News about 2019 Conference

Please join us to celebrate the Pacific Sociological Association’s 90th year, March 28-31, 2019, at the Oakland Marriott City Center.

The conference theme: “ENGAGING MILLENNIALS: RESEARCHING AND TEACHING ABOUT POWER, DIVERSITY AND CHANGE” provides us with the opportunity to celebrate Pacific Sociological Association’s past and at the same time promote the future generation of sociologists—the millennial generation (born 1981-1996). I am drawn to this population for several reasons: They are the largest living generation, and the most progressive generation since the 1960s. In 2008, millennials helped to elect the first black president. Millennials are also the most racially diverse generation in American history. As PSA members, we have had many opportunities to engage with them as students, researchers and teachers.

My emphasis on the millennial generation is in line with the Pacific Sociological Association’s mission to advance scholarly research on all social processes and areas of social life; to promote high quality research and teaching of sociological knowledge; and to mentor the next generation of sociologists. In fact, the Pacific Sociological Association’s annual meetings provide an informal setting in which millennials can meet other future sociologists who are moving into or moving up in their careers.

I am delighted to give you an overview of the distinguished speakers and panelists who will engage us with their powerful commitment to use their research and teaching to challenge the current orthodoxy.

Confirmed Presidential Sessions include:

- Presidential Panels on “Enduring Issues Facing Latinx Millennials” including Home/Hogar, Family Work/Trabajo en Familia, Justice/Justicia, and Generations/Generaciones (organized by Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo), and “Millennials and Moral Panic” (including discussion of the criminal justice system, teaching millennials, war and women veterans’ experiences, and transitions to adulthood in Korea).
- Presidential Panel “Millennials in Social Movements” with Hajar Yazdiha presiding and speakers Chelsea
Johnson, LaToya Council, and Karina Santellano: How are millennials leading the charge in contemporary social change? Through rich studies of beauty politics and the Natural Hair Movement, Black men shaping new masculinities at work and home, and undocumented students navigating institutions of higher education, this panel explores how millennials are bridging and forging new communities, generating hybridized identities that challenge fixed conceptions of identity, and developing new mechanisms for changing the world around them.

• Distinguished Speakers Panel “Celebrating PSA 90 Years,” featuring Dean Dorn, Amy Orr, and Sharon K. Davis. Three professors with extensive participation in PSA will discuss the past, present, and future of PSA, sociology, and millennials. Dean Dorn, Emeritus Professor, CSU Sacramento, was Secretary/Treasurer/Executive Director and ‘everything’ for PSA from 1993 to 2010. Sharon K. Davis, 2019 Program Chair, has been an active participant in PSA for many years. She has served as PSA Vice President, chaired numerous PSA committees, and presented research papers annually. Amy Orr, 2017-18 President of PSA, has been active in PSA since 2002, and has served as board member of AKD since 2012.

• A conversation with Arlie Russell Hochschild and Michael Burawoy, “Public Sociology in the Age of Trump”, facilitated by President Elaine Bell Kaplan. Two prominent public sociologists from UC Berkeley will discuss their ideas and research about public sociology today in conversation with PSA President Elaine Bell Kaplan, in an informal format with audience participation. Arlie Hochschild’s most recent work is in Kentucky, studying a cross-partisan, cross-regional project called “coal to coding”, with Democrat and Republican elected representatives from Appalachia and Silicon Valley, unemployed coal miners who lean conservative and their children who are learning to code and lean progressive (but often do not vote). She is also the author of the National Book Award Finalist/New York Times bestseller Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right (2016), based on five years of research with Tea Party supporters in Louisiana, as well as The Second Shift (1989), The Managed Heart (1979), and other sociological classics. Michael Burawoy, author of Manufacturing Consent: Changes in the Labor Process Under Monopoly Capitalism (1982) and numerous articles, is an advocate of public sociology, and a scholar of capitalism, socialism, postcolonialism, methodology, and social movements to look at globalization from below, as it is lived. His latest work, A New Sociology for New Social Movements, is forthcoming. The conversation will be facilitated by Elaine Bell Kaplan, whose work uses a race/class/gender perspective to explore the lives of youth. Her most recent book is "We Live in the Shadow": Inner-City Kids Tell Their Stories Through Photographs, is an ethnographic study that explores life from the perspectives of Black and Latino inner-city kids. Her focus is on how inner-city kids make decisions to help them cope with family life, peer relations and academic achievement and handle the negative options that can make poverty a life sentence; pregnancy, gang involvement and drug abuse. Her current research focuses on the millennial generation and their impact on society.

• Glenn Goodwin, author of Classical Sociological Theory: Rediscovering the Promise of Sociology (with Joseph Scimecca) and co-editor (with Martin Schwartz) of ‘Professing’ Humanist Sociology, and member of the PSA Emeritus and Retired Sociologists Committee, has assembled a theory panel called “Engaging Millennials in Sociological Theory,” with panelists Randall Collins, Jonathan Turner, Norbert Wiley, and Kevin McCaffree. The panel will respond to a series of questions concerning the apparent disappearance of classical theory, what Millennials are learning today about the classics, the future of classical theory and the effects on the discipline of its apparent demise. Panel members will respond to each other and to comments and questions from the audience.

• Uriel Serrano (Graduate Student Representative to the PSA Board of Directors) is organizing a panel “Generation Z’s High School Student Movement” featuring Jamileh Ebrahimi (Youth Organizing Director of RYSE Youth Center in Richmond, CA), Veronica Terrriquez (UC Santa Cruz), Jose Orellana (LOUD for Tomorrow, Central Valley), and high school student activists. This panel draws together some of California’s youth activists, organizers, and sociology’s leading scholars of youth social movements to lead a discussion on youth mobilization in the California context. The panelists have participated and/or researched educational justice organizing, youth voter engagement and mobilization, and immigrant youth movements. This panel will address the diversity of past and current youth activism in Los Angeles, the Central Valley, and the Bay Area, and it will present an opportunity to reflect on the role of sociologists and sociological research in community-based organizing.

• We will also have two special Author Meets Critics Sessions: one session, organized by Black Hawk Hancock, features Jooyoung Lee, author of Blowin’ Up: Rap Dreams in South Central, while the second features Michael Messner, author of Guys Like Me: Five Wars, Five Veterans for Peace.

The conference will also feature all the usual types of sessions and events at PSA: undergraduate roundtables and poster sessions, formal research and research in progress sessions (organized by topical area), lots of sessions on teaching sociology/teaching sociology at community colleges, a Grad Fair (for undergraduate students to learn about graduate programs), the Silent Auction (sponsored by the PSA Endowment Committee, to raise funds for student...
travel grants), and some type of reception each evening.

We are excited to bring you two special events that will move us into the next 90 years: a presentation and performance by Hip Hop for Change, and a dance performance by graduate students of Mills College (we will have more information on this soon). Hip Hop for Change is an Oakland-based non-profit organization that uses grassroots activism to educate people about socio-economic injustices and advocate solutions through hip hop culture and raises funds for local causes that enrich marginalized and historically oppressed communities. They challenge the negative stereotypes and criminalization of black and brown youth, sexism, homophobia, and materialism of mainstream corporate rap, and the influence this has on white youth as their primary exposure to people of color, and instead teach hip hop culture as it began and continues to be from the streets and communities. “...(T)he corporate co-optation of Hip Hop culture has created a situation where our community’s platform of self-expression has been eclipsed and replaced with a limited, insulting narrative that affects our understanding of what our Hip Hop is, and what Hip Hop can be. Our culture has been stolen, repackaged, and sold back to us; this limits our cultural efficacy, as well as our ability, freedom, and initiative to talk about and organize around issues that affect our community.” Read more about them here: https://www.hiphopforchange.org/about

Do join us. The theme message for the PSA 90th year: We can bring the past to millennials and they can bring us into the future.

---PSA President Elaine Bell Kaplan

About Oakland

The conference hotel is eight miles from the Oakland airport, 26 miles from San Francisco airport, and is directly adjacent to the 12th Street/City Center BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) station in Oakland; you can easily take BART from either airport. Ridesharing services from the Oakland airport start under $18, while from the San Francisco airport they start around $50, and taxis cost more. It is easily accessible from the 80/580/980/880 freeways. Parking for the hotel is in the attached Oakland Convention Center garage; PSA attendees can pick up a 25% discount voucher at the PSA registration area. This modern downtown hotel is a short walk from Lake Merritt (walking, jogging, gondolas, Cuban and African drumming in the sunshine!), Jack London Square, the Oakland Museum of California (and their special Friday Night events), and the African American Museum and Library.

Oakland offers PSA members, friends and families a number of restaurants nearby, including unique spots with eclectic food, beverage, and other offerings. The historic and bustling Swan’s Market (with 10 restaurants in one space; more information here) is just a few blocks from the conference hotel, while the Hive, 10 blocks up Broadway from the hotel, is an innovative “shopping, gathering, working and living space” with a brewery, coffee shop, an art gallery/working space, restaurants, and more; more information here). Oakland is also home to numerous places for those who enjoy beer and wine; pick up a brochure at the PSA registration area for the Oakland Ale Trail and Urban Wine Trail.

If you want to see glimpses of several city neighborhoods and the diversity of communities within Oakland, follow Telegraph Avenue from downtown Oakland out to Berkeley and watch for halal groceries, Ethiopian/Eritrean eateries, Korean shops, taquerias, Scandinavian bakeries, soul food, and so much more. Oakland offers both electric bicycle and scooter rentals throughout the city to support your explorations (more information on bicycles: http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/PWA/s/BicycleandPedestrianProgram/BikeShare/index.htm; scooter rental companies are changing quickly, so search online). If you want to go farther, you can hop on BART for a short ride to San Francisco. To top it off, in March, Oakland weather stays mostly at a comfortable 63-65 degrees.
Marriott became the largest and wealthiest hotel company in the world after its acquisition of Starwood (Westin and Sheraton, etc.) in September, 2016—although Marriott properties continue to be owned by franchisees in most cases. Marriott reported profits up 25% in second quarter 2018, with $610 million in net income (see NASDAQ here). Unite Here is the national union that represents hotel service workers (front desk, housecleaning, kitchen and waitstaff, room setup, bellpersons, etc.) where they are unionized. Over the last few months, their five year contracts with many Marriott hotels expired, and, although negotiations have been ongoing, Marriott has not offered a new contract that is acceptable to workers.

In late September this year, almost 99% of workers represented by Unite Here in Bay Area Marriotts voted to support a strike, and actual strikes began on October 4th (San Francisco and San Jose) and 5th (Oakland). UniteHere workers in other Marriotts began earlier, including Chicago and Boston, and now workers in Hawai‘i and Detroit have joined the strike.

Workers are asking for a living wage using the slogan of “One Job Should Be Enough”—for one job to pay enough for them to live in the cities where the hotels they work in are located—as well as job security and safety in the workplace (including protection from sexual harassment and assault for housekeepers, protection from discrimination, and workplace practices that do not endanger health). Workers are distressed about the impact of initiatives that claim to be “green”, such as the “Your Choice” program that encourages people who stay in the hotel to forego daily room cleaning in order to support “sustainability”. The reality, they say, is that it is more difficult for housekeepers to clean rooms that are not cleaned daily—although they are expected to clean these rooms in the same time—and that housekeepers’ hours are cut back when more guests choose not to have their rooms cleaned daily. They suffer more work-related injuries due to the increased workload to clean these rooms—and their work is physically taxing to begin with. Further, the housekeepers need to use stronger chemicals to clean these rooms, which both negates any “green”-ness and harms their health. Unite Here says that in just 23 hotels, over 350 full-time housekeeping jobs were cut between 2013 and 2017 due to this “green” program, while many more workers are kept on an “on-call” basis, not knowing day-to-day which hours they will be called in to work.

PSA policy is to hold conferences in hotels with fair labor policies and practices. Usually, PSA can be assured that a hotel whose workers are represented by Unite Here will be a fair labor hotel, although PSA policy does not require a hotel to be unionized in order to be considered “fair labor”. The current strike by Unite Here workers at many Marriotts demonstrates that even unionized workers are too often not treated fairly by corporate management and hotel owners.

On a personal note, I strongly empathize with the Marriott workers on strike. As a first-year public school teacher in rural Hawai‘i in 2001, I went out on strike. Hawai‘i is unique in that there is only one statewide school system—so our strike shut down every K-12 public school in the state. The union had been fighting for two years before the strike; striking was definitely not what we wanted to do. It was a last resort. And 99% of teachers walked the picket lines. We thought surely the state would quickly become serious about negotiations. But it took 20 days and a looming takeover of the school system ordered by the 9th Circuit Federal Court (to protect the rights to access to a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities in particular) before the state made an acceptable offer. Many of us teachers, especially new teachers, were severely impacted financially by the strike. I was a single parent of three children at the time. The “strike box” of a few packages of pasta and some peanut butter (from donations by the community to the union) I received was nice, but… it took months for my family to recover from the loss of my income while I was on strike.

The service workers are vital to the success of our conference each year. They deserve real respect for their value to the hotel—and this must be demonstrated through fair wages and benefits and positive working conditions.

—Lora Bristow, PSA Executive Director
Call for Papers, PSA 2019

The deadline for submissions has been extended—to October 22nd for most submissions, and November 15 for undergraduate roundtable and poster submissions. The 2019 submissions portal is open and accessible from the home page of the PSA website, www.pacificsoc.org.

To organize its annual meeting, PSA primarily uses an online system of open submissions of papers to topical areas.

Faculty and other professional sociologists as well as graduate students who want to present a paper will access the online system, choose a topical area, and indicate their preferred type of participation (formal research presentation, research-in-progress, or some other type of session). You can find the list of topical areas on the next page, as well as the program committee members who will organize submissions into sessions for each of these areas. However, PSA committees also sponsor some special sessions and seek paper submissions; the list of these sessions is provided on the following page. Faculty, graduate students, and other professional sociologists need to provide an abstract of their proposal, with a maximum 200 words, to include the objective, methods, results, and findings as appropriate.

Faculty, graduate students, and professional sociologists can also submit a proposal for a complete session. This might be an author-meets-critics session, a film or other creative media session, or a panel of scholars who want to present together on a particular topic. You will need to provide all information about your proposed session—all presenters and their email addresses, affiliations, and statuses, as well as any paper titles, an overall session description, etc.

Undergraduate students first select either the undergraduate poster or roundtable format, then choose the topical area that best fits their work. Undergraduate students are asked to provide a longer proposal that includes two pages of information on their research question, intended contribution of their research, description of theory and methods, and a third page of source references. Undergraduates also are required to give name and contact information for a faculty mentor who is familiar with their work. Undergraduate submissions are organized into sessions by Undergraduate Coordinator Robert Kettlitz.

You may not submit the same paper to more than one place within the online submission system. You may, however, submit several different papers to one or more topical areas or open-call committee-sponsored sessions.

You can find information on the topical areas and committee-sponsored sessions accepting papers on the next two pages.
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The PSA 2019 Conference Hotel—the Marriott Oakland Downtown/City Center

The Marriott Oakland Downtown/City Center is a fair labor hotel located in downtown Oakland, adjacent to the exit from the 12th Street BART station.

Rooms at the special PSA rate start at $169 for a one king bed room or two double bed room, +tax.

Make your reservations at https://book.passkey.com/event/49674028/owner/17821/home

Note: the hotel will charge for any late cancellations (within 3 days prior to the start of the stay) and early departures. You can find more information about the hotel here: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/oakdt-oakland-marriott-city-center/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2
Membership as of July 1, 2018 was 925, while registration for the 2018 conference was 1030. The charts below share information about 2018 PSA members and conference attendees. People can opt out of providing some of this information.

Pre-registration rates were up again in 2018—this is really great for PSA! By March 26, 90% of faculty/etc. and 87% of students who attended the conference had pre-registered.

Membership and Registration by Status

The overall picture of PSA membership and registration by status is similar to that of recent years.

Community college students continue to be a very small number, but did increase in 2018—especially as meeting attendees. A little less than half of student members and registrants were undergraduates and a little more than half were graduate students.

In 2018, membership and registration by both part-time and full-time community college faculty rose, as did that of applied, public, and practicing sociologists, although these groups continue to be under-represented.

The trend of low participation by part-time faculty continues, and most part-time faculty who do participate are not tenure-track. As part-time/contingent faculty continue to increase as a proportion of the overall faculty teaching sociology, PSA needs to consider how it can better encourage their participation.

In 2019, PSA will pilot a special $10 One Day Pass to the conference for...
community college students and adjunct/part-time faculty at community colleges, as an effort to support their participation in the conference.

Membership by Payment Category

While all students pay the same rate for membership, faculty/etc. pay according to their income. In 2018, membership by faculty in the highest income bracket (over $70,000/year) rose a little. There were fewer student volunteers receiving membership complimentary; this is largely the result of less need for volunteers, as pre-payment by attendees has greatly increased. However, there were some slots for student volunteers in 2018 that were not filled, while there were some shifts where volunteers did not show up (and left us shorthanded), while there were also some shifts where all volunteers showed up and there was not enough work to keep them busy.

Students who received complimentary membership for volunteering at the conference were similar to students overall: 22 were undergraduates (although none were community college students), 7 in Master’s programs, and 11 in Ph.D. programs.

Continuity of Members and Registrants

There were slightly more repeat registrants (30% of all registrants) from 2017 to 2018 as in the two prior years. Repeat membership from 2017 to 2018 rose to 37% of total membership. Although faculty/etc. continue to have greater rates of repeat membership and registration (72% of all repeat members and 65% of all repeat registrants in 2018) than students, the number and proportion of students as repeat members and registrants shows growth. Included in the data are seven repeat members who transitioned from being students in 2017 to faculty in 2018, while three repeat members transitioned from being faculty in 2017 to students (in Ph.D. programs) in 2018; four repeat registrants transitioned from student to faculty, while two transitioned from faculty to students. Repeat membership is highest for faculty in the highest income bracket (60% repeat membership by faculty earning over $70,000/year), while lowest in faculty in the lowest income bracket (42% repeat membership by faculty earning less than $30,000/year).

Membership and Registration by Gender and Race/ethnicity

People who identify as women continue to make up more than half of PSA members and registrants. The large number of participants who have not provided information on their gender identity continues to mean that these numbers need to be interpreted...
with caution. The trend in recent years of a slight increase in participants who report trans, nonbinary, or some other gender identity, particularly amongst students, continues.

Participants can select multiple racial/ethnic identities as they create their PSA account, so percents do not add to 100, and numbers total to more than the total of members and registrants. In 2018, faculty/etc. members and registrants reported very similar race/ethnicity to recent years, while students continued a trend of increased identification in most racial/ethnic groups other than white (which has decreased) and African American/Black (which has stayed about the same). One exception was that the percentage of both student and faculty registrants who reported Asian American/Asian as a racial/ethnic identity increased a little.

By State/Country in PSA Region and Institution

As in recent years, the largest number of PSA members and registrants came from California. Washington and Oregon have been the second and third states. The data shows an increase in participants from the north, especially Washington, Oregon, and Canada, when the conference is located in the norther region of the PSA, while proportionally numbers for participants from California increase when the conference is located in either PSA’s central or southern region.
By Institution | 2018 Membership | Registration
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California State University (+Cal Poly) | 241 | 316 | 31%
University of California | 135 | 130 | 13%
Colorado public 4 year | 32 | 33 | 3%
Oregon public 4 year | 31 | 29 | 3%
Nebraska public 4 year | 30 | 29 | 3%
Washington public 4 year | 20 | 26 | 2.5%
Idaho public 4 year | 26 | 25 | 2%
Arizona public 4 year | 20 | 21 | 2%
Utah public 4 year | 22 | 20 | 2%
Alaska public 4 year | 12 | 12 | 1%
New Mexico public 4 year | 12 | 12 | 1%
Gonzaga University | 25 | 25 | 2%
Whitman University | 19 | 17 | 1.5%
University of Southern California | 9 | 9 | 1%
All R1 in region | 180 | 176 | 17%
R1 out of region | 13 | 19 | 2%
R1 Total | 193 | 195 | 19%
Total | 925 | 1030

The California State University system continues to be most represented in PSA participation, followed by the University of California system. One UC campus—UC Riverside—was the single largest source of members, with 33, followed by CSU Los Angeles with 29. CSU Fullerton was the single largest source of registrants in 2018, with 35, followed closely by CSU Los Angeles and UC Riverside with 33 and Humboldt State University with 32. The data in the table focuses on institutions in the PSA region with greater than 1% of total participation.

Conference Income and Expenses

Costs for the 2018 conference were similar to those for recent years. Overall income (with all 2018 membership fees included) was $4,928 more than expenses. However, this figure does not take into account the cost of Executive Director labor towards the conference. One area where expenses were higher than recent years was hotel catering services; this is due both to the higher minimum purchase PSA agreed to in order to secure a contract with the hotel, and unexpected costs to add extra last minute food to the Welcome Reception because so many more people attended compared to recent years.

Conference Income 2017 | 2018
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Registration fees | $46,060 | $44,160
Membership fees | $36,035 | $35,305
Program ads | $125 | $0
SAGE sponsorship for bags | $1,000 | $615
Other income | $459 | $2,050
Collection jars for student travel grants | $180 | $214
Endowment Auction for student travel grants | $977 | $1,070
Grad Fair registration by programs | $1,200 | $1,200
Total Income | $86,036 | $84,614

Conference Expenses 2017 | 2018
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Credit card fees on fees paid (approx.) | $4,100 | $3,490
Hotel Audio/visual equipment and services | $11,506 | $11,327
Hotel food and beverage for events | $30,791 | $39,330
Hotel meeting room rental | $0 | $0
Advertising | $150 | $323
Staff and officer rooms | $1,363 | $2,781
Executive Director travel (bring supplies) | $892 | $629
Program materials, equipment, supplies (including poster display rental) | $6,199 | $4,731
Giveaways at student reception | $500 | $500
Postage, shipping and receiving | $0 | $0
Travel--site visit | $780 | $1,228
Tech assistants and Registration assistant | $600 | $1,223
Program Chair, Volunteer Coordinator Honorariums | $500 | $3,500
Special program costs (entertainment, etc.) | $1,936 | $1,714
Program App | $1,000 | $999
Podcast of President’s Address | $250 | $0
Online submission system | $3,160 | $1,300
Total Expense | $63,727 | $73,075

Awards Expenses

Undergraduate + Graduate Paper Award honorariums and hotel rooms | $1,272 | $1,233
Social Conscience Award | $500 | $500
Student travel grants | $6,000 | $4,875
Note: paid by Endowment Fund interest when possible
Supplies, printing, postage | $76 | $103
Total Awards Expense | $7,848 | $6,611

Income less Expenses Total | $14,461 | $4,928

Program Participation

There were 934 participants in the 2018 program (after removal of cancellations and no-shows).

One “gray” area is what is required in terms of payment from people who are listed in the program but do not participate in the actual conference. Most of these are co-authors, where another co-author actually presented. Some are PSA committee members (who are expected to attend the conference, but, for various...
Conference Cancellations, No-Shows, and Other Information

One ongoing issue is that not enough Presiders turn in information forms. This makes it much more difficult to track no-shows as well as any problems with technology or other issues, and to work to address these for future conferences.

Cancellations continued to be a problem in 2018—especially those that came in Late (March 1-24), after the program had been sent to the printer, and Last Minute (after March 24). Late cancels cause extra work for PSA, particularly in trying to keep an “Errata” sheet to try to get information to attendees that some folks will not be speaking. This also costs PSA extra, as about 1000 copies need to be printed of this multiple-page list. Copies of the Errata list tend to disappear very quickly from the PSA registration area, and then it is difficult and costly to have more printed. Further, it is not possible to keep the Errata list current, given the volume of Last Minute (less than 4 days prior to the conference) cancels. Of all cancels, 93% did not pay conference fees.

Another problem is “no-shows”—people scheduled to present who just do not show up. It appears that about 57 people were no-shows in 2018; lower than in 2017, but still an issue. These are spread over all categories: 9 undergraduate students, 22 graduate students, 21 faculty, and 5 “other” people. Of these apparent no-shows, only six had paid appropriate registration and membership fees.

Late and last minute cancels as well as no-shows can make the conference less enjoyable for people who do show up. No one wants to be the only presenter in a session, or to try to attend a session only to find that a presenter they really wanted to see is not there. Also, cancels and no-shows use PSA resources, both volunteer and paid—to process their submissions, place in a session in a hotel meeting room that must be contracted for, and more.

When a Presider in a session does not show up, this really impacts the session, and it appears that at least nine Presiders were no-shows in 2018. PSA emailed all Presiders several times in the weeks prior to the conference, and asked them to respond to say that they understood their role—but responses were low, and this took a lot of extra work on the part of the Program Chair and Executive Director. This is an area that needs continued work.

In 2018, PSA made a concerted effort to increase pre-registration for the conference by all presenters, because the data over recent years clearly shows that folks who have not paid before the conference are much more likely to be no-shows or late/last minute cancels. Pre-registration rates did rise significantly. Beginning in 2019, PSA also will require ALL presenters to pay both membership and registration, whereas folks who say they are not sociologists or not in the PSA region formerly were allowed to only pay registration. One proposal to address cancels and no-shows is to require payment of some fee at the time of submitting a proposal to present, but the concern is that this might negatively and disproportionately impact students. PSA will continue to work on policies and practices to decrease cancels and no-shows as part of improving the overall conference experience.

PSA Fall 2018 Election Coming in November

If you are a current PSA member, watch for your fall ballot in early November. Most votes will be cast by a link emailed to eligible voters, but folks who have requested a paper ballot will receive a mailed copy. The window for voting will need to be extended to allow adequate time for mailed ballots to be returned. Cast your vote, and help select the 2021 PSA President and Vice President, members of the Board of Directors (Council) as well as Secretary, Treasurer, and members of the Nominations, Committee on Committees, and Publications Committees.
PSA Council (Governing Board) Actions, July 2018 to October, 2018

- No meetings held during this period
- Letter sent October 5 to Marriott International expressing support for Unite Here workers on strike, per PSA policy on doing business with fair labor hotels

Childcare and Universal Accessibility at the PSA Conference

Are you a parent who needs support with childcare in order to participate in the PSA conference? Or a person who needs accommodations in order to access conference content or for other aspects of participating in the PSA conference?

PSA is working to set up systems to meet these needs—but we need more information about what is needed. And, of course, we need to keep costs reasonable. Help us help you by sending information on your needs—and how you think they can best be addressed—to executivedirector@pacificsoc.org.

Please be as specific as possible. For example, if you need childcare would you prefer for this to be provided at the conference hotel by some childcare company, or in your own home by your own chosen provider? Is it better for you to bring your child(ren) to the conference, or to have them stay at home? Do you need printed conference materials in a different format, or some sort of interpretation or other support during sessions?

Your name and identifying information will be kept confidential.

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**Search for New Editor or Co-Editors for the Official PSA Journal, Sociological Perspectives**

*Sociological Perspectives*, published by SAGE, announces a search for the journal’s next editor or co-editors. The PSA welcomes proposals from individuals, a team or a department.

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

The new editorial office must open by July 1, 2019, with the editor or co-editors officially starting their three-year term January 1, 2020. This editorial term is potentially renewable upon mutual agreement between the editor and the Pacific Sociological Association.

The journal’s purpose is to advance research, theory, scholarship, and practice within sociology and related disciplines. Published six times a year, each issue of *Sociological Perspectives* offers 200 pages of timely articles spanning the breadth of sociological inquiry. Contributions by leading scholars typically address the ever-expanding body of knowledge about social processes related to economic, political, cultural and historical issues. *SP’s* Impact Factor (1.133) and ranking (60/143) in the 2016 Journal Citation Reports has climbed during the last few years.

Applicants should have a strong publishing record, organizational and management experience, collaborative skills, and feel committed to PSA’s mission: to advance scholarly research on all social processes and areas of social life, to promote high quality teaching of sociological knowledge, and to mentor the next generation of sociologists. Consistent with principles of scientific investigation, the PSA endorses engagement of sociologists in areas of social justice and social responsibility.

Applicants should reside in the western region served by the Pacific Sociological Association in the United States (i.e., Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington), Canada (i.e., British Columbia and Alberta), or Mexico (Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua).

PSA provides *Sociological Perspectives* with support for the managing editor, PSA travel costs, and coordination with SAGE. The journal editor’s host institution is also expected to provide support for the editor and the journal office, including release time, tuition support as needed, dedicated office space, equipment, and supplies. Applications should indicate the expected level of institutional support. Potential applicants may contact Publications Committee Chair Robert Futrell to discuss PSA and institutional support in more detail (contact information below).

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

Applications, nominations, and requests for additional information should be sent electronically to the Publications Committee Chair: Robert Futrell, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, email address: rfutrell@unlv.nevada.edu. Please indicate “SP editor application” in the subject line of your email.

**Deadline for applications January 31st, 2019.**

Nominate Now for PSA 2019 Awards!
Except for the Distinguished Scholarship Award, the deadline for all nominations is February 1, 2019.
Send nominations materials to awards@pacificsoc.org
(Social Conscience Award nominations go to social.conscience@pacificsoc.org).

The 2019 Distinguished Scholarship Award  The deadline for nominations was October 1, 2018.

The 2019 Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award honors individuals whose distinctions as teachers have made a significant impact on how sociology is taught. It is typically given for contributions spanning several years or an entire career. Nominations for this award should be submitted in packet form and include the following information: 1) a summary statement of the nominee’s contributions to the teaching of sociology that may include, but is not limited to, honors and awards received by the nominee, publications or scholarly activity related to teaching/pedagogy, papers presented at national conferences on teaching/pedagogy, innovative approaches to teaching, a discussion of the nominee’s impact in disseminate knowledge, leadership in teaching, or mentoring students; 2) a current curriculum vitae; 3) a minimum of four letters of support — at least two from students and two from colleagues — including the nominator’s letter; and 4) other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional).
Prior nominees are encouraged to re-submit updated materials.

The 2019 Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology is designed to honor and encourage the work of junior faculty (typically fewer than seven years of teaching experience). 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 approaches to teaching, a discussion of the nominee’s impact on student learning, or a demonstrated commitment to teaching pedagogy through presentations, publications, workshops or other evidence; 2) a current curriculum vitae; 3) a minimum of four letters of support from support from colleagues and students, including the nominator’s letter; and 4) other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional).

The 2019 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award honors sociological work in the Pacific region (whether by an academic or non-academic), that has made a positive impact on social and organizational institutions, improved organizational performance, contributed to community betterment, and/or eased human suffering. Nominations for this award should be submitted in packet form and include the following information: 1) a nominating letter that provides an overview of the nominee’s distinguished praxis contributions, which should make clear how the nominee’s work has made a positive impact and how the contributions are above and beyond typical professional service; 2) a minimum of two letters of support from individuals having direct knowledge of the nominee’s contribution to sociological praxis; 3) supporting documents, examples of which include, but are not limited to, presentations at scholarly conferences, published articles, reports, media materials, community documents, or grant/contract proposals primarily authored by the nominee, that speak to this significant contribution. Prior nominees are encouraged to re-submit updated materials.

The 2019 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award honors an outstanding article published in the most recent volume of 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 2018 (Vol. 60). Awardee selected by the PSA Publications Committee.

The 2019 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 2019 conference hotel. To be eligible a paper must be: 1) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; 2) written by an undergraduate student or students in the Pacific region; 3) written or substantially revised in the last year; 4) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and 5) in article format but not yet published (needs to meet the standards for a submission to Sociological Perspectives—maximum 10,000 words or 40 pages, inclusive of all figures and graphs). Nominations for the award must include a copy of the paper, an abstract, and a minimum of one letter of support. Note: an individual faculty may nominate a maximum of 3 papers for this award.

The 2019 Distinguished Graduate 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 2019 conference hotel. To be eligible a paper must be: 1) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; 2) written by a graduate student or students in the Pacific region; 3) written or substantially revised in the last year; 4) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and 5) in article format but not yet published. Nominations for the award must include a copy of the paper, an abstract, and a minimum of one letter of support.

The Social Conscience Award is given to a worthy community-based organization located in the city in which the PSA Annual meeting is held — for 2019, this is Oakland, California. This is a monetary award and honors an organization that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community. The 2019 Social Conscience Committee is Patricia Drew, CSU East Bay; Megan Tobias Neely, Stanford University; and Natalie Ingraham, CSU East Bay; send nominations to social.conscience@pacificsoc.org

2018-19 Awards Committee Members: Hyeyoung Woo, Portland State University, and Debora Paterniti, Sonoma State University, Co-Chairs; Faye Wachs, Cal Poly Pomona; Christina Sanchez Volatier, University of Western New Mexico; Elizabeth Sowers, CSU Channel Islands Send nominations materials to awards@pacificsoc.org.
New Book Co-authored by PSA Member Michelle Newhart and William Dolphin

The Medicalization of Marijuana: Legitimacy, Stigma and the Patient Experience

The book blurb says: Medical marijuana laws have spread across the U.S. to all but a handful of states. Yet, eighty years of social stigma and federal prohibition creates dilemmas for patients who participate in state programs. The Medicalization of Marijuana takes the first comprehensive look at how patients negotiate incomplete medicalization and what their experiences reveal about our relationship with this controversial plant as it is incorporated into biomedicine. Is cannabis used similarly to other medicines? Drawing on interviews with midlife patients in Colorado, a state at the forefront of medical cannabis implementation, this book explores the practical decisions individuals confront about medical use, including whether cannabis will work for them; the risks of registering in a state program; and how to handle questions of supply, dosage, and routines of use. Individual stories capture how patients redefine and reclaim cannabis use as legitimate—individually and collectively—and grapple with an inherently political identity. These experiences help illustrate how stigma, prejudice, and social change operate. By positioning cannabis use within sociological models of medical behavior, Newhart and Dolphin provide a wide-reaching, theoretically informed analysis of the issue that expands established concepts and provides new insight on medical cannabis and how state programs work.
Call for papers, Volume 36 Research in the Sociology of Health Care
Underserved and Socially Disadvantaged Groups and Linkages with Health and Health Care Differentials

Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving the socially disadvantaged and underserved and other social factors are sought related to health and health care differentials. This includes examination of health and health care issues of patients or of providers of care both in the United States and in other countries. Papers that focus on linkages to policy, population concerns and either patients or providers of care as ways to meet health care needs of people both in the US and in other countries are solicited. This volume will be published by Emerald Press.

The volume will contain 10 to 14 papers, generally between 20 and 35 pages in length. Send completed manuscripts or close to completed papers for review by December 3, 2018. For an initial indication of interest in outlines or abstracts, please contact the same address no later than November 1, 2018. Earlier inquiries are welcome and will be responded to when sent (in the summer, for example). Send as an email to: Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Professor Emerita, Sociology Program, Arizona State University, (phone 480 991-3920; Email: Jennie.Kronenfeld@asu.edu). Initial inquiries by email are encouraged and can occur as soon as this announcement is available.

The California Sociological Association will hold its annual conference on November 9-10 at the Mission Inn in Riverside. Please visit our website http://cal-soc.org/ for more information or contact Ed Nelson, Executive Director, ednelson@csufresno.edu.

The theme for this year’s conference is "Inequality and Social Justice in the Contemporary Era." Please consider organizing a session for the conference. Send the name of your proposed session to our president-elect and program chair, Elvia Ramirez, at eramirez@csus.edu. Sessions do not have to be on the theme.

New Book by Boise State’s Michael Blain and Angeline Kearns Blain, Progressive Violence: Theorizing the War on Terror

Routledge Studies in Social and Political Thought
New York: Routledge, (June) 2018. This book examines the role of collective violence in the achievement of solidarity, shedding light on the difficulty faced by sociology in theorizing violence as a result of its tendency to idealize society in order to legitimize the idea of progressive social change. Using the global War on Terror as a focal point, it discusses the related issues of power, knowledge, and ethics, explaining the War on Terror in terms of the Anglo-American tradition of imperial power and domination. Exploring the solidarity produced by the ritual domination and destruction of a ‘villain’, the book also considers the price of the ‘progressive violence’ involved in advancing the moral cause of freedom.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, August 9-11, 2019, New York City, NY. The program theme selected by President Nancy J. Mezey is Illuminating the SOCIAL in Social Problems. SSSP is an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in the application of critical, scientific, and humanistic perspectives to the study of vital social problems. Contact sssp@utk.edu or visit https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/745/2019_Annual_Meeting/.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) invites submissions for the 69th Annual Meeting, to be held August 9-11, 2019, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City, NY. The program theme selected by President Nancy J. Mezey is Illuminating the SOCIAL in Social Problems. The submission deadline is January 31, 2019. SSSP is an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in the application of critical, scientific, and humanistic perspectives to the study of vital social problems. If you are involved in scholarship or action in pursuit of a just society nationally or internationally, you belong in the SSSP. You will meet others engaged in research to find the causes and consequences of social problems, as well as others seeking to apply existing scholarship to the formulation of social policies. Contact sssp@utk.edu or visit https://www.sssp1.org/2019_Call_for_Papers.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is pleased to announce the 2019 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. In order to be considered for any of the Student Paper Competitions, applicants are required to submit their papers through the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, https://www.sssp1.org/2019_Call_for_Papers by January 31, 2019. This will ensure that winning papers are both designated and included in the program. Please note that students may only submit to one division and that each division has its own deadline and submission process. For information, visit https://sssp1.org/2019_SPC_and_OSA.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is soliciting applications for the 2019 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship. Persons identified as American Indian or Alaska Native, Arab or Middle Eastern or North African, Asian or Asian-American, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) from one of the aforementioned groups, accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences are invited to apply for the $15,000 fellowship. Two students will be funded. Applications are due by and must be received no later than February 1, 2019. Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2019. All applicants must be a current member when applying. With the exception of DACA students, who are also eligible, applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Contact Dr. Saher Selod, Chair, with questions concerning the fellowship: saher.selod@simmons.edu or visit https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/261/Racial/Ethnic_Minority_Graduate_Fellowship.
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Thursday, March 26 to Sunday, March 29
Eugene, Oregon

“Democracy in a Divided Society”

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The 91st annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association will take place at the mid-point of the 2020 presidential primary season. It is difficult to imagine the fears and anxieties and hopes that we might be feeling at that time – but, needless to say, it will be a rich time for sociological insight, analysis, and imagination. The theme for our meeting will be: “Democracy in a Divided Society.” Sociologists have long addressed the cultural foundations and institutional frameworks for democracy, from Tocqueville to more recent debates about (declining) social capital and civic engagement. It is clear that social institutions of all sorts are feeling the strains that come with deep social divisions which are often characterized as polarization: economic divisions, partisan/political divisions, cultural and religious divisions, racial and gender divisions, geographic/spatial (including urban-rural) divisions, divisions across national borders and carceral walls (which increasingly resemble one another), and many others. Sociologists study those dynamics, their causes and their consequences. I would like to focus our collective attention on deepening our understanding of current social and political divisions and their historic roots, and finding ways for our discipline to help build bridges across divides as well as to strengthen democratic institutions and practices in divided contexts.

Our meeting will take place in beautiful and vibrant Eugene, Oregon (home to the University of Oregon). The city and region offer a wide range of amenities and activities, as we will be highlighting in subsequent communications. Those who are familiar with Eugene will welcome the opportunity to return; those who are not familiar are in for a wonderful treat. Oregon is also a fortuitous place to meet, given our conference theme, as it encompasses many of our contemporary social divisions and has been the site of some of the most contentious battles associated with those divisions. Oregon has a reputation as a liberal state, led by cities along the Willamette Valley in the west which runs from Portland to Eugene. Eastern Oregon, on the other hand, is primarily rural and conservative – and was the site of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge standoff in 2016 which remains a rallying symbol for conservative anti-government activists. Additionally, Portland has recently witnessed some of the most dramatic clashes nationally between white nationalists and antifa counter-protesters. As a whole, then, Oregon represents a rich laboratory for considering current socio-political divisions and conflicts and how we might most productively respond to them.

I am working with our Program Chair, Elizabeth Sowers (CSU Channel Islands) and our Vice-President Elect, Ellen Reese (UC Riverside), and talking with many other colleagues, to organize a compelling conference program which will include a variety of special and thematic sessions. We are also working with colleagues in Eugene to identify and highlight some exciting opportunities to get to know the area. We will be sending out more developed information in subsequent newsletters. Until then, we hope that you’re preparing for Oakland in 2019, and starting to look ahead to Eugene in 2020. We’re very excited about it, and hope to inspire the same in all of you.

—2020 PSA President Dennis Downey