Getting Ready for Portland

The Portland meetings are just over two months away. If you haven’t already done so, we hope that you’ll get registered for the meetings, make your hotel reservation, and finalize your travel plans to the Rose City. Over 1000 participants from 40 different states and the District of Columbia will be attending this meeting. We are also delighted to welcome numerous international scholars who will be joining us from over 15 different countries. The PSA meetings are the place to be in 2014.

The Program

In this Newsletter you’ll find a copy of the Preliminary Program. Thanks to the hard-working members of the Program Committee, we are pleased to report that attendees can choose from over 200 sessions. Sessions devoted to research presentations cover 28 topic areas. From applied sociology to the sociology of work, the PSA program should appeal to all sociologists. As in past years, the sessions will have several different formats. About 20 are “author-meets-critic” sessions and several others feature invited speakers. Continuing a practice began last year, in addition to sessions designated as formal research presentations, some sessions will be devoted to research-in-progress. We hope this variety will make the sessions interesting, the debate lively, and the meetings exciting.

Included in the program are numerous “Presidential” sessions. These sessions were selected because of their particular relevance to the conference theme – (Un) Changing Institutions: Work, Family, and Gender in the New Economy. This year is an especially appropriate time to reflect on issues of societal inequalities and workplace change. In his State of the Union Address on January 14, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson launched the War on Poverty and began the push for other social legislation, including the Economic Opportunity Act and the Civil Rights Act, both of which passed in 1964. Fifty years later, what has changed? An invited Presidential session on Saturday takes up this question. We will hear from four sociologists with expertise on the history and dynamics of racial and gender segregation, employment discrimination, and the impact of legal and workplace policies aimed at reducing racial and gender inequalities.

Other Presidential sessions address topics including 21st century families, work and family intersections, and the global economy. The PSA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address takes place on Friday afternoon. This event is an opportunity for us to recognize members’ distinctive contributions in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and practice. My Presidential address will expand on the meeting theme, exploring issues of change and stability in the overlapping arenas of gender, work, and family. At the conclusion of the Presidential Address, all are invited to gather, celebrate, and sip an Oregon microbrew or two at the Presidential Reception.

There will be a Presidential Plenary session on Saturday afternoon. Four distinguished scholars of work, family, and gender will discuss work-family issues in the workplace. The panelists, including Shelley Correll, Jennifer Glass, Erin Kelly, and Leslie Hammer, share an approach to this topic that is informed by their efforts to not merely study the workplace, but to actively attempt to change it. There will be ample time for discussion among the panelists and with the audience.

Teaching is important to PSA members. More than two dozen sessions address various aspects of teaching sociology. Topics include online teaching and pedagogical initiatives related to experiential and service learning, technology in the classroom, and use of the case method.

Discussions about race and racial inequality are a feature of sociology classrooms everywhere. In an innovative “author-meets-instructors” session, Eduardo Bonilla Silva will discuss his book, *Racism Without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America.*

The PSA Program also contains professional development workshops for members at all career stages. Whether you’re an undergraduate contemplating graduate school or a senior faculty member running a department, there may be one that interests you. Attendees can also attend workshops, including “Preparing for Changes in the MCAT Exam: Opportunities and Challenges for Sociology Programs” (sponsored by the Department Resources Group of the ASA), and “Media Literacy, Critical Thinking, and Validated Independent News: A Project Censored Workshop for Teachers and Students” (led by teachers affiliated with Project Censored).

Last but not least, the Pacific Sociological Association actively promotes student involvement in the annual meeting. In Portland, over 150 undergraduate students will present their work in 24 roundtables and four poster sessions.

The Place

We know that you will be busy going to sessions and workshops, browsing the book exhibit, and attending a PSA committee meeting or two. But the annual meeting is an excellent time to gather informally with colleagues, and Portland offers ample opportunities to do just that. Rob Gardner (Linfield College) and Tina Burdsall (Portland State University) are working on a variety of “local arrangements.” Rob is putting together several self-guided tours and group meet-up options. He will provide instructions on where to go and how to get there. Portland is famous for its beer, coffee, food carts, chocolate, and donuts, and look for these items on his tours. In addition, Tina and her students are working on a “cheap eats” guide and a guide for getting around Portland on public transportation. Portland is a foodie paradise, has vibrant neighborhoods, and offers a lot to explore in the outdoors. As your 2014 President and Portland resident, I’m happy to offer suggestions for how best to fill your time away from the meetings!

Amy Wharton, President
Amy Orr, Program Chair
### Council Meetings

2013-2014 Council Meeting: Friday, March 28  8:30-10:00am  
2014-2015 Council Meeting: Sunday, March 30  8:30-10:00am

### Elected Permanent Committees

- **Nominations Committee**: Friday, March 28  1:45-3:15pm
- **Committee on Committees**: Friday, March 28  3:30-5:00pm
- **Publications Committee**: Saturday, March 29  1:45-3:15pm

### Appointed Standing Committees

- **Awards Committee**: Friday, March 28  10:15-11:45am
- **Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching**: Friday, March 28  10:15-11:45am
- **Committee on Community Colleges**: Friday, March 28  12:00-1:30pm
- **Committee on Civil Rights & Civil Liberties**: Friday, March 28  12:00-1:30pm
- **Emeritus Committee**: Friday, March 28  1:45-3:15pm
- **Endowment Committee**: Friday, March 28  1:45-3:15pm
- **Membership Committee**: Friday, March 28  3:30-5:00pm
- **Committee on Teaching**: Saturday, March 29  8:30-10:00am
- **Student Affairs Committee**: Saturday, March 29  8:30-10:00am
- **Committee on the Status of LGBTQ Persons in Sociology**: Saturday, March 29  10:15-11:45pm
- **Committee on Race & Ethnic Minorities**: Saturday, March 29  12:00-1:30pm
- **Committee on Practice, Applied, & Clinical Sociology**: Saturday, March 29  1:45-3:15pm
- **Committee on the Status of Women**: Saturday, March 29  1:45-3:15pm

### Other Meetings

- **CSA Board Meeting**: Saturday, March 29  8:30-10:00am
- **Editorial Board Meeting for Sociological Perspectives**: Saturday, March 29  10:15-11:45am
- **Planning Luncheon for the 2015 Program Committee**: Saturday, March 29  12:00-1:30pm

*The Site Selection Committee, Contracting Monitoring Committee, Audit Committee, Social Conscience Committee, and the 2014 Program Committee will not meet as their work has already been done.*

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Please inform us of email, telephone, or address changes at psa@humboldt.edu. Visit www.pacificsoc.org to keep your membership up-to-date and to pre-register for the 2014 annual meeting in Portland.
Registration and membership dues for those listed in the preliminary program. Several points about meeting pre-registration, program participation, and membership are discussed below. These items need your attention.

Pre-registration and Membership Dues

Who has to pay registration fees for 2014?

If you are listed on the program and will be attending the conference, you must pre-register for annual meeting before February 17, 2014 in order for you name to be listed in the final program. A membership and registration form is included in the January newsletter; it is also available at www.pacificsoc.org. You may also pay online at http://pacificsoc.org/join-or-renew.html. If you have not already paid pre-registration fees, please return the form with your payment. If you were a member in 2013, you should already have received a renewal for 2014 dues and a pre-registration form for the annual meeting.

Who doesn’t have to pay registration fees?

If you are listed on the program but will NOT be attending the annual meeting, you do not have to pay pre-registration fees. If you are not attending, you do not have to pay registration fees.

Who also has to pay 2014 membership dues?

If you are listed on the program and you will be attending the meeting and you are a sociologist (e.g., undergraduate and graduate student majors, faculty members or applied sociologist) and you also reside in the Pacific region (AZ, CA, NM, UT, NV, CO, HI, MT, OR, AK, ID, Alberta, British Columbia, Baja California, Sonora, or Chihuahua), you pay pre-registration fees and also 2014 membership dues.

Who doesn’t have to pay 2014 membership dues?

If you are listed on the program but will not be attending the conference, you do not need to pay membership dues. If you are listed on the program and are also attending the conference, you do not need to pay membership dues if you A) are NOT a sociologist (meaning you are not a faculty member in sociology or an applied sociologist or an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in sociology) and/or B) you do not reside in the Pacific region. However, everyone listed on the program is encouraged to become a PSA member in 2014.

Program Participation

Being on the program means being listed in any position—presider, moderator, panelist, critic, roundtable presenter, roundtable presider/discussant, seminar leader/presenter, discussant, session organizer, presenter, workshop leader, speaker, etc. In short, any place your name appears is counted as participation.

Attendance at the Meeting

If you are attending the meeting but are not on the program, you are expected to pay either pre-registration fees or registration fees at the door. Pre-registration fees are $60 US dollars; $60 Canadian dollars for faculty and/or over $15,000 income per year and $30 US dollars; $30 Canadian dollars for students and/or under $15,000 income per year. Registration fees at the door will be $70 US dollars; $70 Canadian dollars for faculty and/or over $15,000 income per year and $35 US dollars; $35 Canadian dollars for students and/or under $15,000 annual income.

Please see the Membership and Registration Form at pacificsoc.org or in the January newsletter. You may also pay online at http://pacificsoc.org/join-or-renew.html. If you have questions about your status and these required dues and fees and/or you would like information about how to pay them, please contact PSA Treasurer, Dean Dorn at 916-278-5254; fax: 916-278-6281; or by e-mail: dornds@csus.edu.

Discussants Needed for Undergraduate Roundtables!

The Pacific Sociological Association actively promotes student involvement in the annual meeting. This year, the program will include approximately 40 undergraduate roundtables. We are seeking dedicated faculty members to serve as discussants for these tables. This role requires briefly introducing the session, keeping time for each presentation, and moderating the discussion. In addition, discussants for undergraduate roundtables also read each paper ahead of the conference and provide brief comments on each paper or the group of papers as a whole. If you are interested in serving in this important role, or need further information, please contact Bob Kettlitz at rkettlitz@hastings.edu.
PSA 2013 Election Results

Congratulations to those newly elected and a special thanks for agreeing to run and to serve the PSA. Your participation is deeply appreciated by all. Another special thanks to the members that voted!

President: Robert Nash Parker, University of California, Riverside
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Committee on Committees (Southern): G. Reginald Daniel, University of California, Santa Barbara
Publications Committee (Central): James Dean, Sonoma State University
Publications Committee (Southern): Xuan Santos, California State University, San Marcos

Important!
Order Your A/V Equipment No Later than February 14th, 2014

Make sure the PSA office knows about your A/V needs. All PSA meeting rooms in Portland will have an LCD projector, screen for PowerPoint, and VGA cables. The PSA does not provide laptops, chargers for laptops, or connectors for Mac/Apple computers. All presenters are responsible for informing their session organizers or the PSA Office of their need for special A/V equipment. If you will need A/V equipment other than an LCD projector, screen, or VGA cable, don't assume it will be in your meeting room or that it can be ordered at the last minute. It can't and it won't. You must order it from the PSA weeks before the conference, no later than February 14th.

A/V rental is expensive. In 2009, the A/V bill came to over $16,000! Let the PSA Office know if you need any of the following and please order only what you will use.

- CD player
- Video tape player with monitor
- DVD player with monitor
- Flip chart with paper and marker
- Overhead Projector for transparencies
- Other?

Late requests will not be honored!

Volunteer for Committee Service or Visit a Committee of Interest!

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 14 committees that members can volunteer to serve on: endowment, membership, awards, status of women, status of ethnic minorities, status of, gays, lesbians, bisexual, transgender persons, and queers, teaching, freedom of research and teaching, civil liberties and civil rights, social conscience, community colleges, student affairs, sociological practice and emeritus committee.

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.

But you don't have to be a member of one of the above committees to join in on that committee and see what it’s all about. PSA members are welcome to join in on all but the awards committee. Just locate where the committee you are interested in is meeting and come on in! All but the Awards, Nominations, Publications and the Committee on Committees are open and would very much welcome your presence at their meeting. You are certainly welcome to join in the conversation, offer new ideas, and interact with new colleagues who have the same interests you have.

To serve on a PSA Committee, you must be a member of the PSA in good standing. The next round of committee appointments were made in December of 2013 with terms of appointment starting in 2014. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary, Amy Denissen (amy.denissen@csun.edu), and indicate which committee or committees you would like to serve on.

A list of committees and a description of their structure is available on the website at http://pacificsoc.org under “Committees” on the drop down menu, and then on “Committee Links.” Each standing committee is listed. Click on the “Committee Link” and you’ll get information about that committee. We hope to see you join in at a committee meeting in Portland!
Call for Nominations for 2014 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, 2013, and nominations for the Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper is May 1, 2014. Nominations for all other awards are due by February 1, 2014.

The 2014 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 2014 award, a book must have been published in 2011 or later. If a nomination is based on a series of articles, the most recent article in that series must have been published in 2011 or later. The Committee does not accept nominations for the Scholarship Award from publishers. Nominations must be from individual members of the PSA. Edits written 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, 2013. 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 2014 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 nominee’s letter. 4) Other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2014. Send nominations for the Dean S. Dorn Teaching Award to: Joanna Gregson (gregsojg@plu.edu)

The 2014 Early Career Award 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 nominee’s letter. 4) Other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2014. Send nominations for the Early Career Teaching Award to: Kassia Wosick (kassiw@nmsu.edu)

The 2014 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, 2014. Send nominations for the Sociological Praxis Award to: Laura Earles (leearles@lcsu.edu)

The 2014 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. 55. 2012. 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: Gkenn Tsunokai (gkenn.tsunokai@wwu.edu)

The 2014 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 2014 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 March 1, 2014. Send Nominations for the Undergraduate Paper Award to: Elizabeth Essary (elizabeth.essay@pepperdine.edu)

The 2014 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 professional quality. This award includes a $200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2014 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 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 March 1, 2014. Send Nominations for the Undergraduate Paper Award to: Elizabeth Essary (elizabeth.essay@pepperdine.edu)
Suggestions for Giving a First-Rate Presentation

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.

The Endowment Committee Solicits Donations for the Silent Auction in Portland

The PSA Endowment Committee asks for your help in supporting the silent auction that will be held in Portland at the annual meeting. In the last several years, this auction has generated over $4,000 to support student travel grants to the annual conference.

Your donated items can be almost anything, even re-gifts and can range from candy to coffee, to framed art, to hand-made items, to food baskets, etc. The items need to be portable so those who win bids will be able to travel with them. They do not need to be expensive.

Auction sheets will indicate the item or items you donated, and if you wish your name as the donor. The auction tables will be near the registration area in Portland.

Please help us make this a success. If you have any questions, contact the chair of the Endowment Committee, Dean Dorn (pacificsoc@csus.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 2014, the annual meeting will be held in Portland This is a monetary award and honors a community organization based in Portland that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community.
Recent Donations to the PSA Endowment Fund, January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Thanks to all who donated. The fund currently supports giving $125 travel grants to students attending and presenting at the annual meeting, 40 $30 registration grants to students attending but not presenting and cash awards for outstanding graduate and undergraduate papers.

Thank You Level $5-$20
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2014 Book Display

- The name(s) of the publisher(s).
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Please respond to this e-mail immediately, so that we can begin work to assure that the book(s) you have authored or recommended are included in the display.

NOTE: To obtain additional information on the book exhibit, authors or publishers, you may Richard Richard Klein, Library Of Social Science Book Exhibits at LSS-BookExhibits@earthlink.net.

Student Volunteers Needed to Help at Registration in Portland!

If you are a graduate student or undergraduate, please consider volunteering to help staff the PSA registration table during the annual meeting in Portland. In return for three hours of volunteer time, the PSA will waive the 2014 membership dues of $25 as well as the $30 registration fee for the meeting. We will need several volunteers during the following PSA registration times.

- Thursday, March 27 - 8AM to 7PM
- Friday, March 28 - 8AM to 5PM
- Saturday, March 29 - 8AM to 4PM

If you are interested, please contact Tina Burdsall, Portland State University at tinaburdsall@gmail.com.
Preparing for Changes in the MCAT Exam—
Opportunities and Challenges for Sociology Programs

In the Spring of 2015, a new version of the MCAT® exam will be in place. One quarter of the exam focuses upon material from the social sciences, particularly sociology and psychology. All of the students who are currently in their first and second years of college will take this new version of the exam. Many medical schools are considering requiring introductory sociology for admission. These changes could have a significant impact upon course enrollments in sociology. This workshop focuses upon these changes and how we can best serve our students who hope to apply to medical school.

The workshop is divided into three parts. The first section will focus upon the question "What are the upcoming changes in the MCAT exam, and how might this have an impact upon enrollments in sociology courses?" The workshop then turns to an examination of how sociology departments/programs can pro-actively plan for potential impacts upon the curriculum, and best serve the needs of their students. The third section of the workshop will include discussion of the implications of these changes, and a sharing of how different departments and programs have already developed strategies for this particular set of needs of student s who may be taking introductory sociology as part of their general education requirements.

The second and third parts of the workshop (proactively planning for change in the curriculum, and implications of the changes in the MCAT®) will include three research papers. Each of these papers examines data from a national sample of institutions on: 1) what they know about the upcoming changes in the MCAT®, 2) what their campus has done to plan for these changes, and 3) innovative ideas some campuses have employed for preparing for these changes in ways that will benefit students. The first paper examines data from sociology departments. The focus of the second paper is upon psychology departments. The third research paper explores how pre-medical advisors are planning for the upcoming changes in the MCAT®.

The workshop will include time for interaction between those attending to share ideas from their own campuses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Brought to you by the PSA’s Student Affairs Committee

Do I have to go to the Student Reception?

We cannot make you go, but it is a great way to meet and connect with fellow sociology students and to enjoy some free snacks. We usually have a raffle for books and a few $50 checks for students who are registered for the conference and who are members of PSA. Remember to bring the name badge given to you at registration and your ID!

How do I mingle/network?

This is a tough question, because some people seem to know how to do this and others are uncomfortable with the mere concept. The best we can do here is to remind you to wear your nametags and don't be shy. Review the sessions and presentations, go to the ones you're interested in, and remember that you are encouraged to approach the presenters afterwards with any questions you may have.

I am a graduate student presenting at a session. What should I expect?

There are different types of sessions, but the two most common are Research in Progress and Formal Paper sessions. A formal research presentation is based on a project for which data collection and analysis has been completed (at least preliminary analysis). The category also includes formal theoretical or methodological presentations. Formal research presentations are generally 15-20 minutes. A research in progress presentation will focus on projects that are at various stages, from conceptual development through data collection. Research-in-progress presentations are generally 10-12 minutes. Depending on the number of

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presenters, there also will be a few minutes to answer questions. People in the audience will be walking in and leaving throughout your presentation – do not take it personally and try not to become distracted. There will be water up front for you in case your throat gets dry. A power point is an excellent idea, as it gives the audience something to look at while you are talking. There will be LCD projectors and screens in each room (but no laptops, so talk to the facilitator of your session to see what the computer arrangement will be). If you choose not to prepare a power point, try to refrain from just “reading” your presentation – it is a supportive environment and an excellent chance to practice your professional presentation skills. See this website on how to give an effective presentation: http://www.pacifocsoc.org/2005/12/how-to-give-a-f.html

If you need other A/V equipment (overhead projector for transparencies, CD player, VCR with monitor, flipchart) you MUST let your session organizer know before November 15, 2013.

**What do we do if the organizer does not show up to the session I am presenting at?**

While this is rare, it has happened. If the organizer does not show up, one of the presenters needs to step in and start the session. In this case, the presenter who does “step up” will only be asked to introduce the individual presenters (or can ask them to introduce themselves) and monitor the question and answer period at the end of the session.

**I am presenting at a roundtable. What should I expect?**

Roundtable presentations are far less formal than a paper session. There will be a presider at your table who will lead the session. Generally, each presenter will present their work, and then the table presider will engage you in a discussion about your work. They may have individual comments for each presenter, or moderate a larger table discussion among all participants. The advantage of a roundtable is that it is informal; it’s a great way to get feedback on your work, talk about difficulties you may have had in collecting your data, and find that other students have had the same problems. It’s a great way to share ideas and share your research experiences with other students. Often you will pick up good suggestions on how to improve your work from both your table presider and the other students.

**What is an undergraduate ‘poster session’?**

A poster session is scheduled just as other sessions (during a particular ½ hour time period). Bulletin boards are set up in high traffic areas so that meeting attendees can walk through and look at your work. You are required to be standing by your poster during the scheduled session so that people can stop and talk with you about your work. Posters are visual representations of your work and are viewed by many people, more people than attend either a paper or roundtable session. While it does seem as though sociology conferences do not do as many poster sessions as other disciplines – if you were to attend a major psychology conference, or one of the natural sciences, there would be many poster sessions, by students and faculty alike.

**What is the Presidential Address & Awards Ceremony? Am I expected to go?**

This is where the PSA President addresses the members and various awards are presented, including the Distinguished Undergradu-
Media Literacy, Critical Thinking, and Validated Independent News: A Project Censored Workshop for Teachers and Students

Description

Led by teachers affiliated with Project Censored (www.projectcensored.org), this workshop provides hands-on training in identifying, researching, and summarizing independent news coverage of significant stories that corporate media cover incompletely or ignore altogether. The workshop's objective is to introduce participants to a simple but comprehensive procedure for critically evaluating news coverage, and to give participants direct experience in putting the procedure to use. Because the process develops critical thinking skills and media literacy, it is especially suitable for high school and college students and their teachers.

Using current examples drawn from Project Censored’s newsfeed of Validated Independent News stories (VINs), the workshop introduces participants to a range of exemplary independent news sources, provides criteria for evaluating to what extent controversial news stories are fact-based and well documented, and demonstrates how to use electronic news databases to make systematic comparisons between independent and corporate news coverage. Participants who complete the workshop will be ready to write candidate VINs of their own, and to train others how to do so. For examples of recent VINs, see http://www.projectcensored.org/category/validated-independent-news/

Each year a worldwide community of engaged citizens—including hundreds of students and faculty from over two-dozen US and international colleges and universities—send independent news stories that they feel deserve greater attention to Project Censored. The workshop includes guidance on how to submit candidate stories to Project Censored for publication on our website and to be considered for inclusion in the Project’s annual book, Censored, which presents and analyzes the year’s top-25 underreported news stories. Through these publications and other endeavors, Project Censored encourages critical thinking about corporate journalism’s shortcomings and promotes public understanding of the crucial role for a truly free press in democratic self-government.

Participation

After a brief orientation to the Validated Independent News evaluation guidelines, led by the primary facilitator, workshop participants will break into small groups, each facilitated by a Project Censored faculty member. Each small group will use a laptop computer with an Internet connection to research one candidate news story. This will provide hands-on experience in putting the Validated Independent News evaluation process to use. This small-group work will constitute the bulk of the workshop. In the workshop’s final segment, the small groups will reform and members of each group will have opportunities to raise questions and share insights based on work in small groups. By emphasizing hands-on participation in small groups, this workshop provides ample opportunity for each participant’s direct involvement.

Next Steps

By the workshop’s conclusion, each participant will be prepared to identify, research, and summarize independent news stories on her/his own. On returning home, participants will be ready to track independent news coverage of important stories, to compare that coverage with its corporate counterparts (if any), and empowered to bring to Project Censored’s attention any stories they feel deserve better news coverage. A handout summarizing the key steps of the process will be available for participants to take with them. These take-home points will be especially useful for high school and college teachers seeking classroom exercises to develop their students’ critical thinking skills (including interpretation, analysis, and evaluation) and media literacy.

Panelists

Andy Lee Roth, (Sonoma State University, associate director, Project Censored), moderator

Peter Phillips (Sonoma State University, president, Media Freedom Foundation)

Mickey Huff (Diablo Valley College, director Project Censored)

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- Session Two: Communication Strategies: Ways to Empower and Engage Sociologists of Color in Academia and Beyond.

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Giving To The Pacific Sociological Association Endowment Fund

Many PSA members who give generously to charities and to political candidates may not have thought much about contributing to the PSA. But the PSA is a worthy cause. Contributions make it possible for students to attend our annual meeting. Please consider putting the PSA on your list of organizations to support in 2014.

The Mission of the PSA 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, endorses engagement of sociologists in areas of social justice and social responsibility.

The PSA Endowment Fund Is a Capital Fund

The PSA Endowment Fund is a capital fund that is invested. Only the earnings from the fund are used to support the association. Currently, all income from the fund is used to support student awards and student travel grants to the annual meeting. In 2012 for example, the fund supported 50 $125 travel grants for students who were participants in the program and provided $1,000 in awards.

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The PSA is a recognized nonprofit association and can accept tax-deductible contributions.

The PSA Will Recognize Donors:

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

- You can donate from $5 to $100+online (pacificsoc.org).
- You can send a check to the PSA Treasurer, Dean S. Dorn, Department of Sociology, CSUS, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6005
- You can make a bequest in your estate.
- 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.

Student Travel and Registration Fee Only Grants for the Portland Meeting

The PSA Endowment Committee Announces 50 $125 Travel Grant Awards for Students Listed in the Program and Attending the Annual Meeting in Portland 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 Portland. Eligible students must also be members of the PSA in 2014 and must have paid pre-registration fees for the conference. 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 (travelgrantspsa@gmail.com) and indicate they are applying for the travel grant. The deadline for submission is March 1st. 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. All recipients must pick-up their $125 travel grant at the PSA Registration Table at the conference in Portland. 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 Portland and who is not listed in the meeting program as a presenter. Eligible students do not need to be PSA members in 2014. Students who meet the eligibility requirements above should send their name and email address to the Endowment Committee at (pacificsoc@csus.edu) and indicate they are applying for the registration grant. The deadline for submission is March 1st. Recipients will receive an email confirming they have been given a registration only grant. They will be automatically registered for the Portland conference.
Hotel & Travel Information for the 2014 Annual Meeting

Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront
March 27-30, 2014

The 2014 Annual Meeting will take place at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel (1401 S. W. Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97210). The hotel is located in the heart of downtown Portland, on the west bank of the Willamette River.

Please note: There is another Marriott Hotel in Portland (The Marriott City Center). The PSA meeting is not being held in that hotel.

The downtown cultural district, including the Portland Art Museum, Performing Arts Center, Historical Society are within easy walking distance from the Hotel. Pioneer Square and Shopping Place are seven short blocks away. You can board the Max Light Rail six blocks away or walk along the beautiful McCall Waterfront Park.

The Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront is a completely smoke-free hotel. It has 497 guest rooms, Truss Lounge & Bistro, and the Lobby Café and Bar. Wireless high-speed internet is free on the second floor lounge and first floor lobby. If you book your room using the PSA Convention rate, wireless internet in the guest rooms is complimentary (usually costs $12.95 per day).

Support the PSA by booking at the Marriott

• This will assure that the PSA 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 Marriott. Not meeting the PSA “room block” will have serious financial consequences and would most likely increase the cost of registration at future meetings.

• The PSA 2014 Convention Rate is $144 king or two double beds, plus tax. Reservations can be made online at http://tinyurl.com/psa2014 or by calling 1-877-901-6632. Please ask for the PSA convention rate.

• ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 6, 2014 in order to be eligible to receive the PSA rate. Please note that the PSA discounted room block could easily sell out before the March 6 deadline; if so the hotel may still have rooms both before and after this date, but at a rate-available basis.

Hotel Parking

• The current rate is $32 for 24 hours. There are nearby parking lots and street garages as well.

Transportation

• Portland International Airport (PDX): A number of airlines use PDX. PDX is located 12 miles from the Portland Marriott Waterfront.

• Ground Transportation from PDX: There are a number of ways to reach the Marriott from the airport. The pickup area for taxis is located in the center of the airport’s terminal lower roadway on the baggage claim and departure level. Airporter shuttles and rental cars are found in the section of the lower roadway closest to the garage.

• MAX Light Rail: An easy and inexpensive way to get to and around downtown Portland is on light rail. Catch the Red Line right outside the airport. Take the Red Line and stop at Morrison/SW 3rd Ave. Walk south on SW 1st Ave (six blocks) to the Marriott. The Airport MAX light-rail Red Line service runs from Portland International Airport to downtown Portland every 15 minutes most of the day, every day. Service is less frequent in the early morning, mid-day, and evening (every 30 minutes). A one-way trip takes about 40 minutes. Tickets may be purchased at an automated ticket machine, conveniently located near the Airport MAX station. The current airport to downtown cost is $2.50 and a one-day pass is $5. Tickets are valid on the MAX Light Rail, buses, streetcars. Fares and times are subject to change without notice. The MAX is part of the TriMet system, which also provides bus and commuter rail services in the Portland metro area. For more information about timetables, maps, and fares, please visit www.trimet.org.

Announcements

California Sociological Association (CSA) Meeting

The CSA will hold its 2014 conference at the Mission Inn in Riverside on November 7 and 8 and at the 2015 Holiday Inn in Sacramento near Old Town on November 13 and 14. Please mark your calendar.

For more information, please visit our new website www.cal-soc.org.

Have You Published A Book Recently?

If you have published a book in 2012 or 2013 or will publish in 2014, inform us at psa@humboldt.edu and it will be listed on the PSA web site, under “Recent Books Published by PSA Members.”
Call for Papers!

Race/Ethnicity Network of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)

The 39th Annual Meeting of the The Race/Ethnicity section for the Social Science History Association (SSHA) is scheduled to take place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada from November 6-9, 2014. Our theme this year is “Inequalities: Politics, Policy, and the Past.”

The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 14th, 2014. Note, all SSHA requires to submit at this point is an abstract. You can find more information at: http://www.ssha.org/, including the Call for Papers.

Finally, please feel free to check our Facebook page, which you can find by searching for “Race/Ethnicity Network - Social Science History Association” or by following the link: https://www.facebook.com/pages/RaceEthnicity-Network-Social-Science-History-Association/113130038802365.

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Discussants Needed for Undergraduate Roundtables!

The Pacific Sociological Association actively promotes student involvement in the annual meeting. This year, the program will include approximately 24 undergraduate roundtables. We are seeking dedicated faculty members to serve as discussants for these tables. This role requires briefly introducing the session, keeping time for each presentation, and moderating the discussion. In addition, discussants for undergraduate roundtables also read each paper ahead of the conference and provide brief comments on each paper or the group of papers as a whole. If you are interested in serving in this important role, or need further information, please contact Bob Kettlitz at rkettlitz@hastings.edu.

Access The PSA Website – www.pacificsoc.org – for Current PSA News and PSA Annual Meeting Information

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