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Dear PSA Members and Colleagues,

Reno, Nevada was home to the prehistoric Martis people and (now) a diverse population of about 220,000 people; an economy that is principally based in the trade and service sector; and a climate with an average of 7.48 inches of rainfall and a range of temperatures that require all sorts of clothing! Most importantly, as “The Biggest Little City in the World,” it is the host city for the 2013 annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. We want to invite you to the city and to the meetings on March 21 - 24, 2012!

As the President and Program Chair, we have been working with the PSA executive office and the program committee to ensure the annual meetings continue to be one of the largest and arguably the liveliest of all regional sociology meetings. To that end, we are in the midst of developing a program that continues to place a high value on inclusivity and collegiality as well as networking and substantively meaningful dialogue about cutting edge research in our discipline. Of course, we also want the meetings to be fun!

The theme of the 84th annual meeting is “Research and Teaching Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy, and Justice” and the program is shaping up nicely. A handful of Presidential Sessions relevant to this theme as well as the locale are being organized. The Presidential session that is furthest along at this point is being organized around research by Cecilia Ridgeway, Past President of the PSA, current President of the ASA, and the Lucie Stern Professor of Social Sciences in Stanford University’s sociology department. Cecilia has agreed to participate in a Presidential Panel that focuses on her book *Framed by Gender* (2011, Oxford University Press). In a recent review, Barbara J. Risman commented, “if you only read one book about inequality this decade, make it this one.”¹ Joan Acker (University of Oregon), Matt Huffman (University of California, Irvine), and Jodi O’Brien (Seattle University) have agreed to participate on a panel devoted to using this book as a stepping stone for a discussion of the persistence of gender inequality. This represents a wonderful brain trust for a discussion on such an important core sociological question.

In addition to that session, the following exciting Presidential sessions are currently coming together: Barbara Brents (University of Nevada, Las

Vegas) is organizing a panel on sex work; John Dombink (University of California, Irvine) is organizing a panel on gambling; Rick Krannich (Utah State University) is organizing a panel on change and continuity in the Intermountain West; Jennifer Sumner (Seattle University) is organizing a panel of sociologists to discuss their experiences teaching in prison; and Amy Denissen (California State University, Northridge) is organizing a panel of former recipients of the Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contribution to Teaching Award (as well as the namesake himself). We are very excited about these and other sessions being developed as we write this column!



We also want to make note several of the many exciting sessions being organized by members of the Program Committee, PSA Committees, and members focusing on fascinating research topics, methodological issues, and teaching opportunities. Sharon Oselin (California State University, Los Angeles) and Jennifer Keene (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) are bringing together a panel of sociologically-minded individuals working in feminist or gender-focused non-profit organiza-

tions to discuss their experiences. Black Hawk Hancock (DePaul University) is organizing a “candid discussion” focusing on “the politics and pitfalls of ethnography’s (not so) open secrets.” Josh Meisel (Humboldt State University), Ed Nelson (California State University, Fresno), and Rhonda Dugan (California State University, Bakersfield) are organizing two workshops focused on integrating quantitative literacy resources into the curriculum. Kari Lerum (University of Washington, Bothell) is putting together a session on strategies for sexual justice. The PSA Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities is reprising their successful Talking Circles from the San Diego meetings. Sylvanna Falcon (University of California, Santa Cruz) is sponsoring an author-meets-critics session on a book by Shannon Gleeson (University of California, Santa Cruz), *Conflicting Commitments: The Politics of Enforcing Immigrant Worker Rights in San Jose and Houston*, which should be hot off the presses at the time of our meeting.

In addition to invited sessions, we are looking forward to hundreds of fascinating presentations from members who submit their research into our open session. And it is now time to submit your proposal, as the new

1 <http://www.prlog.org/11626653-stanford-professor-cecilia-ridgeway-publishes-framed-by-gender.html>. Retrieved September 16, 2012.

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online submission system is now open! Please submit your proposal for presentation at the spring meetings as soon as you are able to do so. For those who have submitted to PSA in the past, you'll see that your options are slightly different. Rather than selecting a specific session, you will select one of approximately two dozen broad topical areas. (For the rationale behind these changes, please see our article in the winter 2012 newsletter.) You will be asked several additional questions—mostly to specify the type of presentation that you are proposing (e.g., Formal research paper? Research-in-progress? Commentary? Theory or Methods?).

All types of proposals are welcome! We are particularly excited about making a specific place for research-in-progress, which will generally be shorter presentations focused on specific issues and challenges involved in research projects at stages when they can most benefit from the productive feedback of colleagues. You'll also notice that if you are proposing a formal research presentation, you will be asked to upload a preliminary draft of the presentation—nothing completely developed, but something to assist the Program Committee to group and assign it appropriately.

You might also want to look over the dozen or so open sessions being organized and sponsored by PSA Committees (and members). That list is posted on the website under Open Sessions within the 2013 Meetings page/link.

Finally, we are asking all interested members to please volunteer to be a presider at a session in Reno. That is a great way to be centrally involved in a session in addition to the one in which you are presenting as well as a

great way to contribute to program development. To do so, please log into the online submission system and click on the link titled "Volunteer to be a Presider." You will have the option of volunteering within any of the two dozen areas covering the program (as well as entering more specific interests to assist with assignments).

As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities to participate in the program while attending a plethora of interesting sessions at the annual meetings in Reno. What they all have in common is that we will enjoy engaging in dialogues about the role of critical, scientific, and humanist research that focuses on basic social structures and processes, social problems, and public policies.

Finally, please support the PSA by booking at the conference hotel, the Nugget Resort in Reno/Sparks, Nevada. This will assure that we meet our room contract and will help keep the conference costs low. The hotel is located within easy walking distance from many restaurants and other cultural amenities (see Chuck Hohm's article in the spring newsletter), and is the lowest room rate for a conference hotel at the PSA meetings in well over a decade. To make a reservation at the low conference rate of \$85 plus tax for a single or double (and free parking) book online at: www.januggetsecure.com/jump/1511 or call (800) 648-1177 (group code: GPSAAC). To get this group rate, all reservations must be made by Tuesday, February 19, 2013 to get a room at the PSA rate.

We look forward to seeing you in Reno, Nevada!

Valerie Jenness, PSA President

Dennis J. Downey, 2013 Program Chair

Making Connections Mentorship Program Committee on Race and Ethnic Minorities

The Committee on the Status of Race and Ethnic Minorities invites you to participate in our *Making Connections Mentorship Program*. If you are a faculty member and interested in meeting with graduate or undergraduate student(s) for up to one hour, please contact us so we can match you with a Student-Mentee.

If you are a graduate or undergraduate minority/student of color, new to the PSA conference and/or would like to converse with a faculty member about ways of getting connected, or what you can do with a degree in sociology, please contact us so we can match you with a Faculty-Mentor. (Please note: once matched, you will be responsible for setting up the meeting time and place).

Yes, I would like to volunteer my time as a Faculty-Mentor during the 2013 PSA conference

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Number of Students I would like to meet mentor (three max.): _____

Senior Faculty _____ Junior Faculty _____ Part-time Faculty _____

Email: _____

Yes, I would like to meet with a Faculty-Mentor during the 2013 PSA conference.

I am aware that I am responsible to setting up the meeting with my assigned Faculty-Mentor once matched.

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Years of Graduate School: _____ Graduation Year: _____ Undergraduate: _____

Years attending the PSA conference: _____

Email: _____

Please send this information to Arduizur C. Richie-Zavaleta (arichiezavaleta@gmail.com, subject line: PSA Mentor-Mentee Program), Co-Chair of the Committee on the Status of Race and Ethnic Minorities.

Steps You Must Follow for Submission to Session Organizers

All submissions must be made using the online system at www.pacificsoc.org

You are encouraged to submit a proposal or presentation to be considered for inclusion in the 2013 Annual Meeting at the Nugget in Reno/Sparks, March 21-24, 2013.

Please follow the procedures below.

1. Go to the PSA's home page (www.pacificsoc.org) and click online submission system.
2. In "Login Here," enter your User Name and Password and then click "Go." If it is your first time logging in, click "Create a New Account" and do so.
3. The next screen is "Submitter Menu." There are five choices: 1) Submit or Edit a Presentation/Paper Proposal; 2) Submit, Edit, or Finalize a Session Proposal; 3) Volunteer to be a Presenter; 4) Edit Personal Contact Information; and 5) Message Center. To submit your paper, click the first item "Submit or Edit a Presentation/Paper Proposal."
4. This will take you to a screen entitled "Submit or Edit a Proposal." You will be asked to select either "Submit a presentation/paper proposal" or "Submit a session proposal." If you are submitting a presentation/paper proposal, click on this.
5. This will take you to a screen with twenty seven subareas of sociology listed. Select the area closest to your presentation/paper and click. If you cannot find a subarea containing your topic, contact the 2013 Program Chair, Dennis Downey at dennis.downey@csuci.edu.
6. This will take you to a screen entitled "Individual Submission / Description." There are five choices: 1) Formal research paper presentation; 2) Formal theoretical or methodological research presentation; 3) Research-in-progress presentation; 4) Sociological commentary, analysis or overview; 5) Presentations on teaching and learning; and 6) Professional development presentations.
7. Select the item most appropriate for your presentation and fill in the various sections (e.g., for the "Research-in-progress presentation" option, you will be asked for the Title, Abstract, and Method). *Important note:* This year, we ask all authors submitting formal research paper presentations to include a draft of their paper/presentation. It need not be any sort of final draft, but should provide a sense of the major research components (theoretical background, methods, and at least preliminary analyses and findings), and should be substantial enough to indicate that the research is largely complete (or close enough to ensure that it will be complete in the spring). You will upload the draft on a subsequent page (indicated in step 9 below). After filling in these sections, click on "Accept & Continue."
8. This will take you to a screen entitled "Select Author(s): name of your presentation." Your name and contact information will be listed. If you are the sole author/presenter, click "Accept and Continue." If you have co-authors, enter their names and contact information and then click "Accept & Continue."
9. This will take you to a screen entitled "End of Data Collection Phase: Review your submission information." Toward the bottom of the page is the link requesting those submitting formal research proposals to upload the paper/proposal draft; the link is below the heading "Proposal," and reads "Upload your draft (formal research proposals only)." Once all of that is complete, review the information that you have provided; if everything is correct, click "Accept & Continue" and you will receive your confirmation via email.
10. You can submit more than one proposed presentation/paper, but each submission must be submitted to no more than ONE subarea at a time. (If you submit the same proposal to more than one topical area, multiple organizers may accept your work and the Program Chair will be forced to eliminate you without notice from one of the sessions. This is unfair to the session organizer and to others, as the session organizer may be counting on your proposal for his or her session and may have rejected another proposal only to find out later that your proposal has been dropped from the session because your submitted to two subareas of sociology at the same time and it ended up in two separate sessions.)
11. Special Note to Undergraduate & Graduate Students. The PSA welcomes and encourages participation in our program by undergraduate and graduate students. To best accommodate undergraduate participation, the Program Committee has organized a separate Undergraduate Topic Area for you. All undergraduate students should submit their proposals, both for the roundtable sessions and the poster session to the Undergradu-

ate Topic Area. The proposal should be two pages, including your research question and theory and methodology you plan to use, and a third page with your citations. Please also include the name and email of your faculty mentor in your proposal. Graduate students can submit their work to any listed subarea of sociology.

Volunteer to be a president:

In addition to submitting your proposal, please volunteer to be a president within one of the topical areas. Presidents play an important role in our meetings – introducing participants, keeping the session moving along, facilitating Q&A, etc. It is a good way to be more involved in the program in an area of interest, and a good way to help in the collective tasks of the program. To do so, go back to the Submitter Menu. As indicated in Step 3 (above), you will have five options/actions to select from. Select option 3: "Volunteer to be a President." That will take you to a page where you should see your contact information and affiliation, along with a box where you can describe your specific interests. That will allow session organizers to better assign presidents to sessions with topics that match their interests as closely as possible. Once you have done that, click "Accept and Continue." In the following page, you will see a list of all of the topical areas of the program; simply check the box to the right of the area or areas that you are most interested in; then click Accept and Continue below. The next page will simply register and confirm your selection (and give you the chance to edit it). Once you have confirmed your chosen topical area, click Accept and Continue. You have now volunteered to be a president – thanks for taking a more active role in the program!

Calling for Papers

The Pacific Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research's (PAPOR) 11th Annual Student Paper Competition

Winner will receive:

- A cash award of \$500
- Travel expenses to the December 6-7, 2012 PAPOR Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA
- A spot on the conference program to present the paper

Second prize winner will receive:

- A cash award of \$250

Both winners receive one year free membership in PAPOR recognition at the conference from the top public opinion scholars and professionals of PAPOR.

In addition all entries will be considered for the Poster Session at the Conference, so students will have a chance to present their research.

Papers related to survey, public opinion, or market research are welcomed. Specific topics sought include: substantive findings about public opinion, statistical techniques, methodological issues, new technologies or methodologies, or theoretical issues in the formation, change or measurement of public opinion.

We encourage entries from any fields that employ survey and opinion research, including political science, communication, psychology, sociology, marketing as well as survey methods.

Eligible papers will be authored by graduate or undergraduate students, currently attending colleges and universities in PAPOR's geographic region. Entries should not exceed 30 pages total. The entries will be judged by a panel of survey and public opinion researchers selected from PAPOR's membership. If a winning paper is co-authored, travel fees will be paid for one author, but conference registration will be provided for all authors.

Email your paper by October 15th to: Philip Brenner, PAPOR Student Paper Chair at studentpaper@papor.org. Please include your name, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. Feel free to email in advance with questions about the submission process.

For more information about the conference please see <http://papor.org/files/2012/2012conference.shtml> or visit our website: <http://www.papor.org/>

Call for Nominations for 2013 Awards

Nomination Process: Any PSA member can place a nomination. In order for the nomination to be considered, you must provide the required documentation as presented below for each particular award for which there is a nomination. **Nominations for the Distinguished Scholarship Award are due by November 1, 2012. Nominations for all other awards are due by February 1, 2013.**

The 2013 Distinguished Scholarship Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished Scholarship 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 2013 award, a book must have been published in 2010 or later. If a nomination is based on a series of articles, the most recent article in that series must have been published in 2010 or later. The Committee does not accept nominations for the Scholarship Award from publishers. Nominations must be from individual members of the PSA. Edited books are not eligible for this award. 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 for distinguished scholarship and all supporting materials must be submitted by November 1, 2012. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the book or articles. Send nominations for the Scholarship Award to: Cherylynn Bassani (cherylynn.bassani@ufv.ca)

The 2013 Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award

The *Dean S. Dorn Outstanding Contributions to Teaching Career Award* honors outstanding contributions to the teaching of sociology. The award recognizes individuals whose distinction 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; mentoring students. 2) Current curriculum vitae. 3) A minimum of six letters of support from students and colleagues, including the nominator's letter. 4) Other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send nominations for the Dean S. Dorn Teaching Award to: Laura Earles (learles@lcsc.edu)

The 2013 Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology

The Early Career Award 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 and/or creative approaches to teaching, and a discussion of the nominee's impact on student learning; demonstrated commitment to teaching pedagogy through presentations, publications, workshops or other evidence. 2) Current curriculum vitae. 3) A minimum of six letters of support from students and colleagues, including the nominator's letter. 4) Other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send nominations for the Early Career Teaching Award to: Laura Earles (learles@lcsc.edu)

2013 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award honors sociological work in the Pacific region (whether by an academic or non-academic), which has an impact on government, business, health, or other settings. The grounds for nomination include (but are not limited to) any applied sociological activity that improves organizational performance, contributes to community betterment, and/or eases human suffering. You must provide the committee with three copies of the supporting documentation: 1) A nominating letter, which provides an overview of the nominee's distinguished practice contributions;

2) Letters of support from individuals having direct knowledge of the nominee's distinguished contribution to sociological practice. 3) Copies of presentations at scholarly conferences, published articles, and/or grant/contract proposals, primarily authored by the nominee, which address issues in sociological practice. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send nominations for the Sociological Praxis Award to: Jane Ward (jane.ward@ucr.edu)

The 2013 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award honors an outstanding article published yearly in *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 Vol. 54, 2011. This award is given annually. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the nominated article. Send nominations for the Sociological Perspectives Award to: Sunil Kukreja (kukreja@pugetsound.edu)

The 2013 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award and \$200 honorarium

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished 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 2013 convention hotel. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by an undergraduate student or students in the Pacific region c) written or substantially revised in the last year; d) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and e) unpublished. Nominations for the award must be submitted via email (a copy of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by a least one letter of support). Hardcopies will not be accepted. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send Nominations for the Undergraduate Paper Award to: Glenn Tsunokai (glenn.tsunokai@wwu.edu)

The 2013 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award and \$200 honorarium

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes a graduate student or students for a paper of high

Volunteer for Committee Service

PSA Committees are vital to the proper functioning of the Association. Each year there are vacancies on the various committees that must be filled. Each year the Committee on Committees is looking for interested and committed members who can be recommended to the President and the Council for possible appointment.

Committee Membership must represent the Southern, Central, and Northern sections of the PSA western region. Usually there is one opening for each region on each appointed committee. Those responsible for committee appointments are always glad to know of willing volunteers. Student members are now eligible to serve on all appointed committees with the exception of the Awards Committee. Appointments are usually for a three-year period.

The PSA has 15 committees that members can volunteer to serve on: endowment, membership, audit, contract monitoring, awards, status of women, status of ethnic minorities, status of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered persons, teaching, freedom of research and teaching, civil liberties and civil rights, social conscience, community colleges, student affairs, and sociological practice.

The PSA Council appoints members based on recommendation from the Committee on Committees. Self-nominations are acceptable. Serving on a PSA committee is an effective way to network with professional colleagues.

To serve on a PSA Committee, you must be a member of the PSA in good standing. The next round of committee appointments will be made in December of 2012 with terms of appointment starting in 2013. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary, Virginia Mulle (ginnymulle@gmail.com), and indicate which committee or committees you would like to serve on. A list of committees and a description of what they do is available at www.pacificsoc.org under "committees."

Join, Pre-register or Renew Your PSA Membership

By Chuck Hohm, Executive Director

For 2013 the following apply:

1. *Students:*
 - a. Membership = \$25
 - b. Conference Registration = \$30
2. *Faculty:*
 - a. Membership
 - i. Income is less than \$30,000 = \$40
 - ii. Income is \$30K to \$70K = \$50
 - iii. Income is greater than \$70K = \$60
 - b. Conference Registration = \$60

To renew membership for 2013 and to register for the 2013 conference, please use the following link: <https://www.meetingsavvy.com/psa/default.aspx>

If you are not a current PSA member and wish to join the PSA for the rest of 2012 at the old rates, please contact Dean Dorn, the PSA Treasurer (dornds@csus.edu).

Important Dates

October 15, 2012 – All papers/ideas/proposals to session organizers

November 15, 2012 – All session information from Session Organizers to the PSA Office

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Publisher Chosen To Publish “*Sociological Perspectives*”

By Chuck Hohm, Executive Director

The publishing contract that the PSA has with the UC Press, to publish “*Sociological Perspectives*” will expire at the end of 2013. The PSA Publications Committee and the PSA Council decided that it should send out a Request for Proposals (RFPs) to a number of quality publishers, in order to “test the market” on a number of issues, including financial compensation to the PSA. RFPs were sent to UC Press, Wiley-Blackwell, Routledge, and SAGE in the fall of 2011. Proposals were due in February 2012. The Publications Committee unanimously recommended to the 2012-13 PSA Council that we continue with UC Press as our next publisher. The 2012-13 PSA Council discussed the proposals and recommendation of the Publication Committee, but decided that a choice of a publisher could not be made at that meeting. The 2012-13 Council decided to appoint a subcommittee of Council to deliberate further on the proposals. The subcommittee consisted of Chuck Hohm, Chair, Bob O’Brien, Kathy Kuipers, Christine Oakley, Karen Pyke and Denise Segura. Council also voted to have the subcommittee meet within two months after the 2012 San Diego PSA

Conference and that the publishers should be invited to make presentations to the subcommittee. The subcommittee and the four publishers met on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at the Crown Plaza Hotel near LAX. The publishers each made 25 minutes presentations and had 20 minute Q & A sessions following the presentations. The presentations were made in the morning and the subcommittee discussed the presentations and deliberated in the afternoon and unanimously voted to select SAGE to start publishing “*Sociological Perspectives*” in January of 2014. The subcommittee recommended SAGE to the 2012-13 Council via email and the Council unanimously agreed with the subcommittee. A draft of the contract between SAGE and the PSA was sent to the subcommittee and after input from the subcommittee, the draft contract was sent to the San Diego law firm of Higgs, Fletcher & Mack for vetting. After review and input from legal council, the contract and suggestions from our legal council were sent to SAGE. SAGE agreed to the changes and the contract was signed on August 6, 2012. The PSA will see a considerable increase in financial compensation with this new contract.

Call For Papers

Social Determinants, Health Disparities And Linkages To Health And Health Care

Volume 31: Papers sought For Research Annual, *Research in the Sociology of Health Care*

Papers are being sought for volume 31 of *Research in The Sociology of Health Care* published by Emerald Press. The major theme for this volume is *Social Determinants, Health Disparities And Linkages To Health And Health Care*

Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving health and health care involving social determinants and health disparities are sought. This includes examination of health and health care issues of patients or of providers of care especially those related to social determinants and health disparities. 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. For papers examining issues in health and health care in countries

other than the United States, the focus could be on issues of delivery systems in those countries and ways in which revisions and changes impact health or health care, especially if those are then also related to broader concerns in health care in the US or other countries as well. The volume will contain 10 to 14 papers, generally between 20 and 40 pages in length. Send completed manuscripts or detailed outlines for review by February 1, 2013. For an initial indication of interest in outlines or abstracts, please contact the same address by January 7th, 2013. Send to: Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Sociology Program, 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.

Job Opening at the University of Portland: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Tenure Track

The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Portland invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Sociology with an emphasis on family and relationships beginning Fall 2013. Other desirable areas of expertise could include one or more of the following: medical sociology, environmental sociology, social change, race & ethnicity, gender, demography, or stratification. We seek a dynamic colleague with a commitment to excellent undergraduate teaching, a promising scholarly agenda, and the ability to teach a range of courses. A Ph.D. in sociology by the time of appointment is required. Interested candidates should submit a letter of application addressing their teaching interests and experience, as well as their professional goals. Additionally, please submit a curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness, a sample of scholarly work, and three letters of reference to Martin A. Monto, Ph.D. at monto@up.edu (electronic applications preferred) or to Martin Monto, c/o Rayne Funk, Office Manager of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. Portland, OR 97203. We plan on having a brief information session at the ASA meetings in Denver. Contact Martin Monto at (503) 943-7252 or by email if you would like to attend or if you have questions about the position. All applications received by October 1, 2012 will be considered. The University of Portland is a private Catholic university of 3,800 students, with a mission of teaching, faith, and service, located in a thriving and innovative city and a scenic region. We are a national leader in student service and in students receiving Fulbright awards. We are an equal opportunity employer striving to employ personnel at all levels who will support and enhance our educational mission and purpose. Please visit our website at www.up.edu for more information. A background investigation check is required before final hiring procedures can be completed.

Please inform us of email, telephone, or address changes at psa@sdsu.edu.
Visit www.pacificsoc.org to keep your membership up-to-date and to pre-register for the 2013 meeting.

The PSA Endowment Committee Announces 50 \$125 Travel Grant Awards for Students Listed in the Program and Attending the Annual Meeting in Reno

With the approval of Council, the PSA Endowment Committee will offer 50 \$125 travel grants available to help pay expenses for graduate and undergraduate students who are giving a presentation at the annual meeting in Reno.

The travel grant awards will be open only to undergraduate and graduate students who are not employed full-time in an academic or non-academic institution. Students who are eligible must also be listed as a presenter or co-presenter in a conference session in the PSA Preliminary Program for Reno. The Preliminary Program will be published in the January 2013 Newsletter. **Eligible students must also be members of the PSA in 2013 and must have paid pre-registration fees for the conference. Membership on a PSA committee does not qualify.**

Procedures for Application for a Travel Grant

Students who meet the eligibility requirements above, need to send via email their name and email address to Endowment Committee (psatravelgrants@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is February 15, 2013. A random-numbers table will be used to assign a number to all eligible applicants. A random drawing will determine the recipients of the travel awards. Recipients will receive an Email confirming they have won an award no later than March 1, 2013. All recipients must pick up their \$125.00 travel grant at the PSA Registration Table at the conference. Identification will be required.

Hotel Information for 2013 Meeting:

John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort
Reno/Sparks, Nevada

The 2013 PSA Annual Meeting will take place at John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave, from March 21-24. Reno/Sparks is a popular tourist destination lying at the base of the beautiful Eastern Sierra where millions go annually for skiing in the high mountains or for water sports on beautiful Lake Tahoe. Reno is Nevada's second largest gaming destination, offering a multitude of resort accommodations, dining options, and recreational opportunities in the urban area that complement that industry.

Support the PSA by Booking at the Nugget. This will assure that the association meets its sleeping room contract and will keep convention costs low, since thousands of dollars in meeting room rental will not have to be paid to the Nugget. Not meeting the PSA "room block" would have serious financial consequences and would most likely increase the cost of registration at future meetings.

The PSA 2013 discounted convention rate is \$85 for a single or double, plus tax. **To make a reservation, book online at www.januggetsecure.com/jump/1511**

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Students will receive \$9.00 a day in vouchers that they can use in any of the eateries in the Nugget Resort. Standard sleeping rooms include complimentary wireless internet and two bottles of water. Non-smoking and smoking room options are available.

To get the PSA rate, all reservations must be made by Tuesday, February 19, 2013. *However please note that the PSA discounted room block could easily sell out before the February 19th deadline.* The hotel may still have rooms after this date, but at a rate-available basis.

Hotel Parking

General parking is free.

Airport Transportation

A number of airlines use the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. The Nugget is 10 minutes from the airport. A free "Nugget Resort" shuttle runs by the airport terminal every 30 minutes.

Call For Nominations

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professional quality. This award includes a \$200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2012 convention hotel. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by a graduate student or students in the Pacific region (c) written or substantially revised in the last year; (d) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and (e) unpublished. Nominations for the award must be submitted via email (a copy of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by a least one letter of support). Hardcopies will not be accepted. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send Nominations for the Graduate Student Paper Award to: Joanna Gregson (gregsojg@plu.edu)

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. In 2013, the annual meeting will be held in Reno/Sparks. This is a monetary award and honors a community organization based in Reno/Sparks that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community. You must provide the committee with two copies of supporting documentation. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send nominations for the Social Conscience Award to: TBA

Suggestions for Giving a First-Rate Presentation

[Note: This is reprinted from the *Newsletter of the Midwest Sociological Association* and was written by Barbara Keating, Minnesota State University-Mankato. It has been slightly edited for the PSA. We continue to reprint this piece because it offers excellent advice for everyone on the program.]

I make the following suggestions to new and experienced presenters.

1. Make sure the PSA office knows of your A/V needs. Meeting rooms have data projectors and screen for powerpoint presentations. The PSA does not provide laptops. If you need equipment other than an LCD projector, don't assume it will be available or that it can be ordered at the last minute - it can't and it won't. You must order it well in advance.
2. Get your completed paper to the discussant at least a month before the meetings. A good review can be tremendously helpful for revising the paper for publication. But it takes time and thought. Every year, however, some discussants do not get papers until they arrive at the meetings. The discussants are doing you a favor. Help them to help you by giving them the time they need.
3. After you have finished the formal written version of your paper, edit it for a presentation version. Remember, you will normally have only 12-15 minutes to give your paper if there are four other presenters. Discuss only what is important. For a traditional research paper, for example, focus on the findings. Introduce the topic succinctly, summarize the literature briefly, mention the methods in passing, and spend most of your time discussing the findings and their implications.
4. Do not read your paper to the audience. Talk about it. The well-crafted written formal sentence may be a better visual than audio experience. *Remember, your audience is listening, not reading.*
5. Arrive at your session early enough to set up any equipment you are using. This will also allow you to meet the other panelists. The organizer and/or presider will brief you on organization, order, and time limits.
6. Adhere to time limits. Three to four paper presentations, discussant comments, and audience participation do not allow much flexibility in one session. Presiders may enforce appropriate social sanctions on presenters who monopolize time.
7. If you bring copies of your paper for distribution, you may reduce the weight by printing single space on both sides of each page. Many presenters must bring copies of the statistical tables or model figures, perhaps with an abstract unless they use a power point presentation.

California Sociological Association

The California Sociological Association (CSA) is a state-based professional association of sociologists. We hold a conference once a year in which faculty and students present their work. Our next conference will be at the Mission Inn in Riverside on November 9 and 10, 2012.

If you have any questions about the CSA, please contact me at ednelson@csufresno.edu.

*Ed Nelson,
Executive Director
California Sociological Association*

Special Note to Undergraduate & Graduate Students

The PSA welcomes and encourages participation in our program by undergraduate and graduate students. Except for California and possibly Hawaii, there are no state sociological associations in the Pacific region available for student socialization and participation in the discipline. One aspect of the PSA mission is to mentor the next generation of sociologists. To best accommodate undergraduate participation, the Program Committee has organized two types of sessions: Undergraduate Roundtable Open Topic Sessions and Undergraduate Poster Sessions. In the Public Call for Papers, these are the only two sessions open to undergraduate students. Graduate students can submit their work to any session in the Call for Papers.



2012 Pacific Sociological Association Awards

Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award: Linda Rillorta, Mount San Antonio College.

Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award: John Joe Schlichtman, University of San Diego.

Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives

Award (Two Winners): Jennifer A. Jones, Ohio State University, for "*Who Are We? Producing Group Identity Through Everyday Practices of Conflict and Discourse.*" and Amy G. Langenkamp, University of Notre Dame, for "*Effects of Educational Transition on Students' Academic Trajectory: A Life Course Perspective.*"

Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award: Lindsay A. Owens, Stanford University, for "Getting a Workout: Mortgage Modification, Class, and Shifting Financial Institutions."

Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award: Camila Alvarez, University of Nevada Las Vegas, for "New Urbanist Design and Community Health in Las Vegas."

Distinguished Scholarship Award: Cecilia Menjivar, Arizona State University, for *Enduring Violence: Ladina Women's Lives in Guatemala.*

Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology:
No recipient



2012 PSA Annual Meeting Satisfaction Survey

By Chuck Hohm, Executive Director

Since the PSA has a yearly contract with Survey Monkey and can conduct an unlimited number of surveys, the PSA Office decided, back in 2011, that it would be wise to conduct a satisfaction survey of members who attended the annual meeting in Seattle. We conducted that survey and reported the results in the September 2011 issue of the Pacific Sociologist. We used a similar instrument this year with a number of changes. By sending out numerous reminders, it was possible to achieve a return rate of 46.4%. Many of the questions allowed the respondents to comment. This report will summarize the percentage distributions and main points in the “comments” section. When the questions are the same as in last year’s survey, the percentage of respondents answering “Above Average” or “Excellent” in last year’s survey are also included in this summary.

Online Program, Online Registration, Online Submission, & Registration At The Hotel

The first five questions addressed the online program, the online registration, online submissions, and registration at the hotel. All survey respondents were asked “Ease of using online submission system for proposals.” Figure 1 shows that 52% gave responses of “Above Average” or “Excellent” to this question. Only 7% answered “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Forty-nine members offered comments on this question and none of them were positive. The comments were quite varied and most of them dealt with problems that PSA members had with the submission system. Comments that reoccurred had to with the system being confusing and not being intuitive. Since the 2012 San Diego meetings the PSA is no longer employing Meeting Savvy to manage the proposal and paper submission process and has hired All Academic Inc. (with the ASA as a client) to manage proposal and paper submissions. We are hopeful that this system will be more intuitive.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	28.6%	142
Above Average	27.6%	137
Average	20.9%	104
Below Average	3.8%	19
Not so Good	3.2%	16
N/A	15.9%	79
Comments		49
answered question		407
skipped question		3

Figure 1: Ease Of Using The Online Submission System For Proposals

All Respondents were asked “Ease of accessing the online annual meeting schedule.” Figure 2 shows that over 55% of the members responded with “Above Average” and “Excellent” (as compared to 64% of last year’s survey) and only 11% indicated “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Thirty-eight respondents wrote comments and most of these were negative. Common complaints were the difficulty of finding the meeting schedule on the PSA website, the difficulty of dealing with such a long and cumbersome document and the schedule going up late on the website. Since the 2012 San Diego meeting, the PSA website has been renovated and hopefully, the 2013 meeting schedule will be easier to deal with.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	26.2%	130
Above Average	29.2%	145
Average	29.6%	147
Below Average	9.7%	48
Not so Good	1.6%	8
N/A	3.8%	19
Comments		38
answered question		497
skipped question		3

Figure 2: Ease Of Accessing The Online Meeting Schedule

All respondents were asked “Usefulness of the online annual meeting schedule.” Sixty-one percent indicated “Above Average” or “Excellent” and only 7% indicated “Below Average” or “Not so good.” Thirty-one respondents offered comments with six of the comments being positive and the rest being negative. As in the previous questions, some of the PSA members had problems finding the schedule on the PSA website. Others thought the PSA should be paperless. Also, eight PSA members thought room locations should be listed on the online meeting schedule. The problem with this is that if room numbers were available online, a significant number of members might not register for the meetings since they would know the time and location of sessions.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	28.3%	140
Above average	32.9%	163
Average	26.1%	129
Below average	5.3%	26
Not so good	1.2%	6
N/A	6.3%	31
Comments		31
answered question		495
skipped question		5

Figure 3: Usefulness Of The Online Annual Meeting Schedule

All respondents were asked “Ease of online pre-registration for the annual meeting.” Seventy-five percent answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 59% of last year’s survey), 16% said “Average” and 4% indicated “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Twenty-two respondents

had comments for this question. Of the twenty-two comments, eight indicated that the system worked fine or that they did not use it. A common complaint was the lack of any verification that payment was received and that an email indicating such would be good. The PSA will attempt to add a verification of payment received for next year's conference.

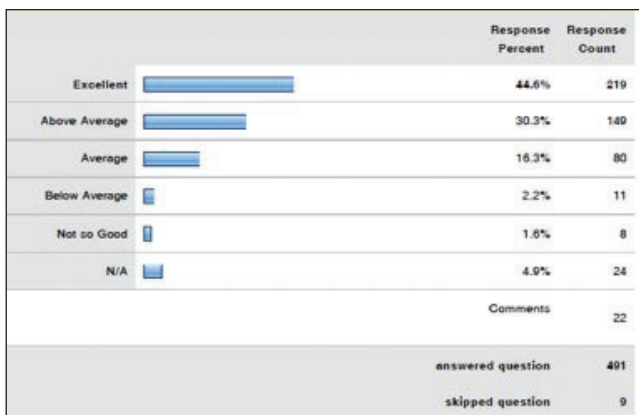


Figure 4: Ease Of Online Pre-Preregistration For The Annual Meeting

All respondents were asked “Ease of onsite annual meeting registration.” Fifty percent answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 59% of last year's survey), 14% said “Average” and 3% indicated “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Twenty-three respondent offered comments. Six of the 23 comments were positive, indicating the process went well and two said they did not register on site. The two most common complaints (4 each) were long lines and insufficient space for lines to form.

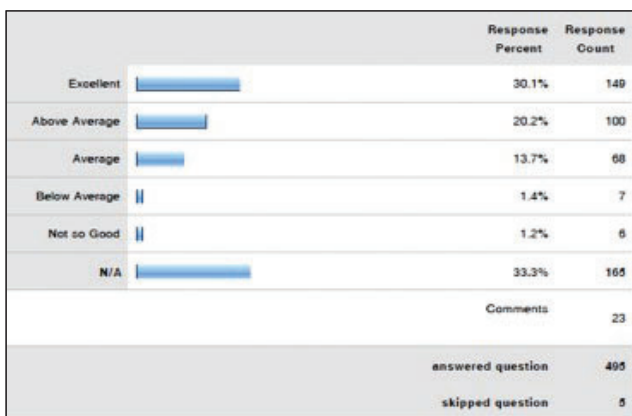


Figure 5: Ease Of Onsite Annual Meeting Registration

Days Attended & Participation In Program

All respondents were asked “Days you attended the annual meeting”. Select all that apply.” The modal response was Friday (with 86% of the respondents being there on that day) followed by Saturday (with 81% being there on that day). Thursday was next in line with 56% attending, with Sunday being the least attended (with only 42% being there on that day). The above percentages are very similar to those of last year's survey.



Figure 6: Days You Attended The Annual Meeting

All respondents were asked about participation, with “Did you participate in the program?” Eighty-nine percent answered “yes” (as compared to 83% of last year's survey) and only 11% said “no.”

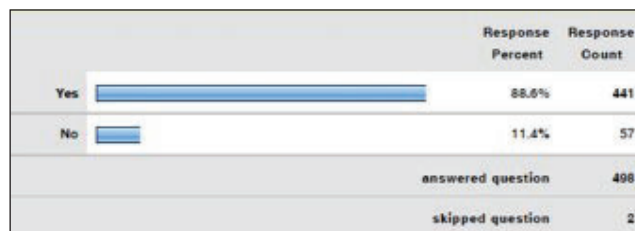


Figure 7: Participation In The Program

If respondents participated in the 2012 program, they were asked about how they participated, with “Please indicate the roles you played at the meeting. Select all that apply.” Figure 8 shows that the modal response was “Presenter (paper, poster, or roundtable)” with 82% of the respondents selecting this category. The other responses, listed in descending order are Organizer (21%); Presider or Chair (17%); Panelist (12%); Committee Member (12%); Discussant (9%); Officer (2%); and Council Member (1%). Six percent indicated “Other (please specify)”. Twenty-five respondents selected “Other” with the most frequently mentioned response being “audience member” (n=5); program committee member (n=2) and volunteer at registration booth (n=4).

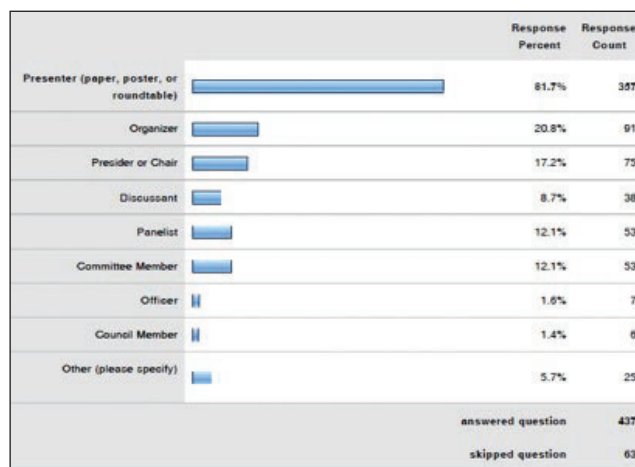


Figure 8: Roles At The Meeting

Program participants were further asked, “How many sessions did you participate in (as a presenter, presider, etc.)?” Figure 9 shows that 62% said “1 session”; 23% said “2 sessions”; 7% said “3 sessions”; 4% said “4 sessions”; and 4% said “5 or more sessions.”

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		30.1%	149
Above Average		20.2%	100
Average		13.7%	68
Below Average		1.4%	7
Not so Good		1.2%	6
N/A		33.3%	165
Comments			23
answered question			495
skipped question			5

Figure 9: Number Of Sessions Of Participation

Layout Of Program

All respondents were asked “Layout of program.” Figure 10 shows that 68% answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 71% of last year’s survey) and 27% said “Average.” Only 4% answered “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Forty-two respondents had comments. Two indicated that the layout was perfect. The two most commonly mentioned items were 1) The need for a time for lunch and no sessions (n=3) and 2) Sessions of similar type being held at the same time so that members could not all attend all of the sessions (n=13). Sometimes, it is impossible to avoid overlap of similar type sessions, but this information will be kept in mind with the PSA office creates the program for the 2013 Reno meetings.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		25.7%	127
Above Average		42.6%	211
Average		27.1%	134
Below Average		3.2%	16
Not so Good		1.2%	6
N/A		0.2%	1
Comments			42
answered question			495
skipped question			5

Figure 10 Layout Of Program

All respondents were asked “Do you have any suggestions to help us improve the layout of the program?” Sixty PSA members gave suggestions with the most frequently mentioned item being the avoidance of scheduling similar type sessions at the same time (n=16). Another suggestion that was mentioned a number of times (n=4) was to create more sessions of a particular type (eg., more sessions on the family). Other suggestions were to have more time between sessions (n=2); fewer papers should be accepted (n=2); fewer sessions (n=2); have an index or table of contents with a rough estimation of themes (n=2); have a smaller number of tables in roundtable sessions due to noise (n=2); and to increase the quality of presentations (n=2).

All respondents were asked “Did you find any gaps in the program, in terms of topics?” Figure 11 shows that 19% answered “Yes” while 81% answered “No.” Respondents who found topic gaps in the program were asked “If yes, please name those ‘gap’ areas.” There were 70 comments. The most com-

monly mentioned “gap” (n=37) was the need for more traditional sessions like social psychology; sociology of education; social theory; history of sociology; social movements; organizations; aging/life cycle; comparative sociology; medical sociology; political sociology; immigration; globalization; sociology of religion; and environmental sociology. Other, less standard, areas mentioned were popular culture; masculinities; science and technology studies; teaching; disabilities; poverty; mathematical/quantitative sociology; sociology of risk; and sociology of tourism.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		18.8%	90
No		81.2%	389
answered question			479
skipped question			21

Figure 11: Gaps In The Program (In Terms Of Topics)

Number Of Sessions Attended; Overall Quality Of Presentations; & Overall Rigor In Presentations

All respondents were asked “Approximately how many sessions did you attend, aside from those you participated in?” Figure 12 shows the following distribution: 1-2 sessions (27%); 3-4 sessions (39%); 5-6 sessions (19%); 7-8 sessions (14%); and 9 + sessions (6%).

		Response Percent	Response Count
1-2 sessions		27.0%	130
3-4 sessions		33.8%	163
5-6 sessions		18.9%	91
7-8 sessions		13.9%	67
9 or more sessions		6.4%	31
answered question			482
skipped question			18

Figure 12: How Many Sessions Attended (Aside From Those Participated In)

All respondents were asked “Overall quality of presentations.” Figure 13 shows that nearly 60% of the respondents answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 61% of last year’s survey) while 33% said “Average.” Only seven percent answered “Below average” or “Not so good.” Forty-six respondents provided comments. Four respondents said that all presentations were excellent with one of these four saying that the presentations were much improved over previous years. However, the vast majority of those offering comments indicated a dissatisfaction with the quality of presentations. Twenty-five comments cited the unevenness of quality among presentations. The following quote represents this sentiment: “There is such an enormous range in the quality of sessions. Some are terrific, some are awful. Many are in between.” A number of comments (n=4) indicated that too many presentations were not based on completed research but were proposals for research or not sociological at all. For the 2013 meetings, the PSA is addressing the above concerns with the new format for session formation and decision making on placement of papers.

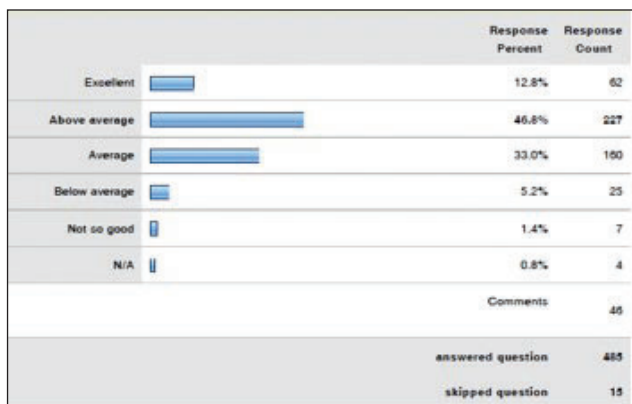


Figure 13: Overall Quality Of Presentations

All respondents were asked “Overall level of rigor in the research presented.” Figure 14 shows that 49% of the respondents answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” while 39% said “Average.” Nine percent indicated “Below Average” or “Not so good.” Thirty-three PSA members provided comments. Of the 33 comments, two indicated that the rigor had improved over previous PSA conferences, but the vast majority of the comments (n=18) again cited the variation in rigor. Once again, the 2013 PSA conference format will attempt to address the range of rigor within and between sessions.

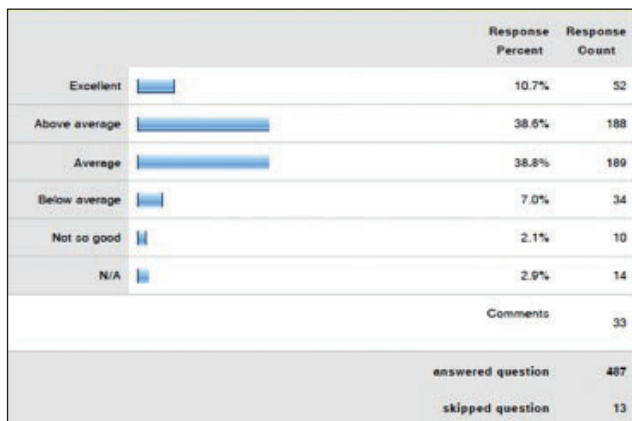


Figure 14: Overall Level Of Rigor In The Research Presented
Audience Interest And Q&A

All respondents were asked “Overall audience interest in the topics and presentations.” Figure 15 shows that 61% answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” with 34% indicating “Average.” Only 4% answered “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Fifteen PSA members offered comments. Of the 15 comments, 5 cited the improvement in audience interest from previous conferences or indicated that the level of audience engagement was high. The remaining comments were negative, citing low attendance or poor audience participation.

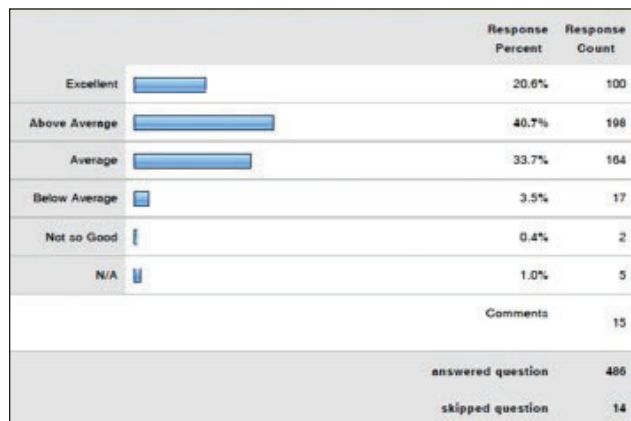


Figure 15: Overall Audience Interest In The Topics And Presentations

All respondents were asked “Amount of time available for Q&A.” Figure 16 shows that 55% of the respondents answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 53% of last year’s survey) while 39% said “Average.” Only 5% answered “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Fifteen PSA members offered comments which were evenly distributed among “sufficient time,” “insufficient time,” and “varies between sessions.”

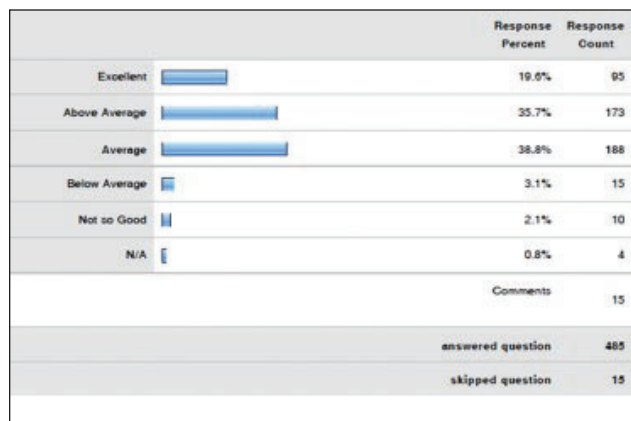


Figure 16: Amount Of Time Available For Q&A

All respondents were asked “Overall quality of Q&A and discussion.” Figure 17 demonstrates that 59% answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” while 34% said “Average.” Only 6% said “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Nineteen respondents offered comments which were distributed equally between “good,” “poor,” and “mixed.”

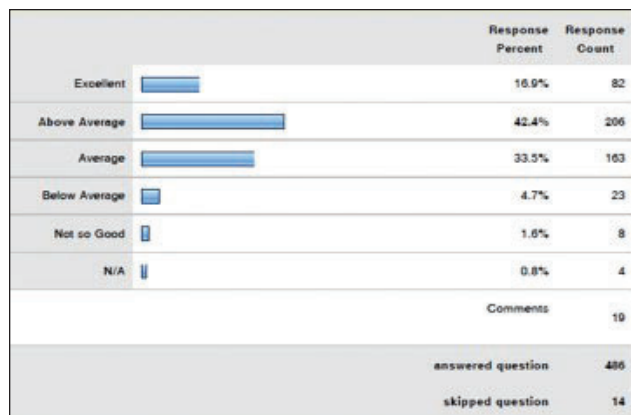


Figure 17: Overall Quality Of Q&A And Discussion

RECEPTIONS

All respondents were asked “Did you attend a reception(s)?” Figure 19 shows that 29% did attend a reception (as compared to 30% of last year’s survey) while 71% did not.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	28.9%	141
No	71.1%	347
answered question		488
skipped question		12

Figure 18: Reception Attendance

If respondents attended a reception, they were further asked “Which reception(s) did you attend? Mark all that apply.” Figure 19 presents the following percentages: 22% attended the Welcome & New Members Reception (as compared to 18% last year); 68% attended the Presidential Reception (as compared to 68% last year); 9% attended the Committees on Race/Ethnicity & Women Reception (as compared to 8% last year); 4% attended the Committee on GLBT Reception (as compared to 13% last year); and 41% attended the Student Reception (as compared to 28% last year). The next five figures display the view of the quality of these specific receptions.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Welcome & New Members	22.3%	31
Presidential	68.3%	98
Committee on Race/Ethnicity & Women	9.4%	13
Committee on GLBT	3.6%	5
Student	41.0%	57
answered question		139
skipped question		381

Figure 19: Receptions Attended

For “Quality of Welcome and New Members Reception,” Figure 20 shows that 87% of the respondents answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared with 61% last year) and 10% saying “Average.” Only 3% said “Below Average” or “Not so Good.”

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	53.3%	16
Above Average	33.3%	10
Average	10.0%	3
Below Average	3.3%	1
Not so Good	0.0%	0
Comments		1
answered question		30
skipped question		470

Figure 20: Quality Of Welcome And New Members Reception

For “Quality of Presidential Reception,” Figure 21 demonstrates that 82% answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared with 80% last year) and 17% said “Average.” Only 1% answered “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Sixteen members offered comments. Most of the comments were quite favorable citing the quality of the food, the mariachi band and the venue itself. Some (n=7) of the comments indicated that the mariachi band was too loud.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	51.0%	50
Above Average	30.6%	30
Average	17.3%	17
Below Average	1.0%	1
Not so Good	0.0%	0
Comments		16
answered question		98
skipped question		402

Figure 21: Quality Of Presidential Reception

For “Quality of Race & Ethnicity/Women Reception,” Figure 22 shows that 40% answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared with 69% last year) with 25% saying “Average.” A significant percent (31%) indicated “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Seven members offered comments with six of the seven comments indicating that they did not attend the receptions.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	12.5%	2
Above Average	31.3%	5
Average	25.0%	4
Below Average	18.8%	3
Not so Good	12.5%	2
Comments		7
answered question		16
skipped question		484

Figure 22: Quality Of Race & Ethnicity/Women Reception

For “Quality of Committee on GLBT Reception,” Figure 23 shows that 44% answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 71% last year); 22% indicated “Average”; and 33% said “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” There were eight comments with six of the eight indicating that they did not attend. The other two comments indicated that there was no beer or wine served. This was a result of a breakdown in communication at the hotel.

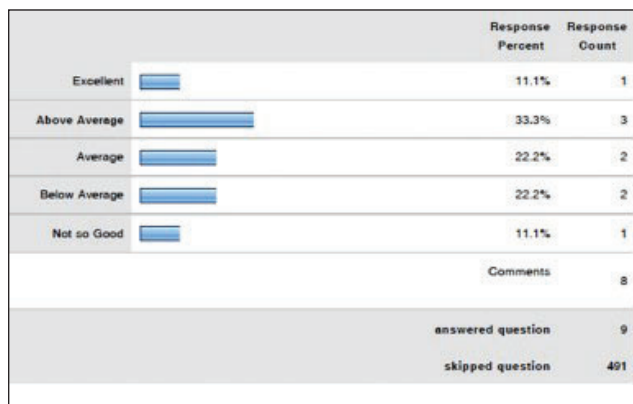
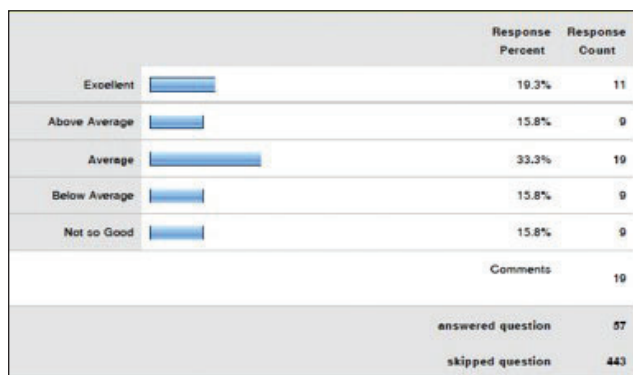


Figure 23: Quality Of Committee On Glbt Reception

For, “Quality of Student Reception,” Figure 2.4 shows that 35% indicated “Above Average” or “Excellent” and 33% said “Average.” Thirty-one percent answered “Below Average” or “Not so good.” Nineteen PSA members offered comments. The modal response was “Did not attend/NA.” Other comments related to a need for the event to be earlier in the night, the need for more food and drink, the need for more faculty to attend, and the need for the event to be more structured (though some comments indicated it was too structured). The PSA office will keep the above com-



ments in mind when planning the student reception for 2013.

Figure 24: Quality Of Student Reception

Satisfaction With Host City, Hotel Location, & Local Amenities

All respondents were asked “Satisfaction with host city (San Diego).” Figure 25 demonstrates that San Diego is a very popular location with 86% of the respondents saying “Above Average” or “Excellent.” Nine percent indicated “Average” and only 2% said “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” There were 30 comments with half of them saying that San Diego is a great location to hold the PSA meetings. Four responses indicated that the city was too expensive and the remainder of the comments had negative things to say about the location of the hotel (too far from downtown) in San Diego.

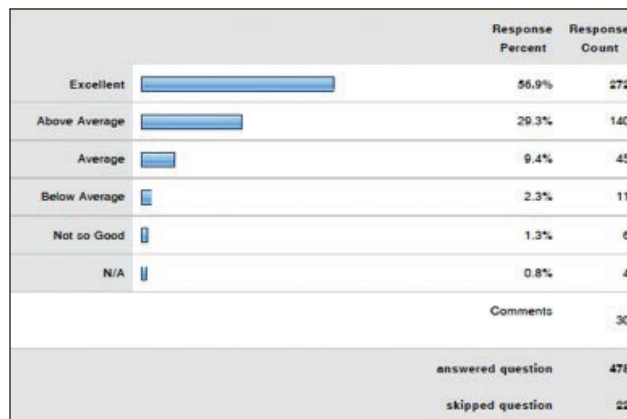


Figure 25: Satisfaction With Host City

All respondents were asked “Satisfaction with hotel location (Harbor Island).” Figure 26 shows that 44% answered either “Above Average” or “Excellent” and 12% said “Average.” Thirty-three percent indicated “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” There were 148 comments and the vast majority were negative citing the location as too remote from downtown San Diego restaurants and entertainment venues; too expensive; little choice of restaurants that were affordable; the expense of taking a cab to downtown San Diego; parking at the hotel being too expensive; etc. A number of respondents said that the 2009 San Diego venue of the Westin in the Gaslamp area of San Diego was superior. PSA members should be aware of the fact that the PSA was able to get reasonable prices for hotel rooms at the Westin in 2009 because we came in on Easter weekend. However, a considerable number of PSA members complained about the meetings being held on Easter weekend. When we chose a hotel in San Diego for 2012 we avoided Easter weekend. The only affordable hotel that could accommodate the PSA in terms of meeting rooms, etc. was the Sheraton at Harbor Island. In short, given the above, the PSA may find it very difficult to return to San Diego in the future.

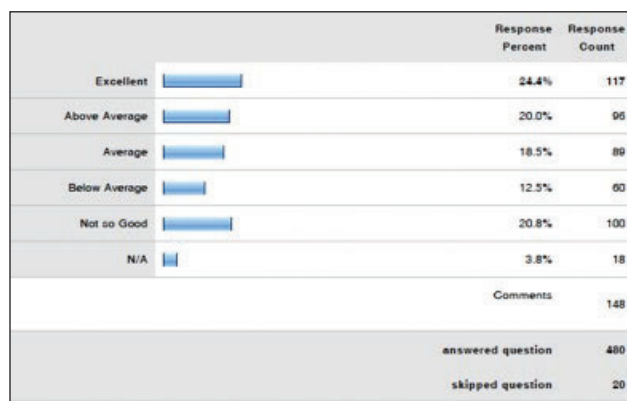


Figure 26: Satisfaction With Hotel Location (Harbor Island)

All respondents were asked “Satisfaction with local amenities (restaurants, pubs, coffee shops, etc.)” Figure 27 demonstrates that 44% answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” and 16% said “Average.” Twenty percent indicated “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” There were 105 comments which were largely negative and reflected the same problems identified in the prior question (Q 28 “Satisfaction with hotel location (Harbor Island).”).

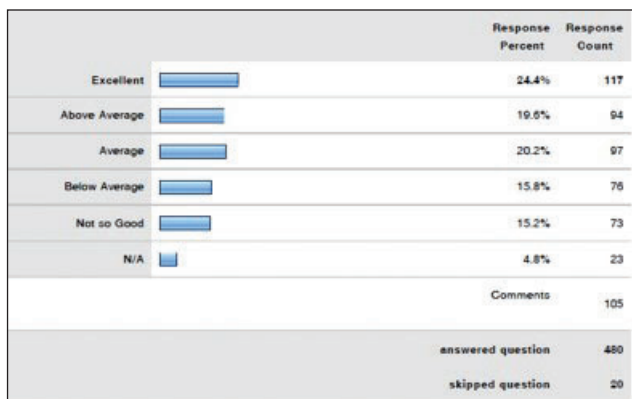


Figure 27: Satisfaction With Local Amenities

Quality Of Restaurant Guides, Effectiveness Of Meeting Space, & Quality Of Book Exhibit

All respondents were asked “Quality of restaurant guides (included with PSA program).” Figure 28 shows that 37% indicated “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 47% last year) and 21% said “Average.” Only 6% said “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” Of the 29 comments, 10 indicated that they did not use the guides. Most of the remaining comments indicated that the guides were useful, but that there weren’t any restaurants within walking distance or an easy cab ride from the hotel.

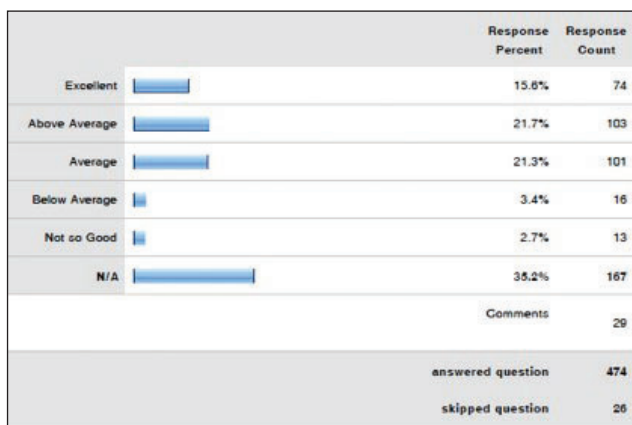


Figure 28: Quality Of Restaurant Guides

All respondents were asked “Effectiveness of meeting space.” Figure 29 shows that 57% responded “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared with 67% last year) and 34% said “Average.” Only 7% responded “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” There were 41 comments and eleven of them were positive. The remaining comments indicated that some of the meeting rooms were too small; that the location was a bit crowded/congested; or that there was not enough space for PSA members to relax, network with others, etc.

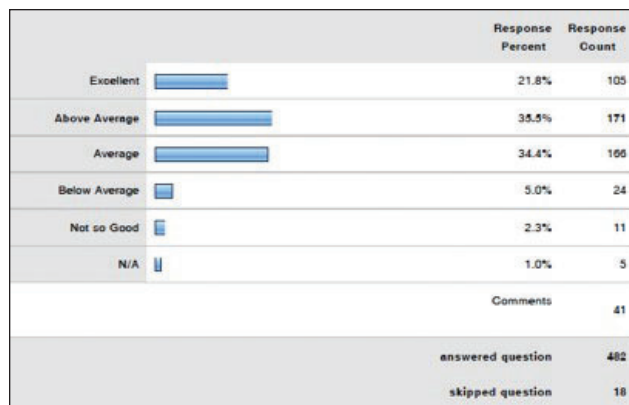


Figure 29: Effectiveness Of Meeting Space

All respondents were asked “Quality of book exhibit.” Figure 30 shows that 40% responded “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 26% last year) and 33% said “Average.” Eleven percent said “Below Average” or “Not so Good” and 16% said “N/A.” Of the 34 comments, 3 said that they did not use the book exhibit and 5 were positive. The remaining comments focused on 1) crowded condition; 2) the exhibit being on two floors; and 3) not enough major publishers being involved. It should be noted that when the PSA places the book exhibit in a separate room (as in the 2011 Seattle meetings), a significant proportion of the members indicated that they prefer to have the book exhibit in the hallways so they can peruse the books as they go from session to session. Also, the lack of enough publishers (and editors) coming to the PSA meetings is something that all of the regional sociological associations are being faced with. The PSA Executive Director and Treasurer went to the 2011 ASA meetings in Las Vegas and met with scores of publishers and encouraged them to come to the 2012 PSA meeting in San Diego. Unfortunately, the publishing companies have been facing financial challenges and cannot attend as many meetings as they would like to.

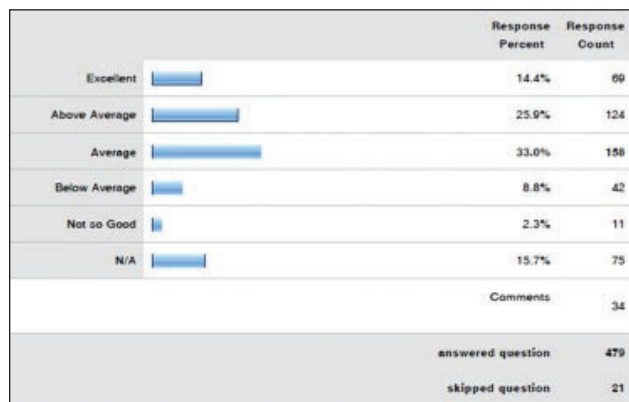


Figure 30: Quality Of Book Exhibit

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Attention! Undergraduate Students and Mentors!

This year, as with changes in the general online submissions, there are two changes to the undergraduate student submissions:

1. Students must submit a three page abstract (two pages of text, one of citations).
2. Students must include the name and email address of their faculty mentor.

For questions, please contact Virginia Mulle (ginnymulle@gmail.com).

Virginia Mulle, Secretary, Pacific Sociological Association

Hotels Utilized & Satisfaction With Rooms/Staff

To begin, all respondents were asked “Did you stay at the Sheraton San Diego on Harbor Island, Hilton on Harbor Island, or Courtyard by Marriott?” Figure 31 shows that 55% responded “Yes” and 45% responded “No.” Last year 53% said they stayed at the Seattle Sheraton.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	54.9%	264
No	45.1%	217
answered question		481
skipped question		19

Figure 31: Stayed At A Psa Hotel(s)

Those who did not stay at a PSA hotel were asked, “If you did not stay in the PSA hotels, what was the main reason?” Figure 32 shows that the modal response (28%) was “Commuted to meeting.” Thirteen percent indicated “Stayed with family or friends”; 16% said “Could not get conference rate (PSA conference rooms sold out)”; 21% said “Stayed at a hotel other than Sheraton, Hilton, Courtyard”; and 23% said “Other”. The 50 PSA members who said “Other” were most likely to indicate that the cost of these hotels was too expensive and that they found less expensive hotels.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Commuted to meeting	28.2%	62
Stayed with family or friends	12.7%	28
Could not get conference rate (PSA conference rooms sold out)	15.5%	34
Stayed at a hotel other than Sheraton, Hilton, Courtyard	20.9%	46
Other (please specify)	22.7%	50
answered question		220
skipped question		280

Figure 32: Reason Why Didn't Stay At PSA Hotel(S)

Those who stayed at a PSA hotel were asked “Did you use the PSA conference rate for your hotel room?” According to Figure 33, 86% said “Yes” while 14% said “No”. There were 37 comments indicating why the PSA conference rate was not used. The vast majority of these comments indicated that 1) hotel was sold out; 2) they booked too late; or 3) they booked the rooms using another internet site.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	86.0%	227
No (please specify reason)	14.0%	37
answered question		264
skipped question		236

Figure 33: Used The PSA Conference Rate For Hotel Room

Those who stayed at a PSA hotel were also asked “Satisfaction with cost of guest rooms.” Figure 34 shows that one half of the respondents indicated “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 46% last year) and 33% said “Average.” Twelve percent said “Below Average” or “Not so Good” and 4% answered “N/A”. There were 19 comments and the vast majority of the comments indicated that the rooms were too expensive.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	20.1%	53
Above Average	29.9%	79
Average	33.0%	87
Below Average	8.0%	21
Not so Good	4.5%	12
N/A	4.5%	12
Comments		19
answered question		264
skipped question		236

Figure 34: Satisfaction With Cost Of Guest Rooms

Those who stayed at a PSA hotel were also asked about guest room quality with, “Quality of guest rooms at Sheraton, Hilton, or Courtyard.” Figure 35 shows that three quarters of the respondents indicated “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared with 87% last year) and 20% said “Average.” Only 4% said “Below Average” or “Not so Good” and 1% answered “N/A”. Twenty PSA members made comments. Eight of the 20 comments were positive and the remaining were negative. The negative comments centered on problems with the wifi and phone/internet lines in the sleeping rooms.

Figure 35: Quality Of Guest Rooms At Sheraton, Hilton, Or Courtyard

All survey respondents were asked “Service by hotel staff.” According to Figure 36, 69% indicated “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 76% last year) and 24% said “Average.” Only 5% answered “Below Average” or “Not so Good” and 2% said “N/A”. There were 18 comments with four of them being positive. The remaining comments were negative and cited the lack of a concierge or unfriendly, rude, inattentive, or patronizing attitudes among hotel staff.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	39.5%	104
Above Average	29.3%	77
Average	24.3%	64
Below Average	3.4%	9
Not so Good	1.9%	5
N/A	1.5%	4
Comments		18
answered question		263
skipped question		237

Figure 36 Here: Service By Hotel Staff

Quality Of The San Diego Meetings

All survey respondents were asked “Overall, how would you rate the quality of the San Diego meetings?” Figure 37 shows that 63% responded “Above Average” or “Excellent” and 30% said “Average.” Only 6% said “Below Average” or “Not so Good” and 1% said “N/A.” There were 24 comments which were about equally split between “great,” “not so great” and “mixed”. The variability of papers delivered within sessions and the problems with the location of the hotel were most often mentioned as problematic.

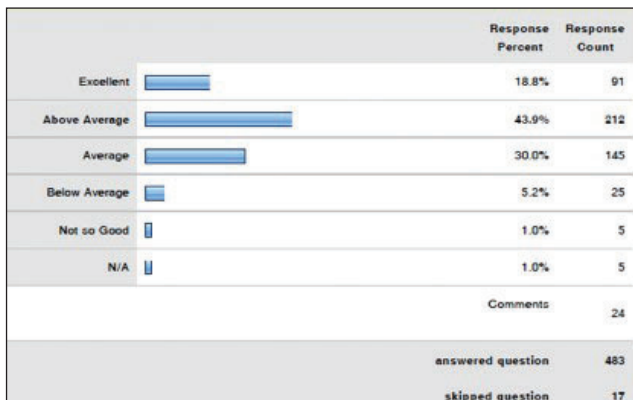


Figure 37: Quality Of The San Diego Meetings

All respondents were asked “How would you compare the quality of the San Diego meetings to previous PSA meetings?” Figure 38 gives the distribution for this question. Thirty six percent of the respondents responded “N/A - This was my first PSA meetings.” Of those that could compare meetings, the modal category was “Average” (or about 40% of those that responded). Forty-two percent of those that could compare answered “Above Average” or “Excellent” (as compared to 34% of last year’s survey). Seventeen percent of those that could compare answered “Below Average” or “Not so Good.” There were 41 comments with 13 respondents indicating that the San Diego meeting were better; 5 couldn’t compare because it was their first conference; 3 indicated that the San Diego meeting was similar; five gave a “mixed” response; and 15 thought the San Diego meeting was not as good as previous meetings, with the venue being the primary reason.

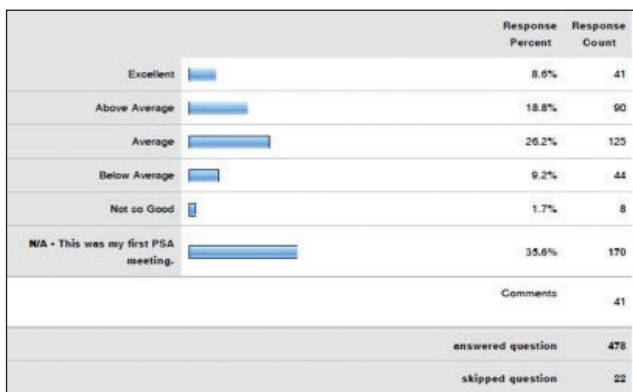


Figure 38: Quality Of San Diego Meetings Compared To Previous PSA Meetings

All respondents were asked “How many previous PSA meetings have you attended?” Figure 39 shows that the San Diego 2012 meeting was the first PSA meeting for 36% of the respondents. The remaining responses are distributed as follows: 29% have attended 2-4 meetings; 12% have attended 5-6 meetings; 6% have attended 7-8 meetings; and 17% have attended nine or more meetings.

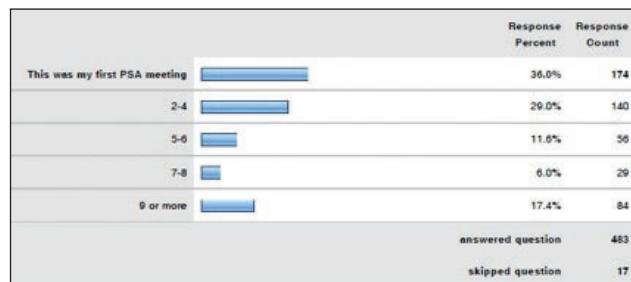


Figure 39: Previous Meetings Attended

All respondents were asked “Do you have any comments or thoughts about the meetings, including ways in which we improve them for next year?” Figure 40 shows that 60% said “No” while 40% said “Yes.” There were 184 comments on how to improve the meetings. Of the 184 comments, 66 dealt with the need for holding meetings in hotels that are better situated (i.e. less isolated) than the Sheraton in San Diego. The next most mentioned suggestion (n=22) was the need to increase the standards for paper acceptance. Attracting more faculty from research institutions was also mentioned frequently (n=9). Eight respondents did not see any reason to make changes and 3 respondents agreed with the changes being made for the 2013 Reno meetings. Also mentioned were 1) free internet access in sleeping rooms; 2) fewer sessions; 3) more plenary sessions; 4) do not have similar sessions held at the same time; 5) do not have sessions on Sunday; 6) prioritize time for Question and Answer; 7) distinguish between completed work and work in progress; 8) have more space for roundtable sessions; 9) have more “author meets critics” sessions; 10) bring in more “big names” from the local area; and 11) the PSA website needs to be overhauled. All of the above concerns have been, or will be, addressed by the PSA office. The above comments are very similar to the comments made in last year’s survey with one major difference. That difference is that there were numerous negative comments about the hotel’s isolation in San Diego while similar comments were not made about the Sheraton in Seattle.

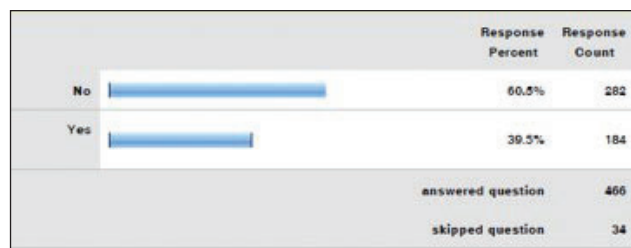


Figure 40: Thoughts Or Comments About The Meetings, Including Ways To Improve For Next Year

Prospective attendance at the 2013 meeting was asked with the question, “Are you planning to attend the 2013 meetings in Reno/Sparks?” Figure 41 shows that 64% of the respondents are planning on attending while 36% are not. Those who do not plan to attend the 2013 meeting were asked, “If not, which of the following is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the Reno meetings?”

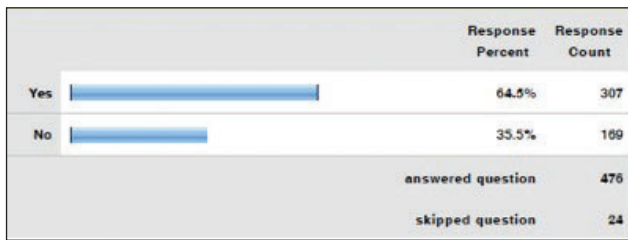


Figure 41: Planning On Attending The 2013 Meetings In Reno/Sparks

Figure 42 gives the following percentage distribution: 26% are not interested in the location; 29% anticipate a lack of funding; 6% were dissatisfied with the previous meeting; and 39% chose “Other (please specify)”. Sixty-eight respondents chose “Other” and the modal response for not planning on attending was that they were graduating (n=16); followed by “attending another conference at the same time” (n=13); “lack of funding” (n=11); “Reno/Sparks” being a bad location” (n=7); and “being out of the country” (n=5).

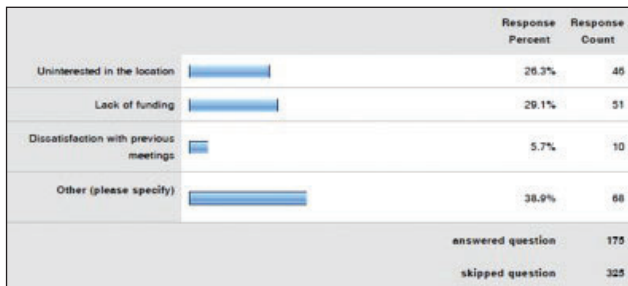


Figure 42: Reason Unlikely To Attend The Reno/Sparks Meetings

Demographics

To begin, all respondents were asked “What is your age?” Figure 43 shows a positively skewed distribution with the following percentages: 16% are under 25; the modal response was 25-35 with 34%; 25% are 36-45; 11% are 46-55; 9% are 56-65; and 4% are over 65. This distribution is very similar to last year’s.

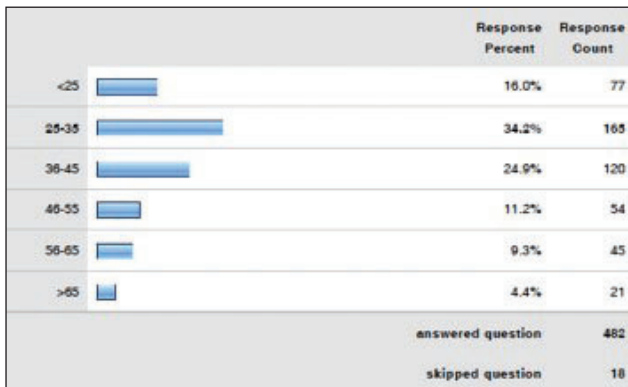


Figure 43: Age

Second, all survey respondents were asked “What is your race/ethnicity?” Figure 44 shows that the PSA membership is still quite “white” with 69% of the membership answering “Caucasian.” The remaining respondents are distributed as follows: Hispanic (9%); Asian/Pacific Islander (8%); Multiracial (7%); African American (2%); Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native (1%); and Other (3%). This distribution is very similar to last year’s.

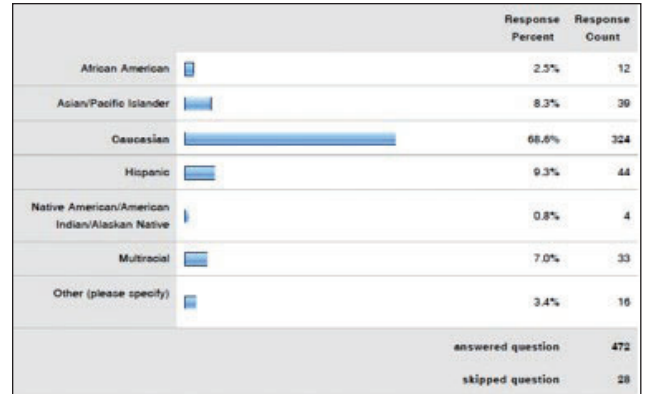


Figure 44: Race/Ethnicity

All respondents were asked “Which category best reflects your institutional affiliation?” Figure 45 gives the following distribution: Four-Year College (37%); Doctoral (33%); Master’s (21%); Community College (5%); Applied Sociologist (3%) and Other (1.7%). This distribution is very similar to last year’s.

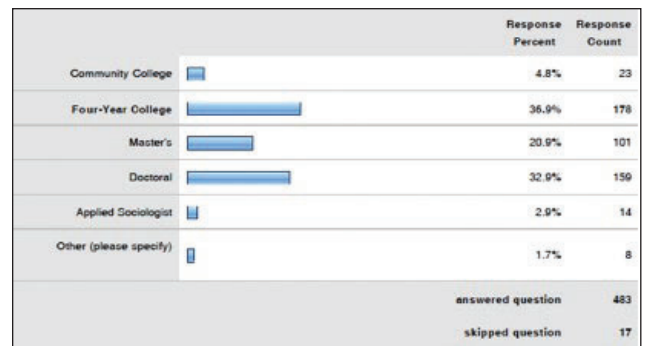


Figure 45: Institutional Affiliation

All survey respondents were asked “What is your gender?” Figure 46 shows that the vast majority (66%) are female while males make up 34%. This distribution is very similar to last year’s.

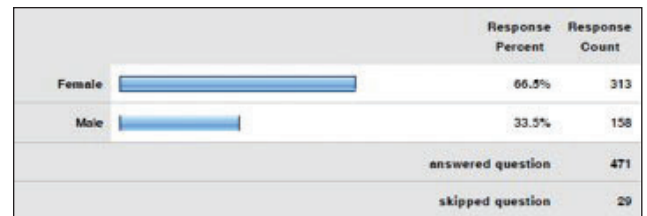


Figure 46: Gender

For education level, all respondents were asked “What is your highest degree of education completed?” Figure 47 shows that the modal category is “Ph.D. Degree” with 44%, followed by “Ph.D. student” (20%); “Master’s Degree” (7%); “Master’s student” (10%); “Bachelor’s Degree” (1%); “Undergraduate student” (11%); and “High School Diploma or Equivalent” (1%). This distribution is very similar to last year’s.

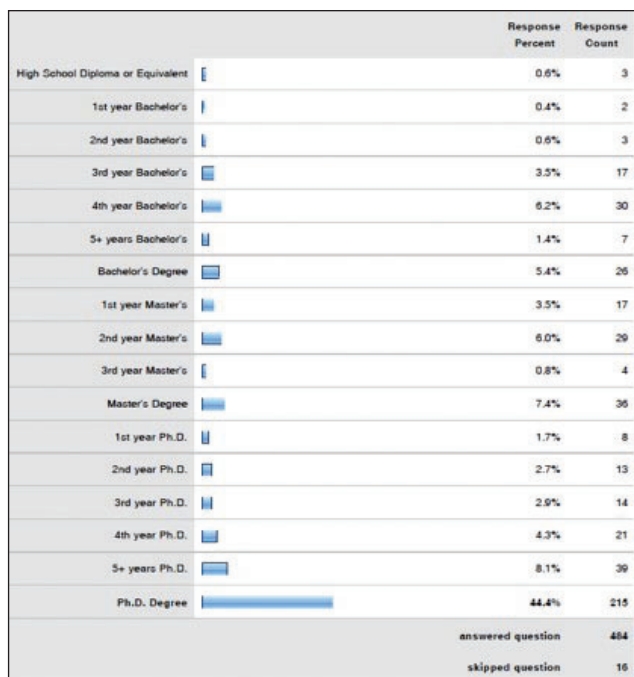


Figure 47: Highest Degree Of Education Completed Summary

This Survey Monkey satisfaction survey of PSA meeting participants is the second of its kind for the PSA. When questions in this year's survey were the same as in last year's, we compared the percentage of respondents who answered "Above Average" or "Excellent" with the percentages from last year's survey. For the most part, the percentages are very similar.

Like last year, PSA participants were, overall, quite happy with the San Diego Conference. The most frequent complaint had to do with the relative isolation of the San Diego Sheraton on Harbor Island and the difficulty in getting to restaurants and entertainment venues. As pointed out in this report, the San Diego Sheraton on Harbor Island was the only hotel the PSA (and its members) could afford in San Diego in 2012. PSA members will be pleasantly surprised with the hotel we will be using in Reno in 2013 and the vast array of affordable restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues within the hotel and within walking distance from the hotel.

Other concerns that were also mentioned in last year's survey were the poor attendance in many sessions, the unevenness of paper quality, the fact that too many people who are on the program fail to show up for the conference, and the fact that the usual PSA session format usually consists only of formal paper sessions with three to five 20 minute presentations. The PSA leadership has taken these concerns into account and is implementing alternative ways to organize and administrate the annual conference.

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