Dear PSA Members and Colleagues
Getting Ready for Reno

We are now just two months away from our 2013 meetings in Reno. For those attending, hopefully you have been able to identify your schedule for participation, and make your travel and hotel reservations. We hope that you have noticed and appreciated that the room price is the lowest that we have had at our meetings in well over a decade, and perhaps two decades. (Pricing was a key consideration when Reno was selected as the site for the 2013 meetings back in 2011.)

Here, we want to let you know about some of the highlights that are waiting for you in Reno. Rather than present a long list of the exciting sessions that are available for members to attend in Reno (a list that is far too long to reproduce here!), we’ll just describe some of the plenary and presidential sessions. We also encourage you to look at the preliminary program, which is now available on the website.

Highlights:
We will have five presidential sessions set for Reno, including several focused on the regional distinctiveness of Nevada and the inter-mountain West. We will begin on Thursday evening with a plenary session titled “Changes and Challenges Confronting the American West.” The session was organized by Rick Krannich of Utah State University, and includes presentations on a range of issues that will help members understand the sociological dynamics changing the region and creating something very different from the “Old West” of most imaginations, including the tensions between the “Old” and “New” West, amenity-based development, Mexican migration, and urbanization in an arid climate. We hope that you will plan your travel to take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. To entice you further, the PSA will be sponsoring an open reception following the presentations – to get everyone started before heading out to dinner.

Members can attend two other presidential sessions that add to the meeting’s “regional flavor.” First, Barb Brents (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) has organized a wonderful panel titled: “From Menace to Mainstream: Changing Legal Contexts and Sex Work.” Of course, while sex workers have a unique status in Nevada, it certainly isn’t the only place with sex workers – so the session will look far beyond Nevada. Panelists will address topics such as public health issues associated with legal prostitution; the relationship between the anti-trafficking movement and sex worker activism; and analyses of prostitution clients.

Second, John Dombrink (University of California, Irvine) has assembled a fascinating panel to present research on gambling. Members of the panel bring a wide range of expertise on the topic and collective research experience from a variety of perspectives – legal, cultural, organizational, moral, economic, ethnographic, and others. We hope that members will make a particular effort to attend the regional panels, and hopefully come away from Reno with a much richer and deeper sociological appreciation of our meeting site.

On Friday evening, we will have the traditional PSA Awards and Presidential Address. Join the membership to hear about some of the best work among our colleagues – including awards for sociological scholarship, teaching, and practice. You’ll also be able to hear Valerie Jenness give her PSA Presidential Address, which will take us on a journey that begins with pesticides, includes research on transgender prisoners in prisons for men, cites Einstein, and ends with provocative commentary about the relevance of sociological research for policy and praxis. Stick around for a reception after the presidential address and discuss it with colleagues at the annual post-presidential reception. Or, just stick around and hang out!

On Saturday afternoon, a presidential session will focus on teaching, with a panel including recipients of the Dean S. Dorn Award for Distinguished Contribution to Teaching. Each past recipient will be discussing their own best lessons about teaching sociology, with Dean Dorn acting as presider and discussant.

On Saturday evening, the final presidential session will focus on the recent work of the current president of the American Sociological Association (and past president of the PSA) Cecilia Ridgeway. Specifically, we will host a panel including notable members discussing her influential 2011 book *Framed by Gender: How Gender Inequality Persists in the Modern World*. The book won the Outstanding Recent Contribution in Social Psychology Award in 2012 from the ASA Section on Social Psychology, and in her review of the book, Barbara J. Risman commented, “if you only read one book about inequality this decade, make it this one.” In addition to the author, panelists discussing the book include Jodi O’Brien (Seattle University, and past PSA President), Joan Acker (University of Oregon), Matt Huffman (University of California, Irvine), and Val Jenness (University of California, Irvine) serving as presider.

Of course, in between all of those presidential sessions are a multitude of wonderful research presentations by colleagues on a wide range of topics, as well as presentations on innovative new teaching techniques, invaluable professional development workshops, and author-meets-critics sessions on...
fascinating new publications. Again, please check the preliminary program to find the sessions of most interest to you.

And between all of that, be sure to leave time for networking and social time with colleagues from throughout our region – and beyond! There are a number of pubs and restaurants in Victorious Square, just outside of the Nugget, which will provide a great setting for socializing.

Format:
We also hope that you will notice some subtle changes in the program, and session formats at our meetings. As we have discussed in previous newsletter articles, we sought to implement changes based on feedback from members over several years. One change you’ll see is that sessions are organized not only around common topics, but also around types of presentations – mostly on the basis of distinctions between formal research presentations and research-in-progress presentations. It is an attempt to provide a useful venue for our members to present cutting edge research and to provide venues for members to discuss and get feedback on projects that are still coming together – at a time when that feedback is most useful! We will be very interested to see how well this works for presenters and audience members. Of course, we will also have a variety of other types of sessions, mostly consisting of invited presentations – author-meets-critics sessions, various types of workshops and demonstrations, video documentary sessions, etc. All of those sessions are important components of our meetings.

Another change in response to member requests is that we will have several plenary sessions (i.e., sessions where only one event is scheduled in that time slot) in order to create more time for us to meet collectively as a group. Our hope is that those plenary sessions lead to more dynamic conversations as well as increased opportunities to meet and network among members. Likewise, we will have one hour lunch breaks at noon to allow members to get something to eat without missing sessions. One more thing: a more concerted effort has been made to have sessions in similar topic areas spread across the schedule, so that members with specific interests do not have to choose between sessions of interest in any given time slot. We hope that you’ll take the time to offer feedback on how well the changes worked for you so that subsequent presidents and program chairs will have a better idea about how to make our meetings best serve our members.’

From Reno to Portland — and beyond
At this point, planning and preparation for the 2014 PSA meetings in Portland are already well underway. For members who have not been involved in the planning and preparations that go into our annual meetings, it may come as a surprise to hear about the lead time for the meetings. In the case of the Reno meetings, our initial conversation occurred serendipitously on a flight to the Seattle meetings in 2010 – thanks to open seating on Southwest Airlines. On that flight, the current program chair let the current president know about a report that he was involved in writing as part of the Membership Committee that recommended some slight changes in the format of the meetings and the program development process, based on member feedback and concerns about the balance of membership. Those recommendations were approved by the PSA Council in 2012, and shaped the way that we approached the 2013 meetings.

While it is difficult to know exactly what worked and what didn’t with the new process until the meetings themselves have unfolded, we have some pretty good hunches — and we have passed those along to the team that will be organizing the 2014 meetings in Portland: Amy Orr (Program Chair), Ginny Mulle (Executive Director), and Amy Wharton (PSA President).

They are already working to streamline our new online submission system (which only barely got up and running in time for the submission process this year). They will continue the new roles of the Program Committee for assigning open submissions and ample opportunities will remain in place for PSA committees and members to organize sessions of interest (particularly in the areas of teaching and professional development). And finally, the categories for presentation types have been streamlined, promising to accomplish the most important goals in a less confusing fashion.

One of the most important changes for the 2014 meetings, of course, is the site. After choosing Reno, we received feedback that Reno was not a draw for some of our members. While one could make the argument that the priority in site selection should be on its ability to facilitate a quality and affordable meeting, rather than the attractiveness of the local and regional context, it is clear that some members choose to attend the meeting based on the city’s perceived amenities. That is a lesson well taken moving forward, as the PSA seeks to walk the increasingly precarious tightrope between “affordability” and “desirability” in our meetings sites. We are lucky that Portland offers perhaps the best balance for our members — and leaders are already deep in conversations about sites for 2015.

But first, we’ll see you in Reno—for “The Biggest Little Conference in the World.”

Dennis Downey, Program Chair
Valerie Jenness, President

1. The PSA is always interested in getting members’ feedback on the meetings, among other things. One way to do that is through the annual meeting survey, which will be sent to members several weeks after the conclusion of the Reno meetings. In addition, the incoming team for the 2014 meetings (Amy Orr, Amy Wharton, and Ginny Mulle) has organized a special session in Reno designed as an informal discussion where members can offer feedback on what worked and what didn’t work for the meetings this year, as well as any additional ideas that you might have to improve the meetings. That session is scheduled for Sunday morning (10:15 to 11:45), and is titled: “Program and Process in the PSA: What Worked, What Didn’t.” Feel free to attend that session and offer your feedback.

California Sociological Association 2013

Conference Theme and Keynote Address

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he CSA will hold its 2013 conference at the DoubleTree Hotel in the Berkeley Marina on November 8 and 9. Please mark your calendar. Visit our new website www.cal-soc.org/.

The theme for the CSA conference will be “Social change: local and global.” Some of the participants will address issues surrounding globalization and the ways in which California and the United States are involved in global processes. Local adaptations and innovations will also be considered in comparative and global contexts.”
2. **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.

3. **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 $50 US dollars; $50 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: dorrns@csus.edu

2013 PSA Program Committee Chair

Dennis Downey, CSU Channel Islands

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**Mark your calendars! The 2014 PSA Meeting will be held in Portland!**

86th Annual Meeting of the PSA

March 27-30, 2014

Marriott Downtown Waterfront in Portland, Oregon

**THEME:** “(Un)Changing Institutions: Work, Family, and Gender in the New Economy”

**PRESIDENT:** Amy S. Wharton, Washington State University

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Amy Orr, Linfield College

Institutional transformation is never linear, all-encompassing, or necessarily forward moving. For the 2014 meetings I invite you to consider the pace, prospects, and pathways for change in work, family, and gender. You are encouraged to examine these issues in the context of an economy in which young people face an uncertain future and millions are unemployed. How are work and family being redefined as we make our way through this new economic landscape? Has progress toward greater gender equality slowed? The meetings will take up these questions from multiple vantage points, methodologies, and theoretical stances. I hope you will join me in this effort to examine institutional change in the new economy.
Call for Nominations for 2013 Awards

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

The 2013 Distinguished Scholarship Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished Scholarship is granted to sociologists from the Pacific region in recognition of major intellectual contributions embodied in a recently published book or series of at least three articles on a common theme. To be eligible for the 2013 award, a book must have been published in 2010 or later. If a nomination is based on a series of articles, the most recent article in that series must have been published in 2010 or later. The Committee does not accept nominations for the Scholarship Award from publishers. Nominations must be from individual members of the PSA. Edited books are not eligible for this award. If a book has both a hardback and paperback copyright date and no significant changes have been made in the book between editions, the committee will consider the earlier copyright date as the one determining eligibility for the award. Nominations for distinguished scholarship and all supporting materials must be submitted by November 1, 2012. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the book or articles.Send nominations for the Scholarship Award to: Chery Lynn Bassani (cherylynn.bassani@ufv.ca).

The 2013 Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished 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 be submitted but is not limited to: honors and awards received by the nominee; publications or scholarly activity related to teaching/pedagogy; papers presented at national conferences on teaching/pedagogy; innovative approaches to teaching; a discussion of the nominee's impact in disseminating knowledge; leadership in teaching; mentoring students. 2) Current curriculum vitae. 3) A minimum of six letters of support from students and colleagues, including the nominator's letter. 4) Other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send nominations for the Dean S. Dorn Teaching Award to: Laura Earles (leearles@lcsc.edu).

The 2013 Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology

The Early Career Award is designed to honor and encourage the work of junior faculty (typically fewer than seven years post-Ph.D.). This award recognizes innovative and creative approaches to teaching and demonstrated commitment to mentoring students. Nominations for this award should be submitted in packet form and include the following information: 1) A summary statement of the nominee's contributions to the teaching of sociology that may include but is not limited to: innovative and/or creative approaches to teaching, and a discussion of the nominee's impact on student learning; demonstrated commitment to teaching pedagogy through presentations, publications, workshops or other evidence. 2) Current curriculum vitae. 3) A minimum of six letters of support from students and colleagues, including the nominator's letter. 4) Other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send nominations for the Early Career Teaching Award to: Laura Earles (leearles@lcsc.edu).

The 2013 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award honors an outstanding article published yearly in Sociological Perspectives. To be eligible, the article must be worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship and contribution to the discipline. The article must have been published in Vol. 54, 2011. This award is given annually. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the nominated article. Send nominations for the Sociological Perspectives Award to: Sunil Kukreja (kukreja@pugetsound.edu).

The 2013 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award and $200 honorarium

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

The 2013 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award and $200 honorarium

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes a graduate student or students for a paper of...
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Volunteer for Committee Service

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

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

The PSA has 15 committees that members can volunteer to serve on: endowment committee; membership; audit; contract monitoring; awards; status of women; status of ethnic minorities; status of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered persons; teaching; freedom of research and teaching; civil liberties and civil rights; social conscience; student affairs; community colleges; and sociological practice. Members are appointed by the PSA Council and by the President 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. If you are interested, please contact the PSA Office (psa@sdsu.edu). Please indicate which committee (s) you would like to serve on. A list of committees and a description of what they do is available on the PSA Web site (www.pacificsoc.org) under “Committees.”

To serve on a committee, you must be a member in good standing.

Ethnography Wine and Cheese Reception

Black Hawk Hancock
DePaul University

Please plan on attending the Ethnography wine and cheese reception at this year’s meetings in Reno. In order to bolster and cultivate Ethnography throughout the PSA, the Ethnography Reception will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 6:45 pm-8:15 pm, it will immediately follow the panel: “Shop-Talk: A Candid Discussion of the Politics and Pitfalls of Ethnography’s (not so) Open Secrets.”

Rather than discuss finished works of ethnography or particular methodologies, this panel focuses on several themes and concerns around the craft and the crafting of ethnography that often go unaddressed in more formal settings. In doing so, the panel serves as a vehicle for more general open-ended conversation about the not-so-hidden politics and problems confronting those who engage in the ethnographic enterprise.

The Ethnography reception is not only an opportunity for those interested in Ethnography to meet-and-greet, it is a time for open-ended conversation toward developing Ethnography at the PSA meetings the following year in Portland and beyond.

Widely discussed throughout the discipline over the past decade have been the internal attacks Ethnographers have made upon one another. These attacks have created more spectacle than substance and more fissure than familiarity with each other’s work and interests.

We plan on overcoming these obstacles by capitalizing on the collegiality of the PSA meetings that affords us an opportunity to come together and collectively strategize ways to integrate and support those interested in issues surrounding Ethnography. The PSA’s new organizational strategy of a plurality of formats is designed to generate greater inclusivity through author-meets-critic sessions, formal research presentations, research-in-progress, teaching and learning presentations, and workshops. This offers new opportunities for discussing, connecting, sharing work, and cultivating a community of ideas that will serve to promote ethnography for those who are just entering the field to those who are already well established.

Please come join the conversation at the Pacific Sociological Association Ethnography wine and cheese reception.

Social Conscience Award

The Pacific Sociological Association’s Social Conscience Award is given to a worthy community-based organization located in the city in which the PSA Annual meeting is held. In 2013, the annual meeting will be held in Reno/Sparks. This is a monetary award and honors a community organization based in Reno/Sparks that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community. You must provide the committee with two copies of supporting documentation. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2013. Send nominations for the Social Conscience Award to: Marta Elliott (melliot@unr.edu) and Colleen Murray (cmurray@unr.edu).
Anna Dean Carlson Distinguished Professorship

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at West Virginia University seeks nominations and applications for the Anna Dean Carlson Distinguished Professorship to begin August 2013. The Carlson Professorship is funded by an endowment for the purposes of fostering sociological education and academic research. The appointment will be made at the full professor or advanced associate professor rank, and the area of specialization is open. The position entails significant service and leadership responsibilities, including mentoring early-career faculty members, and carries benefits commensurate with an endowed professorship at West Virginia University. Support for the position includes a competitive salary, benefits, and travel allowance.

Applicants must possess a Ph.D. in sociology and should have substantive experience on the faculty of a sociology department with a Ph.D. program. Successful applicants should have an outstanding national reputation as a scholar and teacher with a research agenda capable of attracting graduate students and external funding. Factors to be considered in assessing candidates’ scholarly and teaching records include honors received (e.g., awards, fellowships, etc.), participation and leadership in national and international organizations, and/or proven potential to secure external research funding.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers two undergraduate degree programs and an M.A. in Sociology, with average cohorts of 10-15 students. We serve over 900 majors and pre-majors pursuing the B.A. in Sociology & Anthropology or the B.A. in Criminology. We are seeking a distinguished colleague with interest in and ability for contributing to development of a Ph.D. program, including mentoring graduate students.

The department welcomes letters of nomination. These letters, as well as applications, which should include a letter of interest, a c.v., and contact information for five references able to speak to the quality of the candidate’s scholarship and leadership, and documentation related to criteria above, should be sent to Professor Larry Nichols, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, PO Box 6326, Morgantown, WV 26506-6326. Email applications consisting of a single PDF file can be sent to Larry.Nichols@mail.wvu.edu. Review of applications will begin in January and will continue until the position is filled. We will continue to welcome and review applications and nominations until a successful hire is completed.

West Virginia University is a Research-High Activity university, an Affirmative Action, EEO employer, and the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. Morgantown is located within one hour of Pittsburgh and three and half hours of the Washington/Baltimore area. Morgantown has been recognized as one of the most livable small cities in the U.S. There are extensive recreational opportunities, affordable housing, and a supportive environment for faculty and families.

Hotel Information for 2013 Meeting:
John Ascuaga’s Nugget Casino Resort
Reno/Sparks, Nevada

cure.com/jump/1511 or call 1-800-648-1177 (group code: GPSAAC). Please ask for the PSA convention rate.

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

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

Hotel Parking
General parking is free.

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

Contribute to the PSA Endowment Fund

Donations to the PSA Endowment Fund are used to provide $125 travel grants to students who are presenting their research at the annual meeting. Recently the Association has been able to grant 50 of these travel awards. The larger the fund, the more awards will be given. Make your contribution at the following PSA Link: www.pacificsoc.org/endowment-fund.html.

Room Share in Reno/Sparks

If you need a roommate to share expenses at the Nugget in Reno/Sparks, please contact the PSA Office at psa@sdsu.edu to be put in touch with others seeking the same.
Recent Donations To The PSA Endowment Fund, January 1, 2012 To December 31, 2012

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, 40 $30 registration only grants, and cash awards for outstanding undergraduate and graduate student papers.

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Various donors to the Silent Auction in San Diego

Important! Order Your A/V Equipment No Later than February 13th

Make sure the PSA office knows about your A/V needs. All PSA meeting rooms in Reno/Sparks 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 13th.

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.
1. CD player
2. Video tape player with monitor
3. DVD player with monitor
4. Flip chart with paper and marker
5. Overhead Projector for transparencies
6. Other?

Late requests will not be honored!

Full-Time Lecturer Opening, CalPoly, San Luis Obispo, CA

Full-time Lecturer in Sociology in the Department of Social Sciences at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California, to begin September 16, 2013. One year appointment with the possibility of an extension to a second year. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Duties and responsibilities include teaching Complex Organizations, Sociology of the Family, and other basic sociology courses. MA in Sociology and demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching at the university level required; ABD or PhD preferred. To apply, please visit www.calpolyjobs.org, complete a required online faculty application and apply to Requisition #102745. Please attach to your online application a cover letter, curriculum vitae and statement of teaching philosophy. Please refer to online posting for mailing instructions for three current letters of recommendation and official transcripts showing highest degree. REVIEW BEGIN DATE: April 8, 2013. For full consideration, all applicant materials must be received by the Review Begin Date. Cal Poly is strongly committed to achieving excellence through cultural diversity. The university actively encourages applications and nominations of all qualified individuals. EEO.
PSA Committee and Council Meeting Times in Reno/Sparks

Council Meetings

2012-2013 Council Meeting  Friday, 3/22  8:30-10 am
2013-2014 Council Meeting  Sunday, 3/24  8:30-10 am

Elected Permanent Committees

Nominations Committee  Saturday, 3/23  1:45-3:15 pm
Publications Committee  Saturday, 3/23  Noon-1:30 pm
Committee on Committees  Saturday, 3/23  8:30-10 am

Appointed Standing Committees

Comm. on the Status of GLBT Persons in Sociology  Friday, 3/22  2:45-4:15 pm
Committee on Community Colleges  Friday, 3/22  2:45-4:15 pm
Membership Committee  Friday, 3/22  10:15-11:45 am
Comm. on Practice, Applied, & Clinical Sociology  Friday, 3/22  10:15-11:45 am
Awards Committee  Friday, 3/22  1:00-2:30 pm
Committee on Teaching  Friday, 3/22  10:15-11:45 am
Committee on Race & Ethnic Minorities  Saturday, 3/23  10:15-11:45 am

Student Affairs Committee  Saturday, 3/23  1:45 to 3:15 pm
Endowment Committee  Friday, 3/22  1:00-2:30 pm
Committee on Freedom of Research & Teaching  Saturday, 3/23  Noon-1:30 pm
Committee on Civil Rights & Civil Liberties  Saturday, 3/23  10:15-11:45 am
Committee on the Status of Women  Saturday, 3/23  Noon-1:30 pm

Ad Hoc Committees

Emeritus Committee  Saturday, 3/23  10:15-11:45 am

Other Meetings

CSA Board Meeting  Friday, 3/22  10:15 am-11:45 am
Editorial Board Meeting for Sociological Perspectives  Friday, 3/22  1:00-2:30 pm
Planning Luncheon for the 2014 Program Committee  Saturday 3/23  Noon-1:30 pm

*The Site Selection Committee, Contracting Monitoring Committee, Audit Committee, Social Conscience Committee, and the 2012 Program Committee will not meet as their work has already been done.

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Don’t Let Your PSA Membership Lapse!  
Renew online at www.pacificsoc.org

If you were a member of the PSA in 2012, you should have received the 2013 membership dues renewal reminder via email in December. If you did not receive it, chances are the PSA Office (psa@sdsu.edu) does not have your correct email or mailing address.

PSA membership runs on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31). To avoid interruption of delivery of The Pacific Sociologist and Sociological Perspectives, please renew ASAP.

Renewal notices have been sent via email. You can also download a membership form online at www.pacificsoc.org or you can pay online (secure site) at http://pacificsoc.org/join-or-renew.html. If you are at the PSA homepage, click on “Membership” to download the membership form or to pay online. If you have any questions about your membership and renewal, contact the PSA Treasurer’s Office at 916-594-4423 or psa@sdsu.edu.

Join, Pre-register or Renew Your PSA Membership

By Chuck Hohm, Executive Director

For 2013 the following apply:
1. Students:
   a. Membership = $25
   b. Conference Registration = $30
2. Faculty:
   a. Membership
      i. Income is less than $30,000 = $40
      ii. Income is $30K to $70K = $50
      iii. Income is greater than $70K = $60
   b. Conference Registration = $60

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

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

PSA 2012 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-Elect 2013-2014: Patricia Gwartney
- Vice President-Elect 2013-2014: Dennis Downey
- Council North 2013-2015: Jocelyn Hollander
- Council Central 2013-2015: Amy Leisening
- Council South 2013-2015: Ellen Reese
- Grad Student Council Central 2013-2014: Amanda Shigihara
- Nominations Committee North 2013-2016: Judy Howard
- Committee on Committees North 2013-2016: Karen Seccombe
- Committee on Committees Central 2013-2016: Liahna Gordon
- Committee on Committees South 2013-2016: Dennis Loo
- Publications Committee North 2013-2016: Kari Lerum
- Publications Committee Central 2013-2016: Natalie Boero
- Publications Committee South 2013-2016: David Boyns

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

Student Volunteers Needed to Help at Registration in Reno/Sparks

If you are a graduate student or undergraduate, please consider volunteering to help staff the PSA registration table during the annual meeting in San Diego. In return for three hours of volunteer time, the PSA will waive the 2013 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 21 8AM to 7PM
- Friday, March 22 8AM to 5PM
- Saturday, March 23 8AM to 4PM

If you are interested, please contact Tina Burdsall, Portland State University at tinaburdsall@gmail.com.
Student Travel Funds for the Annual Meeting in Reno

The PSA Endowment Committee Announces 50 $125 Travel Grant Awards for Students Listed in the Program and Attending the Annual Meeting in Reno 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 Reno. The Preliminary Program will be published in the January 2013 Newsletter. Eligible students must also be members of the PSA in 2013 and must have paid pre-registration fees for the conference. Membership on a PSA committee does not 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 (psatravel-grants@gmail.com) and indicate they are applying for the travel grant. The deadline for submission is February 22, 2013. 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 Reno. 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 Reno and who is not listed in the meeting program as a presenter. Eligible students do not need to be PSA members in 2013.

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 10th. Recipients will receive an email confirming they have been given a registration only grant. They will be automatically registered for the Reno conference.

Access The PSA Web Site for Current PSA News and PSA Annual Meeting Information

- Complete Preliminary Program, including periodic updates
- Index Of Program Participants, including periodic updates
- Hotel Information
- Online Hotel Reservation at the Nugget
- PSA Committee Meeting Schedule In Reno/Sparks
- Newsletter Archives
- Past PSA Programs Going Back To 1930
- Past Presidents
- Minutes Of Past Committee, Business, and Council Meetings
- Books By PSA Members
- Employment Opportunities
- And more!

Have You Published A Book Recently?

If you have published a book in 2011 or 2012 or will publish in 2013, inform us at psa@sdsu.edu and it will be listed on the PSA web site, under “Recent Books Published by PSA Members.”

Finish Your BA in Sociology ONLINE!

Cal State Fullerton offers a degree-completion program in Sociology for those who started but never finished their undergraduate degree.

- Applications being accepted now for Fall 2013
- Students need 60+ transferable credits to begin
- Completely online, no campus visits required
- 3 years to complete – ideal for employed students

Visit onlineadvantage.fullerton.edu/sociology

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Suggestions for Giving a First-Rate Presentation

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

I make the following suggestions to new and experienced presenters.

1. Make sure the PSA office knows of your A/V needs. Meeting rooms have data projectors and screen for powerpoint presentations. The PSA does not provide laptops. If you need equipment other than an LCD projector, don’t assume it will be available or that it can be ordered at the last minute - it can’t and it won’t. You must order it well in advance.

2. Get your completed paper to the discussant at least a month before the meetings. A good review can be tremendously helpful for revising the paper for publication. But it takes time and thought. Every year, however, some discussants do not get papers until they arrive at the meetings. The discussants are doing you a favor. Help them to help you by giving them the time they need.

3. After you have finished the formal written version of your paper, edit it for a presentation version. Remember, you will normally have only 12-15 minutes to give your paper if there are four other presenters. Discuss only what is important. For a traditional research paper, for example, focus on the findings. Introduce the topic succinctly, summarize the literature briefly, mention the methods in passing, and spend most of your time discussing the findings and their implications.

4. Do not read your paper to the audience. Talk about it. The well-crafted written formal sentence may be a better visual than audio experience. Remember, your audience is listening, not reading.

5. Arrive at your session early enough to set up any equipment you are using. This will also allow you to meet the other panelists. The organizer and/or presider will brief you on organization, order, and time limits.

6. Adhere to time limits. Three to four paper presentations, discussant comments, and audience participation do not allow much flexibility in one session. Presiders may enforce appropriate social sanctions on presenters who monopolize time.

7. If you bring copies of your paper for distribution, you may reduce the weight by printing single space on both sides of each page. Many presenters must bring copies of the statistical tables or model figures, perhaps with an abstract unless they use a power point presentation.

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 2013.

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.

Your Donation is Tax Deductible

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

1. You can donate from $5 to $100+ online (pacificsoc.org).
2. You can send a check to the PSA Treasurer, Dean S. Dorn, Department of Sociology, CSUS, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6005.
3. You can make a bequest in your estate.
4. 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.
Obituary

Dr. Aubrey Wendling

September 20, 1918 to December 3, 2012

Aubrey Wendling, Professor Emeritus at San Diego State University, passed away peacefully at home, at age 94, surrounded by his wife of 71 years, Lucille, and their only child, daughter Laura Marie.

Aubrey was a man of many interests, talents and achievements. He was born in San Francisco and graduated from Commerce High School in 1936. He worked as a CCC Camp doctor’s assistant, then entered San Francisco State College in 1939. Aubrey was elected Student Body President in his senior year with the help of his campaign manager, Pierre Salinger, who later became President Kennedy’s press secretary. It was at San Francisco State that he met the love of his life, Lucille Ingeborg Tackle, who he married in 1941. Lt. Wendling served four years with the Merchant Marines and saw action in the South Pacific.

Aubrey received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1954 while Lucille pursued her life long career as an elementary educator. In Seattle they joined the Seattle Mountaineers. Aubrey became an instructor for their Basic Mountaineering course on techniques of rock, snow and ice climbing and survival skills—which he later brought to the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club, serving twice as chapter chairman. In Seattle he began his lifelong passion for fly fishing and gourmet cooking.

Dr. Wendling joined the Sociology Department of San Diego State College in 1954. He chaired the department from 1962 to 1965 and was also instrumental in developing the Social Science Research Center, which housed the many funded research projects that he brought to the university. He directed the Center for twenty years. His research interests focused on demography, infant mortality, high school dropouts, and drinking and driving. Aubrey was one of the first professors at SDSU to bring in a million dollar grant. In 1963, with co-principal investigator Delbert S. Elliott, Aubrey received a million dollar grant from the National Institute of Mental Health entitled “Dropout, Delinquency and the Social Milieu of the School.” Other grants secured by Aubrey were funded by the California Business of Transportation Agency, Office of Traffic Safety; the U.S. Department of Transportation; and the California Association of Mental Health. Many peer reviewed articles and monographs resulted from these research projects.

Aubrey was also very involved with scholarly organizations, especially the Pacific Sociological Association (PSA). From 1973 to 1978, he served as the editor of the PSA’s journal, The Pacific Sociological Review (now called Sociological Perspectives). Under his leadership, the Review grew from a regional publication to one of the major national publications attracting worldwide readers and contributors. Also, he was on the PSA’s Executive Committee for ten years, served as Vice President of the PSA in addition to serving on the PSA’s Advisory Council and Financial Advisory Committee. He also served on the planning committee that launched the California Sociological Association in 1990.

Aubrey Wendling was the ultimate mentor for many students and junior faculty in the Sociology Department at SDSU. When I came to SDSU in 1973 as a 26 year old newly minted Ph.D., Aubrey mentored me in many ways, including the art of preparing manuscripts for submission to peer reviewed journals and preparing grant applications. I will forever be indebted to him for his willingness to spend a significant amount of time mentoring me and other junior colleagues.

Upon retirement in 1982, as Professor Emeritus, Aubrey founded SDSU’s Faculty and Staff Retirement Association, serving as its first and fifth president. In 1993, SDSU’s Chapter of Mortar Board honored Dr. Wendling for his dedication to the university. On his 94th birthday, the SDSU Retirement Association further recognized him by establishing a perpetual student scholarship in his name.

Aubrey’s devotion to family and friends, as well as his love of life, was exemplary. His life can be summed up in the George Bernard Shaw quote, “You see things and ask, ‘Why?’ I dream things that never were and I ask, ‘Why not?’”

Aubrey is pre-deceased by his parents, Returne and Edith Wendling and younger brother Orrin Wendling. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, daughter Laura Marie Wendling, Ph.D., son-in-law Ken Mendoza, Ph.D., and twin grandchildren, Marisa and Travis Mendoza.

No services are planned. Donations in Aubrey’s memory can be made to: the Dr. Aubrey Wendling Scholarship Fund, SDSU Retirement Association, 5500 Campanile Drive, AD225, San Diego, CA 92182-5000; or to San Diego Hospice.

By Charles F. Hohm, San Diego State University

2013 Book Display

This year’s meeting in Reno/Sparks will again include a Special Book Exhibit organized and managed by the Library of Social Science. The exhibit will bring together books covering all dimensions of the field of sociology—and related disciplines. The exhibit will contribute substantially to the intellectual value of our conference by providing a comprehensive collection of the latest and most significant publications.

We seek your input to assist in developing an exhibit that will include books on the full range of topics. If you are an Author and wish to have your book included in the exhibit, please respond by email to LSSBookExhibits@earthlink.net providing the following information:

- The title(s) of the book(s) you are recommending, and date(s) of publication.
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Richard Klein,
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**Total Payment**

You can pay by check or credit card. Make checks out to PSA. Sign your name if paying by credit card. You can also pay online (secure site) at [PACIFICSOC.ORG](http://PACIFICSOC.ORG).

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alternatively, if paying by credit card (see below), you may fax this completed form to the Pacific Sociological Association at 916.278.6281.

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