



President's Corner: The Alchemy of Annual Meetings

There's a lot of behind-the-scenes activity involved in the annual program, from finding a theme that will attract interest, to getting commitments from session organizers and presenters, to selecting a plenary speaker, to finding a suitable venue to bring us all together. This issue of the newsletter reflects the preliminary sweep of that work. The theme of this year's meeting, our 18th annual gathering of the sociological tribe, *Building Community: Local and Global Landscapes*, is reflected in almost all of the sessions and in the plenary (about which, more later). Certainly the idea of building community encompasses traditions within sociology: the tradition of activism and community work and the tradition of scholarly work to explain and understand the mystery of social ties. Thus, a kind of alchemy occurs when community works its magic on its members.

As you skim this year's preliminary program (and communicate with president-elect Judith Little if your name is spelled wrong!), you'll see that this year's program touches on all of the aspects of our organization. There are sessions on the community of teacher-scholars and how we as academics honor where we came from and where we are going. There are sessions on uniquely Californian issues and problems. There are sessions on citizenship, immigration, quality of life in the San Joaquin valley, in California cities, in Los Angeles County. There are sessions, as well, on the practice of sociology. In addition, there are all of the wonderful conversations that occur in the spaces between the meeting rooms as we greet old friends and make new ones.

This year, Dr. Charles Hohm of CSU Dominguez Hills, will give the plenary address, "Improving Sociology's Standing in the Academy." We are pleased and honored that Chuck returns to these meetings. You'll notice when you peruse the list of former presidents of this association that Charles Hohm was the first president and the founder of our state association.

So, look through the program and make your reservations for the Berkeley Marina Doubletree as soon as possible and before October 25 for the special conference rate of \$139. If you are a presenter, you'll need to have registered for the meetings and paid association dues.

At the end of the summer, I was contacted by Chris Prendergast, a former President of the Midwest Sociological Society, my home regional association of many years ago. The MSS is conducting a survey of regional and state associations in sociology about the kinds of issues and opportunities that affect smaller associations such as ours. In August I had a long chat with Linda Evans of Drake University about the CSA. It was an opportunity to think about the kinds of things that are special about smaller associations as opposed to national and international associations or more specialized subfields. It was an opportunity to articulate the reasons we continue to exist as a voluntary association. Think about it. We offer a respectful forum to discuss ideas and sociological work that is in progress. We offer a chance to meet leading California sociologists and national journalists and other pundits in a smaller venue. We provide a smaller network for academic and sociological practice employment. Now more than ever, regional and state associations matter. I look forward to seeing all of you and celebrating California sociology November 16 and 17 in Berkeley! **Elizabeth Hartung, President**

2007 Annual Meeting is Coming Together

I've never taken on more than the responsibility for organizing a session at professional conferences so facing the challenge of the entire 2007 conference program has been daunting. I am deeply grateful for the patience and humor and forgiveness session organizers and presenters have shown me as I tried to keep track of e-mails with their submissions.

Though later than I intended, the Preliminary Program has been disseminated, and I think the program is an exciting one. There are many sessions focusing on race, ethnic, and immigration issues, as well as ones on environmental issues and applied community research among others. Undergraduate students have prominent place in several sessions. While some may feel that more "traditional" areas of sociological inquiry are receiving short shrift, the theme of Building Community: Local and Global Landscapes is well addressed. I think I'm thankful for the opportunity to organize a conference for the CSA (I'm waiting for November 18 to know for sure!). I'm looking forward to the meetings in November because the excitement and energy I have sensed from the participants so far bodes well for a lively and engaging conference.

Judith Little, President-Elect and Program Chair

Information about the Meeting Site

The Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center at the Berkeley Marina is in a picturesque location. Amenities include an indoor pool and spa, indoor lap pool, well-equipped fitness center, and sauna. There is a complete Business Center with complimentary high-speed internet access, laptop station, printers, scanners, copiers, and office supplies. There is wireless access in the Lobby and each room is equipped with a work desk, two telephones with high speed internet access, voice mail, iron and ironing board and coffee makers. And, of course, being a Doubletree, you'll receive a warm chocolate chip cookie at check-in.

Here is some information about getting to the Berkeley Doubletree from airports. All three Bay Area airports are serviced by shuttle vans. Super Shuttle is one, and Bayporter Express was one recommended by hotel staff. Expect to pay about \$27-30 one-way. Note that the San Jose airport is the furthest from the hotel, so you might want to try to land at either the Oakland or San Francisco airport. If you are arriving at SFO or Oakland Airports you can take BART to the North Berkeley station. From Oakland Airport, there are no transfers once you are on BART although there is a short shuttle bus ride from the airport to BART. The Doubletree provides a complimentary shuttle to and from that BART station.

Register at the Hotel, Pay your Dues, Register for the Conference

Please be sure to register at the hotel soon. The CSA is contractually obligated to reserve 60 rooms. If we don't make that minimum it will cost the Association lots of money. You can register at the hotel (Doubletree in the Berkeley marina) by calling 510-548-7920 and letting them know you want the CSA group rate of \$139 plus taxes per night. The deadline for registering is October 25th by 5:00 a.m., but you should register as soon as possible.

Everyone on the program is required to pay their 2007-08 CSA dues and the registration fee for the conference. Regular membership is only \$30 a year and the conference registration is \$35. (Membership for less than full-time employed members and students is \$15. Lifetime membership is \$296.) The membership and registration form is attached. The form and the check should be mailed to Ed Nelson, Department of Sociology (M/S SS97), California State University Fresno, Fresno California 93740.

CSA Members' Book Exhibit

This year we plan to feature books published by members of the CSA. If you have published books, please bring them for a display so we all get a chance to see what our members have done. You can leave the books at the registration desk when you check in for the meetings and pick them up at the end of the conference.

Remember, the **CSA Website** has been moved to <http://www.csufresno.edu/csa>. Thanks to Tim Kubal of CSU, Fresno for taking over the responsibilities of Webmaster.

CSA Founding President Chuck Hohm to Keynote at Berkeley Conference

Charles F. Hohm will be the keynote speaker and guest of honor at the 2007 annual meeting of the California Sociological Association at the Doubletree Berkeley Marina on Friday, November 16 at 5:00 pm.

Chuck Hohm is the Dean of the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences at Cal State, Dominguez Hills. He taught at San Diego State University from 1973 until 2004, serving as chair from 1985-1991.

Chuck has served as president of the Pacific Sociological Association and editor of *Sociological Perspectives*, the official journal of the PSA. He has served as an external reviewer for numerous sociology program reviews.

Chuck Hohm was the founding president of the CSA in 1990. He recognized the importance of an effective statewide association in a time when the California State University and the discipline of sociology were under siege.

Chuck, who earned his BA, MA, and PhD degrees at the University of Southern California, has published widely in the area of social demography and social problems. His books include *Global Social Problems* (1996) and *California's Social Problems* (2002). His keynote address is entitled, "Improving Sociology's Standing in the Academy."



The keynote will be followed by a full buffet reception, free to all who are registered for the conference, and to our honored guests.

Gordon Clanton
San Diego State University

Buffet after Keynote Speaker

For the last two years, the association has provided a buffet reception after the keynote speaker at the conference. It's a great opportunity to meet others and discuss the topic of the conference. (Many of us remember that we used to have to pay for our own lunches at the keynote speech.) We encourage donations toward the buffet. Getting your department or college to cosponsor this buffet is a great way to broaden the support for the association. Check with Ed Nelson on how to do this—ednelson@csufresno.edu.

**California Sociological Association
2007 Annual Meeting: Preliminary Program
Building Communities: Local and Global Landscapes**

Thursday, Nov. 15, Board Meeting, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Captain's Quarters

Friday, November 16

10:00-11:45 a.m. Sessions A-1 to A-5

Session A-1. Gender, Work and Families.

Organizer: **Lynn Comerford**, Department of Human Development/Women's Studies, CSU East Bay
 Participants: "Production vs. Service Work: Women and the Hidden Wage Economy on an Israeli Kibbutz," **Steven Borish**, CSU, East Bay
 "Integrated vs. Traditional Motherhood: Determinants of employment of African-American and White Mothers," **Dawn M. Down**, University of California, Berkeley
 "The Secularization Hypothesis and Muslim Fertility Levels," **Muhammed Asadi**, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan.
 "Life After 39: An exploration of Gender Differences in Income for High School and College Graduates," **Allison Cantwell** and **Yvonne Thai**, University of California, Riverside.

Session A-2. Astrosociology and the Relevance of Outer Space to Social Life.

Organizer: **Jim Pass**, OPS, Alaska
 Participants: TBA

Session A-3. Interactive Session: Strategies for Teaching Students who are Unprepared for College Level Work.

Organizer: **Pat Jennings**, Sociology & Social Service Department CSU, East Bay
 Participants: "Writing Across the Curriculum," **Elizabeth Harris**, CSU East Bay, and **Patricia K. Jennings**, CSU, East Bay

Session A-4. Applied Community Research.

Organizer: **Jacqueline Carrigan**, Department of Sociology, CSU Sacramento
 Participants: "From Participant Observer to Project Secretary: Turning Field Notes into Meeting Minutes," **Michele McGibbon**, CSU, Sacramento
 "Global Issues and Local Voices: South Sacramento Youth and Adults Assess their Community Needs," **Kathryn Hadley**, CSU, Sacramento
 "Global Issues, Local Problems: Doing Research on Bullying in Grade Schools," **Todd Migliaccio**, CSU, Sacramento
 "A Realistic look at Applied Sociological Research," **Jessica Hayes** and **Kristie Harris**, Institute for Social Research, Sacramento, CA
 "Peer Facilitated Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program on a Culturally Diverse Campus," **Dawna Komorosky**, California State University, East Bay

Session A-5. Alternative Communities

Organizer: **Christopher Schmitt**, University of California, Riverside.
 Participants: TBA

1:00-2:45 p.m.: Sessions A-6 to A-9

Session A-6. **Achieving the Public Service Mission of Sociology by Linking to California Campus Compact**

Organizer: **Roy Childs**, University of the Pacific

Participants: “The Compact’s Strategic Plan: New and Continuing Opportunities for Sociology,” **Elaine Ikeda**, Executive Director, California Campus Compact.

“Using a CACC minigrant to “foment” faculty and student community involvement: A Case Study.” **Roy Childs**, Department of Sociology and the Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Involvement, University of the Pacific.

Session A-7. Panel: **Social Life in the San Joaquin Valley**

Session Organizer and Presider: **Robert S. Palacio**, CSU, Fresno

Panelists: **Xuanning Fu**, **Deborah Helsel**, **Matthew Jendian**, **Timothy Kubal** and **Edward Nelson**, CSU Fresno

Session A-8. AKD-Sponsored Session: **Undergraduate Student Research**

Organizer and Presider: **Judith Little**, Humboldt State University

Compromising Democratic Inquiry: Experiences among Advocates for Alternative 9/11 Theories and the Dynamics of Exclusion, **Curtis Briggs**, California State University, San Bernardino

Other participants: TBA

Session A-9. **Ecology, Environment and Society: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives I**

Organizer: **Douglas Vakoch**, California Institute of Integral Studies

Participants, “Resources as Drivers of Regime Lifecycles,” **Mark P. A. Ciotola**
San Francisco State University

“Storm and Transformation: Climate Change and the Rise of Socially Progressive Values,” **Marilyn Dudley-Flores** and **Thomas Gangale**, OPS-Alaska

“Sense of Individual Efficacy in Environmental Conditions and Its Impact on Lifestyle Behaviors,” **Carolyn Marshall**, California Institute of Integral Studies

“Early Environmental Racism in Mining Camps 1900 – 1930,” **Phylis Cancilla Martinelli**, St. Mary’s College of California

“Terror of Death and Environmental Degradation,” **Mark McKinley**, California Institute of Integral Studies

3-4:45 p.m. **Sessions A-10 to A-14**

Session A-10. **Honoring Our Mentors**

Organizer: **Gordon Clanton**, San Diego State University

Participants: “Helen Moore: The Political is the Personal,” **Elizabeth Hartung**, CSU Channel Islands

“Robert Bellah: Sociology, Religion, and the Public Intellectual,” **Gordon Clanton**, San Diego State University

Discussant: Robert N. Bellah, UC Berkeley

Session A-11. **Sexuality and Racial Inequalities**

Organizer: **Marcellino Morales**, East Los Angeles College

Participants: “Racial and Economic Inequalities of Prostitution,” **Marcellino Morales**, East Los Angeles College

“Gender Roles & Racialized Sexualities of Female Prostitutes,” **Carole Campbell**, CSU, Long Beach

“Sanctioned Sexual Identities -- Allowable Labels and Identities within Mainstream and/or Marginal Groups,”

Gregory T. Morales, Mexican America Political Association, San Diego County

Session A-12. **Sociology of Organizations.**

Organizer: **Charles Powers**, University of Santa Clara

Participants: “Bureaucracy and Total Quality Management,” **Paul Hess**, Brandeis University

“A Sociological Examination of Organizational Culture,” **Charles Powers** and Research Seminar Students, Santa Clara University

“Rethinking Supply Side Factors: The Role of Formal Organizations and Institutions in Filipino Nurse Migration,” **Kristel Acacio**, University of California, Berkeley

“The Wages of Politics: The Political Creation of ‘Good’ Jobs and the Myth of Manufacturing,” **Mark Jepson**, CSU Channel Islands

“Prior Occupational Socialization: Towards a Broader Conception of Diversity on the Bench,” **Rodney Kingsnorth**, CSU Sacramento

Session A-13. **Cities, Communities and the Built Environment.**

Organizer: **Melinda Milligan**, Sonoma State University

Participants, “Cohousing: Community Formation and Enactment,” **Laura D. Chandler**, Sonoma State University

“Cultural Influences on Social Capital Use and Mobilization,” **Cynthia Ganote**, Saint Mary’s College of California

“Taking the Bus, Riding a Bike and Walking Down the Street in Los Angeles: Ingredients for the Urban Community,” **Jessica Meaney**, Southern California Association of Governments

“Socio-Spatial Factors Influencing the Generation and Maintenance of Silence: The Case of Christian Meditation,” **Jonathan Mermis-Cava**, University of California, Davis

“Boundaries of Earth and World: Phenomenological Approaches to Building Communities,” **Sam Mickey**, California Institute of Integral Studies

Session A-14. **Teaching Race Relations by Focusing on Identity Transformation**

Organizer: **Jerome Rabow**, UCLA

Video presentation with commentary by **Herman DeBose**, CSU Northridge

Session A-15. 5 P.M. **PLENARY ADDRESS, STUDENT AWARDS**

“Improving Sociology’s Standing in the Academy,” Charles Hohm, CSU Dominguez Hills.

Reception/Buffer follows from 6-8 P.M.

Saturday, November 17. 9-10:45 a.m. Sessions B-16 to B-20

Session B-16. **Race and Ethnicity: Issues and Concerns I**

Organizer: **J. Vern Cromartie**, Contra Costa College

Session B-17. **Graduate Student Research**

Organizer: **Pat Jennings**, CSU, East Bay

Participants: “Culture of Smartphones,” **Jonathan M. Bullinger**, CSU Northridge

“Bridging the Divide: Tackling African American Socio-Economic Disparity as a Means of Political Incorporation,” **Michael Jackson**, CSU East Bay

“Modeling Discrimination: Overweight and Gendered Bodies in the Workplace,”

Kate Mason, U.C. Berkeley

“Theorizing race within the politics of culture: Reconstituting “blackness” in student discourse,” **Kenzo Sung**, U.C. Berkeley

“White-Collar Manners,” **Sheila R. Warbasse**, CSU East Bay

Session B-18. **Ecology, Environment, and Society: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives II**

Organizer: **Douglas Vakoch**, California Institute of Integral Studies

Participants: “What’s Green, What’s Not: Economy of Waste and Excess, and Where It Has Taken and Will Take Our Global Environment,” **Gregory T. Morales**, Mexican American Political Association

“We Are Nature: Understanding How When We Interpersonally Take Care, We Help the Environment/Planet,”

Denise Renye, California Institute of Integral Studies

“Echology: How Interdependence Echoes in Existentialism and Ecopsychology,” **Nitzan Shrira**, California Institute of Integral Studies

“Ecofeminist Perspectives on Interstellar Message Composition: Building Communities on a Galactic Scale,”

Douglas A. Vakoch, California Institute of Integral Studies and SETI Institute

“Emergence of Communities through Dynamic Systems: A Systems Approach to Complex Adaptive Systems Underlying Local and Global Communities,” **Andrew M. Winters**, California Institute of Integral Studies

Session B-19. Immigrant Families in California: Social and Neighborhood Contexts for Adolescent Development

Organizer: **Scott Coltrane**, University of California, Riverside

Participants: “A Multi-Measure, Multi-Level Approach to Assessing Neighborhood Influence on Adolescents,”

Eric Vega, Shoon Lio and Louis Tuthill, University of California, Riverside

“Youth Risk Behaviors in First vs. Later Generation Mexican American Families,”

Kate Luther and Scott Coltrane, University of California, Riverside

“Predicting Father Involvement in Mexican Immigrant Families,” **Ernestine Avila, Scott Coltrane, and Eric Vega**, University of California Riverside

Session B-20. Author Meets Critics. *Becoming a Citizen: Incorporating Immigrants and Refugees in the United States and Canada.* Irene Bloemraad.

Organizer: **Shannon Gleeson**, University of California, Berkeley

Panelists: **Sarah Song**, Political Science and Law, University of California, Berkeley

Monica McDermott, Stanford University

Els de Graauw, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

11-12:45 p.m. **Sessions B21 to B25**

Session B-21. Mexican Immigrants, Social Capital and Quality of Life

Organizer: **Chrystal Ramirez Barranti**, Division of Social Work, California State University, Sacramento

Participants: “The Meaning of Mental Health among the Mexican Immigrants in Napa County,” **Maria Dolores Flores-Chavez**, California State University, Sacramento

“Mexican Fathers’ Involvement in Their Children’s Education,” **Etelberto Guzman & Ming Cooc**, California State University, Sacramento

“Education is Power! Factors for Success in Attaining a Baccalaureate Degree: Inspirational Accounts of Mexican College Alumni with Farmworking Backgrounds,”

Susana Contreras, California State University, Sacramento

“Latino Homelessness and the Globalization Vantage Point: A Disruption in Social Capital Networks or an Introduction into Skid Row Acculturation,” **Edna Molina-Jackson**, California State University, Bakersfield

“Mexican Immigrant Farmworkers in Northern California: The Social Capital of “Both/ And” in the Valuing of Work as Central to Quality of Life,” **Chrystal Ramirez Barranti**, California State University, Sacramento, **Guillermo Lopez Gonzalez**, Colegio de Posgraduados, and **Norma Lara Flores**, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Mexico

“Mexican Homeowners in Los Angeles County: From Prestige and Freedoms to Inequalities and Misfortunes,”

Juven Parra, CSU, LA

Session B-22. Community College Issues and Concerns

Organizer: **J. Vern Cromartie**, Contra Costa College

Session B-23. Politics, SES, and Healthcare, Immigration and Educational Reforms

Organizer: **Amy Liu**, California State University, Sacramento

Participants: “Politics, Government Healthcare Reforms, and Universal Healthcare,” **Jessica Hayes and Otis**

Scott, California State University, Sacramento

“Race, Politics, and Attitude toward Illegal Immigrants,” **Leisa Faulkner**, California State University, Sacramento

“The Political Divide and the War in Iraq,” **Amy Liu**, California State University, Sacramento.

“Religion, Political Views, and Attitudes toward Sex Education Programs in Schools,”

Marla Garcia, California State University, Sacramento.

“Life Transitions and Experiences of UCSB Nontraditional Students,” **Brandi Fowler**, California State University, Sacramento.

Session B-24. AKD-Sponsored Session: **Issues of Inequality: Undergraduate Research**

Organizer: **Todd A. Migliaccio**, CSU Sacramento

Session B-25. **CSU Department Chairs Meeting**

1-2:45 p.m. **Sessions B-26 to B30**

Session B-26. Special Session. **Meet the Editors of *Sociological Perspectives***

Organizers: **Marilyn Fernandez** and **Charles Powers**

Session B-27. **Race and Ethnicity Issues and Concerns II**

Organizer: **J. Vern Cromartie**, Contra Costa College

Session B-28. **Immigrant Documentation Status and Inequality at the Workplace.**

Organizer: **Shannon Gleeson**, University of California-Berkeley

Panelists: “A Triangular System of Relationships between Owners, Workers, and Clients in Two Vietnamese Nail Salons,” **Kimberly Hoang**, University of California, Berkeley.

“The Adult Children of Undocumented Mexican Migrants and Economic Outcomes,” **Roberto Gonzales**, University of California, Irvine, and the Public Policy Institute of California.

“Educational and Economic Outcomes of Veteran Immigrants in the U.S.,” **Catherine Barry**, University of California, Berkeley

“Masculinity amongst Migrant Workers in Beijing’s Construction Industry,” **Julia Chuang**, University of California, Berkeley

Session B-29. **International Education.**

Organizer: **Elizabeth Hartung**, CSU Channel Islands

Participants: “The Internationalization of South Korean Higher Education,”

Sunghee Choi, CSU Channel Islands and Moorpark College

“Sending American Students to Africa: Challenges in Academic and Cultural Learning,”

Kofi Akwabi-Ameyaw, Anthropology, CSU Stanislaus

“The Sociology Curriculum in Germany,” **Daniel Lee** and **Anna Lee**, CSU Channel Islands

“Offering an Interdisciplinary International Course: Rewards and Challenges,” **Elizabeth Hartung**, CSU Channel Islands

Session B-30. **Local Food and Community Well-being**

Organizer: **Judith Little**, Humboldt State University

Participants: “From Value to Values: Sustainable Consumption at Activist Farmers Markets,” **Alison Alkon**, UC Davis

“What is Local Food? Markets for Natural Grass-fed Beef,” **Judith Little**, Humboldt State University

3-4 P.M. CLOSING BUSINESS MEETING, CALIFORNIA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

