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[Robert Bellah and Scott Coltrane to Keynote at CSA/Berkeley](#)

For the first time in our ten-year history, CSA will present two keynote addresses at the annual meetings in Berkeley.

Professor Robert N. Bellah (UC Berkeley) will speak at a plenary luncheon on Friday, October 29. His topic will be "Public Life in a Privatized Society."

Professor Bellah received his B.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He is the author (with four colleagues) of *HABITS OF THE HEART* (1985) and *THE GOOD SOCIETY* (1991). His 1970 book *BEYOND BELIEF* includes the essay "Civil Religion in America," which reshaped the debate on secularization. A major figure in the

sociology of religion and in the study of American society, he currently is working on a book on religious evolution.

Professor Scott Coltrane (UC Riverside) will speak at a plenary luncheon on Saturday, October 30. His topic will be "Gender, Work, and Families."

Professor Coltrane received his B.A. and Ph.D. from UC Santa Cruz. He is the author of *GENDER AND FAMILIES* (1998), *FAMILY MAN: FATHERHOOD, HOUSEWORK, AND GENDER EQUITY* (1996), and (with Randall Collins) *SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY: GENDER, LOVE, AND PROPERTY*, Fourth Edition (1995). He has published numerous articles and reviews in the sociology of the family. At the 1998 CSA meetings, he organized an excellent session on the Promise Keepers movement.

Plan now to join in honoring these two highly accomplished California sociologists and to engage in dialogue with them on the future of American institutions and American society. Tickets for the keynote luncheons must be purchased in advance and space will be limited.

#### Social Sciences Teaching Resources Depository

Nan Chico (CSU Hayward), Ed Nelson (CSU Fresno),

Elizabeth Nelson (CSU Fresno), Jim Ross (CSU Bakersfield)

Faculty from a variety of social science disciplines (sociology, anthropology, economics, geography, and political science), funded by a grant from the Chancellor's Office at California State University, have created a web-based Social Sciences Teaching Resources Depository (<http://www.csubak.edu/ssric/>). Our main goal was to create a depository of instructional materials that faculty anywhere could use in their classrooms, particularly those who are teaching research methods and statistics or using quantitative data in substantive courses. Another goal, which is now underway, is to have faculty from all over the country, or world, contribute to the depository.

We now have more than twenty-five instructional data subsets ready for download as SPSS portable files (and soon they will be available as STATA files). Data are from a wide variety of sources. Those of particular interest to sociologists include the General Social Survey, the National Election Study, the California Field Poll, the 1990 U.S. Census, and the Standard Cross-Cultural Sample.

We also created codebooks (with the complete original questions) and exercises ready for classroom use. Six of the data sets have been expanded into complete "Teaching Modules," that contain a theoretical perspective and background on an important social science topic, a discussion of methods and statistical analysis, and a set of exercises to teach various analytical techniques. There is a hypertext version of "SPSS for Windows Version 7.5: A Basic Tutorial" (Shaffer, Nelson, Chico, Korey, Nelson, and Ross; McGraw-Hill [ISBN 0-07-366023-X]). We have also included an on-line glossary and a section on "Other Teaching Materials" which includes interactive materials.

Faculty involved in this project are Nan Chico (Sociology, CSU Hayward), JeDon Emenhiser (Government and Politics, CSU Humboldt), Jim Gerber (Economics, San Diego State University), John Korey (Political Science, California State Polytechnic University Pomona), Ed Nelson (Sociology, CSU Fresno), Elizabeth Nelson (Sociology, CSU Fresno), Jim Ross (Sociology, CSU Bakersfield), Phil

Silverman (Anthropology, CSU Bakersfield), and Eugene Turner (Geography, CSU Northridge).

#### Awarding Academic Contributions

by James L. Wood, Chair of Sociology, San Diego State University

At a recent Symposium on the corporate model as applied to public higher education, co-sponsored by the Faculty Coalition for Public Higher Education (FCPHE), of which I am President, and the California Faculty Association (CFA), of which I am an officer, we honored a CFA colleague, Professor Wally Koppelman, who passed away in 1981, for his many outstanding contributions to the faculty and higher education in general.

In the spirit of honoring Wally Koppelman, I would like to propose an honor we consider giving in the future. I propose we consider giving the Clark Kerr Award to the University Administrator who best exemplifies the tradition of the Master Plan for Higher Education established by former University of California President Clark Kerr in creating and developing great universities and colleges by positively supporting the strength of academic departments, student opportunities for accessible, affordable, quality higher education, and unstinting backing of the faculty against deleterious outside forces that would undermine California colleges and universities. We should consider giving this award to administrators who go against many of the bottom-line, business-oriented trends in higher education of the 1990s, and instead focus on securing quality higher education for students through attracting and retaining quality faculty by providing necessary support and encouragement of outstanding teaching, research, and service to the community. Administrators such as these are a diminishing lot in today's academic

#### CSA DUES

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#### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

#### 1999 ANNUAL MEETINGS IN BERKELEY

The Tenth Annual Meetings of the California Sociological Association will be held at the Radisson Marina Hotel in Berkeley on Friday and Saturday, October 29-30, 1999. The program theme is "Work and Leisure in the New Millennium." The

keynote speakers will be Robert Bellah (UC Berkeley) and Scott Coltrane (UC Riverside).

Program Chair Carole Barnes welcomes proposals by faculty and graduate students to organize a session or panel, present a paper, lead a discussion, or participate in other ways.

Please send proposals by July 1 to: <DIR> <DIR> <DIR> <DIR>Carole Barnes, CSA Program Chair, Dept. of Sociology, CSU, Sacramento

Sacramento, CA 95819-5150. 916/278-5737. E-mail: cwbarnes@csus.edu  
</DIR></DIR></DIR></DIR>Please contact the organizers listed below if you wish to contribute to one of the sessions already scheduled.

Capital Punishment in California David Baker, Riverside Community College (909)222-8208 dvbaker@rccd.cc.ca.us

Media, Self and Postmodern Theory David Boyns, UC Riverside (909)787-3026 boyns@pop.ucr.edu

Computers in the Classroom Ed Nelson, CSU Fresno (209)278-2275 ednelson@csufresno.edu

Service Learning Nan Chico, CSU Hayward (510)885-4819 nchico@csuhayward.edu

Strategies for New Department Chairs Elizabeth Nelson, CSU Fresno (209)278-2234 elizn@csufresno.edu

The End of Careers: Work in the 21st Century Charlie Varano, CSU Sacramento cvarano@earthlink.net

Sociology of Aids Carole Campbell, CSU Long Beach ccampbel@csulb.edu

Mexico/U.S. Border Issues Rodolfo Cruz, SDSU rcruz@colef.mx

Women's Health and Reproductive Issues (student panel) Arlene Bitney, CSU Hayward

Sex and Power Nancy Federman, SDSU efederman@pol.net

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes in Sociology Chuck Hohm, SDSU (619)594-1316 chohm@mail.sdsu.edu

University/Community Relationships Charlie Varano, CSU Sacramento (916)278-6675 cvarano@earthlink.net

Welfare to Work in California: The Status of Ongoing Research J. Daniel McMillin, CSU Bakersfield (661)664-2386 dmcmillin@csubak.edu

Undergraduate Research Papers Laura Hecht and J. Daniel McMillin, CSU Bakersfield (661)664-2124 lhecht@csubak.edu

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S LIBRARY

by Gordon Clanton, San Diego State University

CSA/BERKELEY. Plan now to attend our 1999 meetings in Berkeley, October 29 and 30. Forward proposals for sessions, papers, or roundtables to Program Chair Carol Barnes (CSU Sacramento) at cwbarnes@csus.edu.

We shall meet at the Berkeley Marina Radisson, a hotel that combines the beauty and quiet of a bayside resort with proximity to the UC Berkeley campus and the city of San Francisco. CSA members who attended our 1993 meetings will remember what a great facility this is, with its spectacular views of the bay, The City, and the Golden Gate.

Our program will feature two keynote addresses by prominent California sociologists. Robert N. Bellah (UC Berkeley) will speak at the Friday luncheon

on the topic "Public Life in a Privatized Society." Scott Coltrane (UC Riverside) will address the Saturday luncheon on the topic "Gender, Work, and Families." Professor Coltrane and his students are engaged in a study of the Promise Keepers, a conservative Christian men's movement.

Professor Bellah, by the way, is the author of a thoughtful article, "Freedom, Coercion, and Responsibility," in the January/February issue of *Academe*. He warns that it is not only the state that can coerce, but the market as well. He urges faculty to resist the "consumerist" notion that the university exists primarily to contribute to the economic prosperity of our students and of American society. He criticizes the "bottom line" mentality that leads to overuse and abuse of part time faculty, administrative enthusiasm for "distance learning," and inappropriate dependence on "outcome assessment." He urges the recovery of the idea of "the calling of sociology" as an antidote to increasingly narrow definitions of our academic task. The purpose of higher education, Bellah concludes, is "to produce not technicians, but educated human beings, persons of broad cultural sympathies, knowledgeable, ethical, and aesthetically sensitive."

OUTREACH. Rachel Kahn-Hut (SFSU) is coordinating an effort to contact community college faculty within a two- or three-hour radius of the Bay Area to encourage their participation at the Berkeley meetings. CSA members who know the names and addresses of such faculty should contact Rachel at rkahnhut@taurus.sfsu.edu.

BOARD MEETING. The Executive Board and Governing Council of the CSA met at the PSA meetings in Portland April 17. Vice-president North Susan Garfin (CSU Sonoma) was appointed chair of the Awards Committee. Please forward nominations for outstanding undergraduate and graduate student awards to her at garfin@sonoma.edu.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT. The board selected Valerie Callanan (UC Riverside) as CSA Outstanding Graduate Student for 1998. At the Riverside meetings, Val took the lead in organizing a session on criminology in which she presented a paper on "Gangs and Criminal Justice Policies: A Critical Review." She also recruited other UCR students for sessions and roundtables. She even helped out at registration. Thanks and congratulations, Val.

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