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Dear PSA Members and Colleagues:

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

The conference theme, “*Intersectionalities and Inequalities: Knowledge and Power for the 21st Century*” is intended to be engaging to those of us both in and outside of academia, all-encompassing in its theoretical reach and empirical demonstrations. It provides multiple opportunities to examine a concept – intersectionality – and come to understand its history, its strengths and weaknesses, and its elaborations in knowledge production in the social sciences and humanities and in its applications for social change.

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

The 2012 conference program will also include the full The 2012 conference program will also include the full array of sessions devoted to culture, crime, organizations, gender, environment, deviance, race, methods and statistics, social psychology, religion, and health issues. The program committee plans some terrific “Author Meets Commentators” sessions and workshops on how to get federal funding, how to write for the journal *Contexts* (offered by past PSA President and new Editor of that journal), and how to get published. Reaching back into the past, several special sessions comprised of Past Presidents of the PSA will explore how sociology has and has not changed. Sessions for graduate students will discuss the job market; sessions for senior scholars will discuss the dynamics of retirement for academics. The Student Committee is planning an orientation for students who may be attending the conference for the first time.

Please support the PSA by booking at the conference hotel, the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. This will assure that we meet our room contract and will help keep the conference costs low, since thousands of dollars in meeting room rentals will not have to be paid to the Sheraton. To make a reservation at the low conference rate of \$149 plus tax, for a single or double, call 1-877-734-2726 or book online at: <http://tinyurl.com/PSA-Sheraton-SanDiego>. To get this group rate, all reservations must be made by February 15, 2012.

Until March 22-March 25, I wish you all a healthy and productive Winter Quarter.

Beth E. Schneider
University of California, Santa Barbara
President, Pacific Sociological Association

Preliminary Program

83rd Annual Meeting San Diego, CA
March 22-25, 2012

THEME: *INTERSECTIONALITIES AND INEQUALITIES: KNOWLEDGE AND POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY*

Preliminary Program and Index Available!

NOTE: The preliminary program draft and index are available. To accommodate conflicting schedules, a few sessions have been moved to different time and day slots. Please be sure to check the current preliminary program draft. This is a preliminary version, and needs to be edited and formatted, and this will be done. We just thought that the PSA membership should have access to this draft, so that major scheduling problems can be solved.

Please disregard the numbering of the roundtables, as some of them may be out of order. All roundtables are scheduled into their correct sessions and timeslots.

How to view the preliminary program:

1. View the index and find your name and session number(s). www.meetingsavvy.com/psasubmit/_admin/program/entire_index.htm
2. Go to the preliminary program draft and look for your session number(s). www.meetingsavvy.com/psasubmit/_admin/program/entire_program.htm

The complete program and index are also available at www.pacificsoc.org, which will be updated periodically as changes & corrections occur.

Please inform us at psa@sdsu.edu of errors and cancellations!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Registration and membership dues for those listed in the preliminary program: Several points about meeting pre-registration, program participation, and membership are discussed below. These items need your attention.

Pre-registration and Membership Dues

3. **Who has to pay registration fees for 2012?**
If you are listed on the program and will be attending the conference, you must pre-register for the annual meeting before FEBRUARY 17, 2012 in order for you name to be listed in the final program. A membership and registration form is included in the January newsletter; it is also available at www.pacificsoc.org. You may also pay online at www.pacificsoc.org/membership. If you have not already paid pre-registration fees, please return the form with your payment. If you were a member in 2011, you should already have received a renewal for 2012 dues and a pre-registration form for the annual meeting.
4. **Who doesn't have to pay registration fees?**
If you are listed on the program but will NOT be attending the annual meeting, you do not have to pay pre-registration fees. If you are not attending, you do not have to pay registration fees.
5. **Who also has to pay 2012 membership dues?**
If you are listed on the program and you will be attending the meeting and you are a sociologist (e.g., undergraduate and graduate student majors, faculty members or applied sociologist) and you also reside in the Pacific region (AZ, CA, NM, UT, NV, CO, HI, MT, OR, AK, ID, ALBERTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, BAJA CA, SO-

NORA, or CHIHUAHUA), you pay pre-registration fees and also 2012 membership dues.

6. Who doesn't have to pay 2012 membership dues?

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

However, everyone listed on the program is encouraged to become a PSA member in 2012.

Program Participation

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

Attendance at the Meeting

If you are attending the meeting but are not on the program, you are expected to pay either pre-registration fees or registration fees at the door. Pre-registration fees are \$40 US dollars; \$40 Canadian dollars for faculty and/or over \$15,000 income per year and \$20.00 US dollars; \$20 Canadian dollars for students and/or under \$15,000 income per year. Registration fees at the door will be \$50 US dollars; \$50 Canadian dollars for faculty and/or over \$15,000 income per year and \$25 US dollars; \$25 Canadian dollars for students and/or under \$15,000 annual income. Please see the Membership and Registration Form at www.pacificsoc.org or in the January newsletter. You may also pay online at www.pacificsoc.org/membership.

If you have questions about your status and these required dues and fees and/or you would like information about how to pay them, please contact PSA Treasurer, Dean Dorn at 916-278-5254; fax: 916-278-6281; or by e-mail: dornds@csus.edu

2012 PSA Program Committee Chair
Mary Virnoche, Humboldt State University

Contribute to the PSA Endowment Fund

Donations to the PSA Endowment Fund are used to provide \$125 travel grants to students who are presenting their research at the annual meeting. Recently the Association has been able to grant 50 of these travel awards. The larger the fund, the more awards will be given. Make a Donation to the PSA Endowment Fund at <http://tinyurl.com/PSAendowment>

Thank you to the Contributors to the PSA Endowment Fund,

January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

The following members generously donated to the PSA Endowment Fund that currently supports giving 50 \$125 travel grants to students attending and presenting in the annual meeting. Thanks to each donor for supporting the association and its student members.

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PSA Meeting and Council Meeting Times in San Diego

COUNCIL MEETINGS

2011-2012 Council Meeting	Friday, 3/23	8:30-10:00 AM
2012-2013 Council Meeting	Sunday, 3/25	8:30-10:00 AM

ELECTED PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations Committee	Saturday, 3/24	10:15-11:45 AM
Publications Committee	Friday, 3/23	8:30-10:00 AM
Committee on Committees	Friday, 3/23	3:30-5:00 PM

APPOINTED STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards Committee	Friday, 3/23	10:15-11:45 AM
Committee on Teaching	Friday, 3/23	1:45-3:15 PM
Committee on Freedom of Research & Teaching	Friday, 3/23	8:30-10:00 AM
Committee on Race & Ethnic Minorities	Friday, 3/23	Noon-1:30 PM
Committee on Civil Rights & Civil Liberties	Friday, 3/23	1:45-3:15 PM

Committee on the

Status of Women	Saturday, 3/24	3:30-5:00 PM
Comm. on the Status of GLBT Persons in Sociology	Saturday, 3/24	8:30-10:00 AM
Membership Committee	Saturday, 3/24	1:45-3:15 PM
Committee on Community Colleges	Saturday, 3/24	Noon-1:30 PM
Comm. on Practice, Applied, & Clinical Sociology	Friday, 3/24	3:30-5:00 PM
Student Affairs Committee	Saturday, 3/24	8:30-10:00 AM
Endowment Committee	Saturday, 3/24	10:15-11:45 AM

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Emeritus Committee	Saturday, 3/24	Noon-1:30PM
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*The Site Selection Committee, Contracting Monitoring Committee, Audit Committee, Social Conscience Committee, and the 2011 Program Committee will not meet as their work has already been done.

Hotel Information for 2012 Meeting:

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Harbor Island

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

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

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

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

Hotel Parking

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

Airport Transportation

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

2012 Book Display

This year's meeting in San Diego will again include a SPECIAL BOOK EXHIBIT organized and managed by the LIBRARY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE. The exhibit will bring together books covering all dimensions of the field of sociology- and related disciplines. The exhibit will contribute substantially to the intellectual value of our conference by providing a comprehensive collection of the latest and most significant publications.

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

- The title(s) of the book(s) you are recommending, and date(s) of publication.
- The name(s) of the publisher(s)
- The name, telephone number and e-mail address of your contact at each publishing company

Please be sure to include your own name, telephone number and e-mail address with the information that you send to us, so we can follow up if we require additional information. If there are other titles that you wish to recommend for inclusion in the display, simply provide the NAME OF THE BOOKS AND THEIR AUTHORS.

Please respond to this e-mail immediately, so that we can begin work to assure that the book(s) you have authored or recommended are included in the display. Thank you very much!

Regards,
Richard Klein
LIBRARY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE BOOK EXHIBITS
E-mail: LSSBookExhibits@earthlink.net

NOTE: To obtain additional information on the book exhibit, authors or publishers, you may email me (LSSBookExhibits@earthlink.net).

Important!

Order Your A/V Equipment No Later than February 15th

Make sure the PSA office knows about your A/V needs. All PSA meeting rooms in Seattle will have an LCD projector, screen for powerpoint, and VGA cables. The PSA does not provide laptops or adaptors for laptops. All presenters are responsible for informing their session organizers or the PSA Office of their need for special AV equipment. If you will need A/V equipment other than an LCD projector, screen, or VGA cable, don't assume it will be in your meeting room or that it can be ordered at the last minute. It can't and it won't. You must order it from the PSA weeks before the conference, no later than February 15th.

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

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

Late requests will not be honored!

Join, pre-register or renew your membership now!

Membership benefits include a subscription to *Sociological Perspectives*, published by UC Press; a subscription to the PSA newsletter, *The Pacific Sociologist*; participation in the Annual Meeting; and many opportunities to network with other sociologists. *You may also pay online securely at pacificsoc.org.*

MEMBERSHIP

If there have been no recent changes in your name or contact information and you are renewing, enter your name below.

name _____

If there have been recent changes in your contact information or if you are joining as a new member, provide the information below.

name _____

address _____

city _____ state / province _____

zip / postcode _____ country, if not united states _____

tel _____ / fax _____ / email _____@_____

type of membership (check one)

STUDENT and/or under \$15,000 annual income: US / CDN \$ 15

FACULTY and/or over \$15,000 annual income: US / CDN \$ 40

ANNUAL MEETING PREREGISTRATION – PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE TO AVOID THE HIGHER AT-MEETING COST

Please enter the information below as you wish it to appear on your conference badge:

name _____

institutional affiliation _____

type of registration (check one)

STUDENT and/or under \$15,000 annual income: US / CDN \$ 20

FACULTY and/or over \$15,000 annual income: US / CDN \$ 40

TOTAL PAYMENT

You can pay by check or credit card. Make checks out to psa. Sign your name if paying by credit card. *You can also pay online (secure site) at PACIFICSOC.ORG.*

_____ MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2011

_____ REGISTRATION for annual meeting

_____ CONTRIBUTION to the endowment fund (tax deductible)

_____ TOTAL payment enclosed or to be charged

Send completed form with check or credit card information to

Dean S. Dorn (PSA Treasurer), Dept. of Sociology, CSU Sacramento / 6000 J Street / Sacramento CA 95819-6005;

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

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

card number _____ expiration [mm / yy] _____

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SIGNATURE _____

You can also pay for Membership Dues, Annual Meeting Registration, and Donations at

<https://www5588.sslldomain.com/MeetingSavvy/psa/default.aspx>

The PSA Endowment Committee Announces Fifty \$125 Travel Grant Awards for Students Listed in the Program and Attending the Annual Meeting in San Diego

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

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



Procedures for Application for a Travel Grant

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

Please inform us of email, telephone, or address changes at psa@sdsu.edu. You may also report any errors in the Call for Papers to the same email addresses. Visit www.pacificsoc.org to keep your membership up-to-date and to pre-register for the 2012 meeting.

Room Share in San Diego

If you need a roommate to share expenses at the Sheraton in San Diego, please contact the PSA Office at psa@sdsu.edu to be put in touch with others seeking the same.

For more information on the annual meeting schedule and events, visit www.pacificsoc.org.

Don't Let Your PSA Membership Lapse!

Renew online at www.pacificsoc.org

If you were a member of the PSA in 2011, you should have received the 2012 membership dues renewal reminder via email in December. If you did not receive it, chances are the PSA Office (PSA@SDSU.EDU) does not have your correct email or mailing address.

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

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

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Call for Nominations for 2012 Awards

Nomination Process: Any PSA member can place a nomination. In order for the nomination to be considered, you must provide the required documentation as presented below for each particular award for which there is a nomination. Nominations for the Distinguished Scholarship Award are due by November 1, 2011. Nominations for all other awards are due by February 1, 2012.

The 2012 Distinguished Scholarship Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished Scholarship is granted to sociologists from the Pacific region in recognition of major intellectual contributions embodied in a recently published book or series of at least three articles on a common theme. To be eligible for the 2012 award, a book must have been published in 2009 or later. If a nomination is based on a series of articles, the most recent article in that series must have been published in 2009 or later. The Committee does not accept nominations for the Scholarship Award from publishers. Nominations must be from individual members of the PSA. Edited books are not eligible for this award. If a book has both a hardback and paperback copyright date and no significant changes have been made in the book between editions, the committee will consider the earlier copyright date as the one determining eligibility for the award. Nominations for distinguished scholarship and all supporting materials must be submitted by November 1, 2011. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the book or articles. Send nominations for the Scholarship Award to: Shari Dworkin (shari.dworkin@ucsf.edu)

The 2012 Dean S. Dorn Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award

The *Dean S. Dorn Outstanding Contributions to Teaching Career Award* honors outstanding contributions to the teaching of sociology. The award recognizes individuals whose distinction as teachers have made a significant impact on how sociology is taught. It is typically given for contributions spanning several years, or an entire career. Nominations for this award should be submitted in packet form and include the following information: 1) A summary statement of the nominee's contributions to the teaching of sociology that may include but is not limited to: honors and awards received by the nominee; publications or scholarly activity related to teaching/pedagogy; papers presented at national conferences on teaching/pedagogy; innovative approaches to teaching; a discussion of the nominee's impact in disseminating knowledge; leadership in teaching; mentoring students. 2) Current curriculum vitae. 3) A minimum of six letters of support from students and colleagues, including the nominator's letter. 4) Other supporting documents as deemed relevant (optional). Send nominations for the Dean S. Dorn Teaching Award to: Joanna Gregson (gregsojg@plu.edu)

The 2012 Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology

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

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2012 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Praxis Award honors sociological work in the Pacific region (whether by an academic or non-academic), which has an impact on government, business, health, or other settings. The grounds for nomination include (but are not limited to) any applied sociological activity that improves organizational performance, contributes to community betterment, and/or eases human suffering. You must provide the committee with three copies of the supporting documentation: 1) A nominating letter, which provides an overview of the nominee's distinguished practice contributions; 2) Letters of support from individuals having direct knowledge of the nominee's distinguished contribution to sociological practice. 3) Copies of presentations at scholarly conferences, published articles, and/or grant/contract proposals, primarily authored by the nominee, which address issues in sociological practice. Send nominations for the Sociological Praxis Award to: Sunil Kukreja (kukreja@puget-sound.edu)

The 2012 Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives Award* honors an outstanding article published yearly in *Sociological Per-*

spectives. To be eligible, the article must be worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship and contribution to the discipline. The article must have been published in Vol. 54, 2011. This award is given annually. You must provide the Committee with three copies of the nominated article. Send nominations for the *Sociological Perspectives Award* to: Vikas Gumbhir (gumbhir@gonzaga.edu)

The 2012 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award and \$200 honorarium

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes an undergraduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. This award includes a \$200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2012 convention hotel. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by an undergraduate student or students in the Pacific region c) written or substantially revised in the last year; d) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and e) unpublished. Nominations for the award must be submitted via email (a copy of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by a least one letter of support). Hardcopies will not be accepted. The deadline for nominations is February 16, 2012. Send Nominations for the Undergraduate Paper Award to: Laura Earles (leearles@lscs.edu)

The 2012 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award and \$200 honorarium

The Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Student Paper Award recognizes a graduate student or students for a paper of high professional quality. This award includes a \$200 honorarium and two nights of lodging at the 2012 convention hotel. To be eligible a paper must be (a) worthy of special recognition for outstanding scholarship; (b) written by a graduate student or students in the Pacific region c) written or substantially revised in the last year; d) presented at the upcoming PSA annual conference; and e) unpublished. Nominations for the award must be submitted via email (a copy of the paper, including an abstract, accompanied by a least one letter of support). Hardcopies will not be accepted. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012. Send Nominations for the Graduate Student Paper Award to: Jane Ward (jane.ward@ucr.edu)

Social Conscience Award

The Pacific Sociological Association's Social Conscience Award is given to a worthy community-based organization located in the city in which the PSA Annual meeting is held. In 2012, the annual meeting will be held in San Diego. This is a monetary award and honors a community organization based in San Diego that is engaged in providing a much-needed social service in the community. You must provide the committee with two copies of supporting documentation. Send nominations for the Social Conscience Award to: Chuck Hohm (psa@sdsu.edu).

Volunteer for Committee Service

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

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

The PSA has 15 committees that members can volunteer to serve on: endowment committee; membership; audit; contract

monitoring; awards; status of women; status of ethnic minorities; status of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered persons; teaching; freedom of research and teaching; civil liberties and civil rights; social conscience; student affairs; community colleges; and sociological practice. Members are appointed by the PSA Council and by the President based on recommendation from the Committee on Committees. Self-nominations are acceptable. Serving on a PSA Committee is an effective way to network with professional colleagues. If you are interested, please contact the PSA Office (psa@sdsu.edu). Please indicate which committee (s) you would like to serve on. A list of committees and a description of what they do is available on the PSA Web site (www.pacificsoc.org) under "Committees."

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

PSA 2012 Election Results

Past President Sharon Araji has announced the results of the Fall PSA Ballot. Congratulations to those newly elected and a special thanks to everyone for agreeing to run and to serve the PSA. Your participation is deeply appreciated by all.

Those Elected:

- President: Amy Wharton
- Vice President: Shari Dworkin
- Council North: Christine Oakley
- Council Central: Amy Wilkins
- Council South: Sally Raskoff
- Grad Student Council South : Jennifer Simmers
- Nominations Committee Central: Marilyn Fernandez
- Publications Committee North: Eileen Otis
- Publications Committee Central: Manuel Barajas
- Committee on Committees North: Vikas Gumbhir
- Committee on Committees Central: Jennifer Reich
- Committee on Committees South: Michael Perez

Access The PSA Web Site (www.pacificsoc.org) for Everything You Need To Know about The PSA and Especially The Annual Meeting In San Diego

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Suggestions for Giving a First-Rate Presentation

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

I make the following suggestions to new and experienced presenters.

1. Make sure the PSA office knows of your A/V needs. Meeting rooms have data projectors and screen for powerpoint presentations. The PSA does not provide laptops. If you need equipment other than an LCD projector, don't assume it will be available or that it can be ordered at the last minute - it can't and it won't. You must order it well in advance.
2. Get your completed paper to the discussant at least a month before the meetings. A good review can be tremendously helpful for revising the paper for publication. But it takes time and thought. Every year, however, some discussants do not get papers until they arrive at the meetings. The discussants are doing you a favor. Help them to help you by giving them the time they need.
3. After you have finished the formal written version of your paper, edit it for a presentation version. Remember, you will normally have only 12-15 minutes to give your paper if there are four other presenters. Discuss only what is important. For a traditional research paper, for example, focus on the findings. Introduce the topic succinctly, summarize the literature briefly, mention the methods in passing, and spend most of your time discussing the findings and their implications.
4. Do not read your paper to the audience. Talk about it. The well-crafted written formal sentence may be a better visual than audio experience. *Remember, you audience is listening, not reading.*
5. Arrive at your session early enough to set up any equipment you are using. This will also allow you to meet the other panelists. The organizer and/or presider will brief you on organization, order, and time limits.
6. Adhere to time limits. Three to four paper presentations, discussant comments, and audience participation do not allow much flexibility in one session. Presiders may enforce appropriate social sanctions on presenters who monopolize time.
7. If you bring copies of your paper for distribution, you may reduce the weight by printing single space on both sides of each page. Many presenters must bring copies of the statistical tables or model figures, perhaps with an abstract unless they use a power point presentation.

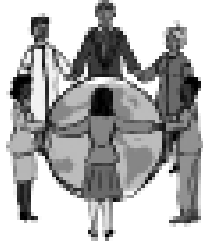
NOTICE: Please inform us of any errors or cancellations immediately. Email the PSA office at psa@sdsu.edu.

2013 PSA Meeting to be held in Reno/Sparks

Chuck Hohm, Executive Director

Get out your 2013 calendars and pencil in Thursday, March 21st through Sunday, March 24th for the 2013 PSA meetings at the Nugget Resort in Reno/Sparks. After considering a number of venues, the PSA Site Selection Committee selected the Nugget, which was where the 1989 PSA meeting was held, twenty two years ago. Why the newly renovated Nugget Resort in Reno? First, the cost for the PSA and for PSA members is much more competitive than in other cities in the PSA "Central Region." For example, in Sacramento, Denver and Oakland, all of the competing venues had considerably higher sleeping room rates and all of them are now charging significant amounts for using meeting rooms, handling packages, etc. The Nugget Resort in Reno/Sparks will be charging \$85 a night for their sleeping rooms along with free parking. Students will receive \$9.00 a day vouchers that they can use in any of the eateries and restaurants in the Nugget Resort. There are quite a few music venues and superb restaurants in the resort along with a very nice swimming pool/spa with a retractable roof. Another good thing about the Nugget is that it is adjacent to Victorian Station, a shopping mall with bars and restaurants. Also, the Nugget is 10 minutes from the airport and there is a free hotel shuttle. It is easy to get into Reno as a number of airlines fly there. It should be noted that there are a lot of things to do in the Reno area, including skiing at Lake Tahoe which is only 45 minutes away by car, visiting the historic mining town, Virginia City, etc.

Talking Circles



Coming to PSA 2012

Saturday Scheduling

A three-part conversation series supporting networking and problem solving among students, faculty & professional sociologists of color.

Come and share your thoughts, knowledge and concerns in a safe and creative environment.

Sponsored by the
*Committee on the Status of
Racial and Ethnic Minorities*

Have You Published A Book Recently?

If you have published a book in 2010 or 2011 or will publish in 2012, inform us at psa@sdsu.edu and it will be listed on the PSA web site, under "Recent Books Published by PSA Members."

Student Volunteers Needed to Help at Registration in San Diego

If you are a graduate student or undergraduate, please consider volunteering to help staff the PSA registration table during the annual meeting in San Diego. In return for three hours of volunteer time, the PSA will waive the 2012 membership dues of \$15 as well as the \$20 registration fee for the meeting. We will need several volunteers during the following PSA registration times.

- Thursday, March 22 8AM to 7PM
- Friday, March 23 8AM to 5PM
- Saturday, March 24 8AM to 4PM

If you are interested, please contact Tina Burdsall, Portland State University at tdb@pdx.edu.

California Sociological Association

2012 Annual Meeting,
Riverside CA, November 9-11th

The California Sociological Association will hold its annual conference on November 9-10 at the Mission Inn in Riverside. For more information, please contact Ed Nelson, Executive Director (ednelson@csufresno.edu).



PSA to Offer First Ever Pre-Conference Workshop for Department Chairs

Chuck Hohm, Executive Director

Over the years, the PSA has offered workshops for department chairs. At the 2011 meeting in Seattle, Margaret Vitullo of the ASA, gave a 90-minute breakfast workshop for chairs and it was well attended and well received. However, 90 minutes was not nearly enough time to cover the myriad issues faced by department chairs in these challenging times. This year Margaret will lead a pre-conference workshop that will be on Thursday, March 22nd, 7:30AM-11:45AM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to us at psa@sdsu.edu, if you plan to attend. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting. See the following message from Margaret Vitullo:

This workshop has three key goals: to update sociology department chairs on national trends in higher education and sociology that impact their departments; to give participants the opportunity to gather a range of creative solutions to a specific problem in their own department from department chairs in similar institutions; and finally, to help chairs re-connect to the personally satisfying aspects of being a department leader.

Prior to coming to the workshop, department chairs are encouraged to create a list of the 3-4 most pressing challenges in their departments, and among those, identify the top issue they wish to address during the workshop. Please send your challenges and issues to me (vitullo@asanet.org) by February 15.

Margaret Weigers Vitullo, PhD.
Director, Academic and Professional Affairs,
American Sociological Association

Annual Meeting Attractions:

Explore life on the sea without leaving port! Discover the USS Midway Museum in Downtown San Diego.

The USS Midway Museum (USSMM) is one of America's longest serving aircraft carriers. Explore more than 60 exhibits, with a collection of 27 restored aircraft. Visitors of the USSMM enter a floating city and walk in the footsteps of 225,000 Midway sailors who served our country and upheld the American ideals of strength, freedom, and peace. Come discover life at sea with a self-guided audio tour, narrated by Midway sailors. Those who dare can also "take the sky" aboard one of the three flight simulators. The USSMM has something for the entire family! The USSMM also offers dining and shopping onboard, at the Fantail Café and the Gift Shop, open during business hours.



Location: The USSMM is located at 910 North Harbor Drive, alongside Navy Pier & Downtown San Diego (2 miles from the Sheraton).

Hours of Operation: 10AM-5PM daily (last admission at 4PM)

Admission:

- \$18 adults
- \$15 seniors (62+) and students (valid ID)
- \$10 retired military (valid ID)
- \$10 youth (ages 6-17),
- Free admission for children 5 years or younger and active-duty military (valid ID).

For more information, visit www.midway.org

Hornblower Cruise on San Diego Bay

Chuck Hohm

Enough members have shown an interest in a private dinner cruise on San Diego Bay so that I scheduled a cruise with the Hornblower Cruise line. There are a few slots still open so if you are interested in joining us, please email me (psa@sdsu.edu). The cruise will be on Saturday, March 24th and the yacht will come to the private dock of the Sheraton to pick us up. The cruise will start at 5:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. In March, that would allow us to see the sun set in the Pacific and then to see the city lights from San Diego Bay. The dinner will be a three course sit down with complimentary champagne and a cash bar. The cost is \$133.46 per person. A San Diego Bay cruise is the best way to get a feel for San Diego, including Point Loma, Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Coronado Naval Base with its aircraft carriers, the San Diego City skyline, the Embarcadero, the old steel sailing ship Star of India, the Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum (used in World War II and the Korean War), the Coronado Bridge, etc.

Emeritus Committee

Our emeriti members constitute the past and ongoing effectiveness of PSA. Our aim is to continue this sociological tradition. The PSA Emeritus Committee encourages emeriti to attend Annual Meetings, to submit session proposals to our committee and to present at sessions.

Emeriti are invited to come by our reserved tables at the Presidential Reception where we "meet and greet" each other. Assistance can be provided to anyone needing help in seating or obtaining refreshments.

Committee members invite your suggestions for promoting the interests of emeriti and would love to hear from you. Members: Chair, Jane Prather (jprather@csun.edu), Leonard Gordon (Len.Gordon@asu.edu) and Jean Stockard (jeans@uoregon.edu). And if you would like to join our committee, please let us know.

The Emeritus Committee will be sponsoring two sessions, organized by 2011 Past PSA President, Sharon K. Araji at this year's PSA meeting. The sessions are titled "Past Presidents' Reflections on Trends and Issues in Sociology". The presenters in Session 1 are James Short, Earl Babbie, Jean Stockard, and Morris Zelditch. The presenters in Session 2 are Jane Prather and Peter Nardi. Len Gordon will be the discussant for both sessions.

Academic Positions

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Searching for Candidates for Two Administrative Positions

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) is searching for a part-time Executive Officer and a full-time Administrative Officer. A list of the duties of the Executive Officer and Administrative Officer are posted on the SWS webpage (<http://www.socwomen.org/web/about/sws-is-hiring.html>).

Dennis Loo and Barbara Bowley Survey

Barbara Bowley of Woodbury University and Dennis Loo of Cal Poly Pomona are conducting a research study regarding faculty's role in fostering student success. They are seeking your participation in a brief online survey on this topic. Please review the following Consent Form before you decide whether to take part in this study. www.surveymonkey.com/s/bowleyloosurvey