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NEW OFFICERS

Valerie Callanan (CSU San Marcos)

At the 13th annual meeting, Harvey Rich officially took over the reins as CSA President from outgoing President (2001-2002) Elizabeth Nelson. The following were elected for the executive board: Susan Garfin, President-elect (2002-2003) and Vice-President, North, Amy Lui (2002-2004); to the Governing Council, CSU Representative, Patricia Jennings (2002-2005), Graduate Student Representative, Jason Best (2002-2003), and Undergraduate Student Representative, Michelle Demont, (2002-2003).

Susan Garfin, has a long record of active involvement in CSA. Her last position was as Vice-President North, 1998-2000. Professor Garfin has been in the Sociology Department at Sonoma State since 1970. Her research areas include new religious movements and methodology. Amy Liu joined the sociology department at CSU Sacramento in 1997. Her areas of interest are research methods, statistics, aging and the family. She has organized conference sessions and presented her research at CSA. Patricia Jennings is in the Sociology Department at CSU Bakersfield. Her research interests include infertility and new reproductive technology and race and class-based constructions of single mothers. She has been active in CSA and has presented her research at the meetings. Jason Best is in the master's program in sociology at CSU Bakersfield. Michelle Demont is earning her bachelor's degree in sociology at CSU San Marcos. She has received many scholarships and is the president of her campus' Sociology Club.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Next to your name is the last year you paid dues. If the year is NOT 02/03 this means you need to pay dues in order to keep your membership current. Please renew your membership to continue receiving the newsletter. The membership form is on the back of the inserted call for papers flyer.



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CSA BUSINESS

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At the October 2002 meeting the Executive Board and Governing Council voted to increase dues and registration fees, based upon my recommendation. As costs have mounted over the years, it became increasingly difficult to operate on our small budget. Your dues pay for the newsletter (which costs about \$6.00 per member per year for printing and postage); for other postage such as the annual mailed ballot, and for other miscellaneous costs such as regulatory and banking fees. In the past, we were able to receive some financial or material support from members' campuses; that assistance vanished a few years ago, and is unlikely to resume with the latest California budget crisis. There are also many hidden costs for our conference. The meeting rooms typically cost \$1500-2000 per conference, food for the reception is minimally \$700; and the morning and afternoon coffee service runs about \$300-400 per day. On top of these costs are hotel service charges (about 18-20%) and state tax. This year, we kept our lunch price at \$15.00 for students and increased it slightly to \$18 for faculty. In spite of this small increase, we still did not cover costs--the lunches cost the organization \$23.50 per person (the least expensive we could negotiate). Nametags, programs, and other printing needs run about \$1,000. We also pay for student awards. Additionally, because we are such a small organization, we do not have the luxury of economies of scale that other sociology associations enjoy. For example, we are unable to guarantee the number of hotel room rentals that would enable us to get the meeting rooms free of charge; printing costs are more per unit because of the small batches, and so forth.

While the executive board was very reluctant to increase prices, we realized we must to continue operating. We have not raised dues in many years and I believe our registration fees have never been increased in our 13 years of operation! Consequently, we voted to increase regular dues by \$5.00 for both faculty and students. Conference preregistration fees were increased to \$35 for faculty and \$17.50 for students; late registration to \$45 for faculty. We decided not to charge a late registration fee for students.

CSA will need to grow if we want to be financially healthy. How do we accomplish that? By increasing our membership. I think we are in a unique position to recruit new faculty and graduate students in our association. As costs increase and budgets shrink, travel money to attend conferences is diminishing. Our costs are low relative to other meetings (and equivalent to PSA); and travel to our conference destinations is usually less than to out-of-state conferences because we host conferences near or in major urban centers. And we have a lot to offer--the chance to meet and exchange information and ideas with colleagues that share similar opportunities and challenges, a student-friendly atmosphere; and sessions and talks that cover a wide variety of substantive areas and viewpoints.

So do what you can to promote CSA. Our 2003 conference is at the beautiful (and renovated) Berkeley Marina Radisson Hotel on November 7 and 8, right on the San Francisco Bay. We are very fortunate to get an excellent room rate--\$109. So make your reservations early, and come take a break by the bay!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harvey Rich (CSU Northridge)

I can report that the thirteenth annual California Sociological Association conference was a tremendous success and continues to move our association forward. The conference, held for the third time at the Mission Inn in Riverside, had approximately 220 attendees, a near record. The program, "The Challenges to Social Justice and Diversity in a Changing World," comprised a record twenty-two sessions and workshops along with nine roundtables. We worried that the large number of sessions might reduce turnout per session, but that didn't materialize. My reports indicate that virtually every one of the sessions had 10 or more attendees, with typical attendance around 15. The keynote lunches were nearly at capacity, with Friday's keynote sold out at 115 paid lunches, while Saturday brought approximately 95 attendees. The fascinating Friday talk by Professor Rubaut was entitled, "The Melting and the Pot: Variety and Assimilation in American Life.": Unfortunately, Mike Davis, well-known contemporary urban social critic, due to speak on Saturday, wasn't able to appear at the last minute, but the luncheon attendees seemed to take this in stride and enjoyed the ability to expand their conversations with colleagues, students and fellow CSA members. The enthusiasm of feedback for the conference and the number of attendees helps to verify the recent growth and the solidity of the California Sociological Association.

I would like to thank Gary Crester, Vice-President and Valerie Callanan, Executive Director. Without their critical assistance the program would never have been organized in such an efficient and effective manner. I welcome the newly elected President-Elect, Susan Garfin, the Vice-President from the North, Amy Liu, and the CSU Representative, Patricia Jennings. Susan and Amy will have their hands full putting together next year's program. I would also like to give the Association's sincerest thanks to the Department of Sociology at the University of California at Riverside for their generous stipend that supported the Friday evening reception and for all the conference support lent by several of their graduation students. Specifically, I would like to mention by name Shoon Lio, Louis Tuthill, and Acela Ojeda.

These days, colleges and universities, particularly the California State Universities, are experiencing substantial change as faculty hired in the 60s and early 70s are retiring. Large numbers of newly hired faculty occupy many departments, a sea change from the early 1990s. This growth of the new faculty population provides the association with a special opportunity to show our newest colleagues the vitality and relevance of the CSA. Recently hired faculty haven't developed patterns of association attendance. Now is the ideal opportunity for our organization to provide direction and mentoring for these new colleagues. The CSA has begun to build membership data bases that allow for direct contact via e-mail. We will continue to enhance our web site to provide the type of links and information that our members desire. However, our continuing growth depends primarily upon personal contact and networking. This means that every ongoing member needs to make an effort to talk to newer faculty about our association and to bring several additional faculty to the annual conference. I'm confident that once a colleague attends, makes new friends, finds out the diversity of interests and types of people that populate our association; we will have found a long-term ongoing CSA member.

My CSA hope for the New Year is that every lone of us finds just one new person to introduce to the annual conference next year. I also hope that all the ongoing members will assist the Board in finding ways to expand the relevance of the association to everyone. If you have an idea about how to enhance the web site, what might be interesting at the conference, or how to bring in members of institutions that have historically not been well represented, such as members of community colleges, please get on the email and sent a message to me (hrich@csun.edu) or to Valerie Callanan (vcallana@csusm.edu), our Executive Director.

CSA YEAR 'ROUND: THE CSA CALENDAR AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

Gordon Clanton (San Diego State University)

The first annual meeting of the California Sociological Association was held at the Carson Community Center October 12-13, 1990. Since then, with one exception, the CSA annual meeting has been held in October, as early as 15-16 and as late as 28-29. The exception was the 1997 meeting held in Sacramento on November 7-8.

A fall meeting makes sense, so that CSA does not have to compete with the Pacific Sociological Association, which has its meeting in the spring. Many CSA leaders also attend the PSA conference and as such PSA provides an opportunity for a CSA Executive Board meeting about six months after the CSA meeting.

However, a fall meeting for CSA makes it more difficult to plan the program and recruit student participants. The final Call for Proposals goes out in the May Newsletter, just as people are ending their school years. The program must be put together over the summer when many academics are on vacation and out of reach. The deadline for papers is August 1. The September Newsletter, including the tentative program, must be mailed out by September 1. The deadline for discounted hotel rooms is typically one month before the meeting. If as in 2002, the meeting is scheduled for mid-October, hotel reservations must be made by mid-September -- about two weeks after receipt of the September Newsletter. At this time, faculty on the quarter system have either not started classes yet or have just begun classes. Sometimes the hotel sells out of low-cost rooms before the deadline. Sometimes the lowest airfare requires 21-day advance purchase. Sometimes our newsletter is late. We are leaving people with a very small window in which to decide and make arrangements.

The earlier in October we meet, the shorter all the deadlines and shorter deadlines mean fewer people will attend--especially fewer students. I suggest CSA make every effort to schedule future annual meetings no earlier than the first weekend in November. Two weeks before Thanksgiving would be better still. A November meeting gives everyone more time to arrange participation and to recruit fall semester students to attend the meeting even though it is too late to get onto the program.

Even if CSA meets in November rather than October, we still have a problem in that some of our spring semester students who otherwise might present papers at a CSA meeting will have graduated by the following fall. We need to identify students who might present at the meetings by the spring of their junior years.

Thus, all CSA members need to be aware of the CSA calendar:

- * **September:** Register for CSA annual meeting. Recruit colleagues and fall-semester students to attend.
- * **October-November:** Attend annual meeting. Bring students with you.
- * **December-January:** Consult CSA HANDBOOK on responsibilities of officers and board members.
- * **February-May:** Copy and distribute the Call for Proposals from the January Newsletter. Recruit colleagues and spring-semester students to present papers at the annual meeting.
- * **May:** Copy and circulate final Call for Proposals from the May Newsletter. Get your own proposal to the Program Chair ASAP to facilitate planning. Consider organizing a session.
- * **June 1:** Deadline for proposing to organize a session or roundtable.
- * **August 1:** Deadline for proposing to present a paper or contribute to a roundtable.

The main activity of the CSA is the annual meeting. The CSA needs to grow in order to remain viable. Mark your calendar so you can support CSA year round.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR CSA STUDENT AWARDS

Colleagues.....the CSA gives an undergraduate student award and a graduate student award at the CSA annual meeting. Below are the guidelines for these awards. Please nominate one or more of your deserving students.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award:

This award is designed to honor a current California undergraduate student (or one who has graduated within the year preceding the CSA meeting for which s/he has been nominated for the award) who meets the following criteria:

- a) Has completed 9 units of Sociology with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- b) Has earned distinction in any of the following ways:
 1. Outstanding scholarship
 2. Outstanding community and/or school service
 3. A combination of the above

All nominations must be made by current CSA members. Nominations for this award should be submitted in triplicate to a committee chair who will be selected by the CSA President. That committee chair will select a small committee representing as broadly as possible, the CSA is various constituencies and geographical regions. The committee chair will solicit nominations for the award in a timely fashion via email or newsletter or other notification to the membership.

Nominations should include the following information:

- a) full name, address, phone and email address for the nominee
- b) a 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) a clear statement of basis on which the nomination is made with as much supporting detail as possible (and possibly other letters of recommendation).

The Distinguished Graduate Student Award:

This award is designed to honor a current graduate student enrolled in a California 4-year college or university (or one who has completed an MA or Ph.D. degree within the year preceding the CSA meeting for which s/he has been nominated to receive an award). The student should meet the following criteria:

- a) Be enrolled in (or have completed within the past year) a course of graduate study in Sociology.
- b) S/he should have completed 20 graduate units of Sociology with a GPA of at least 3.5.
- c) S/he should have distinguished her/himself in any of the following ways:
 1. Outstanding scholarship and publication
 2. Outstanding community, professional, and/or school service
 3. A combination of the above

All nominations must be made by current CSA members. Nominations for this award should be submitted in triplicate. Nominations should include the following information:

- a) full name, address, phone and email for the nominee
- b) a summary of the nominee's graduate career including schools attended, number of graduate units of sociology completed and GPA, major, and (if known) future study or career plans.
- c) a clear statement of basis on which the nomination is made with as much supporting detail as possible (and possibly other letters of recommendation).

Please send your nominations and supporting materials to:

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IN MEMORIUM: HAL CHARNOFSKY (1931-2002)

Steve Riskin (CSU Dominguez Hills)

On December 21, 2002, Harold Charnofsky, the founding member of the Sociology Department and the Marriage, Family Therapy Program at CSU Dominguez Hills, died of pancreatic cancer. The disease was first diagnosed barely three months earlier and so his death came as a wholly unexpected shock to his department, the university, and the many local and state wide academic senate committees on which Hal actively served. Memorials were held at his graveside for the immediate family, at the Carson Community Center, a community to which he devoted his many values, talents and civilities, and at the university in which he taught for nearly forty years. Hal was a complex man with many vital interests in culture, the arts, the community, and was long in devoted service to the noble and gracious values of higher education. He was, at the same time, a thoroughly modern man, always current in contemporary controversy, never shrinking from the 'good fight,' and was always on the side of what was in the best interests for the powerless and under-represented.

Hal was an innovative and perceptive sociologists, a symbolic interactionist trained under Herbert Blumer at U.S.C., he wrote on the myths of democratic values in American sports, and contributed articles, papers, and sessions at a huge variety of academic fora, in publications, handbooks, and encyclopedias. He was an All American shortstop while at U.S.C., played and coached for eight years in New York Yankee organization, and wrote extensively on issues connected with sports and the politics of sport. He served twenty-seven years in the state wide academic senate, exceeding by factors of two or more the contributions of any other member. Hal was the recipient of every academic and service honor the university offered, especially the Lyle Gibson Distinguished Teacher Award, and in 1992, he was selected as the Outstanding Professor in the entire California State University System.

In the many venues in which he was active: his family, his community, the university, and in academic governance from the department level up through and including his work on the state wide senate, Hal always stood for a constancy of civil sanity that often astonished for its direct genuineness, common sense, and, in the best sense of the word, its virtuous direct sincere simplicity.

Hal was absolutely unique and universally loved. He was a man ... We shall not look upon his like again.

Chuck Hohm (San Diego University)

I met Hal Charnofsky in 1988 when the founding fathers and mothers of the CSA were forming the organization. We met at Cal State Dominguez Hills and Hal provided us a space to meet. I was immediately impressed with Hal's commitment to sociology and especially to students of sociology. He also impressed me as being one of the most sincere and personable people I have ever met. Hal made a deep impact on the CSA. The CSA's commitment to students is due, in a large part, to the concerns of Hal Charnofsky. He attended every planning meeting and every annual meeting of the organization and served as the CSA's fourth President.

I became very close to Hal. In addition to being involved in the CSA, he was also deeply involved in the PSA, where he served as Vice President, and the CSU Academic Senate. I ran into Hal several times a year because we were both very involved in the aforementioned organizations. I cannot think of a colleague who was more committed to the discipline of sociology and our students than Hal. He also saw sociology as a vehicle to make our society and the world a more equitable place.

We have lost an important part of the CSA and I have lost a dear friend. I miss him very much.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB HELPS THEIR COMMUNITY

Michelle DeMont (CSU San Marcos)

The Sociology Club at CSU San Marcos collected more than 350 cans of food during our First Annual canned food drive for Domestic Abuse and Sexual assault shelters from December 4th through December 20th. Club members gained support from faculty who encouraged students in their classes to donate cans for extra credit. Club members placed boxes in several classrooms and offices throughout the campus so that students, faculty and staff could easily deposit their donations. The organization of the food drive from the Sociology Club was extremely helpful in advertising support for local shelters that are in need of food.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES

J. Daniel McMillin (CSU Bakersfield)

National and regional:

February 15, 2003. *Hawaii Sociological Association (HSA)*, 25th Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI. Contact Michael Delucchi, Division of Social Sciences, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, 96-129 Ala Ike, Pearl City, HI 96782; E-mail delucchi@hawaii.edu.

February 17-22, 2003. *National Association of African American Studies and Others (NAAAS)*, National Conference. Houston, TX. Contact: naaasconference@earthlink.net. See: <www.naaas.org>.

February 27-March 2, 2003. *Eastern Sociological Association (ESA)*, Philadelphia, PN. See <www.essnet.org>.

March 6-9, 2003. *Nineteenth-Century Studies Association (NCSA)*, 23rd Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. Theme: "Feasts and Famine." See: <gettysburg.edu/ncsa>.

March 19-22, 2003. *College and University Work/Family Association (CUWFA)* 8th Annual Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Theme: "Leading the Way: Work/Life Strategies for Institutional changes." See <cuwfa.org>.

March 26-30, 2003. *Southern Sociological Society (SSS)*, New Orleans, LA. Theme: "Disrupting Inequality." See <www.msstate.edu/org/sss>.

April 3-6, 2003. *Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)* 74th Annual Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena, CA. Theme: "Social Science and Social Policy." Contact: Program Chair, Marilyn Whalen, E-mail: mwhalen@parc.com or PSA Office at psa@csus.edu. See <http://www.csus.edu/psa/meeting03.html>.

April 16-19, 2003. *Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)*, Chicago, IL. Theme: Social and Cultural Dynamics: From Social Relationships through the World System." See <http://themss.org>.

International:

April 11-13, 2003. *British Sociological Association*, University of York. Theme: "Social Futures: Desire, Excess, and Waste." Contact: Julia Tanner, 0191 383 0839. E-mail: conference2003@britsoc.org.uk. See <www.britsoc.co.uk>.

May 14-16, 2003. *Global Awareness Society International* 12th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. Theme: "Challenges of Globalization in a Changing World Order." Contact: James C. Pomfret, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. Telephone: 570-389-3599. E-mail: pomfret@bloomu.edu.

June 21-26, 2003. *Second World Congress on Family Violence (WCFV)*, Prague, Czech Republic. Theme: "Protecting Every Generation: Sharing Solutions that Prevent Child Abuse, Spouse/Partner Abuse (Domestic Violence) and Elder Abuse." Contact: WCFV@aol.com.

June 25-27, 2003. *Gender, Work and Organization*, Third International Interdisciplinary Conference. Keele University, Staffordshire, UK. Contact: Jane Pope, Gender, Work, and Organization, Keele University, Staffordshire ST5 5BG, England. Telephone 44 1782 58281. Fax: 44 1782 584272. E-mail: mna24@keele.ac.uk.

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April 12, 2003. *Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference*. Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA. Contact: Charles Powers, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053. E-Mail: cpowers@scu.edu.

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