Co-Editors **Meredith Conover-Williams, Ph.D.**, Dept of Sociology and **Joice Y. Chang, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Politics

You can access these announcements and information on employment opportunities on the PSA website, pacificsoc.org. Announcements appear in the sidebar boxes. Click on the link to find the full post.

Memorials



Don C. Gibbons

1926-2015

Don Gibbons, a renowned criminologist and important contributor to the criminological literature, died on April 14 in Portland, Oregon. Don was born in

Newport, Washington on June 6, 1926. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, and following his discharge, he attended the University of Washington; there he completed both his undergraduate and graduate studies and was awarded a Ph.D. in Sociology in 1956. While at the University, he met his future wife, Carmen Baker – in Don's words, "the best thing that ever happened to me!" He and Carmen, married for 56 years until her death in 2008, had two children, Michael and Diane.

Following the completion of his Ph.D., Don accepted a one-year position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of British Columbia, with a joint appointment as Director of the Staff Training School at Oakalla Prison Farm. This latter appointment was indicative of what was to come, in that Don continued to use his criminological knowledge to serve the community. In the mid-1970s, Don and his colleague Gerald Blake were awarded a grant to develop program models for the federal juvenile diversion program. Don continued to assist a variety of criminal justice efforts in the community, serving as a Research Consultant to the Oregon Corrections Division and as a Consultant to the Multnomah County Youth Commission. Don served his profession with similar enthusiasm and commitment. He was the Northern Division Vice President of the Pacific Sociological Association in 1976-1977 and then the Association's President in 1982-1983. He was a long-time editor of the journal *Crime and Delinquency* and an Associate Editor of both the *Pacific Sociological Review* and the *Western Sociological Review*. The *American Society of Criminology* honored his outstanding contributions to criminological scholarship and the advancement of the discipline by making him an Honorary Fellow of the association.

In 1957 Don joined the Sociology faculty at San Francisco State College, where he eventually (1966-1968) served as the Department Chair. Then in 1969, he accepted a facul-

ty appointment in the Department of Sociology at Portland State University, where he remained until his retirement in 1991. As at SFS, faculty respect for Don in the PSU Department also resulted in his election as Department Chair (1971-1974). But it was not only the Department of Sociology at PSU that benefitted from his expertise and work ethic. Part of the broadening of the University in the 1970s was the development of an Urban Studies unit (now the hugely successful School of Urban and Public Affairs) with its own Ph.D. program. Don was invited to take on a second faculty position, both developing and teaching in the Criminal Justice arm of the Ph.D. program. With the awarding to the program of a \$500,000 Law Enforcement Administration Association (LEAA) grant, Don became the Director of the National Criminal Justice Educational Development Consortium, serving in this role from 1974-1976.

Don taught a variety of classes in Sociology, Criminology and Urban Studies and was highly thought of by his students. He encouraged students to develop their own interests and then did what he could to assist their projects. As one former student (now a professor) wrote in a commemoration, "Perhaps more than anything I will never forget the freedom Don gave me to explore radical criminology and to write my dissertation about the policing of labor radicalism—an area outside his expertise. By permitting me to 'color outside the lines' during my doctoral education at PSU, Don instilled in me the self-confidence to develop my own unique identity as a scholar." His teaching expertise became well known, and throughout his professional career, he was invited to serve as a visiting professor at an impressive array of universities, including Stanford University, University of Oregon, San Diego State College, Arizona State University and University of Melbourne.

Yet, Don is perhaps best known for his research and prolific writing on criminology. During the course of his career, he authored five books and co-authored another three. His classic text, *Society, Crime and Criminal Careers*, now in its 8th edition, was first published in 1968 and is used in classrooms throughout the world. In *Delinquent Behavior*, first published in 1976, he again expertly used his author skills and considerable knowledge to offer students an overview of the study of juvenile delinquency. At

Don's invitation, Marvin D. Krohn became a co-author of the 4th and 5th editions of *Delinquent Behavior*. Don's last book, *Talking about Crime and Criminals: Problems and Issues in Theory Development in Criminology*, published in 1993, reflects his long-term attention and commitment to the elaboration of criminological theory. His published journal articles comprise too many to list, but his topics were diverse and always timely.

Any remembrance would be incomplete if it failed to mention Don's fondness for running. Here as in his scholarly endeavors, he went to the top—he qualified for and finished one of the six World Marathon Majors—the Boston Marathon. His worn-out blue and yellow Nike's became part of the wall decoration in his office. There was also an artistic side to Don. His woodcarvings included waterfowl and masks, and his paintings often depicted ocean front scenes from his beloved refuge on the Washington coast. It was not unusual to receive original watercolors as Christmas cards from Don and Carmen.

Don is survived by his children, Diane Irwin (Craig) and Michael Gibbons, three grandchildren, Katie Cooper, Austin

Gibbons, and Jonathan Irwin, and sister, Beverly Bergau.

Contributed by Kathryn Farr (Professor Emerita, Portland State University) and Annette Jolin (Professor Emerita, Portland State University)

Len Gordon

The newsletter of the Emeritus College of Arizona State University featured several pages on Len's life, including lots of great pictures, poems, artworks, and other remembrances. If you would like a copy of this newsletter, please email the PSA office at psa@humboldt.edu. The following is from the front page of this newsletter.

Remembering Len Gordon

On March 4, 2015, our dear friend and colleague, Len Gordon, unexpectedly passed away. The Emeritus College lost one of its most dedicated members and leaders. Len served on the original steering committee that developed the proposal for the ASU Emeritus College and faithfully served as dean for six years. He also served as chair of the student faculty committee for the past academic year. Most recently, he represented the Emeritus College on the University Academic Senate where he served on the Executive Committee.

Len joined the faculty at ASU in 1967 and held many leadership roles, including Chair of the Department of Sociology for nine years and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for eleven years. His passing ended nearly five decades of dedicated service to ASU, the community and to higher education in Arizona.

In addition to his extraordinary service, Len had a personal demeanor that made others seek his advice and friendship over the years. He was always willing to assist when called upon. He was kind and gracious in his personal dealings with everyone.

He will be greatly missed by his ASU friends and colleagues. While we had to say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague, we know that ASU is clearly a better place because Len chose to become a part of the ASU family and to serve the University in so many ways. Remembering Len Gordon throughout his career. As we dedicate this edition of the ASU Emeritus College Newsletter to Len Gordon's memory, we send our condolences to his dear wife, (whom Len lovingly referred to as "My Dorothy") and to his children and grandchildren. —Elmer Gooding, Interim Dean

In Memoriam

Leonard Gordon (1935-2015)

The passing of Len Gordon on March 4, 2015, represents a loss to the field of sociology, to Arizona State University, where he taught for many years, to the movement to organize emeritus and retired faculty, and to all who knew and loved him.

Len served as PSA President in 1980 and, later, was a prime mover in the establishment of the PSA Committee for Emeritus and Retired Sociologists. At the 2014 PSA meetings, he presented a well-received paper on Humor in Sociology, and he organized this year's session on Leisure in Retirement.

Although we were deprived of Len's presence and presentation at this year's session, we took time to reflect on our experiences of Len as a colleague and a friend. The session

PSA Emeritus and Retired Faculty Committee