The Millennial Leftists Are Emerging: Are Sociologists Ready for Them?

Recently, I filled out a survey that asked me “What is your gender? Select up to two. What is your race/ethnicity? Select up to two.” We have choices here, the questions implied. What a unique idea!

This discussion of Millennials, including the Z generation (born between 1997 and 2000) is part of a new generation who became adults in this millennium/century (Pew Center Research, 2019). To some, the word “Millennial” sounds like a dirty word. The “M” word, let’s call it. Unfortunately, being associated with this word comes with a few negative connotations—whether deserved or not. Often, those connotations extend to the way Millennials are viewed as the “me” generation, who expect more than they deserve. One especially pervasive trope about Millennials is that they're inherently narcissistic, as documented by their attachment to their phones, their penchant for selfies, and their desire to share every aspect of their lives online. Despite these negative stereotypes, according to my research and that of others, we are encountering a generation that is willing to challenge the status quo. The theme of the 2019 PSA meeting “Engaging Millennials: Researching and Teaching about Power, Diversity, and Change,” is my attempt to generate research and other work on the Millennial generation.

Karl Mannheim’s essay in “The Problem of Generations” (1923) suggests that the notion of generation is widely used in everyday world to make sense of differences between age groupings in society and to locate individual selves and other persons within a historical time.

As Mannheim argues, we need to pay more attention to the significance of each generation by focusing on issues having to do with the relationship between personal and social change: We need to understand the mechanism of social change and the socio-psychological connections of age and knowledge. Social change in sociology means the alteration of mechanisms within the social structure, characterized by changes in cultural symbols, rules of behavior, social organizations, or value systems. A number of studies show that the Millennials are much more progressive than any generation since the early 1960s. This group has been described as being likely to move the country leftward for decades to come (Pew Center Research 2014). President Obama’s election was the first in which the 18- to 29-year-old age group was drawn exclusively from the Millennial generation. In the 2018 Midterm election, more than 3.3 million voters from the 18-29 age group voted early—a 188 percent increase from 2014. In 2020—the first presidential election where all Millennials will have reached voting age—this generation will be 103 million strong, of which about 90 million will be eligible voters.

But there is a critical issue that we should note. Several analysts have suggested that there is a gathering storm. Some Millennials believe, especially those in academia, that social science is tied to old theories and ideologies about race and gender, among other inconsistencies. These old ideas, as they see it, do not resonate with their views regarding equity. This view suggests that Millennials will continue to challenge the status quo. It may be that in the future most surveys will support multiple gender and race identities.

Several questions come to mind. How do we, as sociologists with our sense of history and other issues such as racial and gender inequality, help them along the way? Are we ready for this generation? Are they ready for us?

—President Elaine Bell Kaplan

Visit the PSA website for full preliminary program and overview
Presidential Sessions at PSA 2019

Thursday, March 28

12:00-1:30 pm  Presidential Panel: Millennials and Moral Panic Thursday
Organizer: Elaine Bell Kaplan
Presider: Roberto Rivera, UC Riverside: Criminal Justice System
James Mckeever, Pierce College: Teaching Millennials
April Koeberle, CSU San Marcos: War, Trauma, and Moral Injury: Women Veteran Experiences in Continuous War—Millennials
Hyeyoung Woo, Portland State University: Millennials’ Experience of Transitions to Adulthood: The Case of Korea

This panel will discuss the need for evolving teaching methods to meet the needs of Millennials and Generation Z. Particular attention will be given to the use of technology, popular culture, and social media sites in making the information relevant and keeping the interest of these generations.

1:45-3:15 pm  Presidential Panel: Millennials in Social Movements
Organizer: Elaine Bell Kaplan
Presider: Hajar Yazdiha, USC: Social Movements
Chelsea Johnson, USC: TeamNatural: Black Beauty and Millennial Forms of Resistance
Karina Santellano USC: The DACA Program: Undocumented College Students & Dream

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.

3:30-5:00 pm  Presidential Panel: Enduring Issues Facing Latinx Millennials
Organizer/Presider: Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, USC: Home/Hogar
Emir Estrada, Arizona State University: Family Work/Trabajo en Familia
Edward Flores, UC Merced: Justice/Justicia
Glenda Flores, UC Irvine: Generations/Generaciones

This panel focuses on Latinx millennials. What are some of the key social issues they face in the early 21rst century, and how did previous young generations of Chicanas/os, Latinas/os and Mexican-Americans contend with these challenges in other historical eras? Each presentation will use empirical research and analysis to focus on a particular theme: justice, generations, family work, and home.

5:15-6:45 pm  Presidential Session: Film: F R E E: The Power of Performance
Organizer/Presider: Sharon K. Davis, University of La Verne
Suzanne LaFetra Collier, Producer/Director, presenting

F R E E: The Power of Performance is an award-winning documentary film following five teenagers who use dance and spoken word to transcend the violence, broken families and poverty in their lives. The film captures a life-changing year with the Destiny Arts Center in Oakland, California, as they work together to create a performance based on their life stories. The film spotlights the power of artistic expression as the teens push themselves beyond their struggles to find strength, resilience and hope for the future. https://freethedocumentary.com/watch/

Friday, March 29

10:15-11:45 am  Presidential Distinguished Speakers Panel: Celebrating PSA 90 years: Presenting the Past and Present to Address the Challenges Facing Millennials in the Future
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 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.

12:00-1:30 pm  Presidential Session: Public Sociology in the Era of Trump:
Conversation with Arlie Hochschild and Michael Burawoy
Organizer/Presider: Elaine Bell Kaplan
Arlie Hochschild, Professor Emeritus, UC Berkeley
Michael Burawoy, Professor, UC Berkeley

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 is the author of the National Book Award Finalist and 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. 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.

1:45-3:15 pm  Presidential Panel: Engaging Millennials in Sociological Theory, sponsored by the Emeritus and Retired Sociologists Committee
Organizer/Presider: Glenn Godwin, University of La Verne
Randall Collins, Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania
Jonathan Turner, UC Santa Barbara and Riverside
Norbert Wiley, Emeritus, University of Illinois, Urbana
Kevin McCaffree, University of North Texas

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 (PSA President, 1993), Jonathan Turner (PSA President, 1989), 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.

3:30-5:00 pm  Presidential Session: Hip-Hop for Change
Organizer: Elaine Bell Kaplan

Presentation by Oakland non-profit Hip Hop for Change on the history and culture of hip hop and how local, community-based hip hop can be a social movement for challenging white supremacy, patriarchy, homophobia,
and materialism and support empowerment, education, and efficacy. This presentation is similar to those given by Hip Hop for Change in schools around the Bay Area.

5:15-6:45 pm  Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony
Presentation of PSA 2019 Awards, followed by President Elaine Bell Kaplan’s address, “Engaging Millennials: Researching and Teaching about Power, Diversity, and Change” (see page one of this newsletter for summary)

6:45-8:30 pm  Presidential Reception
Featuring special performances by graduate students in the dance program at Mills College

Volar—Choreographer Andrea Salazar; performers Francesca Cipponeri, Maya Lopez, Augustin Beall, Crystal Gwyn, Xiuting Hong, Shyna Berkowitz, Nomvula Mbambo, Andrea Salazar

We Were Not Brought This Far to Fail—Choreographer Latanya D. Tigner; performers Casondra Bueche, Kaiyi Du, Kenya Hilliard, Ariel Green-Hill, Christian Thompson, Andrea Salazar, Andrea Schmidt; music by David Holland (arrangement Matthew H. Camp), Sekou Gibson; costumes by Dorcas Mba. This piece honors those warriors in our lives (ancestors and living) who speak out, fight, nurture, remind, and encourage us to demand justice in all aspects of humanity.

Gold Frame—Choreographer Stephanie Hewett; performer Stephanie Hewett; music/text by Lemia Monet-Bodden

Forgiveness—Choreographer Xiuting Hong; performers Taeylor White, Sara Lavalley

Saturday, March 30

12:00-1:30 pm  Presidential Panel: In Millennial Footsteps: Generation Z’s High School Student Movement
Organizer/Presider: Uriel Serrano, UC, Santa Cruz

Jamileh Ebrahimi, Student movement, Youth Organizing Director, RYSE Youth Center, Richmond

Jose Orellana, LOUD for Tomorrow

Veronica Terriquez, UC Santa Cruz

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 Terriquez (UC Santa Cruz), and two high school student activists. This panel draws together some of California’s youth activists, youth 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 sociologist and sociological research in community-based organizing.

Sunday, March 31

8:30-10:00 am  Presidential Session: Millennials, Gender and Inequality, sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women
Organizer/Presider: Sojung Lim, Utah State University


Seeing the Light? Persistence in Individual Explanations for Gender Inequality, Emily Carian, Stanford University; Amy Johnson, Stanford University

Fat Women on Instagram: Gendered and Racialized Constructions of Sexual Subjectivity Through Social Media Amanda Rodriguez, University of California Santa Barbara

Utilizing Intersectionality and Reproductive Justice Frameworks to Teach Millennials about Reproductive Politics Lori Baralt, California State University Long Beach
10:15-11:45 am  Presidential Session: #NextGenBlackSoc: New Directions in the Sociology of Black Millennials
Organizer/Presider: Candice Robinson, University of Pittsburgh
This multigenerational panel of advanced graduate students will discuss the way their research topics are brought together by the broad subject of Black Millennials and anchored in building towards a community of the Next Generation of Black Sociologists. Each of their research interests enter the conversation concerning the everyday life of this cohort of Black people from different subjects: civic engagement; family; gender; hiphop/pop culture, and religious identity. A panel discussion style surrounding these varying entry points allows for the panelists to discuss the unexpected variations that emerge when observing populations that are seemingly similar. In addition to their specific subject areas, each person will outline how their research methods take into consideration the use of the internet for context and as a way to contact this population for the use of ethnographic and interview work. Concluding with an informal discussion with the attendees, this panel will be informative with a mission to advance scholarly research in Sociology and more specifically on the everyday life of Black Millennials.

Young, Black, and Ambitious: Black Middle Class Millennials` Commitment to Community  Candice Robinson, University of Pittsburgh
Black Christian Millennials: Reconciling Racial and Religious Tensions  Shaonta` Allen, University of Cincinnati
"That Was the Sin That Did Jezebel In": Black Women`s Recollection and Reclamation of Their Sexuality  Ifeyinwa Davis, Louisiana State University
The Everyday as Problematic: Using Millennial Pop Culture to Explicate Social Theory  Maretta McDonald, Louisiana State University

12:00-1:30 pm  Presidential Session: Reconstructing Expertise on Resistance: What We Can Learn from Young Communities of Color Mobilizing against Social Inequality
Organizer/Presider: Theresa Johnson, University of California Santa Cruz
This panel will enact a critical dialogue on community resistance and youth agency and resilience to bridge the gap between scholar activism and youth-led community-based efforts combating social injustices. Historically, critical dialogue has omitted low-income communities of color and youth voices. Academic spaces often remain inaccessible to community members in a multitude of ways: geographically, structurally, and intellectually. Thus, omitting young people’s voices in these spaces reifies expertise on resistance to sites of structural oppression as legitimate only by certain actors, namely white scholars studying communities of color for academic purposes. This panel aims to de/re-construct who is commonly thought of as knowledge-producers in the research areas of cultural resistance, grassroots activism, and structural inequality. As graduate students doing researching with (not on) youth of color activists, we are consciously making space for youth by inviting them to share their stories on political engagements and resistance to the issues in their low-income communities. We also seek to share how we, as members of these communities and as researchers in academia, negotiate our own lived experiences as women of color through our community-based scholarship and research methodologies. This panel will touch on a variety of issues that affect communities of color across California, such as young women of color’s rural activism in California’s Central Valley, social justice participatory undergraduate research in public health, and international travel as a vital tool for learning and identity formation.

Youth Rural Activism: Organizing and Mobilizing in California’s Central Valley, Featuring Valeria Mena Roxanna Villalobos, University of California Santa Cruz
On Powerful Children and Public Health  Karina Ruiz, University of California Santa Cruz  with Lesly Martinez Ibanez, my mentee from the Cultivamos Excelencia Scholars at UC Santa Cruz
Oakland to Johannesburg: Travel as Social Resistance, Featuring Amina Daniels  Theresa Johnson, University of California Santa Cruz
These sessions feature discussions between the author and “critics” of newly published books.

**Thursday, March 28**

**12:00-1:30 pm** *Giants: The Global Power Elite*, by Peter Phillips (Seven Stories Press, 2018)

The global power elites are the activist core of the transnational capitalist class—1% of the world’s wealthy people. They serve the unifying function of providing ideological justifications for their shared interests through the corporate media and they establish the parameters of needed actions for implementation by transnational governmental organizations and capitalist nation-states. The global power elite are self-aware of their existence as a numerical minority in the vast sea of impoverished humanity. Roughly 80% of the world’s population lives on less than ten dollars a day and half live on less than three dollars a day. This concentration of protected wealth leads to a crisis of humanity, whereby poverty, war, starvation, mass alienation, media propaganda, and environmental devastation are reaching levels that threaten our species’ future.

Peter Phillips is a Professor of Political Sociology at Sonoma State University since 1994, former Director of Project Censored 1996 to 2010 and President of Media Freedom Foundation 2003 to 2017. He was winner of the Firecracker Alternative Book Award in 1997 for Best Political Book, PEN Censorship Award 2008, Dallas Smythe Award from the Union for Democratic Communications 2009, and the Pillar Human Rights Award from the National Associations of Whistleblowers 2014.

**Critics:** Susan Rahman, College of Marin; Juan Salinas and Nicole Wolfe, Sonoma State University

**Friday, March 29**

**10:15-11:45 am** *The Trans Generation: How Trans Kids (and Their Parents) are Creating A Gender Revolution*, by Ann Travers (NYU Press, 2018)

In this book, Ann Travers employs a critical race and anti-colonial perspective to situate transgender children in assemblages of power and privilege. Based on interviews with trans kids and parents of trans kids in Canada and the USA, this book resists the current tendency in mainstream and social media to focus on relatively privileged (although still very vulnerable) trans kids to instead emphasize the ways in which white supremacist, colonial and hetero-patriarchal systems of domination contribute to the unique precarities of racialized/poor/Indigenous/Native trans kids. Travers advocates systemic change to reduce the precarity of those trans kids experiencing multiple inequalities and insists that these changes will benefit all kids, cis or trans. Critics are invited to challenge this analysis and the social change agenda that Travers advocates.

**Critics:** Mary Robertson, CSU San Marcos; Brandon Robinson, UC Riverside; Luis Gutierrez-Mock, UCSF Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Center of Excellence for Transgender Health

**1:45-3:15 pm** *Styling Masculinity: Gender, Class, and Inequality in the Men’s Grooming Industry*, by Kristen Barber (Rutgers University Press, 2016)

The twenty-first century has seen the emergence of a new style of man: the metrosexual. Overwhelmingly straight, white, and wealthy, these impeccably coiffed urban professionals spend big money on everything from facials to pedicures, all part of a multi-billion-dollar male grooming industry. Yet as this innovative study reveals, even as the industry encourages men to invest more in their appearance, it still relies on women to do much of the work.

Styling Masculinity investigates how men’s beauty salons have persuaded their clientele to regard them as masculine spaces. To answer this question, sociologist Kristen Barber goes inside Adonis and The Executive, two upscale men’s salons in Southern California. Conducting detailed observations
and extensive interviews with both customers and employees, she shows how female salon workers not only perform the physical labor of snipping, tweezing, waxing, and exfoliating, but also perform the emotional labor of pampering their clients and pumping up their masculine egos.

Letting salon employees tell their own stories, Barber not only documents occasions when these workers are objectified and demeaned, but also explores how their jobs allow for creativity and confer a degree of professional dignity. In the process, she traces the vast network of economic and social relations that undergird the burgeoning male beauty industry.

Critics: Miriam Abelson, Portland State University; Tristan Bridges, UC Santa Barbara; Miliann Kang, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

1:45-3:15 pm  Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity, by Mary Robertson (NYU Press, 2018)

Growing Up Queer explores the changing ways that young people are now becoming LGBT-identified in the US. Through interviews and three years of ethnographic research at an LGBTQ youth drop-in center, Mary Robertson focuses on the voices and stories of youths themselves in order to show how young people understand their sexual and gender identities, their interest in queer media, and the role that family plays in their lives.

The young people who participated in this research are among the first generation to embrace queer identities as children and adolescents. This groundbreaking and timely consideration of queer identity demonstrates how sexual and gender identities are formed through complicated, ambivalent processes as opposed to being natural characteristics that one is born with. In addition to showing how youth understand their identities, Growing Up Queer describes how young people navigate queerness within a culture where being gay is the "new normal." Using Sara Ahmed’s concept of queer orientation, Robertson argues that being queer is not just about one’s sexual and/or gender identity, but is understood through intersecting identities including race, class, ability, and more. By showing how society accepts some kinds of LGBTQ-identified people while rejecting others, Growing Up Queer provides evidence of queerness as a site of social inequality.

For us as scholars trying to engage the Millennial experience and examine power and social change, this book importantly offers us a lens into not only sexuality but also the process of negotiating complex and intersectional identities.

Critics: Ann Travers, Simon Fraser University; James Dean, Sonoma State University; Anna Muraca, Loyola Marymount University

Saturday, March 30

8:30-10:00 am  Mixed Messages: Norms and Social Control Around Teen Sex and Pregnancy, by Stefanie Mollborn (Oxford University Press, 2017)

Stefanie Mollborn’s book examines how schools, families, and peers communicate social norms around teen sex, contraception, and pregnancy in different kinds of communities, and how teens negotiate around these norms in their daily lives.

Critics: Hava Gordon, University of Denver; Sarah Miller, Boston University; Krystale Littlejohn, Occidental College; Sinikka Elliott, University of British Columbia

10:15-11:45 am  Where the Millennials Will Take Us: A New Generation Wrestles with the Gender Structure, by Barbara Risman (Oxford University Press, 2018)

Are today’s young adults gender rebels or returning to tradition? In Where the Millennials Will Take Us, Barbara J. Risman reveals the diverse strategies youth use to negotiate the ongoing gender revolution. Using her theory of gender as a social structure, Risman analyzes life history interviews with a diverse set of Millennials to probe how they understand gender and how they might change it. Some are true believers that men and women are essentially different and should be so. Others are innovators, defying stereotypes and rejecting sexist ideologies and organizational practices. Perhaps new to this generation are gender rebels who reject sex categories, often refusing to present their bodies within

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them and sometimes claiming genderqueer identities. And finally, many youths today are simply confused by all the changes swirling around them.

As a new generation contends with unsettled gender norms and expectations, Risman reminds us that gender is much more than an identity; it also shapes expectations in everyday life, and structures the organization of workplaces, politics, and ideology. To pursue change only in individual lives, Risman argues, risks the opportunity to eradicate both gender inequality and gender as a primary category that organizes social life.

Critics: Cecilia Ridgeway, Stanford University; Marjukka Ollilainen, Weber State University; Georgiann Davis, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Julie Shane, University of Washington, Bothell


This book analyzes the medicalization of cannabis use, a process that remains incomplete and coexists with the legacy of marijuana use as an illicit recreational substance. Reframing use as "medical" is not merely rhetorical, but changes cannabis itself, as well as changing the behaviors that surrounds use. Based on extensive observation and in-depth interviews in Colorado, this book focuses on the experiences of patients at midlife or older, who must navigate uncertain and changing conditions as they adopt and use medical cannabis for their own health conditions. Chapters follow the order of patient experiences as they navigate the medical cannabis system, addressing questions such as: Is cannabis used similarly to other medicines? How do individuals at midlife decide to try cannabis? How do they discuss this option with doctors, friends and family? How do they decide on routines of use, obtain a supply, and decide if it is helpful? Do they identify with cannabis as a political issue, and do they support the legalization of "recreational" use? Finally, how do patients manage the risks and stigma associated with cannabis use, and what can this tell us about reclaiming a stigmatized identity? Their answers show the deep significance of social construction in shaping behavior, and the role of behavior in medicalization. This session takes on the more provocative points in the book, touching on the role of behavior in medicine, the significance of life course, and what can be learned about dismantling identity stigma from those who support medical cannabis.

Critics: Sheigla Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis; Michael Polson, UC Berkeley; Joshua Meisel, Humboldt State University; Burrel Vann, Jr., UC Irvine

1:45-3:15 pm Blowin’ Up: Rap Dreams in South Central, by Jooyoung Lee (University of Chicago Press, 2016)

Blowin’ Up follows the careers of aspiring rappers in "South Central" Los Angeles, an area shaped by its proximity to gangs and a glittering entertainment industry. Through nearly five years of in-depth ethnographic work, Lee describes why young Black men channel their time and energy into an improbable career in the music industry. The end result is a portrait of how the creative process shapes the lives of marginalized black men.

Critics: Black Hawk Hancock, DePaul University; Edward Flores, UC Merced

3:30-5:00 pm Guys Like Me: Five Wars, Five Veterans for Peace, by Michael Messner (Rutgers University Press, 2018)

Over the last few decades, as the United States has become embroiled in foreign war after foreign war, some of the most vocal activists for peace have been veterans. These veterans for peace come from all different races, classes, regions, and generations.

Guys Like Me introduces us to five ordinary men who have done extraordinary work as peace activists: World War II veteran Ernie Sanchez, Korean War veteran Woody Powell, Vietnam veteran Gregory Ross, Gulf War veteran Daniel Craig, and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Jonathan Hutto. Acclaimed sociologist Michael Messner offers rich profiles of each man, recounting what led him to join the armed forces, what he experienced when fighting overseas, and the guilt and trauma he
experienced upon returning home. He reveals how the pain and horror of the battlefront motivated these onetime warriors to reconcile with former enemies, get involved as political activists, and help younger generations of soldiers.

Guys Like Me is an inspiring multigenerational saga of men who were physically or psychically wounded by war, but are committed to healing themselves and others, forging a path to justice, and replacing endless war with lasting peace.

Critics: Jeffrey Montez de Oca, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs; Tristan Bridges, UC Santa Barbara

Receptions and Other Special Events at PSA 2019

Thursday, March 28
6:45-9:00 pm Welcome Reception—All registrants welcome! Sponsored by the PSA Membership Committee

Friday, March 29
5:15-6:45 pm Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony—hear President Elaine Bell Kaplan’s Address
6:45-8:30 pm Presidential Reception—open to all registrants! Featuring a dance performance by graduate students from Mills College
8:00-10:00 pm Student Reception—students—come play games, win prizes, eat, meet new friends, enjoy! Featuring performance by Oakland nonprofit organization Hip Hop for Change

Saturday, March 30
5:15-6:45 pm PSA Business Meeting—learn more about PSA’s finances, membership, governance
6:45-9:00 pm Sociological Perspectives Reception—Celebrate the Editors, Editorial Board, special issues, and more—open to all registrants

Sessions and Other Events for Specific Groups

Thursday, March 28 1:45-3:15 pm Undergraduate Student Problem Solving Competition 2020—Informational Session for Faculty

Friday, March 29 12-1:30 pm CSU Sociology Department Chairs Meeting

Jonathan H. Turner (University of California Riverside and Santa Barbara), Past PSA President (1989),
Will Present the Fifth Sociological Stars Series Distinguished Lecture,
“The More Sociology Tries to Become Relevant, The Less Relevant it Becomes”
in Oakland on Thursday, March 28, 5:15-6:45 pm
Sponsored by the PSA Emeritus and Retired Sociologists Committee

Summary: The current trend to make sociology an activist discipline will not increase its relevance in addressing, much less solving, important social issues. It will be viewed as yet another political action group or social movement organization, with the results that its knowledge base will not be seen as objective or useful. Sociology needs to recognize the costs of becoming seen as “just another political player.” Indeed, only as a science will sociology be respected inside and outside of academia. And only as a discipline that seeks to explain the dynamics of social organization with tested theories and with a cumulative empirical base will its knowledge become respected and accepted. Seeming ‘relevance’ in the present and future political climates ironically erodes the true potential of sociology to inform clients and publics as they deal with problematic social conditions.

The Sociological Stars lecture series was initiated four years ago by the PSA Membership Committee under the leadership of Linda Henderson at the University of Calgary. The first speaker in the series (2015) was Michael Messner, University of Southern California; in 2016 the lecturer was Cecilia Ridgeway from Stanford, in 2017 the speaker was Earl Babbie of Chapman University, and in 2018 the speaker was Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo of the University of Southern California.
### Committee-sponsored Sessions at PSA 2019

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8:30-10:00 am  Teaching Under-prepared Students, sponsored by the Committee on Community Colleges

Presidential Session: Millennials, Gender and Inequality, sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women

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**Film Sessions**

**Thursday, March 28**

5:15-6:45 pm  Presidential Session: Film Session: F R E E:The Power of Performance

Organizer: Sharon K. Davis, University of La Verne

F R E E: The Power of Performance is an award-winning documentary film following five teenagers who use dance and spoken word to transcend the violence, broken families and poverty in their lives. The film captures a life-changing year with the Destiny Arts Center in Oakland, California, as they work together to create a performance based on their life stories. The film spotlights the power of artistic expression as the teens push themselves beyond their struggles to find strength, resilience and hope for the future. Producer/Director Suzanne LaFetra Collier will present the film.

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**Saturday, March 30**

5:15-6:45 pm  Humor that Hurts: It Isn`t Funny Unless Everybody Laughs

Organizer: Marcia Marx, CSU San Bernardino

The convenience store clerk Apu, who "graduated first in his class of seven million at `Caltech` -- Calcutta Technical Institute -- going on to earn his doctorate at the Springfield Heights Institute of Technology (S.H.I.T.)" has been until recently a beloved character on The Simpsons since the animated series` inception in 1990. A recent documentary flips the narrative, arguing that the producers have been insensitive at best over the portrayal of South Asians in the "persons" of Apu and his family. This led us to explore other comedic historical and contemporary figures who may convey humor, but at the expense of those at the intersections of gender, sexuality, class, disability, race and ethnicity. We will share our findings in a series of short video clips followed by discussion.

Discussants: Marcia Marx, Patricia Little, Mary Texeira, and Elsa Valdez, CSU San Bernardino

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**Sessions of Special Interest to Students**

**Thursday, March 28**

1:45-3:15 pm  Student Affairs Committee meeting

3:30-5:00 pm  Working At the Community College: How to Become a Full Time Faculty Member at a Community College, sponsored by the Committee on Community Colleges

5:15-6:45 pm  Putting Your Best Face Forward, sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee

The objective of this workshop is to provide guidance for undergraduate and graduate students seeking to further their academic studies or gain employment.

Film & Presidential Session: F R E E: The Power of Performance

An award-winning documentary film following five teenagers who use dance and spoken word to transcend the violence, broken families and poverty in their lives.
Friday, March 29
8:30-10:00 am Careers for BA and MA Sociologists, organized by the American Sociological Association
1:45-3:15 pm Grad Fair (see below)
3:30-5:00 pm Presidential Session: Hip Hop for Change  Presentation by Oakland non-profit Hip Hop for Change on the history and culture of hip hop and how local, community-based hip hop can be a social movement for challenging white supremacy, patriarchy, homophobia, and materialism and support empowerment, education, and efficacy.
8:00-10:00 pm Student Reception, sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee  Games, giveaways, snacks, and a performance by Oakland non-profit Hip Hop for Change.

Saturday, March 30
8:30-10:00 am Surviving and Thriving: Mental Health, Social Support, and Self-Care in Academia, sponsored by Student Affairs Committee
How Can New Graduates Market Sociology as a Skill Set, sponsored by the Committee on Applied, Clinical, and Public Sociology
10:15-11:45 am Getting Jobs in Academia
12:00-1:30 pm Presidential Session: In Millennial Footsteps: Generation Z’s High School Student Movement  Youth activists are currently challenging and transforming this system through protest, engagement and mobilization, and immigrant youth movements.
1:45-3:15 pm Be The Change You Wish To See In The World: Teaching At The Community College Level, sponsored by the Membership Committee
5:15-6:45 pm How to Get Your Work Published: A Conversation with Editors of Sociological Perspectives and Members of the PSA Publications Committee, sponsored by the Publications Committee
You’re Not a Fraud: Recognizing and Overcoming Imposter Syndrome, sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee
Panelists will discuss their own experiences with imposter syndrome as well as effective strategies for overcoming this common issue that undergraduate and graduate students alike experience. Audience members will be invited to participate in the discussion.

Sunday, March 31
10:15-11:45 am Presidential Session: #NextGenBlackSoc: New Directions in the Sociology of Black Millennials  This multigenerational panel of advanced graduate students will discuss the way their research topics are brought together by the broad subject of Black Millennials and anchored in building towards a community of the Next Generation of Black Sociologists.
12-1:30 pm Presidential Session: Reconstructing Expertise on Resistance: What We Can Learn from Young Communities of Color Mobilizing against Social Inequality  This panel will enact a critical dialogue on community resistance and youth agency and resilience to bridge the gap between scholar activism and youth-led community-based efforts combating social injustices.

GRAD FAIR 2019
This year PSA will again offer a Grad Fair for undergraduate students to meet with representatives from PSA region graduate programs on Friday, March 29, 1:45-3:15 pm. Graduate programs scheduled to participate:

- Washington State University, Pullman
- Utah State University
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Colorado, Denver
- Humboldt State University
- University of Nevada, Reno
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Northern Arizona University
- New Mexico State University
- San Diego State University
- California State University, San Marcos
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 across the street 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/co-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. One notable beer destination just blocks from the conference hotel is The Trappist ([http://www.thetrappist.com](http://www.thetrappist.com)), specializing in Belgian-style brews.

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](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.

You may be familiar with Oakland’s history as the birthplace of the Black Panther Party for self-defense (you can take a tour —and Oakland as the beginning and ending setting for last year’s (Marvel) Black Panther movie. Oakland is, well, Oaklandish—a city of great diversity, with lots of opportunities for celebration. One uniquely Oakland event is the Black Joy Parade, scheduled for February 24 this year ([video promo](https://youtu.be/6GS8n5qXMdY)) [more info](https://www.blackjoyparade.org).
Don’t Forget—Renew Your Membership for 2019 and Preregister for the 2019 Conference

Have you renewed your PSA membership for 2019? If not, you can do so now at the PSA website, pacificsoc.org to ensure that you will not miss any PSA newsletters and other important communications.

Beginning this year, ALL presenters and other participants listed on the conference program need to pay membership fees. Also, pay your preregistration for the PSA 2019 conference now, and save yourself both time when you arrive at the conference and money. Registration paid at the last minute or at the conference will cost an additional $15. We really need more people to preregister! This helps not only to keep the lines and wait shorter for everybody at the registration area. Preregistering also tremendously helps PSA with conference planning, as we can better anticipate how many people will show up, so that we are able to spend smarter on conference materials like the printed program and also to better gauge how much food we should provide at receptions.

Membership: $25 Student $40 Faculty/Etc. with income <$30,000 $50 Faculty/Etc. with income $30,000 to $70,000 $60 Faculty/Etc. with income >$70,000
Preregistration: $30 Student ($45 Late/Onsite) $60 Faculty/Etc. ($75 Late/Onsite)

Last Chance to Nominate for PSA 2019 Awards!

Nominations are due by February 1 for the:
- Social Conscience Award
- Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award
- Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology
- Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award
- Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award
- Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award

See the Awards page on the PSA website: http://pacificsoc.org/psa-news/psa-awards

P.S. = Pacific Sociological Association

The PSA 2019 Conference Hotel—the Marriott Oakland Downtown/City Center

The Marriott Oakland Downtown/City Center is located in downtown Oakland, adjacent to the exit from the 12th Street BART station. Rooms at the special PSA rate are $169 for a one king bed room or two queen bed room, +tax. Make your reservations at https://book.passkey.com/event/49674028/owner/17821/home Rooms are almost sold out! The hotel will charge for any late cancellations (within 3 days prior to the start of the stay) and early departures.


Parking at the conference hotel is expensive, but PSA attendees can get a 25% discount; pick up your discount ticket at the PSA registration area. For those commuting to the conference, other parking is available nearby.
PSA Committee Meetings at the 2019 Conference

Note: Times may change, but days will only change if absolutely necessary; committee members will be notified of any changes.

Thursday, March 28
12:00-4:00 pm  PSA Council (Board of Directors) (partially closed)
12:00-1:30 pm  Emeritus and Retired Sociologists
1:45-3:15 pm  Student Affairs
4:00-5:15 pm  Committee Chairs and Editors; Nominations; Committee on Committees (closed)

Friday, March 29
8:30-10:00 am  Awards (closed); Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities
10:15-11:45 am  Community Colleges; Publications (closed)
1:45-3:15 pm  Status of Women; Freedom in Research and Teaching
3:30-5:00 pm  Rights, Liberties, and Social Justice; Status of LGBTQ+ Persons

Saturday, March 30
8:30-10:00 am  Endowment
10:15-11:45 am  Practicing, Applied, and Clinical Sociology
12:00-1:30 pm  Membership
1:45-3:15 pm  Teaching
3:30-5:00 pm  All Committees Sharing—for representatives from PSA committees to share notes, discuss efforts, etc.

Sunday, March 31
8:30-11:00 am  PSA Council 2019-2020 (Board of Directors) (partially closed)
11:00 am-12:30 pm  2020 Program Committee

Endowment Fund Silent Auction and Donations: Supporting our Students at PSA 2019 in Oakland

One of the most exciting aspects of the PSA Annual Meeting is the participation of our outstanding graduate and undergraduate students. These students represent the future of our profession!

The PSA Endowment Committee is proud to sponsor a number of fund raising initiatives to provide annual Student Travel Grants to the conference. At our upcoming meeting in Oakland you will have a number of ways to help us support our students.

As in previous years, we are organizing a Silent Auction and ask you to consider contributing an item or items to the collection of treasures that will be up for bids. The donated items can be almost anything (in the past we have had items such as candy, coffee, books, jewelry, framed art, hand-made clothing items, and more.) The items do not need to be expensive, but they should be portable so the highest bidder will be able to travel home with them easily. There will be an auction table or tables in the registration area in Oakland where items can be checked in. Auction-bid sheets can indicate the name of the donor and the minimum bid (if you so wish). Bids will close at noon on Saturday, and items must be picked up and paid for by noon on Sunday. Winning bidders can pay by cash, check or credit card.

You can also look for our Endowment Fund “Change Jars” – the perfect place to drop off a cash donation, or you can make a credit card donation to the Endowment Fund at the registration desk. Another easy way to support the Endowment Fund is through a donation online at the PSA e-store when renewing your PSA membership – or any time!

Please help us to make a significant financial contribution towards Student Travel Grants this year.

—Stephanie Anckle, The University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, and Chair, PSA Endowment Committee
Interested in Sharing Costs of a Hotel Room, a Ride, Childcare, or an Adventure at PSA 2019 with Another Attendee?  
Check Out Conferenceshare.co

Go to https://conferenceshare.co and look up PSA 2019

This free-for-users app was created recently by grad students in the tech field who wanted to find a way to share costs with other students attending the same conference. Anyone can sign up, then post what they want to share. Your posts can only be viewed by others who sign up and search for the same conference. You can look for roommates for a stay at the conference hotel (almost sold out!), another hotel, an AirBnb, or...

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?

New Kind of Session: Open Discussion

Academic conferences like PSA have been running pretty much the same for some time, consisting primarily of sessions where “the experts” talk and “the audience” listens. This year, PSA is trying something new, an initiative to include more opportunities for attendees (students, faculty, everybody!) to engage in open discussion on areas of common interest—what we are calling “Open Discussion” sessions. Topical area organizers from the Program Committee will be present to introduce topics and facilitate discussion. The Open Discussion sessions are scheduled after a sequence of sessions in the topical area, so that audience and authors from those sessions can bring topics they want to talk about. The goal is to build intellectual community and networks among attendees interested in the same research areas. Check one out, and give your feedback in the post-conference survey!

Friday, March 29, 3:30-5:00 pm—Crime, Law, and Deviance (Facilitator Tanya Nieri, UC Riverside); and Environmental Sociology in the Age of Climate Crisis: Directions for Research, Teaching, and Community Engagement (Facilitator Laura Earles, Lewis-Clark State College)

Saturday, March 30, 12:00-1:30 pm—The Ethnographer’s Circle, “How to Do Research” (Facilitator Black Hawk Hancock, featuring Hillary Angelo, UC Santa Cruz; Andrew Deener, U. of Connecticut; Waverly Duck, U. of Pittsburgh; Jennifer Reich, U. of Colorado, Denver)

Saturday, March 30, 3:30-5:00 pm—Salon des Sexualités (Facilitators Jodi O’Brien, Seattle University, and Sean Davis, Mira Costa College and the PSA LGBTQ+ Committee); Migration/Immigration (Facilitator Daniel Olmos, CSU Northridge); and Race/Ethnicity (Facilitator Marcia Marx, CSU San Bernardino)
PSA News and Announcements

Check www.pacificsoc.org for more announcements, including Calls for Papers and Employment Opportunities!

Donations to the PSA Endowment Fund, January to December 2018

The following people generously donated a total of $2,630 to the PSA Endowment Fund during 2018. In addition, the Endowment Committee raised $214 passing collection jars at the conference, and $1,070 from the Silent Auction, dedicated to funding Student Travel Grants. Thank you to donors and purchasers of Silent Auction items.

Alondra Alexander-Hughes  Brianne Davila  Sarah Guldenbrein  Harry Mersmann  David Smith
Lindsay Becker  Corina Diaz  Linda Henderson  Lata Murti  Jean Stockard
Elizabeth Bennett  Dean Dorn  Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo  Harmony Newman  Torisha Stone
Georgiana Bostean  Rhonda Dugan  Maisha Jones  Wendy Ng  Richelle Swan
Debra Cabrera  Laura Earles  Robert E. Kettlitz  Thanery K Nhim  Lora Vess
Michelle M. Camacho  Edwin Eschler  Matthew King  Jodi O’Brien  Rebekah Villafranca
Deirdre Caputo-Levine  Laura Fitzwater  Kathy Kuipers  Anthony Palafox  Anthony Villarreal
Jacqueline Carrigan  Gonzales  Melisa Lasell  Ellen Reese  Mary Virnoche
Lynn Chao  Alicia Gonzales  Jackie Logg  Cecilia Ridgeway  Margaret Vitullo
Marisol Clark-Ibáñez  Glenn Goodwin  Marisela Martinez-Cola  Linda Rillorta  Sandra Way
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Anne Danenberg  Katja Guenther  J D McMillin  Richard Serpe  Amanda M. Shigihara

2018 PSA Election Results

President 2020-2021  Vice President 2020-2021
Sharon K. Davis, University of La Verne  Gary Hytrek, CSU Long Beach
Council, 2019-2021
Northern: Kelley D. Strawn, Willamette University  Central: Ynez Wilson Hirst, Saint Mary’s College
Southern: Ann Strahm, CSU Stanislaus
Graduate Student 2019-20 (Northern): Michelle Alexander, University of Oregon

Committee on Committees, 2019-2022
Northern: Nicole Willms, Gonzaga University  Central: Aya Kimura Ida, CSU Sacramento
Southern: Richelle Swan, CSU San Marcos

Publications Committee, 2019-2021
Northern: Ryan Light, University of Oregon  Central: Chioun Lee, UC Riverside
Southern: Todd Migliaccio, CSU Sacramento

Nominations Committee, 2019-2022
Central: Todd Migliaccio, CSU Sacramento

239 ballots, representing 24% of PSA members as of November 6, 2018, were completed.
Library of Social Science Book Exhibit at PSA 2019

Dear PSA member,

Library of Social Science is again organizing the book exhibit for the PSA’s 90th Annual Meeting. Help us create a comprehensive book exhibit by recommending titles you would like included in our display. Our goal is to present a comprehensive collection of the latest and most significant titles in the field. To recommend titles, simply reply to bookexhibits@libraryofsocialscience.com with the following information:

- The title, publisher and publication date for each book you are recommending.
- The name, telephone number and e-mail address of your contact at each press. Please be sure to provide your own contact details as well, should we require additional information.

Thank you very much. With regards, bookexhibits@libraryofsocialscience.com http://www.libraryofsocialscience.com/

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Interested in Serving on a PSA Committee?

First, review information on PSA elected and appointed committees here: http://pacificsoc.org/committees
Then, send your information and interest to secretary@pacificsoc.org. You can also indicate your interest in your PSA account when you pay your membership fee each year. Note: Students (at any level) may serve on most committees, but not Awards, and generally not on Publications, Nominations, and the Committee on Committees. Students are needed most years for Student Affairs and the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities.
PSA Council (Governing Board) Actions, September 2018 to January 2019

November 4, 2018 by Council (full board)
Approved: Revised Fiscal Year July 2018-June 2019 Budget
Approved: Letter of support for UniteHere workers still on strike at Marriott locations (strike at 2019 conference hotel settled successfully November 3, 2018)
Approved: Allocate funds for Undergraduate Student Problem Solving Competition pilot
Approved: Longer regular meetings of Council at the conference—first day and last day

January 16, 2019 by Executive Committee
Approved: Changes to position descriptions of Treasurer, Secretary, Program Chair, Student Volunteers for reimbursement of necessary travel expenses (to various limits)
Approved: Change to process for necessary travel expense reimbursement for Publications Committee members, student members of Student Affairs Committee
Approved: Change broker of record for all insurance coverages to CalNonprofits Insurance
Approved: Add sleeping rooms to the 2019 conference hotel room block

News from Other Organizations

Send in your announcements to executivedirector@pacificsoc.org for inclusion in future PSA newsletters and posting on the PSA website. Visit the PSA website, www.pacificsoc.org, for more announcements, including employment opportunities, calls for papers, and more.

Call for papers for the special issue of “Genealogies of Terror: Histories of the Present”

Dear Colleagues,

Genealogy [ISSN 2313-5778, http://www.mdpi.com/journal/genealogy] is currently running a Special Issue "Genealogies of Terror: Histories of the Present" which is guest edited by Professor Michael Blain of Boise State University.

"The spectacular September 11, 2001 attack on the US by Al Qaeda provoked a global War on Terror (WoT), multiple new power struggles and an intensification of political surveillance and wars fought worldwide. One can say without fear of exaggeration, “the practices of terror, terrorism and counter-terrorism” are fundamental features of the history of the present..." For further reading, please visit the Special Issue website: https://www.mdpi.com/journal/genealogy/special_issues/terror

The manuscript delivery deadline is 15 July 2019.

We invite you to contribute to this volume. If you have any questions, please contact the guest editor Professor Michael Blain (mblain@boisestate.edu) or the journal managing editor Ms. Allie Shi (genealogy@mdpi.com).

When your paper is ready, please submit it through the following link: http://susy.mdpi.com/user/manuscripts/upload?journal=genealogy
Pacific Sociological Association’s 91st Annual Meetings/Conference
Thursday, March 26 to Sunday, March 29, 2020
in Eugene, Oregon, at the Graduate Hotel (formerly Hilton)

THEME: Democracy in a Divided Society

Elijah Anderson to Deliver the Sorokin Lecture at the 2020 Meeting of the PSA

For the past few months, as most PSA members have been preparing for the 2019 meeting in Oakland, our team has been getting initial plans together for the 2020 meetings in Eugene. (That team includes Program Chair Elizabeth Sowers, Vice President-Elect Ellen Reese, and President-Elect Dennis Downey, working closely with our Executive Director Lora Bristow.) The theme of the conference will be “Democracy in a Divided Society,” and we’re working to ensure that the theme is reflected throughout the program. At this point, we’re happy to be able to share one early highlight of our preparations, and to offer a hint of more to come.

We are excited to announce that Dr. Elijah Anderson will be delivering the Sorokin Lecture at our 2020 meeting. The Sorokin Lecture Grant is awarded by the American Sociological Association to support a lecture by the recent winner of a major ASA award. Dr. Anderson earned the 2018 W.E.B. DuBois Award for his Career of Distinguished Scholarship. His published books include rich ethnographies focusing on race in American life – sociological classics such as Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community (1990); Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City (1999); and The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life (2011).

In our proposal to the ASA, we offered two primary reasons why Dr. Anderson would be such a welcome presence at our meeting. First, in recent years, the PSA has become a hotbed for ethnographic research (due largely to the vision and effort of Black Hawk Hancock), as indicated by its strong presence in our annual programs, including
the innovative “ethnographers’ circles,” as well as in the special issue of Sociological Perspectives dedicated to ethnographic research (2018, 61(2)). Ethnography is a vibrant and exciting part of the PSA. Who better to tap into and to amplify that excitement than Elijah Anderson?

Second, Dr. Anderson’s research speaks clearly to the theme of the meeting: “Democracy in a Divided Society.” Race is one of the dominant fault lines in American society, and his body of research represents an extended exploration of the contemporary contours of race and race relations. His most recent book, The Cosmopolitan Canopy, focuses on the infrastructure that supports “civility” in urban America, and how it promotes and shapes everyday interactions across race. It is an insightful study of how we can, and sometimes do, bridge racial and other types of social divides – which will be a thematic concern of our meeting. We are confident that all of our members (not only ethnographers) will be interested in hearing from Dr. Anderson.

We are currently identifying other prominent sociologists to invite to the meeting, starting to organize some thematic panels, and pulling together a fantastic program committee to help organize your submissions into vibrant sessions. Presently, we would just like to offer some food for thought about one relevant aspect of the program theme for 2020. When we talk about a “divided society,” one of the higher level divisions occurs between urban America and rural America – what we speak of as the Urban-Rural Divide. American sociology has traditionally focused closely on understanding urban structures and processes (Elijah Anderson being a great example), but the focus on rural contexts has atrophied in recent decades – to the detriment of our discipline and its impact in contemporary debates. (It is worth noting, though, that attendees of the Oakland meeting will have the opportunity to hear from Arlie Hochschild who has recently focused her research on rural America.) In order to promote greater attention to those issues, we will be adding Rural Sociology to the submission areas for the 2020 meeting. We’re pleased that Jennifer Sherman (Washington State University) has agreed to coordinate that area of the program. If you are working on projects related to rural issues, please consider submitting in that area. And for those interested in learning more about the contours and implications of the urban-rural divide, and how it is exemplified in Oregon, we will be posting some articles and other materials on our 2020 meeting homepage (still in development). Please have a look as you start to think about the meeting in Eugene.

Of course, as you think about Eugene, you’ll naturally think about how to get there. For those in the Pacific Northwest, a less common way is to take Amtrak, which runs directly to Eugene just a couple of blocks from our conference hotel. (If you’re interested in passing through Portland, a beautiful ride down to Eugene on Amtrak takes about 2.5 hours through the beautiful Willamette Valley.) For those coming from farther away, we also wanted to let you know that our Executive Director Lora Bristow is working with a national airline to provide discounts for PSA attendees, which will reduce travel costs. (Accommodations in Eugene are also very affordable relative to larger cities where we usually meet – so we expect members’ overall costs for the 2020 meetings to be significantly less.) Lora will be providing more information about all of that in the spring newsletter.

Keep an eye out for more information about Eugene and the 2020 meeting, on the website and in the spring and fall newsletters. We look forward to sharing a lot more about the exciting opportunities we have planned for you in 2020!

PSA 2020—Information on Hotel and Eugene, Oregon

Curious about Eugene, Oregon? Lots of information here: https://www.eugenecascadescoast.org/psa/

The conference will be in the hotel formerly known as Hilton (due to be re-branded as Graduate summer 2019) in downtown Eugene, in easy walking distance to numerous places to eat, drink, and more. Rooms at the PSA rate are only $144 single/double, $149 triple, and $154 quad. Parking in the hotel lot is free for all attendees, whether you are staying in the hotel or not. The hotel offers a free shuttle to/from the Eugene airport.