



From the President's Corner

Ed Nelson

I want to invite everyone to attend and participate in our annual conference which will be on November 13th (Friday) and 14th (Saturday) at the DoubleTree Berkeley Marina. We have been to this hotel several times and it's always a lot of fun. On Friday night we have our keynote address and buffet dinner. This year the keynote address will be given by Peter Phillips of Project Censored at Sonoma State University. Right after the keynote address, you are invited to the buffet which is free for all participants in the conference.

Our President-Elect and Program Chair for this year's conference, Jacqueline Carrigan, has listed the program session organizers for our 2009 conference. Please think about papers that you would like to present this year and contact the appropriate session organizer. If you have a paper that doesn't fit into any of the sessions, please send it to Jackie (carrigan@csus.edu) and she will try to find a home for it.

The form for dues for 2009-10 and for registration at the conference is included in this newsletter. All presenters at the conference must register and be members of the association. There is a special student fee of \$10 per day for students who want to observe. Student presenters must register and be CSA members. Please send the dues-and-registrations form and your check to Ed Nelson at the address listed on the form.

We had 161 members of the Association in 2008-09. Please join for this coming year even if you are not attending the conference and please encourage your colleagues and friends to join. Last year we had 188 people register at our Riverside conference which was an all time high. Let's see even we can do even better this year in Berkeley.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Berkeley on November 13 and 14.

CALL FOR PAPERS
California Sociological Association
2009 Annual Meeting
November 13 and 14.
DoubleTree Berkeley Marina

Send proposals for sessions, panels, workshops, and abstracts of papers to Jacqueline Carrigan
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Note from the Program Chair

Jackie Carrigan

The theme for this year's CSA meeting is "The Next Generation", referring to the obligations that we have as sociologists to help make the world better for future generations, to support student apprentices as they become the next generation of sociologists and to nurture and recruit the next generation of CSA leaders. As session proposals pour in, it is clear that the next generation of sociology will be rich with diversity and will address a broad range of issues. I have attended many professional meetings in which the demise of the discipline is bemoaned, but from what I can see, sociology is reaching out in new directions, developing our collective understanding of every aspect of our society. The ideas, theories and methods of research employed by sociologists are being adopted broadly by professionals in other fields, such as education, government and even marketing, for example, although often with a limited understanding. Sociologists have a duty to make sure that the adoption of the tools of the discipline is done responsibly. It is clear from the areas of interest displayed by this year's session organizers that this will be done. The 2009 meeting should be exciting and I encourage all of you to attend and to submit papers to the many proposed sessions. If you are a session organizer, then I encourage you to actively recruit participants, especially by recruiting new members so that we begin to create the next generation of the CSA.



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Program Planning for 2009 Conference

Theme—The Next Generation

The following members are organizing sessions for the 2009 conference. Please contact the session organizer if you would like to submit a paper. If you would like to organize a session or submit a paper on another topic, please contact Jackie Carrigan (carrigan@csus.edu)

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Please donate to co-sponsor the post plenary buffet Friday evening. Contact Ed Nelson (ednelson@csufresno.edu).

Patricia Jennings, CSU, East Bay Pat.jennings@csueastbay.edu	Gender and Reproduction
Rhonda Dugan, CSU, Bakersfield Rdugan2@csub.edu	Identity Formation
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Roksana Badruddoja, CSU, Fresno rbadruddoja@csufresno.edu	Constructions of Nationalism
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Vern Cromartie, Contra Costa College j_vern_cromartie@yahoo.com	Community Colleges: Issues and Concerns
Melinda Milligan, Sonoma State University melinda.milligan@sonoma.edu	Emotions and Social Life
Beth Hartung, CSU, Channel Islands elizabeth.hartung@csuci.edu	Opportunities in Crisis
Manuel Barajas, CSU, Sacramento barajasm@saclink.csus.edu	Chicanas/os in the 21st Century: An Emergent Californian Majority in a Minority Status
Scott Patrick Murphy, UC Riverside smurp001@student.ucr.edu:	Men and the Life Course.

Need for Volunteers

The California Sociological Association is the work of volunteers. We always need help, but especially with the annual meetings. This year many people offered to organize sessions, so we are grateful for that. The program seems to be coming together nicely. We need northern California people to help at the meeting. (Actually, it's usually a lot of fun.)

ASA Conference

American Sociological
Association
"New Politics of Community"
August 8-11
San Francisco
www.asanet.org

Peter Phillips to Keynote 2009 Conference

Professor Peter Phillips is best known for his work with Project Censored at Sonoma State University which he has directed since 1996. Each year, Phillips coordinates a group of 200 undergraduate students and staff in selecting the 25 stories that the mainstream media missed in the previous year. The result is an annual publication of “The Top 25 Censored Stories” of the previous year. The annual list is highlighted on the internet and in publications around the country. Among the “winners” in the 2009 issue are stories about the Iraq death toll surpassing 1 million since the 2003 US invasion, cruelty and death in juvenile detention facilities, and NATO’s consideration of a ‘first strike’ nuclear option. Project Censored includes the best elements of undergraduate education, activist sociology, and academic rigor. Undergraduate researchers prepare nominations for the most significant published stories which have been missed by the mainstream press, and nominations are reviewed by judges from around the country.

Phillips has a B.A. in Sociology from Santa Clara University (1970), and an M.A. in Social Science from California State University, Sacramento (1975). He taught sociology at Sacramento City College, and Sacramento State after receiving his MA. He began his Ph.D. work at UC Davis in 1989 and completed the doctorate in near-record time by 1994 with a dissertation about the network connections of the Bohemian Club of Sonoma County. He did this while being continuing to teach as an adjunct in the community college system, state college system, and serving as a teaching assistant at UC Davis. He also continued with his activism; I recall Peter being very active protesting the First Gulf War, and UC Davis’ ROTC program in the early 1990s.



Phillips began teaching at Sonoma State as a lecturer in 1993, and has since been promoted to Assistant Professor (1994), Associate Professor (1998), and Full Professor (2002). At Sonoma State, Phillips has been active on campus as Sociology Department Chair, a member of the Academic Senate, and as an officer in the California Faculty Association. He has also been a system-wide Senator for the California State University system.

Perhaps to the consternation of the Sonoma State administration, Professor Phillips has recently turned his experience with university governance, and his sociological imagination to the issue of inequality in university admissions at Sonoma State. The result is a report “*Building a Public Ivy-Sonoma State University, 1994-2007*”. This report, which is published by Project Censored, is a critique of student recruitment policies at Sonoma State which have favored the well-heeled most likely to contribute to the university endowment.

Call for Nominations for Officers

We will need to elect new officers for 2009-10. Jackie Carrigan will become president, so we need a new President Elect/Program Chair. This position is crucial to the health of the Association. Other open positions include Vice President South, someone south of Bakersfield to represent members in southern California, for a two-year term, plus representatives for both undergraduate and graduate students for one-year terms.

We will soon be asking for nominations and self-nominations for these positions, so think seriously about ways you can serve the association.

Saint Mary's College Launches Center for First Generation to College Studies

CSA member Phylis Martinelli (President 1994-1995) will co-direct (with Dana Herrera, Anthropology) the new Center for First Generation to College Studies at Saint Mary's College of California. The researchers will focus on first-generation college students through the lenses of sociology and anthropology and will research the cultural factors that contribute to the academic success of some "first gen" students and the challenges facing others who fail to complete their college degrees. Phylis said, "Dana and I began our involvement in the 'Foundation Generation: First Generation to College' project with courses related to issues of access, inequality, and 'voice' for such students. Our class demographics have always included a mix of students who are first gen and those who are not. Our website will be expanded as will our research, and our course on First Generation College students is assured a campus slot for the next three years. The need for more research into this area is imperative. Demographic data indicates a rise in the number of students heading to college who are the first in their families to pursue higher education."

According to a recent report by the Public Policy Institute of California, the state will fall short, by about one million college graduates, of its work-force needs by 2025. A shortfall, in part, due to an increase in population among groups with historically low rates of college attendance and graduation, Latinos in particular.

"Low college graduation rates for students can be influenced by the educational experiences of their parents or their lack of experience," said Martinelli.

The Center for First Generation to College Studies will serve as a repository of "college knowledge" for first generation students at Saint Mary's and other institutions of higher education. It will serve as a research clearinghouse and expand a current Internet database of testimonials from successful first generation students designed to provide inspiration to other first generation students.

The center will not only examine unexplored cultural factors into the success of some first generation students, it will collaborate with other departments at Saint Mary's to provide support and serve as a resource for first generation students who may experience a sense of isolation while at college.

The Center for First Generation to College Studies will share its research findings through its website, podcasts, videos, academic conferences and print publications. For more information, go to <http://firstgeneration.stmarys-ca.edu>.

Since hotels charge so much to rent their audio-visual equipment, we usually bring our own. We need people to bring overhead projectors, lcd projectors, and screens for the five meeting rooms. If you can help, contact Jackie—carrigan@csus.edu.

Call for Nominations for CSA Student Awards

The CSA has two awards for outstanding students: one for undergraduates and one for graduate students. The Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award is designed to honor a current California undergraduate student (or one who graduated 2008-09 for the 2009 award) who has completed 9 units of sociology with a GPA of at least 3.0 and has earned distinction in scholarship and/or in service to school, community, or the CSA. The Distinguished Graduate Student Award is designed to honor a current graduate student enrolled in a California 4-year college or university (or who has completed an MA or Ph.D. degree in 2008-09 for the 2009 award). The student should be enrolled in (or have completed within the past year) a course of graduate study in sociology completing 20 graduate units of sociology with a GPA of at least 3.5. To be nominated, the student should have earned distinction in outstanding scholarship and/or outstanding service to the school, community or CSA. The CSA president, president elect, and the two vice presidents form the student-awards committee. Nominations must be made by current CSA members.

Nominate your outstanding students by sending the following information to Billy Wagner (billy.wagner@csuci.edu):

- Full name, address, phone and email address of the nominee
- Summary of student’s college career including schools attended, number of units of sociology completed
- Clear statement of basis on which the nomination is made with as much supporting detail as possible (and possibly other letters of recommendation).

Since you know now who your best students are, get your nominations to Billy by September 1st (billy.wagner@csuci.edu).

Member News and Notes

Robin Frank (President 1996-97) is happy (thrilled, actually) to share that after 38 years in the classroom, she has retired from teaching. She stays busy doing a bit of consulting and a lot of traveling.

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Let us know your news—publications, awards, honors, promotions, new positions, retirements.....

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