



California Sociological Association

From the President's Corner

Judith Little, President

Another graduation has been celebrated, grades are in, and many of us are starting the summer recess. I know Ed is hard at work organizing our conference on November 7th and 8th. We have an exciting conference theme, one dear to my heart, applying sociology to societal issues. But I'm actually having a very difficult time imagining what we will be discussing and arguing in our usual lively fashion in November. As I write this, the Democratic Presidential nominee has not been definitively selected, yet when we meet in November, a new President will have been elected, and what will be the pressing social issues with the new Administration? The California budgetary situation is as bad as it's ever been, and come November, we may not yet have a signed budget. (Anyone want to start a betting pool on when the budget will be signed this year?) Every choice made or ignored by our Legislature to resolve California's hugely out-of-whack budget will create or exacerbate social issues. There are already fires and water rationing in parts of the state, generating controversy about appropriate fire suppression and funding mechanisms, and about the fairness or lack thereof of rationing schemes. Gas prices here are (today) at least \$4.25 a gallon for regular, and the usual summer hikes in gas prices haven't even been implemented. What are the social (and environmental and political and...) benefits and costs if we choose to "vacation at home" or not vacation at all? Further from our home state, cyclones, earthquakes, and the responses to these disasters (surely social issues) continue to rate mainstream media attention. By the time we meet, the Olympic Games will have been completed, with what attendant protest if any? I could go on and on, but my mind is so numbingly overloaded with whipsawing challenges and catastrophes, I fear I am incoherent!

So I challenge us all to be as attentive and responsive, as sociologists, to the new challenges and traumas that will arise in the next several months, and to bring that attention and responsiveness to our November conference. We are a talented group of folks, and I'm confident that Ed will assemble a program that helps us imagine how we as California sociologists can apply our knowledge and skills to not only California's social issues but to those of our nation and of the global community.

And to come full circle to the summer break (for those of you in Academia not taking or teaching summer classes), may yours be restorative and inspirational. See you in November in Riverside.

California Sociological Association 2008 Meeting November 7th and 8th Mission Inn, Riverside

Send proposals for sessions, panels, workshops, and abstracts of papers to Ed Nelson. ednelson@csufresno.edu

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Annual Meeting 2008 in Riverside

Ed Nelson, Executive Director and President-Elect

The 2008 CSA Annual Meeting will take place at the Mission Inn located in downtown Riverside at 3649 Mission Inn Ave on November 7 and 8. The inn has a long history and is an interesting place with lots to see and do. Several presidents have stayed there. Be sure to look for President Taft's chair near the bar. The restaurants are very good. Be sure to eat in the Spanish Gardens.

The conference starts on Friday morning, November 7 with sessions all day and concludes late Saturday afternoon with the business meeting. In the late afternoon on Friday we will have a keynote speaker followed by a buffet dinner and our student awards. The buffet dinner is free to all participants at the conference.

To make reservations at the hotel, call the Mission Inn (800-843-7755) and ask for room reservations. Indicate that you are with the California Sociological Association. The rate for single or double occupancy is \$135 per night plus 11% occupancy tax. The last day that this rate will be guaranteed is October 7th so make your reservations as soon as possible.

You will find a membership dues and conference registration form in this newsletter. Please fill it out completely and send it to me. We need your correct contact information so we can send you the newsletters and informational emails throughout the year. My address is on the form. All people (including students) attending the conference need to register, and all presenters must both pay dues (2008-09) and register.



The list of sessions and session organizers is also in this newsletter. If you would like to submit a paper, please send an abstract to the session organizer with your contact information on the abstract. If you don't see an appropriate session for your paper, please send it to me by e-mail ednelson@csufresno.edu.

If a session is full, the session organizer will send your abstract to me and I'll try to find a home for it. The deadline for submission of abstracts is September 1, 2008.

There will also be student paper sessions. Please ask students to send abstracts to Anne Marengo

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I'm looking forward to seeing you in November. I know you will enjoy the conference and the Mission Inn.

If you have questions or want to volunteer to help with the fall meeting, contact me—ednelson@csufresno.edu.

New Council Members Appointed for 2007-08

If council positions are not filled by the fall election, the Council may appoint people. This spring Lianna Hart was appointed graduate student representative, and Toby Ewing was appointed to represent practitioners.



You'll remember Lianna as the outstanding undergraduate student at last year. She received her B.A. in psychology and in women's and gender studies with a minor in sociology at Sonoma State in May of 2007. Her undergraduate work involved some very interesting research. (See detailed article in Winter 2008 newsletter.) She has decided to go to UCLA for a Ph.D. in sociology, so she will be able to be involved in the association.

Toby Ewing was appointed to represent practitioners. He is the Research Director for California Forward, a nonprofit organization working to promote governance reform in California through a strategy of bi-partisanship, broad public engagement and evidence-driven decision-making. California Forward was launched in March of this year. It promotes state-level reforms that improve representation, budgeting and fiscal management to support the delivery of high quality public services that benefit all Californians—www.caforward.org.

Toby is developing on-line tools to help the public, stakeholders, policymakers, and others understand the fiscal, policy and programmatic opportunities and challenges facing the state. For example, he says, "We are soon to release an online dashboard that will allow any Web-user to track and compare 24-years of state expenditures by departments and funding sources while calculating and comparing

increases or decreases in expenditures over time. One goal of the dashboard is to help the public understand how the state allocates a budget that this year is likely to exceed \$200 billion.



Before joining California Forward he was a project manager for California's Little Hoover Commission.

Search him out at the meetings or e-mail him to learn more about this interesting use of a Ph.D. in sociology.

Changes in Membership Dues and Conference Registration

Like everything else, the cost of professional conferences keep increasing. Since the membership dues and conference-registration fees are our only source of income, the Council had to increase them. Keeping it as small as possible, the Council approved a \$5 increase in each for each of the next two years, but only for members employed full-time. That means the membership dues are \$35 for 2008 and \$40 for 2009 for those employed full-time. Conference fees will be \$40 for Fulltime employed in 2008 and \$45 for 2009. Increases for late registration start October 5, so use the enclosed Membership Dues and Conference Registration form. (The cost of a lifetime membership will increase to \$400 September 1, 2008, so you may want to consider paying the \$295 now and never pay membership dues again.) If your student come to observe a professional meeting, there will be a special \$10 one-day student visitor registration. Remember, a free buffet follows the plenary session Friday evening.

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 southern California people to help at the meeting. (Actually, it's usually a lot of fun.)

Program Planning for 2008 Conference – November 7th and 8th Mission Inn, Riverside, CA

Theme: Applying Sociology to Societal Issues

Program – Please send an abstract of your paper to the session organizer listed below. If you don't see a session that is appropriate for your paper, please send it to Ed Nelson (ednelson@csufresno.edu) and he will try to find a home for it.

Deadline – September 1, 2008

Quality of Life Issues in California Sessions:

- Faye Wachs (California Polytechnic University Pomona) focusing on **Quality of Life Issues in the Inland Empire** flwachs@csupomona.edu
- Judy Little (Humboldt State University) focusing on **Quality of Life Issues in Northern California** jk11@humboldt.edu
- Ed Nelson (CSU Fresno) focusing on **Quality of Life Issues in the San Joaquin Valley** ednelson@csufresno.edu
- Beth Hartung (CSU Channel Islands) focusing on **Quality of Life Issues in Southern California** elizabeth.hartung@csuci.edu

Other Sessions:

- Faye Wachs (California Polytechnic University Pomona) **Politics and Voting Behavior** flwachs@csupomona.edu
- Jackie Carrigan (CSU Sacramento) **Applied Sociology** carrigan@csus.edu
- Mirelle Cohen (Olympic College, Washington) **Juvenile Delinquency** mcohen@oc.ctc.edu
- Matt Jendian (CSU Fresno) **Housing** matthewj@csufresno.edu
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- Erich Steinman (Pitzer College) **Teaching about American Indian Policy Issues: Sovereignty, Identity, Gaming, and Tribal Rights** Erich_Steinman@pitzer.edu
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- Ethel Nicdao and Marcia Hernandez (University of the Pacific) **Writing in the Curriculum** enicdao@pacific.edu
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- Gilda Ochoa (Pomona College) **Student Papers: Asian American and Latina/o Educational Experiences (session full)**
- Anne Marenco (College of the Canyons) **Student Papers** anne.marenco@canyons.edu

History of the Mission Inn, Riverside

The 2008 CSA Annual Meeting will be at the Mission Inn in downtown Riverside. We have met there several times in the past and enjoyed the beautiful and historic setting.

The Inn began in 1876 as the Glenwood, a two-story 12-room adobe boarding house, built by Christopher Columbus Miller on land deeded to him by the city as payment for his services as a civil engineer. His son, Frank Augustus Miller, later bought the property, improved and enlarged it, and by 1903 opened the first wing of the current Mission Inn building. The building grew in several stages and now fills an entire block with gardens and towers, arches and stairways. Throughout the site, visitors are able to view paintings, sculpture and furnishings from the Mission Inn collections. The hotel's rich history and unique architecture led to its designation as a National Historic Landmark.

The Mission Inn is the region's grandest hotel and has hosted many renown people, including the royal houses of Sweden, Russia, and Japan and several U.S. Presidents. President Theodore Roosevelt stayed at the Inn soon after the 1903 Mission Wing was built and took part in the ceremonial replanting of one of Riverside's two parent navel orange trees in the courtyard of the hotel. Andrew Carnegie and David Starr Jordan encouraged Frank Miller's participation in the international peace movement that inspired annual conferences at the Inn. Maude Adams, Sarah Bernhardt, and Madame Modjeska, all played to Riverside audiences in the Loring Opera House (managed by Miller), and retired after performances to rooms at the Inn. Hamlin Garland, Pulitzer Prize winning author, wrote portions of his latest works in the Inn's Alhambra Suite.

The Mission Inn is an collection of arcades and gardens, turrets and domes, flying buttresses, spiraling staircases, catacombs, and carillon towers. It includes collections of fine art, Spanish cannons, stained glass, ceramic tile, saints, dragons, bells, wrought iron, Asian temple guardians, and life-size papal court figures. The chapel was designed specifically to accommodate a massive Eighteenth Century gold-leafed cedar altar from Mexico and seven impressive Louis C. Tiffany stained-glass windows.

The Mission Inn is about 30 minutes from the Ontario International Airport. For more information about the Mission Inn, please visit their website at www.missioninn.com.



Other Conferences

American Sociological Association
August 1-4, 2008
Boston, Massachusetts
For more information:
www.asanet.org

Please donate to co-sponsor the post-plenary buffet Friday evening.
Contact Ed Nelson
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Call for Nominations for 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 2005-06 for the 2006 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 2005-06 for the 2006 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 Jacqueline Carrigan:

- a) Full name, address, phone and email address of the nominee
- b) Summary of student's college career including schools attended, number of units of sociology completed and sociology GPA, major, and (if known) future school or career plans.
- c) 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 Jackie by September 1st (carrigan@skymail.csus.edu).

Call for Nominations for Officers

We will need to elect new officers for 2008-09. Ed Nelson will become president, and we will need a new President Elect/Program chair. This position is crucial to the health of the Association. Other open positions include Vice President North, someone north of Bakersfield to represent members in Northern California and a representative from the California State University system for two-year terms. We will also need an undergraduate student for 2008-09. (We can often appoint the student award winner). Judith Little will soon be asking for nominations and self-nominations for these positions, so think seriously about ways you can serve the association.

Remember, the CSA
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