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## **From CSA President:**

Last year's meetings at the Mission Inn in Riverside were, I think, very successful. Attendance was strong, and more importantly, the sessions were interesting. I want to take this opportunity to thank Harvey Rich, the co-program chair. And, I also want to express my gratitude to Shoon Lio for his hard work in coordinating the details of constructing the program and in organizing other students to assure that registration and sessions proceeded smoothly.

The time to think about next year's meetings is right now. As I discovered in my role as program co-chair, the membership needs to be more active in submitting ideas for papers, sessions, and panels to the program chair (the current chair-elect). The best way to be on the program is to ask. You need to do this now, not during the summer when it is too late. And, even if you do not have a paper, I have found that giving a title of a paper prompts one (eventually) to write it. Some of my best work has come from a title in search of text.

Let me address one critical issue: How to increase membership. I enjoy CSA meetings because there is a much better mix of students and diverse faculty than at other meetings; and of course, the small scale of the meetings offers opportunities to meet people from very different academic backgrounds. These are the great strengths of CSA, as we would all agree, but there is also a problem with being small: the association is vulnerable. To be more viable, CSA should try to add two-hundred more members to assure that a downturn in membership would not destroy the association. CSA has something very special to offer, and I would not want to see the association disappear. How, then, can membership be increased? There is really only one way: grassroots recruiting of students and fellow faculty to join, but equally important, each of us must encourage fellow faculty and students to attend next year's meetings (since most membership renewals occur when people register for the meetings). So, write down the address of the secretary-treasurer from the newsletter now and walk around and twist arms. Also, remember to volunteer for papers, panels, and workshops.

Finally, let me also thank the association for allowing me to be president. I am greatly honored. I look forward to seeing you all at next year's meetings.

Jonathan Turner, UC Riverside

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**THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL  
PSA MEETING, MARCH 29-APRIL 1,  
2001, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

There are nearly 200 proposed sessions on a variety of topics, some dealing directly with the theme of the meeting: "Transformations: Social Change and Social Activism." Titles of Sessions and Session Organizer's information can be accessed on the PSA web site ([www.csus.edu/psa](http://www.csus.edu/psa)). Just click on "Call for Papers 2001 Annual Meeting."

If you have questions about the general PSA program, please contact the Program Chair, Bill McCarthy <[bdmccarthy@ucdavis.edu](mailto:bdmccarthy@ucdavis.edu)> or the PSA Office <[psa@csus.edu](mailto:psa@csus.edu)>.

*San Diego State University has taken the lead in formulating policies on several key university issues that significantly affect faculty interests. On the Web Page for San Diego State University, the category for SDSU's Senate (see Hot Topics, and University Educational Policies) contains policy statements on Intellectual Property (IP), Year-Round Operations (YRO), and Distance Learning (DL), the latter of which has already been discussed in The Chronicle of Higher Education as highly detailed, useful, and innovative. These were all passed by SDSU's Senate and approved by SDSU President Stephen L. Weber. The same positive evaluation could be given for the other two policies of Intellectual Property—and especially its clause 3.322, which addresses the crucial issue of "works made for hire"—and Year-Round Operations that addresses several faculty interests. All three of these policies—DL, YRO, and IP—could be used by other colleges and universities to form their own similar policies since all of SDSU's policies were fully negotiated between faculty and administration. In addition, and due to the same reasons, they could also be used as the basis for legislation at both the state and national levels. The Faculty Coalition for Public Higher Education (FCPHE) is working to advance these policies because they address issues of concern to the faculty that have often been left undefined and unstated. Given their importance, clarification of these issues is essential and the policies go a long way toward such a reasonable clarification.*

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# Attendance Up at 2000 CSA Meetings

by James A. Glynn, Madera College

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Keeping track of attendance at our annual conference is not as easy as people probably think it should be. The biggest problem is that not everyone signs in at the registration desk. Sometimes, people have paid their dues and registration in advance, but they fail to pick up their packets. Other times, people may be presenting papers or conducting workshops, so they think that they don't need to register or pay our fees. And, sometimes, even when they're informed of our policies (which are basically the same as the policies of every other professional organization), they simply refuse to register.

Consequently, the CSA has never had an accurate count of how many attendees there have been at any of our meetings. The best that I can do is to estimate year to year based on variables like how many programs were distributed and how many lunches were sold. My best guess is that attendance at last October's meetings was either the best (or close to it) as we've ever had.

We definitely sold the most lunches. And that's a pretty good indicator. About 100 people (a new record) attended the Friday lunch, and 75 attended on Saturday (the third highest number; the second best was also at the Mission Inn two years ago). And, my hunch is that close to 200 people showed up for at least part of the program over the two days. That, too, could be a record.

The low point for our organization was several years ago when we met in San Francisco. On Friday, most people thought that lunch was just the appetizer. But, it turned out to be all that was served. I corrected this problem on Saturday, but only a few people showed up to know the difference. Also, although "attendance" wasn't really abysmal, not many members showed up at the sessions; most took the opportunity to see "The City."

Today, most of the major cities (San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego) have priced themselves out of our market. During negotiations with the San Mateo Marriott a few months ago, I got the room rate down to a reasonable price, but the catering service said that the minimum cost of a lunch would be \$32.65 per person. Even members who live in San Francisco pay less than that for a decent dinner. Consequently, the Executive Board and the Governing Council (along with a vote by the general membership at our last business meeting) have agreed to alternate between Sacramento (in odd-numbered years, e.g., 2001, 2003) and Riverside (in even-numbered years, e.g., 2002, 2004), at least for a while.

I've signed contracts for the Mission Inn in Riverside for 2002 and 2004, and for the Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza, for 2001. Both facilities have received good reviews from our previous meetings, and both are trying to hold down room rates and the cost of the conference rooms. Moreover, both are interesting venues. The hotel in Sacramento has easy access to Old Town and the multi-level mall, while the Mission Inn is of historic significance and is surrounded by all of the amenities that accompany a major university.

However, we'll keep looking for better value. Fresno and Bakersfield both want us, and each costs a fraction of what we now pay. The question that the Executive Board and the Governing Council has to wrestle with is: Can we draw a significant crowd at these central valley locations. Let me know your thoughts on the subject <james.glynn@sccd.com>.

# Sessions on "Practice"

by Valerie Callanan, California State University, San Marcos

The Pacific Sociological Association's Committee on Practice, Applied and Clinical Sociology is pleased to announce two sponsored presidential sessions at this year's annual meeting:

## Session 67—APPLIED SOCIOLOGY IN ACTION:

Reviewing Human Subjects Research: What, Why, and When promises to be a gold mine of information about the potential pitfalls and challenges to writing successful human subject reviews.

The panelists are experts with human subject reviews over a broad range of applications: Jeffrey Cohen, Ph.D., Office for Human Subjects Protection, US Dept. of Health and Human Services; J. Steven Picou, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, University of South Alabama; and Alan Zamansky, Administrator, CA Health and Human Services Agency's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

The panel session is followed up with four roundtable sessions held on Friday and Saturday to address particular interests and questions: **Session 73**—Questions from Applied Sociologists in Private Practice (Friday, 12:00 p.m.); **Session 90**—Questions from Researchers in Government Settings (Friday, 1:45 p.m.); **Session 12**—Questions from Academics (Saturday, 10:15); and **Session 133**— Questions from Students (Saturday, 12:00).

## Session 134—DOLLARS AND CENTS:

Special Session on Grants is a response to the overwhelming interest generated from a similar session held at last year's meeting.

Representatives from regional non-profit and corporate foundations will describe their funding interests, grant application processes, and what they look for in successful grant proposals. The panelists represent a wide range of non-profits ranging from healthcare to education to social service and social action.

The third session sponsored by PAC, "Strategies for Teaching Applied Sociology to Undergraduates" is chaired by Bob Kettlitz, Ph.D., Hastings College.

Please inform your colleagues of these special sessions. If you are attending PSA, please join us!

# CSA @ PSA

The annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco, March 28-April 1, 2001.

California Sociological Association events at the PSA conference include (1) a paper session on the Sociology of California, (2) the semi-annual meeting of the CSA Executive Board and Governing Council, and (3) an informal dinner.

1. The session on the Sociology of California is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 12:00-1:30P. All CSA members are encouraged to attend this session and participate in the discussion. For more information, contact Gordon Clanton, <gclanton@mail.sdsu.edu>.

## SOCIOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA: ISSUES FOR CALIFORNIA SOCIOLOGISTS

Organizer: Gordon Clanton  
San Diego State University

Gordon Clanton, San Diego State University  
"California Exceptionalism Updated"

Diana Tumminia, CSU, Sacramento  
"California Indians Genocide"

Basil Sherlock, CSU, Hayward  
"The Life-Cycle of San/San, California's  
Pacific Rim Megalopolis"

Robert Buck, San Diego State University  
"Welfare Reform in California: Policies,  
Practices, and Outcomes"

Discussant: Terry Kandal, CSU Los Angeles

2. The CSA Board meeting follows at 1:45P. CSA members with items for the agenda should contact President-elect Elizabeth Nelson, elizn@csufresno.edu, who will preside.
3. The CSA dinner is scheduled for Friday evening. All CSA members and their friends are encouraged to attend. Watch the PSA program and announcements posted at the meeting site for the particulars. For more information, contact Robin Franck <RobinFranck@msn.com>.

## SOCIOLOGY AT CSU, SAN MARCOS

California State University, San Marcos opened in 1989 with just a few offices and classrooms in a strip mall in San Marcos. In the early 1990's it moved to its current site in San Marcos and has grown rapidly. The university has approximately 6,000 students and is projected to have 18,000 by 2020. The campus currently has seven buildings, and construction is under way for a new science and technology building, a fine arts building, a state-of-the-art library, a field house, and the first set of dorms.

The sociology department has grown along with the campus and is now one of the largest departments on campus with 12 tenured and tenure-track faculty members. We now offer a Master's in Sociological Practice (MASP), a minor in criminology, and three emphases in addition to the standard sociology degree: children, youth and families; health and mental health; and lifecourse and aging. Central to all programs is the requirement that students intern in a community setting in order to apply sociological knowledge and training.

Currently, the program has approximately 250 majors, 100 criminology minors, and 30 MASP students. The department also teaches a number of courses that fulfill general education requirements. Sociology courses are required for human development majors; and many students in women's studies, social science, and liberal studies take sociology courses. Additionally, sociology faculty are actively involved in the preparation of liberal studies' students for California teacher training. For example, liberal studies' majors with an emphasis in sociology must prepare portfolios of written work that are evaluated by the sociology faculty. Students must receive a passing evaluation in order to graduate.

The sociology program has many unique aspects. Chief among them is the emphasis on student training and community involvement. Undergraduates must work as an intern for one semester in a community setting of their choice (upon approval by their professor). Students write many papers about the experience and learn how to sociologically analyze the settings in which they work. Students work in a variety of placements: convalescent hospitals, after-school programs for at-risk youth, domestic violence shelters, probation departments, teen pregnancy programs, literacy programs, and health care programs for migrant workers, to name but a few.

The master's program emphasizes application of the knowledge acquired in coursework. All graduate students take a series of courses on conducting research in community settings, applying theory to the resolution of social problems, and advocating a sociological

perspective in service and related agencies. Students also take graduate seminars related to their own areas of interest. As a culminating experience for their master's work, students complete a thesis or a project. Due to the applied nature of the program, most students complete a project that involves working with a community agency. Such projects have included program needs assessments, program and process evaluations, and the like. Substantive areas for projects have covered a wide range of topics including health behavior, youth mentoring, family planning, community reentry after incarceration, the needs of the elderly, and the interactions between minorities and service agencies.

Valerie Callanan, Don Barrett, and Kristin Bates  
California State University, San Marcos

## CSU Regional Teacher-Scholar Workshops for Spring, 2001: "Web-based Resources to Improve Quantitative Reasoning in the Social Sciences"

CSU, Sacramento, Monday, March 12, 9:30A-4:00P  
Cal Poly Pomona, Saturday, April 7, 9:30A-4:00P

Would you like to learn more about using the web effectively in your classes? These workshops will focus on data available on the web that can be analyzed using a statistical package (SDA or Survey Documentation and Analysis) also available on the web. The advantage of using SDA is that it is extremely easy to learn and can be used without cost by anyone having web access. Of course, the data can also be downloaded and used on the instructor's home campus with any statistical package (e.g., SPSS). The data are social science data sets that are used by a wide variety of disciplines and include data on political behavior, aging, criminal justice, mental health, macroeconomics, social issues, and many other topics. In addition, the workshops will feature the Social Science Teaching Resources Depository (<http://www.csubak.edu/ssric>) and other web-based techniques to improve quantitative reasoning in the social sciences.

These workshops are open to all college and university faculty in the CSU, community colleges, UC, and private colleges and universities. There is no cost for the workshops.

You can register for these workshops by going to the following URL on the web and completing the short registration form: <http://www.csubak.edu/ssric/itlworkshop>

Workshop staff include Nan Chico (Sociology, Hayward), Jim Gerber (Economics, San Diego), John Korey (Political Science, Pomona), Ed Nelson (Sociology, Fresno), Elizabeth Nelson (Sociology, Fresno), and Jim Ross (Sociology, Bakersfield).

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Ed Nelson, Dept. of Sociology, M/S SS107, CSU, Fresno, 559 278-2275, <[ednelson@csufresno.edu](mailto:ednelson@csufresno.edu)>.

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# CSA Handbook Project

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Following the example of Pacific Sociological Association, the CSA is setting up a CSA HANDBOOK on our webpage.

The CSA HANDBOOK will include the rules and procedures by which the Association operates and will list tasks and timetables for all CSA officers and other Governing Council members.

Having this information easily available on the net will make it easier for CSA officers to know what their duties are — and more likely that necessary tasks will get done. No need to re-invent the wheel.

If YOU are now serving or have ever served in ANY CSA office, including membership on the Governing Council, please contribute to the CSA HANDBOOK by briefly summarizing the obligations of the office(s) you hold or held.

This information will be combined with the suggestions of others, edited, and placed on the CSA website. Once posted, the material in the CSA HANDBOOK can be expanded, updated, and modified—an evolving institutional memory as a community project.

Please send information for the CSA HANDBOOK to:

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# **Schedule of Conferences**

## **Regional and National:**

March 29-April 1. Pacific Sociological Association. Theme: "Transformations: Social Activism and Social Change. Website: <http://www.csus.edu/psa/body.html>.

April 18-20. National Social Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. Contact: NSSA Las Vegas Meeting, 2020 Hills Lake Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020-1018. Telephone: 619-448-4709. Fax: 619-258-7636. E-mail: [natsocsci@aol.com](mailto:natsocsci@aol.com).

April 27-28. California Council on Family Relations. Sacramento, CA. Theme: "Family Resiliency." Contact: Walter T. Kawamoto, 6000 J. Street, Family and Consumer Sciences Department, Sacramento, CA 95819. Fax: 916-278-7520. Email: [kawamotw@saclink.csus.edu](mailto:kawamotw@saclink.csus.edu).

August 15-19. Rural Sociological Society. Albuquerque, NM. Theme: "Rural Places in the New Millennium." Website: <http://RuralSociology.org/annual-meeting/2001/index.html>.

August 17. Sociologists for Women in Society. Theme: "Carework, Inequality, and Advocacy." University of California-Irvine.

August 17-19. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Anaheim, CA: Theme. "Celebrating Diversity and Protecting Human Rights." Contact: Lionel Maldonado, California State University-Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032. Email: [imaldon2@exchange.calstatela.edu](mailto:imaldon2@exchange.calstatela.edu).

August 18-21. American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA. Theme: "Cities of the Future." Website: <http://www.asanet.org/convention/2001/index.html>.

October 11-14. Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc. (AASWG). Theme: "1923-2001 and Beyond: Growth and Development through Group Work." Contact: Elizabeth Lewis, Department of Social Work, Cleveland State University, 2300 Chester Avenue, Chester Building, Cleveland, OH 44114.

November 6-11. National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). Theme: "Families, Stress, and Coping: Bridging Theory and Practice. Website: <http://www.ncfr.com/>.

## **International:**

July 5-8. International Social Theory Consortium. University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. Contact: Centre for Critical Social Theory, c/o William Outhwaite, School of European Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9QN, UK. E-mail [R.W.Outhwaite@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:R.W.Outhwaite@sussex.ac.uk).

September 13-15. Politics and the Arts: Group Conference. Theme: "Identity, Narrative, Order." University of Tampere, Finland. Contact: Matti Hyvarinen, Research Institute for Social Sciences, 33014 University of Tampere, Finland. E-mail: [ytmahy@uta.fi](mailto:ytmahy@uta.fi). Website: <http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/yty/concepts/>.

## **Student:**

April 8. 27th Annual Western Anthropology/Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference. Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. Contact: Shawn Ginwright, Anthropology/Sociology Department, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053.

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