



## From the President's Corner by Charles Varano

As a very warm summer draws to a close, it's time that everyone begins thinking about the fall semester, completing research projects, or preparing for classes. For CSA members it's time to anticipate our upcoming meetings in Riverside, California at the beautiful Mission Inn on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

As I've noted before, this is a wonderful venue for our conference and this year's theme, "Dreaming California: The Myth, The Image, and the Possibilities of California," which has attracted many interesting sessions and papers. Although most sessions are full at this point, there is still some room. Dr. Beth Hartung has been hard at work organizing this year's meetings, and she deserves applause for the quality of the sessions that are on the program. (A few sessions could use additional presenters, so please contact her if you would like to be involved--[elizabeth.hartung@csuci.edu](mailto:elizabeth.hartung@csuci.edu).)

As with last year's meetings, we will have a fully-catered reception for all CSA members on Friday night following the keynote address by Robert Scheer which starts at 5 p.m. Scheer has over 30 years of experience as a journalist and is well known for his social and political Op/Ed pieces.

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## President's Corner (continued...)

He was managing editor and editor in chief of Ramparts magazine as well as their Vietnam correspondent in the late 60s. In addition, he has been a national correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, and his nationally-syndicated column ran there for 12 years. He is a columnist with the San Francisco Chronicle and editor of Truthdig.com.

To make this year's meetings one of our best, all CSA members need to encourage their colleagues and students to attend, support the sessions, and stay at the Mission Inn. The conference rate at the Mission Inn will be \$128 + 11% tax per night for a standard room. (Be sure to reserve rooms by October 9<sup>th</sup> to receive this rate. Make reservations by calling 1-800-843-7755 and telling them you are coming to the CSA meetings.)

Fall is also time for election of CSA officers. After the November meeting, I become the Past President and Beth Hartung becomes President for '06-07. (We don't need new vice presidents this year because last year Beth moved from Fresno where she was North Vice President to the south and was then elected President Elect/Program Chair, and we elected Judith Little Vice President North. So we need to elect President Elect/Program chair for 06-07 who becomes President after that, students for one-year terms each, and a representative from the private colleges for a three-year term.

Serving as an officer for the CSA is not only an opportunity to contribute to the discipline, but also to work with some exceptional people from throughout the state. Years ago when I was first nominated to serve as Vice-President North I wondered whether I would know what to do, and having just taken a position as an assistant professor at CSU Sacramento, I didn't think I'd have the time to devote to the CSA or the responsibilities of being a board member. Now, as I complete my term as President, I look forward to continuing to serve on the CSA board for one simple reason—I've met some truly wonderful people! I strongly urge all membership to join us in governing this important organization by volunteering to be a board member. Likewise, get out the word to our colleagues and students to become CSA members. The CSA offers a great opportunity to present your work in a professional setting among scholars from California and beyond. I am honored to have served the CSA the past few years and I look forward to the years ahead.

**DEADLINE** for submitting material for the next issue of the newsletter is one month before the next issue, i.e., April 1st, August 1st, and December 1st—the earlier, the better.

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The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the California Sociological Association  
**Dreaming California:**  
**The image, the myth and the possibilities of the California Dream**

November 10 & 11, 2006  
 Riverside, California

Proposed Program 2006 CSA meetings in Riverside, CA:

Thursday, November 9. 6 to 8 p.m. Board Meeting

As you can see from the preliminary program for the November meetings reproduced here, we have a range of scholarship and activities planned. Some session organizers may still be accepting papers. Also, if you are still interested in participating, please feel free to contact me at [elizabeth.hartung@csuci.edu](mailto:elizabeth.hartung@csuci.edu) or at 805.445.9587 with your ideas and questions. The program will be finalized by October 1, 2006. Remember, all participants must be members of the CSA and register for the meetings. --Beth Hartung, Program Coordinator, 2006

**Program Schedule**  
**Friday, November 10**

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Meeting Registration.....

**SESSIONS**

10-11:45 a.m.

**Session A-1 Thematic Session. Immigration and National Insecurities: A Race, Class and Gender Analysis**

Organizer and Presider: Manuel Barajas, Department of Sociology, CSU Sacramento

Participants: "Mexican Immigrants in California: Intermarriage and Segmented Assimilation" Xuaning Fu, CSU Fresno  
 "The Blaxican Experience: An Exploratory Study of Biracial Black/Chicanas/os," Rebecca Romo, UC Santa Barbara  
 "Conflicts within a Mexican Transnational Community in a Context of Global Inequalities," Manuel Barajas, CSU Sacramento  
 "Multigenerational Mexican Americans and Whites: A Tejano Case Study of Interracial Relationships," Bernadette Tello, CSU Sacramento

**Session A-2: Sociology of Memory I: From collective memory to dataveillance, DNA banking and beyond**

Organizer and Presider: Noel Packard, The New School for Social Research

Participants: "Postmodern products in a field of modernity: Alternative funerary memorials, memory and solidarity," Christopher Marcum, UC Irvine  
 "The Role of the Cult Brainwashing Paradigm in the Conception of False Memory Syndrome," Martin H. Katchen, University of Sydney  
 "Dataveillance and sociological theory: Marx and Mead revisited," Noel Packard, The New School

**Session A-3: Medical and Healthcare Work**

Organizer and Presider, E.Carolina Apesoa-Varano, UC Riverside

Participants: "The Transfer of the Care and Responsibility of the Elderly from the Institution of the Family to Social Institutions," Marcellino Morales, East Los Angeles College  
 "Developing an Instrument to Measure Coordination of Care: From Acupuncturists to Physicians," Michael Johnston, UCLA  
 "The Meaning of Professionalism Among Medical Workers in a Teaching Hospital," E. Carolina Apesoa-Varano, UC Riverside

### Session A-4: AKD Sponsored Session: Graduate Student Work

Organizer: Charles Powers, Santa Clara University  
 Presider: Elizabeth N. Nelson, CSU Fresno

“Altruism, Identity and Racial Differences with Charity,” Yvonne Thai, UC Riverside

“The Development of an Intercultural Sensitivity Program,” Michael Moodian, Pepperdine and Vanguard University

“Mothers’ Experience within the Processes of Joint Custody: A Feminist Standpoint,” Kari Meyers, CSU Northridge

“Women in Afghanistan,” Hosai Ehsan, San Jose State University

### Session A-5: Roundtable Discussion. Assessing the Sociology Major

Organizer and Presider: Judith Little, Humbolt State University

Join Dr. Judith Little for a discussion on assessment in sociology and for ideas about what works well and what doesn’t.

1-2:45 p.m.

### Thematic Session A-6: Author Meets Critics, The Next Los Angeles: The Struggle for a Livable City, Robert Gottlieb, Mark Vallianatos, Regina M. Freer, and Peter Drier

Authors represented by Peter Drier, Occidental College

Critics: Ivan Light, UCLA

David Halle, UCLA

Torie Osborn, Senior Advisor to the Mayor,  
 Office of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

### Session A-7: Teaching Sociology

Organizer and Presider: Christopher Schmitt, UC Riverside

Participants: “Teaching Sociological Theory to Small Classes,” Delores Trevezio, Occidental College

“Teaching Sociological Theory to Large Classes,” Jonathan Turner, UC Riverside

“Size Matters: Teaching Large Classes,” Gordon Clanton, CSU San Diego

“Assess Yourself: California Dreamin’ or What to Do When There Are No Grades,” Susan Fellows, CSU Dominguez Hills

Moderator: Christopher Schmitt, UC Riverside

### Session A-8: Astrosociology and the California Dream of Space Exploration

Organizer and Presider: Jim Pass, OPS, Alaska

“The Space Synapse System and the Symbiotic Sphere: Human Perception and Proxemics in Space Using Feedback through Cultural Diversity on Earth,” Anna Hill, Space Synapse Ltd., Dublin; Marilyn Dudley-Flores, OPS, Alaska; and Jun Okushi, Okush Architects, Mito, Japan

“Interplanetary Political Economy,” Thomas Gangale, OPS, Alaska

“The Dream of Space Exploration and the Need for Sociological Participation” Jim Pass, Long Beach City College

Film: “The Apollo Legacy: Enduring Gifts to Humanity from the First Lunar Explorations,” Kathleen Connell, The Connell Whittaker Group and Michael Danty, Independent Filmmaker

### Session A-9: Sociology of Memory II: From collective memory to dataveillance, DNA banking and beyond

Organizer and Presider: Noel Packard, The New School for Social Research

“Genetic Diversity, Patents of Life, and the Unique Spiritual Concerns of Indigenous Peoples,” Francesco Romanello, E.H.E.S.S. (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales)

“The Preservation of Forest Memories,” Elizabeth Bennett, UC Santa Cruz

“A polychromatic solution in a play about the love of a Russian traveler and a California girl,” Snezhana Korovina-Reymers, Ufa State Aviation-Technical University, Russia

### Session A-10 Roundtable: The Internship Experience

Organizer and Presider: Fernando Parra, CSU Pomona

Participants to be announced.

3-4:45 p.m.

### Thematic Session A-11 Author Meets Critics. Deflecting Immigration: Networks, Markets, and Regulation in Los Angeles, Sage Press

Organizer and Presider: Michael Francis Johnston, UCLA  
 Author: Ivan Light, UCLA

Critics: Peter Dreier, Dr. E.P. Clapp, Distinguished Professor of Politics and Director of the Urban and Environmental Policy Program at Occidental College, Los Angeles

Peter Kivisto, Richard Swanson Professor of Social Thought and Chair of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Welfare at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois  
Jan Lin, Occidental College  
Ruben Hernandez Leon, UCLA

### Session A-12: Realizing Community Potential

Organizer and Presider: Fernando Parra, Cal Poly Pomona

“Reintegrating Jailed Youth into the Community,” Jose Juarez, Cal Poly Pomona  
“Working for Change in the Latino Community,” Dayanira Reyes, University of Southern California  
“Acculturation into the Community After the Fact,” Alex Ballan  
“Professionalism and perceptions of program effectiveness: Perspectives drawn from “pooled” student research on a nonprofit social service organization,” Roy Childs, University of the Pacific

### Session A-13: AKD-Sponsored Session. Making Sociology Matter

Organizer and Presider: Alicia M. Gonzales, Department of Sociology, CSU San Marcos

“Exploring the Relationship between Race, Aging and Life Satisfaction,” Kerri Desmond, CSU, San Marcos.  
“Latinos and Whiteness: Racial Assimilation Among Immigrants” Fredi Garcia, CSU San Marcos  
“Health Disparities in the Black Community and the Role of the Church,” Anthony Blacksher, CSU San Marcos  
“Recruitment and Integration into Radical Social Movement Organizations,” Chris Hardnack, CSU San Marcos  
“Missing the Mark: Probation Policy Perils,” Amber Zinsky, CSU San Marcos  
“Life Satisfaction in Older People: Old Age is Not for Sissies,” Kathleen Johnson and Marian Spaid-Ross, CSU San Marcos

### Session A-14: PLENARY ADDRESS: Robert Scheer

6-8 p.m. RECEPTION/BUFFET

## Program Schedule Saturday, November 11

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Meeting Registration.....

9-10:45 a.m.

### Session B-15: Transnational Social Movements, Social Fora, and Global Civil Society

Organizer: Ellen Reese, UC Riverside  
Presider: Christopher Chase-Dunn, UC Riverside

Participants: “Global Arbitrage or Somewhere Between Fact and Fiction,” Gregory T. Morales, San Diego State University  
“Ecuador: In Resistance to Corporate Globalization,” Sana Saeed, CSU Long Beach  
“The Politics of (Mis)Representation at the World Social Forum,” Rebecca Giem and Erika Gutierrez, UC Riverside  
“Bridging North-South Divides at the World Social Forum,” Chris Chase-Dunn and Ellen Reese, UC Riverside

Discussant: Bronwyn Leebaw, Political Science, UC Riverside.

### Session B-16: Sport and Social Inequality

Organizer and Presider: Faye L. Wachs, CSU Pomona

Participants: “Fortified Masculinity: Men, the Cold War, and Gridiron Football,” Jeff Montez de Oca, University of Southern California  
“Family, Gender and Sports: The Involvement and Cultural Experiences of Latina Athletes in Softball,” Rachel Sarabia, UCLA  
“When Transgressive Leisure Isn’t: The Meaning of Sports Participation for Women involved in ‘Male Identified’ Sports” Faye Linda Wachs, Cal Poly Pomona  
“A Drinking Group with a Running Problem: Playful Deviant Intratainment among the Hash House Harriers,” Salvador Jimenez Murguia, CSU San Bernardino

### Session B-17: Teaching Race and Ethnicity

Organizer and Presider: Jerome Rabow, UCLA and CSU Northridge

Film: Voices of Pain, Voices of Hope

Participants: Jerome Rabow, UCLA and CSU Northridge  
Edna Molina, CSU Bakersfield

### Session B-18: Marriage, Parenting and Adolescent Outcomes: A Focus on Family Structure, Ethnicity, and Immigration

Organizers and Presiders: Scott Coltrane, UC Riverside and Shoon Lio, UC Riverside

Participants: “Introduction to the PAYS project on Parenting and Step-Parenting in Mexican American

and European American Families,” Scott Coltrane, UC Riverside and Ernestine Avila, Arizona State University

“The Effects of Economic Stress on Mexican American and European American Families: A Replication of the Conger Model,” Kristy Shih, UC Riverside

“Marital Conflict, Parenting and Adolescent Development in Mexican American and European American Families,” Kate Luther and Michele Adams, UC Riverside

“The Ripple Effects of Ethnic Discrimination in Mexican American Families,” Eric Vega, Shoon Lio, and Ernestine Avila, UC Riverside

“Toward Understanding Parenting Identity in Mexican American and European American Families,” Michael Harrod, UC Riverside

“Dropping out of high school: the effects of living in non-traditional families,” Chunyon Song, Chico State University and Mary Benin, Arizona State University

11-12:45 p.m.

### Thematic Session B-19: California, Housing, and the American Dream

Organizer and Presider: Elizabeth Hartung, CSU Channel Islands

“Becoming Homeless,” Tim Kubal, CSU Fresno

“Transforming Fresno’s Housing Crisis into a Housing Opportunity,” Matthew A. Jendian, CSU Fresno

“Que Viva, Cesar Chavez: Villa Cesar Chavez and the History of Farm Worker Housing on the Oxnard Plain,” Frank Barajas, History Program, CSU Channel Islands

“I Feel Like a Millionaire?: Affordable Housing and Identity,” Elizabeth Hartung, CSU Channel Islands.

### Session B-20: Sociology of Education

Organizer and Presider: Harvey E. Rich, CSU Northridge

Participants: “Teaching Anti-Racist Behavior in the University Setting and Adhering to Academic Standards,” Jerome Rabow, CSU Northridge and UCLA  
“How Connecting with Others through Service-Learning Enhances a Student’s Sense of Well-Being,” Kristyan Kouri, CSU Northridge

“Distance Learning and Teaching: A Qualitative look at the impact of online courses on teachers and students in California,” Ryan Treff, San Diego State University

“Connecting Teaching Form to Sociological Content through Student Teams: The Development and Initial Assessment of the Teamwork Assessment Rubric (TAR),”

Michael Francis Johnston, UCLA, and Stavros Karageorgis, CSU Northridge

“Identities in Knowledge,” Gregorio Morales, San Diego State University

### Session B-21: Gender, Myth and Image

Organizers and Presiders: Gary S. Cretser, CSU Pomona and Tracy Hoover, CSU Pomona

Participants: “Techno-Economic and Cultural Influences in Global Gender Inequality,” Margaret Gonsoulin, CSU Fresno, and Rae Lesser Blumberg, University of Virginia

Other participants to be announced.

### Session B-22: The Caring Professions

Organizer: E. Carolina Apesano-Varano, UC Riverside

Participants to be announced.

### Session B-23: AKD-sponsored session: Undergraduate Sociologists at Work

Organizer: Charles Powers, Santa Clara University

Presider and Chair: Elizabeth Reeves-Arreaga, CSU Long Beach

Other participants to be announced

1-2:45 p.m.

### Thematic Session B-24: Inequality and Opportunity in California

Organizer and Presider: Charles S. Varano, CSU Sacramento

Participants: “Quixotic Quicksand: ESL Students and the Myopia of Elementary Level Pedagogical Policy,” Michael J. Carter, UC Riverside

“College For-Profit in California: Shaping an Institution to Fit Students’ Cultural and Social Capital,” Nicole Martorano Van Cleve, Northwestern University.

Title TBA. Mark Bird, Los Angeles Community College

### Session B- 25: Race and Sexualities

Presider and Chair: Carole Campbell, CSU Long Beach

Participants: “The Invisibility of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Partner Violence Victims,” Adam Messinger, UC Riverside

“Racialized Sexualities of Men on the Down Low: Implications for HIV/AIDS Risk and Prevention,” Carole Campbell, CSU Long Beach

Discussant: Marcel Morales, East Los Angeles City College and CSU Long Beach

## Session B-26 Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Social Science

Organizer and Chair: John Phillips, University of the Pacific

Participants: "Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Social Science," John Phillips, University of the Pacific  
 "Misconceptions about explanatory Scientific Theory among Sociologists," Jonathan Turner, UC Riverside  
 "Service Learning, Social Justice, and Science: The challenging story of Francis of Assisi and the Wolf of Gubbio," Michael Johnston, UCLA

Session B-27: Social Science Data for Teaching and Research (including both public domain data available to everyone and licensed data available only to subscribers)

Organizers and Presiders: Ed Nelson, CSU Fresno and John Korey, Political Science, CSU Pomona

This session looks at public domain data such as the ICPSR topical archives, PPIC and Pew Data, the GSS and American national election surveys. Licensed data include other ICPSR data, Field data and Roper data.

Session B-28. Roundtable: Global Arbitrage: Continuing the Conversation

Organizer: Gregory T. Morales, San Diego State University

Session B-29: Community College Sociologists

This is a session devoted to discussion of issues unique to sociologists teaching in a community college environment.

Session B-30: Department Chairs Meeting: CSU

Session B-31: Closing Business Meeting, California Sociological Association, 3-4 p.m.

## 2006 Conference Facts

### What:

Dreaming California: the Image, the Myth, and the Possibilities of the California Dream

### When:

November 10-11, 2006

### Where:

Mission Inn  
 Riverside, CA

### Cost:

#### Membership Pricing

Member - \$30.00/year  
 Student Member - \$15.00/year  
 Lifetime Member - \$296.00

#### Conference Pricing

Registration Full-Time - \$35.00  
 Registration Student - \$20.00

After Oct. 15th/On-Site  
 Full-Time - \$45.00  
 Student - \$25.00

### Mission Inn Details:

Conference Rate --  
 \$128.00 + 11% room tax/night

Reserve rooms by Oct. 9, 2006 in order to receive this rate. Be certain to mention the conference when you make your reservations.

Phone: 1-800-843-7755

Address: 3649 Mission Inn Ave.  
 Riverside, CA 92501

Plan to attend the annual CSA conference and encourage your colleagues and students to participate. For more information on the 2006 program contact:

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## CSA Volunteer Appreciation

As a volunteer organization, the California Sociological Association relies heavily on the contributions of its members in order to foster the sort of dynamic intellectual environment it has grown into. With this in mind, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have so generously given their time and energy to keep CSA members informed of the organization's activities.

The most recent webpage design was created by Louis Tuthill, Ph.D. candidate in the Sociology Department at UC Riverside. Louis is currently working on his dissertation which looks at the connection between both macro and micro factors of neighborhood change and violence across both ethnic and socioeconomic groups.

Louis designed the webpage in March of 2005 in order to assist long-time CSA member Shoon Lio, who took over the position of webmaster in January of 2005. Shoon is also a Ph.D. candidate in the Sociology Department at UC Riverside. His dissertation examines nationalism, collective memory and immigration in the popular imagination through analysis of newspaper editorials. In addition to his work on the webpage, Shoon was interim editor of the CSA newsletter for the 2005 year.

In 2006, Elizabeth Nelson (CSU Fresno, Department of Sociology) and Siobhán Caruso-Tuthill (UC Irvine, Department of History) took over as co-editors of the newsletter. We are currently still looking for a new webmaster. Details regarding this position can be found at the end of this issue.



## Robert Scheer to be Keynote Speaker at 2006 General Meeting

We are pleased to announce that Robert Scheer will be our keynote speaker at the 2006 CSA meetings in Riverside. Robert Scheer has over 30 years of experience as a journalist and is well known for his social and political Op/Ed pieces. He was managing editor and editor in chief of Ramparts magazine as well as their Vietnam correspondent in the late 60s. He has been a national correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and his nationally syndicated column ran there for 12 years. Currently he is a columnist with the San Francisco Chronicle and editor of Truthdig.com.

Scheer who graduated from City College of New York was a Maxwell fellow at Syracuse University and a fellow at the Center for Chinese Studies at UC Berkeley. He has also been a Poynter fellow at Yale and a fellow in Arms Control at Stanford. Currently he teaches at USC. He has written six books including, *Thinking Tuna Fish*, *Talking Death: Essays on the Pornography of Power*, *America after Nixon: The Age of Multinationals*, and *With Enough Shovels: Reagan, Bush and Nuclear War*. Most recently he co-authored, *The Five Biggest Lies Bush Told Us About Iraq*.

The keynote address will be on Friday, November 10 at 5 p.m.



## Job Announcements

### California State University, Fresno

The Department of Sociology at California State University, Fresno invites applications for two tenure-track assistant professor positions beginning August, 2007. The first position seeks a candidate with specialization in social psychology and/or complex organizations (Vacancy # 07TSS014). Primary teaching assignment will include courses in social psychology, interpersonal relationships, and social organization. The second position seeks a candidate with specialization in the sociology of culture and/or sociological theory (Vacancy # 07TSS015). Primary teaching assignment will include courses in culture and theory. Secondary areas of specialization are open. Specific assignments are dependent upon department needs. Other responsibilities for both positions include research, publication, and other scholarly activities, as well as advising students and engaging in service at all levels of the university. The successful candidate may be called upon to teach in a distance education mode and will be encouraged to develop web enhanced and/or web based instruction. Outcome assessment and service learning are important components of the university curriculum.

An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Sociology is required for appointment to a tenure track position. Candidates nearing completion of the doctorate (ABD) may be considered for a lectureship (temporary position) with the possibility of conversion to tenure track upon completion of the doctorate.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate a strong commitment to, or potential for, teaching excellence and scholarly activity at the university level. Salary is dependent upon academic preparation and professional experience. Teaching load is 12 units per semester plus 3 units of non-instructional responsibilities. The successful candidates must have the ability to work effectively with faculty, staff and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Interested candidates may visit the college website at <http://socsci.csufresno.edu> for additional information. Online applications can be found at [www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/sc1.pdf](http://www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/sc1.pdf). To insure full consideration, applicants should have all of their materials on file by December 15, 2006. Please send a letter of interest identifying vacancy position, describing teaching and research experience, a curriculum vitae, three recent letters of recommendation, and any other supporting materials to: Dr. Edward Nelson, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, California State University, Fresno, 5340 N. Campus Drive, M/S – SS 97, Fresno, CA 93740-8019; (559) 278-2275; fax (559) 278-6468; email [ednelson@csufresno.edu](mailto:ednelson@csufresno.edu).

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### University of the Pacific

The Department of Sociology at the University of the Pacific invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position. PhD at time of appointment, August 2007, is required. Typical teaching load is five courses per year. Prior teaching experience is desirable. The successful candidate will teach in at least three of the following areas: social services, health, education, environment, or social inequality. Appointment is in the five-person Department of Sociology (80%) with a joint appointment in the Harold S. Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership (20%) The successful candidate should bring an active research agenda in one or more of the above areas and be prepared to engage undergraduates in research and off-campus field settings.

Additional information describing this position, the Department, and the Jacoby Center is available on the Sociology and Jacoby Center web pages on the University of the Pacific website (<http://www.pacific.edu>). Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Review of applications begins August 28. Applications should include: 1) a letter describing teaching and research interests; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) evidence of research agenda and evaluation of prior teaching, if available; 4) examples of scholarship, but no more than three publications or manuscripts; 5) names and addresses of three references. Send to: Chair; Department of Sociology; University of the Pacific; Stockton, CA 95211. The University of the Pacific is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, encouraging excellence through diversity.

## CSA Member Updates...

Phylis Martinelli is on sabbatical and working on a book that examines ethnic cooperation between Mexicans, Spaniards, and Italians in Arizona mining camps in the last century. She is also involved in two projects stemming from new courses she helped develop. The first is a website for a Superfund site, which she and a colleague studied through linked courses in sociology and chemistry. The second course has produced a website (<http://firstgeneration.stmarys-ca.edu>) stemming from a co-taught course on first generation college students. With her colleague, an anthropologist, Dana Herrera, she began the "The Foundation Generation Project." They plan further research and outreach on the growing numbers of students who are the first in their families to attend college, as Phylis was.

Robin Franck has received a grant to present her research on teaching the implications of the human genome project at Dartmouth in August. Professor Franck and her colleague, Dr. Nouna Bakhiet, were selected from over 250 alumni of the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) of the Human Genome Project. Both attended Dartmouth sponsored by the National Science Foundation in 2002 for an intensive two-week workshop. Since that time their research has involved developing curriculum and pedagogy concerning teaching the human genome to first- and second-year college students. They have been designing and implementing their teaching models both online and in face to face classes for Southwestern College students in the behavioral sciences and in the biotechnology program.

One of the highlights of the visit to New Hampshire will be the conference keynote speaker, Dr. Dean Hamer, a preeminent geneticist. His most recent book, *The God Gene: How Faith is Hardwired into Our Genes*, has been featured on the cover of *Time* magazine and has sparked many controversies. Franck organized a session for a CSA annual meeting several years ago titled "Medical Privacy, Discrimination and the Human Genome" which was well received by the CSA members who attended.

Harvey Rich is presently working on an eight college and university study about faculty perceptions and attitudes toward student evaluations of teaching. The eight institutions represent community colleges, small liberal arts colleges, large comprehensive state universities, and Ph.D. granting research institutions. He has already collected data on full-time faculty at the eight schools and on adjunct faculty at six schools. Preliminary analysis is underway. The remaining data on academic administrators' views of student evaluations and adjuncts' at the remaining two institutions will be conducted during the Fall semester. The present study is a follow up and expansion of one he conducted about 30 years ago. Hypotheses involve changes in faculty attitudes since that time given the almost universal institutionalization and use of these instruments in colleges and universities over the past 30 years.

### Just a Reminder...

All conference participants must be paid members of the California Sociological Association. In addition, each participant must register for the conference and pay all conference fees.

Donations for food at the reception following the keynote address are welcomed. Ask your department to co-sponsor the reception.

Students who work at the registration table for a two-hour shift are eligible to have their conference registration fees waived. Let your students know as this is a great way to include more student participants!

## Executive Board News

### Executive Director Needed

The search for an executive director is still on. The CSA has been operating by committee since Val Callanan resigned in 2003. Ed Nelson has been Treasurer-Membership Chair responsible for maintaining membership records and handling the financial records. Gary Gretser and others in the south have been making arrangements for the meeting at the Mission Inn. Charlie Varano is making arrangements with a Sacramento hotel for the 2007 meeting.

We definitely need someone to take on the official position as Executive Director. We need a person to take the overall responsibility and handle long-term planning even if some of the functions are delegated to others. Please contact Charlie Varano ([cvarano@csus.edu](mailto:cvarano@csus.edu)) for more information. Nominations, including self-nominations, are encouraged.

### Webmaster for the California Sociological Association

The California Sociological Association is looking for a webmaster to maintain and update its official website currently housed at California State University Pomona. Interested candidates should be skilled in website design and page-building.

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