Dear PSA Members and Colleagues,

Please join us for the 83rd annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, March 22-25, 2012. The conference site is the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina on Harbor Island. PSA has a tower exclusively for our use, and the rooms have views of the marina or San Diego Bay. Many restaurants are close by as is the Gaslamp District (2.5 miles) and Little Italy (1.8 miles). As always, San Diego offers PSA members, friends, and families a wide array of cultural and recreational attractions, and almost always, wonderful weather.

The conference theme, “Intersectionalities and Inequalities: Knowledge and Power for the 21st Century” is intended to be engaging to those of us both in and outside of academia, all-encompassing in its theoretical reach and empirical demonstrations. It provides opportunities to examine a concept – intersectionality – and come to understand its history, its strengths and weaknesses, and its elaborations in knowledge production in the social sciences and humanities and in its applications in social change work. In sociology, scholars have sought to examine the simultaneous and multiplicative interaction of axes of inequality around class, race, gender, sexuality, age, religion, disability, citizenship. Scholars have reckoned not only with an intersectional approach to identity construction and enactment but also its application to understanding the social processes of interaction in organizations, social movements, and other institutional spheres, and the ways in which inequalities are produced, changed, and resisted. No longer is it simply Black feminist scholars doing this work, but many scholars in various areas within sociology have taken the challenge of working with this framework.

The 2012 meeting, most particularly in the Presidential and thematic sessions, will focus on how intersectional approaches have been marshaled in various subfields of sociology and attempt to measure their success; how quantitative and qualitative methodologies have been enhanced and challenged by an intersectional perspective; how and why some axes of power been more fully explored than others; to what extent analyses of specific policy domains, such as immigration, corporate profit-taking, crime, educational access, HIV/AIDS, civil rights, have usefully employed its insights.

The 2012 conference program will also include sessions with visiting scholars from China, the full array of sessions devoted to culture, crime, organizations, gender, environment, deviance, race, methods and statistics, social psychology, religion, and health issues, author meets commentator, how to get federal funding, and video sessions, to mention a few. Panel discussions will focus on book authors and journal editors discussing how to get published. Reaching back into the past, several special sessions comprised of Past Presidents of the PSA will explore how sociology has and has not changed. Sessions for graduate students will discuss the job market; sessions for senior scholars will discuss the dynamics of retirement for academics. The Student Committee is planning an orientation for students who may be attending the conference for the first time.

This Call for Papers invites you to be part of the program. Share your ideas and research with other sociologists. Reconnect with students, mentors, and peers. Browse the Call for Papers, find a session of interest, and contact the organizer if you have questions. If no session matches your interests, contact Program Chair, Mary Virnoche at (Mary.Virnoche@humboldt.edu). Make your submissions online. Go to the web site (pacificsoc.org) for the form and procedure. All abstract or paper submissions are due to organizers by Friday, October 15, 2011.

Join us for a first-year anniversary celebration of Dr. Chuck Hohm, who served as PSA President and Editor of Sociological Perspectives, as the PSA Executive Director.

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Disaster Vulnerability: New Research on Intersectionality, Adelle Monteblanco, University of Colorado at Boulder, adelle.monteblanco@colorado.edu

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Color-Blindness, African Americans and the Perceived Role of Government, Garry Rolison, California State University, San Marcos, grolison@csusm.edu

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Religion and Politics in the United States, Lucas Sharma, Loyola University Chicago, lsharma@luc.edu

Religion and Sexuality (spons. by the Committee on the Status of GLBTQ Persons), Jason Hopkins, University of California, Santa Barbara, jhopkins@umail.ucsb.edu

SOCIAL CHANGE, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
At the Intersections: Activist and Organizational Identities in Social Movements, Anna Sorensen, UC Santa Barbara, asorensen@umail.ucsb.edu, Jason Hopkins, University of California, Santa Barbara, jhopkins@umail.ucsb.edu

Consciousness and Social Change, Janine Schipper, Northern Arizona University, janine.schipper@nau.edu, Damien Contessa, University of South Florida, decontessa@mail.usf.edu

Disaster Vulnerability: New Research on Intersectionality, Adelle Monteblanco, University of Colorado at Boulder, adelle.monteblanco@colorado.edu

Frontiers of Social Movement Theory II: Looking Back and Looking Ahead, Hank Johnston, SDSU, Hank.Johnston@sdsum.edu

Media and Social Movements, Jason Hopkins, University of California, Santa Barbara, jhopkins@umail.ucsb.edu

Non-Governmental Organizations & Grassroots Organizing, Krista Bywater, Muhlenberg College, kbywater@gmail.com

Processes and Mechanisms in Social Movement Mobilization, Hank Johnston, SDSU, Hank.Johnston@sdsum.edu

Race, Class, Gender and Disaster, Rachel E. Luft, University of New Orleans, RLuft@uno.edu

Revolutions in Africa and the Middle East, Alem Kebede, CSU, Bakersfield, akebede@csusb.edu

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, EMOTIONS, MEMORY
Sociology of Emotions, Robert Morris, Purdue University, rmorris@purdue.edu

SPORT
Sociology of Sport and Physical Activity, William McTeer, Wilfrid Laurier University, bmcteer@wlu.ca, Philip White, McMaster University, pwwhite@mcmaster.ca

TEACHING, LEARNING
Collaborative Research with Undergraduates (spons. by the Committee on Teaching), Jaye Cee Whitehead, Pacific University, whitehej@pacificu.edu

DISABILITY, POLICY
Disability and Social Inequality, Jeffrey Houser, University of Northern Colorado, Jeffrey.Houser@unco.edu

EDUCATIONAL INEQUALITIES
Educational Inequalities, Brianne Dávila, University of California, Santa Barbara, bdavila@umail.ucsb.edu

FAMILIES
Families and the Frayed Safety Net: Navigating the Economic Downturn, Jill Weigt, California State University San Marcos, jweigt@csusm.edu

HEALTH DISPARITIES
Health Disparities, Stephen Kulis, Arizona State University, kulis@asu.edu

Incarceration, Women of Color, Family Dissolution and Continuing Poverty, Garry Rolison, California State University, San Marcos, grolison@csusm.edu

Influences on Policy Assessment in Low-Income Communities, Gloria Yim, Arizona State University, gyim@asu.edu

MEANS OF STRATIFICATION
Mechanisms of Stratification, Black Hawk Hancock, DePaul University, bhancock@depaul.edu

POVERTY
Poverty and Inequality, Judith Hennessy, Central Washington University, henessj@cwu.edu

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
Social Psychology, Rosemary Powers, Eastern Oregon University, rpowers@eou.edu

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Conversations about Faculty-Student Mentorship: Expectations and Enactment (spons. by the Student Affairs Committee), Jonathan Westover, Utah Valley University, jon.westover@gmail.com

Critical Aspects of New California Transfer Requirements Needed by All Faculty, Paul O’Brien, Paul pobjrien@csustan.edu

Effective Service Learning — the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (Panel Discussion Format: Instead of Abstract — Submit Short Bio Related to Experience with Topics) (spons. by the Committee on Teaching), Pamela McMullin-Messier, Central Washington University, mcmullin@cwu.edu

Effective Teaching Strategies for the Large Classroom (spons. by the Committee on Teaching), Caleb Bush, University of Wisconsin - Marshfield, caleb.bush@uwec.edu

Feminist Pedagogy (spons. by the Committee on Teaching), Megan Wright, University of Arizona, mswright@u.arizona.edu

Mentoring our Future Professors (Panel Discussion with Titles Format: Instead of Paper Abstract — Submit Synopsis of Discussion Ideas & Your Experiences), Charity Perry, CSULA, cperry@calstatela.edu

Service Learning & Communities of Color, Michelle Jacob, University of San Diego, mjacob@sandiego.edu

Teaching about Inequalities in a Hostile Environment (spons. by the Committee on Teaching), Pamela McMullin-Messier, Central Washington University, mcmullin@cwu.edu

Teaching an Intersectional Approach in Methods Courses, Jason Crockett, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, crockett@kutztown.edu, Monika Ulrich, Arkansas State University, mulrich@astate.edu

Teaching Innovations for Sociology, Katie Clemons, Washington State University, katie.clemons@email.wsu.edu

Teaching Intersectionality, Liahna Gordon, CSU, Chico, legordon@csuchico.edu

Teaching Sociology Off the Grid: Presenting the Introductory Course without a Textbook (spons. by the Committee on Teaching), Rosemary Powers, Eastern Oregon University, rpowers@eou.edu

Teaching Sociology: An Interdisciplinary Approach, Wenhong Wang, The Evergreen State College, wangw@evergreen.edu

Rationality, Power & Knowledge, Donald Winiecki, Boise State University, dwinnieki@boisestate.edu

Social and Cultural Capital, Akihiko Hirose, University of Colorado Denver, akihiko.hirose@ucdenver.edu

Social Theory Past and Present, Black Hawk Hancock, DePaul University, bhancock@depaul.edu

The Intersection of Knowledge and Power in Indigenous Issues, Maria-Elena Diaz, University of Oklahoma, mediaz@ou.edu

UNDERGRADUATE POSTERS

Undergraduate Poster Session: Open Topics (spons. by Alpha Kappa Delta), Virginia Mulle, University of Colorado Denver, ginnymulle@gmail.com

UNDERGRADUATE ROUNDTABLES

AKD Student Research, Alicia Gonzales, CSU-San Marcos, amgonzales@csusm.edu

Immigrant and Transnational Families and Relationships, Kristy Shih, Central Michigan University, shihkr@cmich.edu

Research on Women and Gender (spons. by the Committee on the Status of Women), Teresa Ciabattari, Pacific Lutheran University, ciabatta@plu.edu

Sexualities and LGBT issues (spons. by the Committee on the Status of GLBTQ Persons), Anna Muraco, Loyola Marymount University, amuraco@lmu.edu

Undergraduate Research and the Sociological Imagination, Tamara Sneziek, California State University Stanislaus, TSniezek@csustan.edu

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WORK, LABOR & ORGANIZATIONS

Concepts and Trends in the Composition and Organization of Labor in the Transnational Economy, Jason Struna, University of California at Riverside, jstru002@ucr.edu

Formal Organizations, Jonathan Turner, University of California, Riverside, jonathan.turner@ucr.edu

Gender and the Academic Workplace, Marijukka Ollilainen, Weber State University, mollilainen@weber.edu

Gender and Work, Maura Kelly, Portland State University, maura.kelly@pdx.edu

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New Directions in Work and Organizations, Jonathan Westover, Utah Valley University, jon.westover@gmail.com

Race in organizations, Stephen Kulis, Arizona State University, kulis@asu.edu

Race, Gender, and Work: Asian American Intersectionalities, Sang Phan, CSU Fullerton, sphan2929@csu.fullerton.edu

Social Entrepreneurship and Microfinance, Jonathan Westover, Utah Valley University, jon.westover@gmail.com

The Dark Side of Social Networks: Studies in the Structural Organization of Crime and Deviance, Eric Cheney, Central Washington University, cheneya@cwu.edu

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No recipient

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Continued from previous page especially in male dominated disciplines. In her unique and illuminating paper, “Making the ‘Good Professor,’” Anita Harker Armstrong examines the extent to which intensive mentorship by female or male faculty mitigates these dynamics for women students. Armstrong notes that there is little empirical evidence to support the common argument that mentoring—particularly by women faculty—will always assist women students in overcoming institutional gender inequalities. Combating the gender essentialism implicit in this argument, Armstrong asks what specific gendered conditions in mentoring relationships “have transformative potential” and “under what conditions men might be equipped to...promote gender equality?” Armstrong’s study seeks to answer these questions by comparing women students’ relationships with both female and male faculty mentors. Drawing on interviews with 59 women students and faculty members, Armstrong finds that both female and male faculty members are capable of—and actively engaged in—mentorship that supports gender equity for women students. Though men were not always able to “relate to” the experiences of women students, some factors increased their ability to be supportive, including having children and family obligations of their own, and committing to close communication with women students despite fear of being too intimate or “unprofessional.”

**Undergraduate Student Paper Award**


Christine Richardson, Boise State University. “Transracial Adoption: Promoting Racial Literacy or Perpetuating Colorblind Racism?”

**Sociological Perspectives Award**

**Co-winners:**

_The Contingent Effect of Social Networks on Organizational Commitment: A Comparison of Instrumental and Expressive Ties in a Multinational High-Technology Company._ Young-Choon Kim, University of Singapore and Mooweon Rhee, University of Hawaii, _Sociological Perspectives, Vol. 53, No. 4 (Winter 2010), pp. 479-502_

This paper provides a fascinating intersectional analysis of instrumental and expressive ties. It is insightful, with findings that are both interesting and compelling.

**Administrative Challenges Facing Nonprofit Worksites Providing Work or Work-Like Experiences for Welfare Recipients, Author(s): Rebecca Joyce Kissane, Lafayette College, Sociological Perspectives, Vol. 53, No. 3 (Fall 2010), pp. 373-396.**

In this article, Kissane provides a strong piece of applied work, which investigates an important topic. Looking at the experiences of welfare recipients, readers derive useful insights about practical challenges of program implementation.

**Winners of the 2011 Social Conscience Award**

_The Northwest Network and The Pat Graney Company_ (co-recipients) and Jennifer Murphy, CSU Chico

_Dedicated to Social and Economic Justice, Equality and Respect for All People_ (co-recipients) and Clayton Peoples, Univ. of Nevada, Reno (co-recipient)

**Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology:** Clayton Peoples, Univ. of Nevada, Reno (co-recipient) and Jennifer Murphy, CSU Sacramento (co-recipient)

**Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award:** Kathleen Kaiser, CSU Chico

**Social Conscience Award:** The Pat Graney Company, Seattle & The Northwest Network, Seattle

**2011 Award Recipients**

The following awards were presented at the awards ceremony held on Friday, March 14 during the annual meeting in Seattle. Thanks to all of those on the Awards Committee and the Social Conscience Committee for their work.

**Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship:** “They Used to Call Us Witches:” Chilean Exiles, Culture, and Feminism by Julie Shayne, Univ. of Washington, Bothell and Seattle

**Honorable Mention** for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship: _The Politics of Exclusion: The Failure of Race-Neutral Policies in Urban America_ by Leilani Saito, Univ. of Southern California

**Distinguished Contributions to Sociological Perspectives:** The Contingent Effect of Social Networks on Organizational Commitment; _A Comparison of Instrumental and Expressive Ties in a Multinational High-Technology Company_ by Young-Choon Kim, Univ. of Singapore & Mooweon Rhee, Univ. of Hawaii (co-recipients) and _Administrative Challenges Facing Nonprofit Worksites Providing Work or Work-Like Experiences for Welfare Recipients_ by Rebecca Joyce Kissane, Lafayette College (co-recipient)

**Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award:** “Making the ‘Good’ Professor: Does Graduate Mentoring Promote Equality in Academia?” by Anita Harker Armstrong, Utah State Univ.

**Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award:** “Social Movement Organizations and Policy Outcomes: Regulating Crisis Pregnancy Centers through Legislative Processes” by MacKenzie Fuentes, Univ. of Puget Sound and “Transracial Adoption: Promoting Racial Literacy or Perpetuating Colorblind Racism?” by Christine Richardson, Boise State Univ.

**Dean Dorn Award Distinguished Contribution to Teaching:** No recipient

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Call for Nominations for 2012 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, 2011. Nominations for all other awards are due by February 1, 2012.

The 2012 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 2012 award, a book must have been published in 2009 or later. If a nomination is based on a series of articles, the most recent article in that series must have been published in 2009 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, 2011. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the book or articles. Send nominations for the Scholarship Award to: Shari Dworkin (shari.dworkin@ucsf.edu)

The 2012 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) 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. This award is given bi-annually. Send nominations for the Sociological Praxis Award to: Sunil Kukreja (kukreja@pugetsound.edu)

The 2012 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award

The Pacific Sociological Association’s Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives 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. This award is given bi-annually. Send nominations for the Sociological Perspectives Award to: Joanna Gregson (gregsojg@plu.edu)

The 2012 Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology

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

The 2012 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award and $200 honorarium

The Pacific Sociological Association’s Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award recognizes an undergraduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. This award includes a $200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2012 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, 2012. Send Nominations for the Undergraduate Paper Award to: Laura Earles (learles@lcsc.edu)

The 2012 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 2012 convention hotel. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by a graduate student or students in the Pacific region; (c) written or substantially revised in the last year; (d) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and (e) unpublished. Nominations for the award must be submitted via email (a copy of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by a least one letter of support). Hardcopies will not be accepted. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012. Send Nominations for the Graduate Student Paper Award to: Jane Ward (jancward@ucr.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 2012, the annual meeting will be held in San Diego. This is a monetary award and honors a community organization based in Oakland that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community. You must provide the committee with two copies of supporting documentation. Send nominations for the Social Conscience Award to: TBA
**Hotel Information for 2012 Meeting:**

**Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Harbor Island**

The 2012 PSA Annual Meeting will take place at Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Harbor Island, 1380 Harbor Island Drive on March 22-25. The PSA will be meeting in the Bay Tower of the complex and we will have this facility pretty much to ourselves. Most sleeping and meeting rooms of the hotel have views of San Diego Bay or the marina. There are a host of good restaurants on Harbor Island within walking distance. The Gaslamp Quarter is only 2.5 miles from the hotel and Little Italy is less than 1.8 miles from the hotel. Put on your walking shoes and stroll along the bayfront Embarcadero from the hotel to the Gaslamp or Little Italy. Or, hire a pedicab to transport you!

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

The PSA 2012 discounted Convention Rate is $149 single or double, plus tax. To make a reservation, call 1-877-734-2726. Please ask for the PSA convention rate. Or book online by using the following URL: http://tinyurl.com/PSA-Sheraton-SanDiego

All Reservations Must Be Made By Wednesday, February 15, 2012 to guarantee the PSA rate. However please note that the PSA discounted room block could easily sell out before the February 15th deadline. The hotel may still have rooms after this date, but at a rate-available basis.

**Hotel Parking**

Hotel parking is $22 per day for self-parking and $28 for valet parking.

**Airport Transportation**

The San Diego Sheraton Hotel is located directly across the street from the San Diego International Airport. A free “Sheraton” Shuttle passes through the terminal area every 15 to 20 minutes.

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**Important Dates**

**August 1, 2011**

For changes/additions to the initial Call for Papers

**October 15, 2011**

All papers/ideas/proposals to session organizers

**November 15, 2011**

All session information from Session Organizers to the PSA Office

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**Steps You Must Follow for Submission to Session Organizers**

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

You are encouraged to submit a proposal, idea, outline, abstract, or completed paper to be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Annual Meeting at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, March 22-25, 2012. Completed papers and extended abstracts may be given more consideration for acceptance than an outline or brief abstract (two or three paragraphs for example).

Please follow the procedures below.

1. Look through the Call for Papers.
2. Select the best session for your submission and submit your completed paper, extended abstract (a two to three page summary of your intended presentation), idea, proposal, or brief abstract to the session organizer listed. All submissions must be sent online.
3. Fill out the form on pacificsoc.org and upload your submission. If your submission is successful, you will immediately receive a confirmation. This confirmation indicates only that your submission was sent to the session organizer successfully; it does not mean the session organizer has accepted your submission. If you need to contact the session organizer, you may do so by email addresses listed in the Call for Papers.
4. If you cannot find a session that fits your proposal, send it to the Program Chair, Mary Virnoche (Mary.Virnoche@humboldt.edu) who may be able to find a place for it in the program before it is finalized or submit it online under the topic “Submissions that Don’t Fit Any Session Listed.”
5. Do not submit the same work to more than ONE session organizer at the same time.
6. You can submit more than one proposed presentation, but each submission must be submitted to no more than ONE organizer at a time. If you submit the same proposal to more than one organizer, then both may accept and the Program Chair will eliminate you without notice from one of the sessions. This is unfair to the session organizer and to others, as the session organizer may be counting on your proposal for his or her session and may have rejected another proposal only to find out later that your proposal has been dropped from the session because you submitted it to two organizers at the same time and it ended up in two separate sessions.
7. Special Note to Undergraduate & Graduate Students. The PSA welcomes and encourages participation in our program by undergraduate and graduate students. To best accommodate undergraduate participation, the Program Committee has organized two types of sessions: Undergraduate Roundtable Open Topic Sessions and Undergraduate Poster Sessions. Undergraduate students can submit proposals to only these two types of sessions. Graduate students can submit their work to any listed session in the call for papers, to the Graduate Student Roundtable Session or to the Graduate Student Paper Open Topics Session.
8. If your submission is NOT accepted, the session organizer will inform you. If your paper is not accepted, you can then send it to another session organizer or to the Program Chair, Mary Virnoche (Mary.Virnoche@humboldt.edu) who may be able to find a place for your presentation in the annual program.
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Dean S. Dorn (PSA Treasurer), Dept. of Sociology, CSU Sacramento / 6000 J Street / Sacramento CA 95819-6005; alternatively, if paying by credit card (see below), you may fax this completed form to the Pacific Sociological Association at 916.278.6181.

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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. Appointments are usually for a three-year period.

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

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

To serve on a PSA Committee, you must be a member of the PSA in good standing. The next round of committee appointments will be made in December of 2011 with terms of appointment starting in 2012. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary, Virginia Mulle (ginnymulle@gmail.com), and indicate which committee or committees you would like to serve on. A list of committees and a description of what they do is available at pacificsoc.org under “committees.”

THE PSA ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 50 $125 TRAVEL GRANT AWARDS FOR STUDENTS LISTED IN THE PROGRAM AND ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO

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

The travel grant awards will be open only to undergraduate and graduate students who are not employed full-time in an academic or non-academic institution. Students who are eligible must also be listed as a presenter or co-presenter in a conference session in the PSA Preliminary Program for San Diego. The Preliminary Program will be published in the January 2012 Newsletter. Eligible students must also be members of the PSA in 2012 and must have paid pre-registration fees for the conference. Membership on a PSA committee does not qualify.

Procedures for Application for a Travel Grant

Students who meet the eligibility requirements above, need to send via email their name and email address to the Chair of the Endowment Committee: Dean Dorn (dornds@csus.edu). The deadline for submission is February 15, 2012. A random-numbers table will be used to assign a number to all eligible applicants. A random drawing will determine the recipients of the travel awards. Recipients will receive an Email confirming they have won an award no later than March 1, 2012. All recipients must pick up their $125.00 travel grant at the PSA Registration Table at the conference. Identification will be required.
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, you 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.
Council Meeting Minutes
2011-2012

1. New editors selected for Sociological Perspectives—thanks to the selection committee.
2. Awards committee wants to broaden contributions to sociological practice award. Submitted proposed changes. Council suggested changing "transformation" language to "positive impact." Presidents and Hohm will OK the changes. Segura moved to accept the plan, Martin seconded. 14 yes, 0 abst, 0 no.
3. PSA logo: 2 options, one old and one new, were considered. Council likes the original one and encourages everyone to use it more.
4. Possibility of a PSA book series. Could generate income and support great scholarship. One publisher might be able to do both the books and journal. Similar to ASA Rose series, and we could try to find out more about them. Also possible to have an edited volume series or readers. Hohm will appoint an ad hoc committee to consider this. Segura moved in support, Sternheimer seconded. 16 yes, 0 abstain, 0 no.

5. 2012 conference: 30 committee members on the planning committee, each organizing 4 sessions. Panel ideas have been submitted. The hotel in San Diego is on Harbor Island, near the airport and less than 3 mins from downtown. May want to organize walking tours to generate interest and revenue. Hohm will look into this.
6. Nominations committee: Should have complete nominations list ready in a few months. Had a productive meeting.
7. Endowment committee: Discussed fundraising ideas. Will ask committees to donate items for the silent auction/raffle. Will establish donor levels to appear in the program. Want to give 50 $125 travel awards to participating students. Collier moved in support, Pyke seconded. 16 yes, 0 abstain, 0 no.
8. Committee on committees is in touch, and ready to start nominating people.
9. Business meeting: Maybe try not to make it at the same time as sessions, which could improve attendance over this year's meeting.
10. Motion to delegate authority to the nominating committee and committee on committees to nominate people for PSA positions. Ng moved, Barrett seconded. 16 yes, 0 abstain, 0 no.
11. Site for 2013 meeting. Considering Oakland, Sacramento, Denver, Salt Lake, San Jose, and Reno. Some preference expressed for Oakland, some for Denver. ED and president will discuss it and will try to avoid Easter and Passover's beginning.
12. Endowment committee continued: Should we offer 50 free registrations to students not on the program to attend? Or use it for students on the program who don't get travel grants? Council preferred the latter. Maybe also consider a broader definition of need including faculty and practitioners. Will take the issue back to the committee for more consideration.
13. Ng on ASA Minority Fellowship Program: Structured program providing $18,000/yr for a 1-yr fellowship. Organizations other than ASA can fund or help fund a fellow. Should PSA do this? With a smaller gift you get recognition, a named fellow if you fully support them. Maybe make this support part of a larger strategy with some additional award given directly by PSA. Start with $1000 donation to MFP, renewable annually unless a decision is made otherwise. Mollborn moved to support this donation and Martin seconded. 16 yes, 0 abstain, 0 no. An ad hoc committee was formed to develop a plan for a broader strategy for supporting diversity, including Segura and Pyke. Council will vote over email and try to implement the strategy for the 2012 meeting.

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Journal report: Everything is in good shape, numbers are steady (submissions, acceptance rate). Please continue publicizing the journal to colleagues.

After a discussion, Messner moved to accept the application of the new co-editors of Sociological Perspectives. Collier seconded. The vote was 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Treasurer's report by Dorn:

14. Audit committee went over the records in February, and all was in order.
15. Financial report: Membership looks down a bit but likely to come up in conjunction with the meeting. Steady income. Assets up a bit. The financial situation is good, especially since we have lower membership fees than peer organizations. Meeting expenses vary across years because of advance payments for venues coming due at different times.
16. Endowment fund is going up because excess operating funds go into the endowment each year. Endowment fund could be used for operating expenses if needed.
17. ~1200 registrations expected for this meeting, which would be a record. There are now increased costs of about $15,000/year with the executive director transition. Not expected to go into the red, but assets will grow more slowly. This a test year to see how the finances do.

A discussion ensued about possible ways to increase revenue. Dorn is working on increasing the endowment fund. It was suggested that an investment fund might manage the endowment fund, but downturns in the stock market would be an issue. There was a decision to form an ad hoc revenue enhancement committee, with Musick as chair. Don and Beth will join him on the committee, and they will brainstorm and bring concrete ideas back to the council.

President's report by Araji:

Thanks to the program committee. The meeting process has gone smoothly. Presses bought ads and covered the cost of bags and receptions. 160% of the goal for booked rooms was met, which impressed the hotel administrators. Discussed the possibility of a multiyear contract with Sheraton. Advertising the PSA meeting at ASA may have paid off, with lots of folks from other regions attending this year’s conference.

Executive director's report by Hohm:

18. The executive director transition has gone well.
19. The transition to an electronic newsletter has also been positive, with only one person requesting a hard copy.
20. SurveyMonkey has been a success for online voting, with the % of members voting going up compared to the past. SurveyMonkey is available for more short-term or informal polls as well.
21. Discussed expanding PSA's influence to East Asia and possibly other neighboring regions. Assistant is collecting emails and websites for sociologists there. Will contact and try to increase exchange, possibly co-organize sessions.
22. There was a long discussion of whether graduate students should organize sessions and if they should be formally mentored by a faculty member. A variety of options were discussed, and the matter was referred to the program committee. It was suggested that instructions should be sent to all organizers.
23. There was also a discussion about how sessions should be chosen, whether there are too many with overlapping content areas. A demand-driven model was discussed, starting with fewer and broader sessions and adding more as needed to accommodate papers. Having attractive sessions is important for attendance. The matter was referred to the program committee.
24. An ad hoc committee was formed to review the constitution and propose necessary amendments. Araji as chair, Mulle, Homh, Kuipers.
25. A discussion of the PSA logo has been postponed until the next council meeting.
PSA Joins the ASA and Other Scholarly Organizations in Denouncing
Glenn Beck’s Attacks on Professor Frances Fox Piven

In the Summer of 2010, the PSA voted unanimously to join the ASA and other scholarly organizations in denouncing talk show host Glenn Beck for his repeated attacks on Past ASA President, Frances Fox Piven. Dr. Piven is one of the nation’s most thoughtful commentators on the country’s social welfare system. Beck’s attacks on Professor Piven have incited threats of violence to Dr. Piven and is strongly condemned by the ASA, PSA, and other scholarly organizations. The full ASA statement is below:

The Freedom to Conduct Research, Write, and Share Ideas Without Fear of Violence is Fundamental to American Democracy

A Response to the Recent Attacks on Professor Frances Fox Piven

For many years, the academic community in the United States has stood firm in its support of scholars across the world who have been threatened or endangered by their scholarship, research, and writing. We must do the same for scholars in the United States.

We, the leadership of major scholarly associations, express our collective outrage at the recent, repeated attacks on Professor Frances Fox Piven. These attacks have been based on rhetoric, rather than substance, and have incited threats of violence, rather than encouraging open debate. Radio and television personality Glenn Beck has accused Professor Piven of creating a plan to “intentionally collapse our economic system,” as reported by the New York Times; and he has included her in a list of the nine “most dangerous people” in the world. While Mr. Beck has not directly called for violence against Professor Piven, his attacks have created a space for threats of violence to emerge. Over the past several months, Professor Piven has received a flood of hate mail and menacing internet postings, including death threats. The Center for Constitutional Rights has identified many of the violent posts by commentators in Mr. Beck’s website, including the following: “I am all for violence and change Frances: Where do your loved ones live?” The rhetoric has become sufficiently overheated that the potential for physical violence is real.

Dr. Piven, a Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the City University of New York Graduate Center who holds a PhD from the University of Chicago, is one of the nation’s most thoughtful commentators on the country’s social welfare system. She has been elected President of the American Sociological Association, Vice President of the American Political Science Association, and President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

We call on public officials, political commentators, and others in the media to help discourage the rhetoric of hate and violence that has escalated in recent months. We vigorously support serious, honest, and passionate public debate. We support serious engagement on the research of Professor Piven and of others who study controversial issues such as unemployment, the economic crisis, the rights of welfare recipients, and the place of government intervention. We also support the right of political commentators to participate in such debates. At the same time, we insist that all parties recognize the rights of academic researchers not only to gather and analyze evidence related to controversial questions, but also to arrive at their own conclusions and to expect those conclusions to be reported accurately in public debates.

Both scholars and commentators, regardless of political orientation, strive to serve the public good. We can only benefit from their work when all parties respect the rights of others to disagree without fear of violent reprisal. We call on all parties to condemn the recent escalation of violent rhetoric, which does nothing to serve democracy.

Council, American Sociological Association and Other Organization Signatories

The Pacific Sociologist to Include a New Section on Members’ Books

Starting with the September 2011 issue, the PSA’s online newsletter will include a new section discussing PSA members’ books. Please send a copy of your book to the PSA office (psa@sdsu.edu) with a brief description (half page, single-spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman) of the book.

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PSA Executive Director