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SOCIOLOGY THREATENED BY NEW TEACHER ED REQUIREMENTS

Diane Beeson (CSU Hayward)

Sociology programs in colleges and universities throughout California may be dramatically affected by enrollment shifts due to implementation of new teacher training programs. Teacher training programs in California are being required to meet rigorous new state standards adopted by the State Commission on Teacher Credentialing, September 6, 2001. These new standards conflate history and social science requirements. Even though they are minimum standards, they are being interpreted on some campuses in such a way as to eliminate many social sciences in favor of a more exclusive emphasis on history.

All teachers, including and perhaps especially math and science teachers, need to understand the complexity of class, gender and racial inequality and the role of schools in the reproduction of inequality. Part of the problem with the standards are that they are framed in terms of what school children will be taught rather than in terms of what teachers need to know. By focusing on social studies, which barely exists in elementary education, do we concede too much?

How is your campus responding to these new requirements? What is being done on your campus to ensure that sociology is part of teacher education? How can we respond to these new requirements in such a way that social studies teachers are adequately educated with regard to issues of social structure, race, class and gender? If you have information, advice or questions related to the role of teacher training in sociology please contact Diane Beeson, Chair, Department of Sociology and Social Services, CSU Hayward, Hayward, CA <dbeeson@csuhayward.edu>. Look for a session on this topic at the CSA meetings in October.



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A COURSE ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA

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Stimulated by the California Sociological Association, a course on the Sociology of California was offered in the Sociology Department at San Diego State University in Spring 2002. The course attracted 15 students, mostly senior sociology majors. For questions, suggestions, or a copy of the course syllabus, please contact <gclanton@mail.sdsu.edu>.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: California, with a population and economy larger than many nations, considered as a society. Social history of California. California exceptionalism. California institutions, trends, and social problems, including minority group relations, poverty, immigration, border issues, and water problems. Community service learning.

RESOURCES:

Gordon Clanton, *Sociological Vision*. San Diego: KB Books, 1994.

Carey McWilliams. *California: The Great Exception*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1949/1999

Charles F. Hohm and James A. Glynn, eds. *California's Social Problems*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press/Sage, 2002.

*Marc Reisner. *Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water*. New York: Penguin, 1986/1993.

*Mike Davis. *City of Quartz: Excavating The Future in Los Angeles*. New York: Vintage Books, 1990/2992.

*Joel Kotkin and Paul Grabowicz. *California, Inc.*. New York: Rawson, Wade, 1982.

* Each student chooses one of these three books (or another book of his/her choice, approved by the instructor) for a student report to the class.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Wk. 1-2	Introduction to the Course & The Sociological Point of View
Wk. 3-7	<i>California Exceptionalism</i> (McWilliams)
Wk. 8-11	<i>California Social Problems</i> (Hohm and Glyn)
Wk. 12-14	Student reports on <i>Cadillac Desert</i> , <i>City of Quartz</i> , etc.
Wk. 15	Summing up and final quiz

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Elizabeth Nelson (CSU Fresno)

Many CSA members attended the recent Pacific Sociological Association meeting held April 18-21 in Vancouver BC. We enjoyed the beautiful spring weather and were involved in a variety of sessions organized around the theme of Social Justice. As a note CSA members are often active in the PSA. In fact, our very own Earl Babbie is President-Elect for 2002-2003.

The CSA Council met on Friday to discuss plans for the fall meeting in Riverside. Harvey Rich and Gary Crester are busy organizing a full program. If you'd like to get involved, email Harvey (hrich@csun.edu) and let him know whether you are interested in organizing a session on a specific topic, presenting research results, or organizing a round table discussion. Let's get organized soon.

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).

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CSA THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETINGS

(Harvey Rich and Gary Cretser, Co-Program Chairs)

The annual meeting of the California Sociological Association will be held on October 18th and 19th at the Mission Inn in Riverside, California. The theme of the program is "The Challenges of Social Justice and Diversity in a Changing World."

The scheduled sessions and roundtables are listed in this issue of the newsletter. We invite submissions to these sessions or to the program in general. For submission to a session or roundtable, contact the organizer directly, preferably by e-mail. If you don't have a paper that fits easily into a session category or aren't certain which session you would like to present in, you may send your paper title to Harvey Rich (hrich@csun.edu) and he will find an appropriate place in the program and forward your presentation to a session organizer. We have room for several additional sessions and roundtables, and invite you to forward your ideas to Harvey Rich if you would like to be a session or a roundtable organizer. As we already have 20 sessions listed, we hope you will understand that we may have to limit the number of additional sessions and ask some individuals to organize their sessions as roundtables because of space and scheduling limitations.

As usual, two luncheons are being organized. Each will feature a keynote speaker or a panel. At present, planning for these luncheons is in process. We will inform you in a variety of ways when they are firmed up. Please feel free to contact either Harvey Rich or Gary Cretser (gacretser@csupomona.edu) if you need further information about participating in the program

Sessions (thus far):

1. Demography and Diversity
Organized by: Jacqueline Carrigan, Sociology (carrigan@skymail.csus.edu)
California State University Sacramento
 2. Barriers to College Students' Academic Performance
Organized by: Carol Campbell, Sociology (ccampbel@csulb.edu)
California State University Long Beach
 3. Social Justice in MA Research
Organized by: Diane Beeson (dbeeson@csuhayward.edu) and Maxine Craig (mcraig@csuhayward.edu)
California State University Hayward
 4. Community Building
Organized by: Roy Childs (rchilds@uop.edu)
University of the Pacific
 5. Field Projects for Teaching Gender
Organized by: Jane Prather (jprather@csun.edu) and Teresa Madden (tmadden@csun.edu)
California State University Northridge
 6. Social Research on the Borderlands
Organized by: Charles Hohm (chohm@mail.sdsu.edu)
San Diego State University
 7. HIV/AIDS and Immigrant Communities
Organized by: Brett Stockdill (bcstockdill@csupomona.edu)
California Polytechnic University, Pomona
 8. Panel on Service Learning Based Initiatives: Theory and Practice
Organized by: Brett Stockdill (bcstockdill@csupomona.edu) and Ruth-Ellen Grimes (rmgrimes@csupomona.edu)
California Polytechnic University, Pomona
 9. Youth Gangs and Religion
Organized by: Fernando Parra, (parra@csupomona.edu)
California Polytechnic University Pomona
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10. White Collar Crime and Criminal Injustice
Organized by: Laura Hanson
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University of California Riverside
11. Police and Policing
Organized by: David Lopez
(david.lopez@csun.edu)
California State University Northridge
12. Immigrant Children
Organized by: Victor Shaw
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13. Social Movements
Organized by: Shoon Lio (slio@citrus.ucr.edu)
University of California Riverside
14. Workshop on Applying to Graduate School
Organized by: Shoon Lio (slio@citrus.ucr.edu)
University of California Riverside
15. Movement Affiliations with Left Parties: International and Theoretical Perspectives
Organized by: Manali Desai
(desai_manali@hotmail.com)
University of California Riverside
16. Movement Challenges to Left Parties: International and Theoretical Perspectives
Organized by: Ellen Reese (ellen.reese@ucr.edu)
University of California Riverside
17. Evaluating Welfare Reform
Organized by: Ronald Hughes
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18. Sexually Explicit Material
Organized by: James Elias
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California State University Northridge
19. Justice for Victims,
Organized by: Lori Jones (ljo@sandag.org)
Criminal Justice Research Division
San Diego Association Of Governments
20. Criminology
Organized by: Valerie Callanan
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California State University San Marcos

Roundtables (thus far)

1. Student Roundtable on Race, Class and Gender
Organized by: Patricia Jennings
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California State University Bakersfield
- 2.. General Student Roundtable Presentation Session
Organized by: Patricia Jennings
(Patricia_Jennings@firstclass1.csubak.edu)
California State University Bakersfield
3. The Internship Experience
Organized by: Fernando Parra
(parra@csupomona.edu) and Kelly Tong
California Polytechnic University Pomona
4. Teaching the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project
Organized by: Robin Franck
(RobinFranck@msn.com)
Southwest College
5. Medical Privacy
Organized by: Cliff Cheng
(starwars90012@yahoo.com)
University of Southern California
6. Sociology in Teacher Training
Organized by: Maxine Craig
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California State University Hayward
7. Use of Film in Introductory Sociology
Organized by: Helen Dosik (Ernstcal@aol.com)
California State University Northridge

Again, we emphasize that we want to include all who are interested in the program. Thus, if you have an idea or paper that does not appear to fit the session, please let us know. We will try to find a place for your ideas.

HOTEL INFORMATION FOR THE 2002 CSA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2002 CSA Annual Meeting will take place at the beautiful and historic Mission Inn. Although the 21 California missions were either in ruins or inoperable by the time the first wing was completed, the Mission Inn preserves some of the sights and sounds of turn-of-the-century Riverside. Mission Inn is one of the nation's grand hotels, and its collections have adorned the Inn's mix of architectural styles since its earliest days. The hotel has several restaurants; you may wish to visit the AAA four-diamond rated restaurant, Duane's (341-6767; reservations strongly suggested; semiformal attire).

The CSA convention rate is \$108 for single or double occupancy. This is an excellent rate; hotel rooms normally start at \$159. Reservations **must be made by September 17 to guarantee the CSA room rate**; to make a reservation call 1-800-843-7755. The Mission Inn is about 30 minutes from the Ontario International Airport; the Mission Inn provides a courtesy shuttle for registered guests. For more information about the Mission Inn, please visit their website at www.missioninn.com. If you are looking for a person to share a room at the Mission Inn, please contact the CSA Executive Director, Valerie Callanan at vcallana@csusm.edu. We can't promise that we can find you a roommate, but we will act as a clearinghouse for those interested.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES

National and regional

- June 11-15, 2002.** Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences. Honolulu, Hawaii. Website: www.tapacom.net/hsocial/cft_ss.htm.
- June 29-30, 2002.** Head Start's Sixth National Conference. Washington, D.C. Theme: "The First Eight Years: Pathways to the Future." Website: www.headstartresearchconf.net.
- August 15-17, 2002.** Society for the Study of Social Problems. Chicago, Illinois. Theme: "The Future of Social Problems." Website: www.itc.utk.edu/sssp/.
- August 16-19, 2002.** American Sociological Association. Chicago, Illinois. Theme: "Allocation Processes and Ascription." Website: www.asanet.org.
- October 4-6, 2002.** Emory University. Atlanta, Georgia. Theme: "Lynching and Racial Violence in America: Histories and Legacies." Contact: Miriam Petty, Special Project Coordinator, 315 Robert W. Woodruff Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322. E-mail: witness@listserve.cc.emory.edu.
- October 17-20, 2002.** Society for Applied Sociology. Theme: "Challenge the Boundaries: Making Applied Sociology 'Gold' Standard." Website: www.appliedsoc.org/.
- November 19-22, 2002.** National Council on Family Relations. Houston, Texas. Theme: "Families Over the Life Course: Bridging Research and Practice." Website: www.ncfr.com/.

International

- June 25-29, 2002.** Global Business and Technology Association. Rome, Italy. Theme: "Beyond the Boundaries: Challenges of Leadership, Innovation, Integration, and Technology." Website: www.gbata.com/updatejune4.html.
- June 30-July 3, 2002.** South African Sociological Association (SASA) Congress. South Africa. Theme: "Citizenship, Living Rights and the Public Intellectual." Contact: Namhla Zondani, SASA, 2002 Congress, Department of Sociology, Rhodes University, P.O. Box 7426, East London 5200, South Africa. E-mail: sasa2002@ru.ac.za.
- June 30-July 3, 2002.** 19th International Conference: Case Study Method, Case Research, Case Method Application, Case Writing, Continuing Education and Distance Learning for Global Labor Markets. World Association for Case Method Research and Application. Mannheim-Heidelberg, Germany. Contact in North America: 1-800-523-6468. E-mail: smithdm@rh.edu.
- July 22-24, 2002.** The Fourteenth International Conference on Assessing Quality in Higher Education. Vienna, Austria. Sponsored by Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, and hosted by Caledonian Conferences and the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies. Website: www.planning.iupui.edu.
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