

People, Place, and Power

PSA 2015 Annual Meeting, April 1-4th 2015, in Long Beach, California

The PSA's 2015 Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California promises to be an exciting combination of innovation and tradition. Do not hesitate to book your room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the special PSA rate beginning at \$149 per night through this booking page: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/11237540/owner/3013/home> Rooms are filling up quickly, and the program promises to be both a continuation of what attendees of prior PSA Annual Meetings look forward to and some innovative and fun additions.

The program includes over 1,000 participants and presenters and more than 225 sessions on a wide variety of topics and sub-areas of sociological study. You can access the (rough!) preliminary program [here](#). The 2015 Program Committee has worked hard to build sessions, and the Executive Office and Program Chair have worked to schedule sessions on similar topics so that they are both clustered but not overlapping. You can access a preliminary index of sessions by topical area and/or PSA committee-sponsorship [here](#), and a preliminary index of presenters and session numbers [here](#).

Sessions featuring faculty/applied sociologist and graduate student presenters continue to be organized primarily around topical area and stage of research (formal/completed research and research in progress). Undergraduate students will present their work in either roundtable or poster formats on Thursday, April 2. The program also includes plentiful sessions centered on education, particularly higher education, teaching sociology, and professional development for faculty.

Presidential sessions include:

- *Questions of Social Justice: Ferguson, Missouri and Beyond* (evening of Thursday, April 2)
- *Re-Visioning People, Place, and Power: Building a Social Justice Movement in Long Beach, California* (evening of Friday, April 3)
- *Expanding Feminisms: Intersectionalities, Technologies, and Constituencies* (evening of Friday, April 3)
- Two back-to-back sessions on the special double issue of *The American Sociologist* on PSA as a regional sociological association (afternoon of Friday, April 3)
- *A Sociology of Faculty Unions in Higher Education* (afternoon of Thursday, April 2)
- Inaugural session of new "Sociology Stars Speaker Series" sponsored by the PSA Membership Committee, featuring speaker Michael Messner (evening of Wednesday, April 1)

President Patricia Gwartney has opted to have the Presidential Address and PSA Awards Ceremony be a lunch-time event on Friday, April 3. A boxed lunch will be available for pre-purchase, and all PSA attendees are encouraged to attend.

Another highlight of the 2015 program will be the Friday evening, April 3 performance of comedian W. Kamau Bell, "The W. Kamau Bell Curve: Ending Racism in about an Hour". Tickets for this special event will be available for \$5/

student or \$10/faculty, applied sociologists, etc.

The program also includes various open receptions, including a Welcome/New Members Reception (evening of Wednesday, April 1), PSA Committee-sponsored Receptions (evening of Thursday, April 2), and Student Reception (night of Friday, April 3).

The 2015 PSA program includes some new types of sessions, such as "Dissertations in Progress", where Ph.D. students can meet and work with both faculty experts from universities other than where they are pursuing their degrees and student peers interested in similar topics to discuss their doctoral thesis work in progress.

If you are looking for still more fun and learning about the local area, Long Beach PSA-member-extraordinaire Gary Hytrek is working to arrange some special tours of the Long Beach area, including a "Toxic Tour" where participants will learn about environmental hazards and their impact from a local environmental justice organization (small cost; all proceeds above cost of transportation to go to environmental justice organization), an architectural walking tour, a bicycle tour down the coast, and a port tour (by boat). Look for more information on these special group events on the PSA website, PSA emails to members, and at the registration table for PSA 2015.



At PSA 2015, Friday Night, April 3rd

The W. Kamau Bell Curve: Ending Racism in About an Hour

Just like skinny jeans, superhero movies, and celebrity weight loss, racism continues to make a comeback. Luckily for us, W. Kamau Bell is here to make (non)sense of all of it all. "The Curve" is a comedic, topical exploration of the current state of America's racism, combined with a little (unknown) history, a little Powerpoint, and a whole bunch of Kamau. And because racism is always attacking in new ways and from new angles, Kamau attacks back by constantly adding new material. "The Curve" is a seamless mix of stand-up comedy, video and audio clips, personal stories, knowledge-dropping, and solo theatrical performance. Tickets for this special performance at \$5 Student/\$10 Faculty/etc. will be available at the Registration table at PSA 2015.

Presidential Sessions, PSA 2015

Wednesday evening, April 1: **Sociology Star Speakers Series, co-sponsored by PSA Membership Committee: Michael Messner** (see next page for more information.)

Thursday afternoon, April 2: ***A Sociology of Faculty Unions in Higher Education***, organized by Wendy Ng and Gary Hytrek

Following decades of public divestment from public higher education and neoliberal reforms that have eroded faculty shared governance, faculty unions are pushing back against the crisis in academia and working to build broader alliances to reclaim public goods. Panelists include: Wendy Ng (SJSU, CFA), Gary Hytrek (CSULB), Michael Dreiling (University of Oregon), Jose Padin (PSU), Martin Manteca (SEIU Local 721), Lillian Taiz (CSULA), and Jennifer Reed (UNLV).

Thursday evening, April 2: ***Questions of Social Justice: Ferguson, Missouri and Beyond***, organized by Program Chair Wendy Ng and Blackhawk Hancock

The events in Ferguson, Missouri and Staten Island, New York demonstrate how racial inequities in our judicial system erode perceptions of fairness among communities of color and reinforce beliefs that accountability and justice are reserved for white victims or individuals of higher social status. Given the growing race and class stratification in employment, education, housing, and criminal justice, this panel questions notions of institutional legitimacy, accountability, and social justice around the unfortunate, untimely, and unnecessary deaths of young men of color. Panelists include: Blackhawk Hancock (DePaul University), Melinda Abdullah, (CSULA), Bryan Sykes (UC Irvine), Erwin Chemerinsky (UC Irvine).

Friday afternoon, April 3: ***Re-Visioning People, Place, and Power: Building a Social Justice Movement in Long Beach, California***, organized by Gary Hytrek

The acceleration of Neoliberal globalization in the post-1980 period spurred the rapid deindustrialization and the growth of low-wage work and inequality throughout the United States. After years of neoliberal reforms, Los Angeles County became the epicenter of resistance to the attack on workers' rights and the privatization and commodification of everyday life. Through organizing and alliance building, research and advocacy, community-labor coalitions have pushed back and achieved number of important victories for working families. In this panel we look at the development, evolution, challenges and future possibilities of this model to re-build our communities with reference to the case of Long Beach. Panelists include: Gary Hytrek (CSULB), Chris Tilly (UCLA), Roxana Tynan and Jeaninne Pearce, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE); Tom Walsh, UniteHere11 President.

Friday afternoon, April 3: Two back-to-back sessions on the **Special Issue of *The American Sociologist***, by and about PSA as a regional sociological association, organized by Dennis Downey and Chuck Hohm

Part I, Serving Collective Needs in a Shifting Context, features Presider Valerie Jenness (UC Irvine), and presenters Dean Dorn, (CSU Sacramento), Jonathan Turner (UC Riverside), Enrico Marcelli, Jane Kil, and Genesis Reyes (SDSU), Harry Mersmann (San Joaquin Delta College), Dennis Downey, (CSUCI), Amy Orr, (Linfield College), Matthew Carlson and Tina Burdsall, (PSU), Jessica Schultz, and Robert O'Brien (U of Oregon), James Elliott (Rice University), David Smith (UC Irvine), Kathy Kuipers and Laura Obernesser (U of Montana). **Part II, Maintaining & Serving a Diverse Membership**, features Presider Amy Wharton (WSU), and presenters Patricia Gwartney (U of Oregon), Linda Rillorta (Mt. San Antonio College), Keith Farrington (Whitman College), Lora Vess (U of Alaska, Southeast), Todd Migliaccio (CSUS), Jennifer Murphy (CSUS), Peter Collier (PSU), Sharon Araji (U of Colorado, Denver), Vikas Gumbhir, (Gonzaga University), Michelle Madsen Camacho (USD), Marie Sarita Gaytan (U of Utah), Samuel Gregory Prieto, (USD), A. Carli Richie-Zavaleta (Drexel University), LaTasha Monique Warmsley, (currently unaffiliated), Ramon Torrecilha (CSUDH), and Amy Wharton (WSU).

Friday evening, April 3: ***Expanding Feminisms: Intersectionalities, Technologies, and Constituencies***, organized by Jodi O'Brien

Participants include: Mark Anthony Hunter (UCLA), Tal Peretz (USC), Gary K. Perry (Seattle University), and Zandria Robinson (University of Memphis).



Come and see a Star!

The **PSA Membership Committee** is delighted to kick-off the 86th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association on **Wednesday evening, April 1, 2015**, with what we anticipate will become an annual highlight of our conference – “The Sociology Stars Speaker Series.” The purpose of this series is to give all conference participants an opportunity to see some of our biggest sociology stars in action and learn about the work they are doing. We are so pleased and proud that our inaugural “star” will be **Dr. Michael Messner** of the University of Southern California. Michael is a dynamic and engaging speaker who has accumulated an international reputation for his work in the areas of gender and sport, and men, feminism and politics. His planned talk entitled “Ending Violence against Women: Opportunities and Tensions in Men’s Work as Feminist Allies,” will share some of the research he conducted for a book with Max A. Greenberg and Tal Perez which provides insights on how men have been involved in the anti-violence movement since the 1970s. It will be an event not to be missed!

PSA 2015: An Overview of Sessions by Topical Area

(see next pages for other days)

Wednesday, April 1

12-1:30	1:45-3:15	3:30-4:45	5:15-6:45	Evening
Economic Sociology				Welcome Reception
Social Psychology				
Teaching Sociology and Professional Development				
	Committee on Teaching sponsored: Freeway Flyers and Labor Issues in the Academy	Education		
Medical Sociology				
Crime, Law and Deviance				
Committee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties sponsored: The New Face of the University Work Force: The Corporatization of Higher Education	Race and Ethnicity Committee Sponsored: Talking Circle	Author-Meets-Critic: Fred Block	Presidential Session, Membership Committee -sponsored: Sociology Star Speakers: Michael Messner	
Committee on the Status of LGBTQ Persons Sponsored: LGBTQ Studies	Lifecourse and Aging	Food and Society		
Theory	Race and Ethnicity			
Migration/Immigration				
Emeritus and Retired Faculty Sponsored: Sociology of Leisure Time	Student Affairs Committee Sponsored: PSA 101 Preparing for Presentations	Student Affairs Committee Sponsored: PSA 101 Professionalization	Student Affairs Committee Sponsored: Graduate School: Choosing the Right One	

Travel Information for Long Beach, 2015

Our PSA room rates, at the **Hyatt Regency Long Beach**, per night are \$149 for single or double, \$174 for triple, and \$199 for quadruple occupancy in standard rooms. A rollaway bed is available for \$20. Adding a Harbor View is \$20; a Regency Club room is an additional \$60. Taxes of about 15% will be added. You must **reserve by March 10, 2015 to get the PSA rates**. Parking charges (self or valet) will be about \$21/day. **To make a reservation, [click here](#)**.

To view more information about the hotel, [click here](#) to visit its website--but don't book your room through this page! **Use the link above to access a special booking site just for PSA.** Note: This is *not* the Hyatt *The Pike* Long Beach, which is just down the road.

The hotel is adjacent to the Convention Center and Arena, on the beach at Rainbow Harbor. It's about a 15 minute drive from the Long Beach airport, 30 minutes from LAX, and 35 minutes from Orange County airport. Discount airline JetBlue is headquartered in Long Beach, and may be a place to start looking for flights. They fly to/from Anchorage, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and Las Vegas. In addition, US Airways flies to Long Beach from Phoenix, Delta from Salt Lake City, and Alaska Airlines from Seattle. The hotel does not provide a shuttle service, but many are available from the airport.

Thursday, April 2

8:30-10:00	10:15-11:45	12:00-1:30	1:45-3:15	3:30-5:00	5:15-6:45	Evening
PSA Council and Committee Meetings						Presidential Session: Questions of Justice: Ferguson, Missouri and Beyond
Teaching Sociology and Professional Development						
Higher Education		Alternative Employment Opportunities for Undergraduate and Graduate Sociology Majors			Higher Education	
Medical Sociology						
Race and Ethnicity	Crime, Law and Deviance	Race and Ethnicity	Crime, Law and Deviance	Presidential Session: A Sociology of Faculty Unions in Higher Education		Committee-sponsored receptions
	Sexualities		Sexualities		Sexualities	
	CSA Meeting	CSU Department Chairs Meeting	Committee on Race and Ethnicity sponsored: Talking Circle	Author-Meets-Critics: Victor Rios	Author-Meets-Critics: Pierette Hon-dagneu-Sotelo	
Dissertations in Progress Roundtables	Undergraduate Roundtables and Posters					
Gender					Author-Meets-Critics: Michael Messner, Greenberg, and Peretz	
Political Sociology		Regional Studies and Transnationalism	Globalization			
Committee on Teaching sponsored: Teaching Introductory Sociology in the 21 st Century	Committee on Public, Applied, and Clinical Sociology sponsored: Applying Research Beyond the Academy	Committee on Teaching sponsored: Teaching Sociology in Non-traditional Settings	Membership Committee sponsored: Teaching Undergraduate Statistics	Committee on Public, Applied, and Clinical Sociology sponsored: Using Research for the Common Good		
Social Movements		Social Movements and Social Change			Urban and Community Studies	
		Committee on the Status of Women sponsored: Sport, Gender/ Sexuality and Bodies in Culture	Latina/o Sociology	Committee on Race and Ethnicity sponsored: Can You Dig It? Data-mining Strategies on Race-Ethnicity	Committee on Teaching sponsored: Innovative Teaching Techniques	
	Migration/Immigration		Migration/Immigration			

Friday, April 3

8:30-10:00	10:15-11:45	12:00-1:30	1:45-3:15	3:30-5:00	5:15-6:45	Evening
Stratification and Inequality		Presidential Address and Awards (boxed lunch available \$10)	Stratification and Inequality	Gender	Presidential Session: Expanding Feminisms: Intersectionalities, Technologies, and Constituencies	Student Reception
Marriage, Family, Reproduction			Marriage, Family, Reproduction			
Urban and Community Studies			Urban and Community Studies			
Education	Race, Class, Gender		Teaching Sociology			
Political Sociology			Higher Education			
Crime, Law and Deviance			Ethnography			
Environmental Sociology			Environmental Sociology			
PSA Business Meeting	Committee on Race and Ethnicity sponsored: Talking Circle		Presidential Sessions: Special Issue of <i>The American Sociologist</i> on PSA, Part I and II			
			Presidential Session: Long Beach, California: Revisioning People, Place and Power in the New Industrial Economy	Work and Organizations		
			Author-Meets-Critics: James Joseph Dean	Author-Meets-Critics: Yen Le Espiritu		
	Marxist/Critical Sociology	Committee on the Status of Women sponsored: Subverting Gendered Micro-aggressions	Author-Meets-Critics: Scott Myers-Lipton			
	Committee on the Status of Women sponsored: What do Living Wage Movements Mean for Working Women?					
Methods	Race and Ethnicity	Lifecourse and Aging	Crime, Law and Deviance			
Race, Class, and Gender	Gender	Labor	Media			
Social Movements and Social Change		Social Movements and Social Change				
					The W. Kamau Bell Curve: How to End Racism in About an Hour (\$5 student, \$10 others)	

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Special Pre-Conference on Teaching and Learning

Wednesday, April 1 8 am to 12 pm

Register through the PSA website

Special pre-registration for **both** the AKD Pre-Conference and the PSA Annual Meeting:

\$40 graduate students \$85 faculty/applied sociologists/etc.

Saturday, April 4

8:30-10:00	10:15-11:45	12:00-1:30	1:45-3:15
PSA Council Meeting	Media	Social Movements	
Sexualities	Labor	Sociology of Memory	Science and Technology
Teaching Sociology, Education, and Higher Education			
Arts, Culture, and Popular Culture			Methods
Ethnography			
Race, Class and Gender	Student Affairs Committee sponsored: Hidden Society: Imposter Syndrome and the Historically Marginalized College Student	Social Psychology	
Sport and Leisure			Theory
Childhood and Youth			Author-Meets-Critics: Julie Shayne
Religion			Peace, War and the Military
	Work and Organizations		

Special Travel Information

Go Green! Amtrak is offering a 10% fare discount for PSA attendees. You must book by phone at 1-800-872-1477 or through a travel agent, and use the fare code X36V-920--you *cannot* use this discount on internet bookings. The discount is good for travel to/from Long Beach from March 24 to April 9. This offer is not valid on Auto Train or Acela Service, nor is it combinable with any other discount. It is valid with all other travel, including Sleepers, Business Class, or First Class. The connector bus service stop in Long Beach is about 1 mile from the Meeting hotel.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car is offering a 5% discount off their always low rates, just for PSA attendees. Book online at www.enterprise.com ; choose any location in southern California, enter your arrival and departure dates/times, use the special discount code 32LAINC, then click "search". Use PIN "HCL" and select your car type. You can also make arrangements by emailing VIPhotel@erac.com . Rental cars are easy to pick up at the small Long Beach airport, and the drive to the Hyatt is about 20 minutes.

The Formula E Championship Long Beach ePrix will take place on Saturday, April 4--the last day of our Meeting.

This was not known at the time of scheduling the meeting, and we hope it will not cause too much inconvenience for attendees. The FIA Formula E Championship is the world's first fully-electric racing series, with a total of 10 races, only two of which will take place in the U.S. A total of 20 drivers will take part, including some big names in F1 racing. For more information on the race, [click here](#).

What does this mean for PSA Meeting attendees? The hotel lies in the center of the race track. Although walking routes will be open in and out of the hotel, **cars will not be able to leave or enter the hotel garage for the entire day of Saturday, April 4**, beginning approximately 6:30 am until 6:30 pm. There are nearby hotels with large parking garages where cars will be able to come and go on this day, including two just a few minutes walk from the Hyatt Regency. Alternatively, we are working on arranging an offsite parking area for the Hyatt within a short walking distance. However, if possible, anyone who needs to come and/or go from the Meeting on Saturday may want to consider an alternative to driving.

SESSIONS ON “ALTERNATIVE CAREERS FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS” TO BE OFFERED AT THE 2015 PSA MEETINGS

Charles F. Hohm

San Diego State University & California State University, Dominguez Hills

I am a retired Sociology Professor and University Administrator and as someone who has been actively involved with the PSA (Editor of “Sociological Perspectives,” Vice President, President, and Executive Director), I have been asking myself what I can do that would be most beneficial for the PSA. I gave this considerable thought and came to the conclusion that I should offer to organize sessions on employment opportunities for Sociology students. Only a small fraction of Sociology majors go on to become college and university professors. What kinds of career opportunities then, are available to students with degrees in Sociology? Unfortunately, the discipline of Sociology has not done enough to answer this question. Sociological associations, including the PSA, have not offered many sessions at their annual meetings that focus on alternative careers for Sociology students. I would like to assist the PSA in organizing sessions on alternative careers at its future conferences, so I contacted the PSA Program Chair, Wendy Ng, and our new PSA Executive Director, Lora Bristow, and offered to organize two sessions on alternative careers for the April 2015 PSA meetings in Long Beach. Wendy and Lora thought such sessions would be beneficial to professors and students alike.

I am happy to announce that the PSA will have two sessions on alternative career opportunities for Sociology students at the April 2015 meetings. Both sessions will be on Thursday, April 2nd, and they will be “back to back” (Session 079: 12:00-1:30 PM; Session 096: 1:45-3:15 PM). Both sessions will be in the Hyatt Regency, Floor 1st, Seaview Ballroom C. In the first session, the first presenter will be Steven A. Bloch (Ph.D. in Sociology from USC) who will be discussing research that he has been involved with at the Automobile Club of Southern California. Dr. Bloch will be followed by Ms. Paulette K. Freeman (B.A. in Humanities/Education at Tabor College; currently serving as a member of the Program Committee and of the Membership Committee of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals; and President and owner of Resolutions! Inc.) who will be speaking about the opportunities and sociological parallels with Vocational Rehabilitation, Forensics, and Life Care Planning. I will be discussing research conducted by the American Sociological Association on employment opportunities for students with degrees in Sociology. The second session will feature Bayliss J. Camp (Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University) who will be discussing research he has been involved with at the Department of Motor Vehicles in California. Dr. Bayless will be followed by Marcia Bonner Meudell (Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst) who will talk about research and administrative work she has done at Kaiser Permanente. I will present additional research conducted by the American Sociological Association on employment opportunities for students with degrees in Sociology

There will be ample time after each session for Questions and Answers and the presenters of both sessions will be in attendance at both sessions to answer questions that faculty and students might have.

Finally, I ask my professor colleagues to send me names and contact information on their former students involved in interesting alternative careers. I would like to contact these former students and invite them to come to future PSA meetings to discuss their careers.

“Making Connections” Mentorship Program

Sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Objectives: As a committee whose interest is to support the underrepresented groups at our conference – people of color and racial/ethnic minorities—we want to provide an opportunity for sociologists (faculty and practitioners) to meet with graduate or undergraduate students during the conference for up to an hour. Through this meeting, the mentor would have the opportunity to demystify the PSA conference processes so the student(s)/mentee(s) feel more welcome and point to places they can get involved and connected. In addition, this meeting could be an opportunity for the mentees to share their interests in the field of sociology.

Invitation: The Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities invites you to participate in our “Making Connections” mentorship program. Please contact us if you are a sociologist and interested in meeting with a graduate or undergraduate student(s) for up to an hour during the PSA conference 2015.

If you are a minority graduate or undergraduate student, who is new to the PSA conference, or would like to meet with a mentor about ways of connecting or ideas about applying your sociological knowledge, please let us know. You will be responsible for setting up the meeting before the conference. If interested, contact us. Please apply **ONLY** if you know you will be attending and if you are committed to showing up to your scheduled meeting. Thank you!

SOCIOLOGISTS (faculty/practitioners): Yes, I would like to volunteer my time as a mentor during the PSA conference.

Name _____ Institution _____

Title _____ Email _____

Number of students I would like to mentor (3 max.) _____

STUDENTS: Yes, I would like to meet with a mentor during the PSA conference. I am aware I am responsible to set up the meeting.

Name _____ Institution _____

Undergraduate Student _____ Graduate Student _____ Years in program _____

Years attending the PSA conference _____ Email _____

Please send the above information to the organizers of the Making Connections program, Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, psa.csrem@gmail.com. Subject of the email: PSA Making Connections Program. **Deadline: March 13, 2015.**

On the next pages, you can find interviews with both a mentor and mentee of the “Making Connections” Program from PSA 2013.

Special events with prior reservation required at PSA 2015

Thursday, April 2 7:00-8:30 am **Breakfast for SWS members** Make reservation with Shelley Eriksen, seriksen@csulb.edu, by March 25, 2015.

Friday, April 3 7:00-8:30 am **Breakfast for Sociology Department Chairs**, sponsored by ASA . Make reservation with Jean Shin, shin@asanet.org, by March 27, 2015.

Under the leadership of A. Carli Richie-Zavaleta and LaTasha Warmlesley, the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities established the "Making Connections" Mentorship Program in 2013. Jean Shin and Alexis Grant were paired together as mentor/mentee that same year and have shared some of their reflections on their participation.

Interview with Jean Shin, Ph.D. , Director, Minority Affairs Program, American Sociological Association

Why did you decide to participate in the program?

I wanted to experience the PSA in a different way than simply attending the Annual Meeting, and help support a new PSA program that was just getting off the ground. Given my general interests in the professional socialization of students across the higher education pipeline (high school, college, graduate school, postdoc), as well as the promotion of opportunities for students of color, it was a great fit.

How would you describe the program to potential mentors?

It is a really terrific way to connect one-on-one with a student from another institution (and likely, another geographical area). Mentoring is about forming and sustaining relationships and getting to know students as people. I enjoyed learning about Alexis' background growing up, which gave me a lot of insight into her inspiration to study sociological topics and her passion for being active on her campus.

What was the most beneficial aspect of the program?

The opportunity to get to know Alexis individually, but also to know that I was part of a larger effort on the part of the PSA to create a safe space and a networking opportunity for students and mentors alike. While mentoring is important as a one-on-one dynamic, it is also a collective process, and the PSA is shaping an environment where mentees and mentors can get to know many different people.

Would you like to share any additional comments or thoughts?

I would like to see the PSA Mentoring Program continue to grow and develop. There may be room for one-on-one interactions to morph into group interactions, where mentees can talk with mentees and mentors with mentors, and then perhaps as a small group. As long as there are committed people involved, and a space provided, the conversations that take place will make for lasting relationships.

Interview with Alexis Grant, B.A. in Sociology , Humboldt State University 2014

Cal-SOAP College and Career Services Technician, Humboldt County of Education

Why did you decide to participate in the program?

I decided to participate in the mentoring program because it sounded like something that would really help me figure out my life after college. I'm first-generation so I had no idea what to expect. I felt lost and I needed to talk to someone who had experience navigating the field of sociology and in particular graduate school. I knew I couldn't do it on my own.

How would you describe the program to potential mentees?

I would say that it's a program where you have the opportunity to find support and encouragement in learning or finding your path. It's a program that helps maximize your connections as well a program that will empower you to follow the path that best suits you. It's a program that is rooted in mutual respect and partnership between the mentor and mentee. You will definitely have continual growth. With that, note that it will only truly be what you make it. What you put into the mentorship is what you will get out of it. It's a commitment.

What was the most beneficial aspect of the program?

Having a mentor like Jean! Besides that it was really beneficial to have someone who was willing to pick up the phone and listen to me. Someone who had been there and done what I was interested in. Also, it was beneficial to have someone who was willing to be honest and give me a reality check when I needed it. Lastly, Jean was cool enough to introduce me to some of his colleagues when I ran into him at ABS in New York. So I guess if I had to sum it up it would be:

- Having someone who understands what you're going through
- Someone who can be realistic in helping you figure out your goals
- Having the ability to network and make connections

Would you like to share any additional comments or thoughts?

Anyone who is feeling confused or lost about what your next steps are should definitely participate in the program. A mentor can help you find the right directions and come up solutions to (most) issues you're having in dealing with finding that path. They help you believe in yourself and boost your self-esteem and confidence, while asking you the challenging questions needed to help you. They guide you and provide encouragement. It gives you an opportunity to become aware of yourself and take responsibility of your education and your life direction.

DONATIONS TO THE PSA ENDOWMENT FUND, JANUARY 1 2014 TO DECEMBER 31 2014

The following members generously donated to the PSA Endowment Fund that currently supports giving 50 \$125 travel grants to students attending and presenting in the annual meeting and cash awards for outstanding undergraduate and graduate student papers. And thanks also to those who donated gifts and those who purchased them at the annual Endowment Fund Silent Auction in Portland.

Bequests (Since December 1, 2012): Dean S. Dorn

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Once again PSA Endowment Committee is asking for your help and assistance in developing a silent auction at the annual meeting in Long Beach. The Endowment Fund supports 50 \$125.00 student travel grants to the annual meeting.

As you prepare to attend the meeting in Long Beach, we are asking you to consider contributing an item or items to the silent auction. The donated items can be almost anything, even re-gifts, and can range from candy to coffee, to framed art, to hand-made clothing items, to food baskets, etc. The items need to be portable, so those who bid the highest will be able to travel with them. They do not need to be expensive.

There will be an auction table or tables in the registration area in Long Beach where items can be checked in. Auction-bid sheets will indicate the name of the donor (if you so wish).

Please help us to make this a success and to increase the funding for the Endowment so student grants can be awarded in the future. And please stop by and bid on an item of you are interested. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card.

If you have questions, please contact me at dornds@saclink.csus.edu

On behalf of the Endowment Committee,

Dean S. Dorn, Chair, PSA Endowment Committee and PSA Treasurer

From the Library of Social Science

Library of Social Science will be creating and organizing a special book exhibit for the 2015 Pacific Sociological Association meeting. Please respond to this request immediately, providing information on BOOKS YOU HAVE AUTHORED (OR BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT) THAT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN THE PSA BOOK EXHIBIT. Our goal is to present a comprehensive collection of the latest and most significant titles in the field. Please help us develop an all-inclusive exhibit by suggesting relevant titles—books you have authored as well as titles you've found insightful and important. We seek to exhibit monographs and texts on all aspects of Sociology.

To recommend titles for the book exhibit, simply reply to bookexhibits@libraryofsocialscience.com or fax [413-832-8145](tel:413-832-8145) with the following information:

(1) The title, publisher and publication date for each book you are recommending.

(2) If you are an author: The name, telephone number and e-mail address of your contact at each press. Please be sure to provide your own contact details as well, should we require additional information.

For more information, contact Mei Ha Chan at [718-393-1075](tel:718-393-1075).

Student volunteers needed for conference!

This is a great opportunity for students to meet people and become involved at the PSA conference. If you are interested in volunteering for three hours in exchange for a waiver of registration fees and 2014-15 membership, please contact **Volunteer Coordinator Tina Burdsall** at tdb@pdx.edu for more more information.

STUDENT TRAVEL FUNDS FOR THE MEETING IN LONG BEACH

The PSA Endowment Committee Announces **50 \$125 Travel Grant Awards for Students Listed in the Program** and Attending the Annual Meeting in Long Beach and **40 \$30 Registration Fee Only Grants for Students Attending the Meeting and Not Listed in the Program.**

\$125 Travel Grants: The travel grant awards are 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 be listed as a presenter or co-presenter in a conference session in the PSA Preliminary Program for the annual meeting in Long Beach. **Eligible students must also be members of the PSA in 2015 and must have paid pre-registration fees for the conference in Long Beach. Membership on a PSA committee does not count for eligibility.** Students who apply for a \$125 travel grant are not eligible to receive the \$30 registration fee only grant.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements above should send their name and email address to the Endowment Committee at (dornds@saclink.csus.edu) and indicate they are applying for the travel grant. The deadline for submission is March 16. A random-numbers table will be used to assign a number to all eligible applicants. A random drawing will determine the recipients. Recipients of the travel grant awards will receive an email confirming they have been granted the award. If an applicant does not receive an email confirming an award, it means they were not randomly chosen. All recipients must pick-up their \$125 travel grant at the PSA Registration Table at the conference in Long Beach. Identification will be required.

\$30 Registration Fee Only Grants: The registration fee only grants are open to any community college, undergraduate or graduate student who is attending the conference in Long Beach and who is not listed in the meeting program as a presenter. Eligible students do not need to be PSA members in 2015.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements above should send their name and email address to the Endowment Committee at (dornds@saclink.csus.edu) and indicate they are applying for the registration grant. The deadline for submission is March 16th. Recipients will receive an email confirming they have been given a registration only grant. They will be automatically registered for the conference in Long Beach.

2015 PSA Membership and Registration

Frequently Asked Questions on PSA Membership and Registration rules

Q) Who *has* to pay membership?

A) Any sociologist (faculty, student, applied/public/etc.) who **resides in the PSA region** (Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Baja California, Sonora, and Chihuahua) **and whose name will be listed in the 2015 Annual Meeting Program** (as a presenter, presider, discussant, panelist, session organizer, etc.). Note: To be eligible for possible PSA travel grants, students who are presenting at the Meeting must be current members of PSA, and have prepaid registration fees. Information on the process to apply for these travel grants will be posted in January. **Of course, we encourage everyone to become a member of PSA**--and gain the benefits of this membership, including receipt of our journal, *Sociological Perspectives*, and the PSA newsletter, *The Pacific Sociologist*, as well as the right to vote in PSA elections, and eligibility for PSA offices and committee memberships.

Q) Who does *not* have to pay membership?

- A) 1. Sociologists who reside in the PSA region and want to attend the Annual Meeting but whose names will *not* appear on the Program. These folks can simply pay Registration if they choose.
 2. Sociologists who do *not* reside in the PSA region, but whose names will appear on the 2015 Program (as presenters, presidors, panelists, etc.). These folks can simply pay Registration if they choose.
 3. Those whose names are on the 2015 Program but who are *not* sociologists.

Q) Who *has* to pay Registration?

A) **Everyone** who attends the Annual Meeting. The one exception is for participants who are invited by Program Committee session organizers to be part of a specific session (not the general Meeting) and who are *not* sociologists.

2015 Annual Meeting Registration:

\$30 Student Pre-registration (\$35 if you register at the Meeting)
 \$60 Faculty/Others Pre-registration (\$65 if you register at the Meeting)

2015 Membership rates:

\$25 Student
 \$40 Faculty/Others with annual income of less than \$30,000
 \$50 Faculty/Others with annual income of \$30,000-70,000
 \$60 Faculty/Others with annual income of greater than \$70,000

Join Online: Click on (secure site) <https://www.meetingsavvy.org/psa>. You can pay by credit or debit card only.

Join by Mail: Download and fill out the [2015 membership and registration printable form](#), then mail in. You can pay by credit card or check using the form. Please allow two weeks after mailing for your membership/registration to become active.

You can find more information at the PSA website, pacificsoc.org

PSA Announces Search for New Editor or Co-Editors of *Sociological Perspectives*

Sociological Perspectives (SP), published by Sage, announces a search for the journal's next editor or co-editors. The editor or co-editors will officially serve a three-year term beginning in January 2016. The new editorial office, however, must open by July 1, 2015. This editorial term is potentially renewable upon mutual agreement between the editor and the Pacific Sociological Association. The PSA welcomes proposals from individuals, a team or a department.

The editor will be responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making final decisions on all submissions to the journal, and will manage all aspects of the publication and review process using the Manuscript Central electronic submission and review platform. The editor will be expected to work with the publisher to ensure timely and accurate delivery of manuscripts for publication.

The journal's purpose is to advance research, theory, scholarship, and practice within sociology and related disciplines. *SP* offers a wealth of pertinent articles spanning the breadth of sociological inquiry. In the pages of *SP*, contributions by leading scholars typically address the ever-expanding body of knowledge about social processes related to economic, political, cultural and historical issues. Published quarterly, each issue of *Sociological Perspectives* offers 170 pages of pertinent and up-to-the-minute articles within the field of sociology. *SP*'s Impact Factor in the 2012 Journal Citation Reports was 0.763, and it is ranked 77/139 in Sociology.

Applicants should have a publishing track record, strong organizational and management skills, the ability to work well with others, and a commitment to PSA's mission: to advance scholarly research on all social processes and areas of social life, to promote high quality teaching of sociological knowledge, and to mentor the next generation of sociologists. Consistent with principles of scientific investigation, the PSA endorses engagement of sociologists in areas of social justice and social responsibility. In addition, applicants should reside in the western region served by the Pacific Sociological Association in the United States (i.e., Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington), Canada (i.e., British Columbia and Alberta), or Mexico (Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua). Candidates should be able to work with scholars across borders.

PSA provides *SP* with editorial support. The institution that hosts the journal will also be expected to provide support for the editor and the journal office. Your application should indicate the expected level of institutional support.

Applicants should send a letter of application which includes their vision for the future of the journal and a description of their qualifications for the editorship. Applicants should also include copies of their CV and documentation indicating prospective institutional support.

Applications, nominations and requests for additional information should be sent electronically to the Chair of the Publications Committee: Professor Manuel Barajas, California State University, Sacramento. Email address: mbarajas@csus.edu. Please put "SP editor application" in the subject line of your email. **Deadline for applications has been extended from February 1, to March 2, 2015.**

Volunteer Presiders are still needed for a few sessions at PSA 2015

Duties include checking that the room is in order, introducing presenters, keeping time, counting attendees, and passing out and collecting session assessments. If you are a faculty member or graduate student and willing to volunteer, please contact the PSA Executive Office at psa@humboldt.edu.

Volunteer to Serve on a PSA Committee

The PSA Committee on Committees is beginning the process of appointing members to all committees for the cycle beginning next year. *Please consider submitting your name for appointment.* Committees serve a wide range of important roles in helping the PSA to serve our members and to lead our profession – and serving on a committee is a great way to meet and to network among colleagues in our region. Committee service is a two-to-three year commitment (this varies as committee structures are currently in transition). Members should plan to attend PSA meetings and to assist committee tasks during their term of service.

Each of the committees below needs multiple appointments to begin service in 2016; for information on committee charges, please refer to the PSA website (www.pacificsoc.org):

Awards Committee	Committee on Civil Rights & Civil Liberties
Committee on Community College	Membership Committee
Committee on Practice, Applied, & Clinical Sociology	PSA Endowment Committee
Committee on the Status of LGBTQ Persons in Sociology	Committee on the Status of Women
Committee on Teaching	Committee on Freedom of Research & Teaching
Emeritus & Retired Faculty Committee	Committee on Race & Ethnic Minorities
Student Affairs Committee	Social Conscience Committee

If you are interested in (or have questions about) committee service, please contact the Chair of the Committee on Committees, Dennis Downey (dennis.downey@csuci.edu). If you would like to volunteer for appointment, please indicate which committees you are interested in serving (and please include more than one, since PSA requirements for regional representation may narrow possible appointments).

Thank you for considering this invitation, and we hope to hear from you!

2014 PSA Election Results

President 2016-17: Karen Pyke (UC Riverside) Vice President 2016-17: Michelle Camacho (U. of San Diego)

Council 2015-17: Leontina Hormel (Northern, University of Idaho), Kathleen Kaiser (Central, CSU Chico), Augustine Kposowa (Southern, UC Riverside) Council (Graduate Student) 2015-16: Sarah Diefendorf (U. of Washington)

Committee on Committees 2015-18: Michelle Inderbitzin (Northern, Oregon State), Ynez Wilson Hirst (Central, St. Mary's College), Marisol Clark-Ibañez (Southern, CSU San Marcos)

Publications Committee 2015-18: Celia Winkler (Northern, U. of Montana), Ellen Berg (Central, CSU Sacramento)

Nominations Committee 2015-18: Christie Batson (Southern, U. of Nevada, Las Vegas)

PSA Members: You can now access Sociological Perspectives online through the new PSA Member Portal, on the PSA website!

[Note: we are in the process of inputting 2015 members who signed up before this new system was active into the system. These members will receive an email including an initial new login password, which they will then be able to change as desired.]

PSA Council Business September 2014-January 2015

Month	Item	Outcome
September 2014	Contract with Helms Briscoe for hotel negotiation services (no cost to PSA)	Approved
	Contract with Meeting Savvy to develop new member login, e-store, administrative database, assist with website development	Approved
	Open account with Fidelity Investments	Approved
	Marriott Oakland 2016 Contract	Approved
November 2014	Contract for W. Kamau Bell performance at PSA 2015	Approved
	Begin conversion of legal/tax status from Nonprofit Association to Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation	Approved

**PSA 2016 March 30-April 2,
Marriott City Center, Oakland California**

Plan ahead—mark the dates in your calendar!

President: Robert Nash Parker Vice President : Mary Virnoche

Linking Theory and Practice: the Conduct of Sociology

Look for Call For Proposals and more information soon on the PSA website

2014-2015 PSA OFFICERS

President: Patricia Gwartney, U. of Oregon

Vice President: Dennis Downey, CSU Channel Islands

COUNCIL: Amy Orr, Linfield U.

Sylvanna Falcon, UC Santa Cruz

Michelle Camacho, U. of San Diego

Miriam Abelson, Portland State U.

Jocelyn Hollander, U.of Oregon

Amy Leisenring, SJSU

Ellen Reese, UC Riverside

SECRETARY: Amy Denissen, CSU Northridge

CO-EDITORS of *Sociological Perspectives*: James Elliot, Rice U., Robert O'Brien and Jean Stockard, U. of Oregon

PSA STAFF: Lora Bristow, Executive Director, P.O. Box 4161, Arcata, CA 95521

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Leontina Hormel, U. of Idaho

Kathleen Kaiser, CSU Chico

Augustine Kposowa, UC Riverside

Sarah Diefendorf, U. of Washington

TREASURER: Dean Dorn, CSU Sacramento

Support the PSA by Giving to the Endowment Fund

The mission of the Endowment Fund is to support and sustain the mission of the PSA, which is a) to advance scholarly research on all social processes and areas of social life, b) to promote high quality teaching of sociological knowledge, c) to mentor the next generation of sociologists and d) consistent with principles of scientific investigation, endorse engagement of sociologists in areas of social justice and social responsibility.

The PSA Endowment Fund is a capital fund that is invested. Only the earnings from the fund are used to support the association. **Currently, income from the fund is used to support student awards and student travel grants to the annual meeting.**

Your Donation is Tax Deductible. The PSA is a recognized nonprofit association and can accept tax deductible contributions. Donors will receive a letter verifying their donations near the end of the tax year. **The PSA Will Recognize Donors** in the annual meeting program and in the association's newsletter. We will also honor those who wish to remain anonymous.

Ways You Can Donate

- a) You can donate online, through the PSA e-store, from \$5 to \$500.
- b) You can send a check, with a note that it is for the Endowment Fund, to: Pacific Sociological Association, PO Box 4161, Arcata, CA 95521.
- c) You can make a bequest in your estate.
- d) You can contribute an item for the annual Endowment Fund silent auction that is held during the annual meeting.

Your donation of any amount will help sustain the association, show your appreciation for your past or current involvement with the PSA, and support future sociologists and the discipline.

Other Announcements

Midwest Sociological Society Seeks Editor for *The Sociological Quarterly*

The Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record and editorial experience to be the next editor of *The Sociological Quarterly (TSQ)*. Since 1960, *TSQ's* contributors, peer-reviewers, advisory editors, and readers have made it one of the leading generalist journals in the field. Editing *TSQ* is a unique, rewarding professional responsibility that brings visibility and distinction to a department and university.

During his/her four-year appointment, the editor solicits, reviews, and makes decisions about all manuscript submissions. The editorial office employs an efficient, productive web-based submission and peer review system, ScholarOne *Manuscripts*. The new editor will be open an office no later than March 1, 2016, and will edit volumes published in 2017-2020.

MSS provides generous support to the editor, including \$10,000 annual stipend, \$2,500 travel fund, one course release "buy-out", half-time managing editor. The precise scope of editorial office support will be negotiated by the finalist, his/her institution, and the Publications Committee.

The review process begins Feb. 1, 2015. Finalists will be interviewed during the MSS Annual Meeting, March 26-29, 2015, in Kansas City. Read more about the position and application procedure at www.TheMSS.org. Questions? Contact MSS at (319)338-5247 or [by email](mailto:).