

**Eastern Sociological Society
2005 ESS Candidate Bios and Statements**

Candidates for office were asked to supply biographical information about themselves and a brief statement about their goals and priorities if elected to office.

For President:

Philip Kasinitz holds a joint Professorship in Sociology at Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center. He is currently the Executive Officer (Chair) of the CUNY Graduate Center's Ph.D. Program in Sociology and also serves as the Associate Director of the CUNY Center for Urban Research. He received his B.A. from Boston University in 1979 and his Ph.D. from New York University in 1987. Prior to coming to C.U.N.Y. he taught at Williams College. He writes primarily about urban life, race and ethnicity and international migration. His book *Caribbean New York: Black Immigrants and the Politics of Race* (Cornell University Press, 1992) won the Thomas and Znaniecki Award from the International Migration Section of ASA. He is also the editor of *Metropolis: Center and Symbol of Our Time* (New York University Press, 1995), and co-editor (with Josh DeWind and Charles Hirschman) of the *Handbook on International Migration* (Russell Sage Foundation, 1999), which also won the Thomas and Znaniecki award. Professor Kasinitz is currently directing a project (with John H. Mollenkopf of the C.U.N.Y. Graduate Center, Mary C. Waters of Harvard University and Jennifer Holdaway of SSRC) on "second generation immigrants" now coming of age in New York City. The first of several books to be produced by the project, *Becoming New Yorkers: Ethnographies of the "New" Second Generation*, edited by Kasinitz, Mollenkopf and Waters, was published by the Russell Sage Foundation in 2004.

Professor Kasinitz is a former Chair of the ASA's International Migration section, and a former council member of the ASA section on Community and Urban Sociology. He has served on the ASA's "Contributions to Public Sociology" award committee as well as numerous section committees. He is a member of the Social Science Research Council's Committee on International Migration, the Historical Advisory Committee of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation's Committee to study the Social Impacts of the events of "9-11" on New York City. This group has recently assembled a volume (to be published in 2005), to which

Kasinitz (with students Binh Pok and Gregg Smithsimon) has contributed a chapter on how the attack and its aftermath have effected the residential neighborhoods closest to "Ground Zero". Professor Kasinitz has also served as a consultant to The Museum of American Jewish History, The Brooklyn Historical Society and The Studio Museum in Harlem.

Professor Kasinitz serves on the editorial boards of *Contexts*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* and *Wadabegi: A Journal of the Caribbean and its Diaspora*. Until its untimely demise, he was also on the editorial board of *Commonquest*, a magazine dedicated to inter-ethnic relations. In addition to appearing in numerous academic journals, Professor Kasinitz writes for a variety of public venues. His work has appeared in *Dissent*, *The Nation*, *The City Journal*, *Newsday*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Culturefront* and *Lingua Franca*.

Statement: I am honored to be nominated for the Presidency of the ESS. The ESS was the first professional association I joined, and "Easterns" were the first professional meetings I ever attended. As a graduate student I was nominated several times for the "Candace Rogers Award"—a much needed vote of confidence from my Professors, made only slightly less meaningful by the fact that I was never in any danger of winning. Over the years I have been thrilled to see my own students present work and win awards at the ESS, and I have seen first hand how important that experience has been for them, both intellectually and professionally. I have also been pleased to see *Sociological Forum* grow and develop as a major intellectual forum in our field as well as an outlet for work using a variety of approaches and methods, yet consistently of the highest quality.

Although I am also active in ASA, I have continued to value the qualities that originally drew me to ESS. At their best, the "Easterns" combine intellectual rigor and seriousness with an openness to new approaches, relative informality, and a human scale which encourages conversations between scholars from diverse backgrounds, from different types of

institutions and at different career stages. Of course, like any organization, the ESS has not always been “at it’s best.” We have all been at sessions where the presenters outnumbered the audience, and felt for the crestfallen presenter who, after investing time and money to travel to a distant city found herself speaking to the same people she could have addressed at home!

In thinking about how to make the ESS the best it can be, it seems to me the key is balance. We need to maintain high intellectual standards. Yet this must be balanced by an openness to new approaches, including those in which the “standards” may not yet be clearly defined. We need to continue the ESS’s openness to graduate students, junior faculty, activists and independent scholars. This must, however, be balanced with efforts to keep more established scholars and the profession’s “big names” in the conversation. We need to balance our technical and sometimes esoteric interests as members of particular subfields with the need to speak to the entire profession, as well as our need as citizens and public intellectuals to speak to topics of vital concern to audiences outside of the profession. And of course, the Society must balance its need to be collegial and supportive with its need to be challenging, thought provoking and at times, controversial.

At its best, the ESS has done a remarkable job in striking that balance, and if elected that is the tradition I will do my best to continue.

Victor Nee is Goldwin Smith Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for the Study of Economy and Society at Cornell University. He studied at University of California, Los Angeles and Santa Cruz as an undergraduate, and received his MA and PhD at Harvard University. His first teaching position was at Cornell, but he soon accepted a faculty position at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and returned to join the Sociology faculty at Cornell. His research and teaching interests are in economic sociology, inequality, immigration, race and theoretical methods. His books include *The Economic Sociology of Capitalism*, which he edited with Richard Swedberg (Princeton, forthcoming); he is co-author with Richard Alba of *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration* (Harvard, 2003), which won in 2004 the Thomas and Znaniecki Best Book Award from the International Migration Section of the ASA; he contributed

chapters to and edited with Mary C. Brinton *The New Institutionalism in Sociology* (Russell Sage Foundation, 1998)—this book won in 2000 the James C. Coleman Best Book Award from the Rationality and Society Section of the ASA; he is author of *Social Exchange and Political Process* (Garland, 1991); he edited with David Stark and contributed to *Remaking the Economic Institutions of Socialism: China and Eastern Europe* (Stanford, 1989); and with Brett de Bary, he is author of *Longtime Californ’: A Documentary Study of an American Chinatown*, selected as one of the best books of 1973 by the *New York Times Book Review* (Pantheon, 1973). His other books include *The Economic Transformation of South China: Reform and Development in the Post Mao Era* (Cornell, 1994) and *State and Society in Contemporary China* (Cornell, 1983).

Nee has published numerous articles on institutional transformation and the emergence of a market society in China, immigration and incorporation, and papers outlining a new institutional economic sociology in journals and edited books. He received research fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Social Science Research Council, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He served as a founding Associate Editor and as Deputy Editor of the *Sociological Form* under Robin Williams Jr., served on the editorial board of the *American Sociological Review* and the *Annual Review of Sociology*, and is currently Associate Editor of *Rationality and Society* and a member of the editorial board of the *International Migration Review*. In the American Sociological Association he has served as an Elected-at-Large Council Member, Chair of the International Migration Section, a Council member of the Economic Sociology Section, Chair of the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and is Chair-Elect of the Rationality and Society Section. He has served on the review panels for the Sociology Program of the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Child Health and Development. At Cornell, he has served as Chair of the Department of Sociology and Co-chair of the Social Science Advisory Council.

Statement: If elected, I will endeavor to serve the Eastern Sociological Society with my best energy and with a spirit of institutional commitment to promote the association as a regional scholarly society. The ESS flourishes to

the extent that its committed members reach out to draw into the society's annual meeting the participation of occasional and past attendees as well as new members. In my view, the best way to accomplish this is through intertwining the bringing together of diverse scholarly networks that regularly attend the ESS annual meeting with strengthening mechanisms that enable the ESS to highlight in the annual meeting discussion of promising and exciting ideas and findings. The standard ESS procedures for soliciting papers and panel ideas can be augmented through invited sessions which feature notable leaders in the social sciences. For example, if elected, I will seek to expand the "author meet critics" sessions to include not only outstanding new books in sociology, but also important new books in allied disciplines. The Northeast region has probably the densest and largest population of social scientists in the world, one which the ESS can draw on by expanding established repertoires of participation such as the "author meets critics" format. Two earlier experiences with ESS cement my commitment to sustaining and enhancing ESS as a diverse, but personable, medium size association for sociology.

Like many sociologists of my generation, my first scholarly presentation was at the ESS annual meeting in Boston. This was a memorable event; a not so polished paper by a novice received attentive and careful discussion from established sociologists. I remain appreciative for the comments and implicit encouragement I received then, and will endeavor to maintain this great tradition of ESS as an intellectual launching pad for the up-and-coming generation of sociologists. For this tradition to work at its best, I will endeavor to find interesting ways to encourage and strengthen the exchange between established mid-career sociologists and graduate students entering into Sociology at our annual meetings. My other early experience with the ESS was in serving with Charles Hirschman first as Associate and then as Deputy Editor of the then new *Sociological Forum* which Robin William Jr., Founding Editor, launched at Cornell to be the official journal of the ESS. This experience gave me a nuts and bolts view of how ESS operates as a scholarly organization at a high level with modest resources. It does so by drawing on the generous volunteer work of committed sociologists in colleges and smaller universities in the region. If elected, I will endeavor to support the outstanding work of the

Sociological Forum and work closely and attentively with ESS officers and members to maintain and strengthen its traditional base in colleges and regional universities, as well as promote participation from the leading scholars of sociology and allied social sciences.

For Vice President:

Ross Koppel has taught in the Sociology Department of the University of Pennsylvania for the past fourteen years. At Penn, Koppel is also the principal investigator of a five-year study of medication errors associated with hospital workplace organization.

Professor Koppel is also the president of the Social Research Corporation (Wyncote, PA), a research group that focuses on social policy, workforce and training, medical sociology, evaluation, and economic analysis. In 1998, Ross Koppel received the William Foote Whyte Award for Distinguished Career in the Practice of Sociology given by the American Sociological Association Section on Sociological Practice. Dr. Koppel is also the recipient of the 2002 Sociological Practice Award from the Society for Applied Sociology.

Koppel is currently the President of the Sociological Practice Association and on the Board of The European Sociology Association's section on Qualitative Sociology.

Ross Koppel has developed, administered and analyzed over one hundred and fifty surveys on topics ranging from energy use to bureaucratic efficiency. He has conducted research on a very wide variety of topics, including labor force processes, the impact of technology on jobs and skills, breast cancer screening, minimum wage policy, Alzheimer's disease costs, perceptions of time, utility company policy, discrimination in the workplace, research and evaluation policy, ethics of social research, education policy, leisure industries, social ecology, employment in the arts, wage and earning determination, the role of food in the local economy, drug abuse, and statistical analysis in social research.

Koppel has authored or co-authored over one hundred academic papers, several monographs, several books and book chapters. His work on the cost of Alzheimer's disease to U.S. businesses (Alzheimer's Association, Chicago, 1998 and 2002) generated over \$450 million in additional research funding from congress. His recent contributions to books include "Evaluation" in the *Handbook of Clinical Sociology* (2001); "American Social

Policy: Formation and Implementation "*Using Sociology: An Introduction from the Clinical and Applied Perspective*, 2nd and 3rd Editions (1987 and 2002). Koppel's focus on the sociology of work is reflected in: "Worker Dislocation Policies in the U.S.: What Should We be Doing?" in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (co-authored, 1996); "Implications of Workplace Technology: Control, Organization of Work and the Occupational Structure," for the JAI Press series (1987) on *Research in the Sociology of Work: High Tech Work; Study of the Costs and Social Implications of Lead-Based Paint in the U.S.*, (Economic Policy Institute, 1994); and his "What do sociologists do, and where do they do it – The NSF survey on Sociologists' work activities and workplaces" in *Sociological Practice: A Journal of Clinical and Applied Sociology*, Vol 1, (1) (1999, coauthored), reprinted in D. Wysocki, 2004, *Readings in Sociological Research Methods*, 2nd Ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publ. Oxford University Press (1994) published his work on values in software design based on research he conducted for the National Science Foundation.

Koppel's "An Infant Industry: Marketing to New Parents" (1996) in *Private Sociology: Unsparing Reflections, Uncommon Gains* is perhaps the most *intentionally* funny essay in sociology.

Dr. Koppel's early work with social psychological variables and status attainment models is presented in his book *Work Attitudes and Labor Market Experience: Evidence from the National Longitudinal Surveys* (co-authored, 1978). That work also reflects his studies of gender-based wage discrimination.

In addition to Koppel's role in the medication error study, he is currently participating in or directing studies of school quality, organizational culture, evaluation of literacy campaigns and day care improvement programs, and compliance of transit systems with ADA rules, and continuing research on the costs of Alzheimer's disease. From 1998 to 2001, Dr. Koppel was the research director of the New Jersey Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Initiative, funded by the CDC. Previously, Koppel directed a survey research study for the U.S. Customs Service/Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates (WEFA) study on the cost of drug abuse to the nation. He also directed a study of drug and alcohol use in the workplace.

Ross Koppel has worked on studies for the U.S. Congress' Office of Technology Assessment (OTA, 1987) on the impact of technology on jobs, skill needs and international competition. Koppel served twice on the White House Conference on the Future of Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Ross Koppel received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Temple University where he was a National Institute of Mental Health Fellow, recipient of a National Science Foundation grant, Chair of the Faculty-Student Committee on Governance, and President of the Graduate Sociology Association.

Harper and Row published Koppel's sociology teaching software, *Socio-Graphics*, which provided tools for students to examine the effect of varying wealth and income distributions. This software was used in over two-thirds of the nation's colleges. He is currently developing interactive software that demonstrates differing perceptions and experiences of parents and children, entitled, *Why It's Hard To Talk With Your Mother*.

Statement: What can we do – what can I do – to help our venerable institution and to help sociology in this region?

Our ESS is a *gemeinshaft* model that easily mixes scholars, friends, practitioners, researchers, teachers, students, and potential friends. Many come to share ideas. Some come to find mentors or flog manuscripts. All look for inspiration and are revitalized by about 150 years of extraordinary thought and research about society. In short, the ESS is a place of learning, sharing, friendship, and professional nurturance.

Here, in the space allowed, are just three ways we might promote and improve the ESS.

1. Acknowledge that Gutenberg's nifty idea of movable type makes reading papers while facing a room of Ph.D.s at least absurd, and probably, comical. More recent technological advances suggest our modal form of "paper presentations" is ... less than optimal. We should treasure our face-to-face meetings, and encourage more face-to-face interaction; less dictation.

- Where possible, present the "papers" in short, graphic form – perhaps distributed in advance on a collective disk.

- Each of our annual meetings should include pedagogic sessions for students and young professionals (and all of us) on how to present research in less static formats. A sample of

papers could be submitted in advance; and the audience could observe, or even participate, in the transformation of the presentations.

- Many of us use Powerpoint, but use it badly. The issue is *not* to play with techno-cute features, but just to learn how *not* to read the slides while facing the screen with one's back to the audience.

- Don't be rigid about this: Some presentations require a reading format, but even these could be more involving.

2. Bring in the exciting work of applied and practicing sociologists. There should be no shame in using sociology to help society, people, and organizations. Durkheim, Marx, Weber were deeply involved in social action. More recent giants were and are also using sociology for social benefit. Sciences don't suffer as disciplines because of their utility.

We should encourage presentations about action research and the uses of sociology. Most sociologists are involved in some form of sociological practice beyond (or in addition to) teaching. Expanding this focus may enlarge our membership, augment our PR efforts, and enhance student recruitment.

3. Build in more times and places for interaction and socializing. Mass receptions with loud music and horrific acoustics are not ideal for all gatherings. We should explore architectural/intellectual alcoves and clusters. Discussing ideas and presentations at a meeting is a large part of the joy of our "society." We should acknowledge that, and plan accordingly.

Annette Lareau is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at Temple University. She received her doctoral degree from University of California, Berkeley. After spending two years in the Organizations and Mental Health post-doctoral program at Stanford University, she joined the faculty at Southern Illinois University before moving to Philadelphia in 1990. Her work focuses on social class differences in family life and the transmission of advantage across generations. Her book, *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life* was published in 2003 by University of California Press. The book was a finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award given by the Society for the Study of Social Problems. It received the William Goode Award for the Best Book by the Sociology of Family Section in 2004. It also received the Distinguished Scholarship Award by the Section on Childhood and Youth of the American Sociological Association. It was the

co-winner of the Best Books Award by the Sociology of Culture Section of the American Sociological Association. Her first book, *Home Advantage: Social Class and Parental Intervention in Elementary Education* won the Willard Waller Award of the Sociology of Education Section of the American Sociological Association. It was issued in a second edition in 2000 by Rowman and Littlefield Press. With Jeff Shultz she edited *Journeys Through Ethnography: Realistic Accounts of Fieldwork* which was published by Westview Press. She has also published articles in sociology of education, cultural capital, sociology of the family, and qualitative methods in journals including *American Sociological Review*, *Theory and Society*, *Sociology of Education*, and *Qualitative Sociology*. She has been invited to spend 2005-2006 at the Center for the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto, California. She has served as Section Chair of the Sociology of Education Section, Council Member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Section on Childhood and Youth, a member of the Committee on Nominations of the ASA, and other assorted professional committees.

Statement: The duties of the vice-president, along with other officers, center on "shepherding" the organization along. The ESS appears to have around 300 core members. Membership swells to around 1000 for the annual meeting; membership and registration fees support the association. Thus it is important that annual meetings have good attendance. The recent leadership has done an exemplary job of attracting additional funding for the meetings and speakers from across the nation. In addition, the book exhibit in New York 2004 had renewed vitality. The central office has also worked to develop a savings account so that the association has financial health. The central office will be moving in July 2005 to an unknown location. I believe that overseeing the move and ensuring the continued health and vibrancy of the ESS are key challenges facing the new slate of officers for ESS.

For Treasurer:

Claire Renzetti is Professor of Sociology at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She is founding editor of the interdisciplinary, international journal, *Violence Against Women*, published monthly by Sage Publications. She also edits the Gender, Law, and Crime book series for Northeastern University Press. From

1995-2004, she co-edited (with Jeff Edleson, University of Minnesota School of Social Work) the Sage Violence Against Women book series. Renzetti has authored or edited sixteen books, including *Gender, Crime and Justice: Feminist Perspectives* (with Lynne Goodstein and Susan Miller, Roxbury, 2005); *Women, Men and Society: The Sociology of Gender* (6th edition, with Daniel J. Curran, Allyn and Bacon, 2005); and *Violence Against Women: Classic Papers* (with Raquel Bergen and Jeff Edleson, Allyn and Bacon, 2004). Her current research, which was partially funded by an ASA/NSF grant from the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, focuses on violence against poor and marginalized women who live in public housing developments in Philadelphia.

Renzetti has held a number of elected offices in professional organizations. She is currently President-Elect of the Society for the Study of Social Problem, and she is Treasurer of the Eastern Sociological Association. She has served as President of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociological honors society (2000-2002); Vice President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (2001-2002); Vice Chair of the Critical Criminology Division of the American Society of Criminology (2001-2003); and Secretary-Treasurer of the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology (1997-1999). She is on the editorial boards of several journals, including *Criminology*, *Critical Criminology*, and *Criminal Justice: The International Journal of Policy and Practice*; she has also served on the editorial board of *Sociological Perspectives*.

She was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the Centre for Socio-legal Studies, LaTrobe University, Melbourne, Australia in 1993, and is a recipient of the Outstanding Scholar Award of the Women and Crime Division of the American Society of Criminology (1997), the Major Achievement Award of the Critical Criminology Division of the American Society of Criminology (1996), and the Tingleman Award for Teaching and Research (the highest award bestowed by St. Joseph's University on a faculty member for outstanding career achievement in teaching and research, 1996). Renzetti has served on numerous committees within professional associations and on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women in Philadelphia, and the Artemis Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence in Dayton, OH.

Statement: I consider it a privilege to have served as ESS Treasurer and look forward to continued service in this capacity. I am proud to be part of a group of professional sociologists whose careful stewardship has kept ESS alive and vibrant, even during difficult economic times. Our commitment to building a reserve fund that ESS may draw on if necessary in the future will go a long way to sustain the organization's financial health for many years to come. As I wrote in my nominee statement in 2002, ESS is special to me because it was at an ESS annual meeting that I gave my first paper presentation. I found the conference to be welcoming and nonintimidating, even for a terrified graduate student, and the collegiality and support for my work that I have found in ESS, from this first presentation onward, has consistently reinforced my personal commitment to sociology. ESS has been "home" to me for more than 25 years, and I am delighted to be able to give back to the organization by serving as an elected officer, so that other sociologists and student-sociologists can also call ESS "home."

For Executive Committee:

Ashley ("Woody") Doane is Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Hartford. His research interests include whiteness and dominant group ethnicity, racial discourse and racial ideology, and the nature of racism in the United States. He is co-editor (with Eduardo Bonilla-Silva) of *White Out: The Continuing Significance of Racism* (Routledge, 2003). Other major recent publications include "White Blindness: The Dominant Group Experience" (in *Minority Voices*, John Myers, ed. Allyn & Bacon 2004), "Rethinking Whiteness Studies" (in *White Out*), and "Dominant Group Ethnic Identity: The Role of 'Hidden' Ethnicity in Intergroup Relations (in *Majority and Minority*, 6th ed., Norman Yetman, ed., Allyn & Bacon 1999). Doane is currently Chair-Elect of the American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities and was President (1999) of the Association for Humanist Sociology. He has served ESS as both chair (1997) and member (1998) of the Candace Rogers Award Committee.

Statement: I welcome the opportunity to serve ESS and can offer significant administrative experience in both academic institutions and professional organizations. I would like to see

ESS continue to develop as a professional organization that supports a sociology that “matters” and that makes a contribution to understanding public issues. We need to continue to work to make our annual meeting more attractive by engaging core issues relevant to teaching, sociological practice, the institutional settings in which we work, and the larger society. Finally, ESS needs to be an organization that not only promotes sociology, but also *sociologists* by striving to meet the professional development needs of graduate students, practitioners, and college and university faculty members.

Ivy Kennelly is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the George Washington University (BA Concordia College 1993; M.A., Ph.D. University of Georgia 1999), where she studies the theoretical interdependencies of race, gender, and class as structures of inequality and oppression. While scholars have described race, class, and gender as “intersecting” and “interlocking” structures of oppression, Professor Kennelly has articulated a new imagery—a metaphor of flavor—that depicts race, class, and gender as foods that “intermingle” in our mouths to produce both unique and institutionalized tastes. Much of the empirical evidence Professor Kennelly has used to ground her theoretical interest in race, class, and gender comes from her studies of paid labor markets and her specific focus on gender segregated occupations. Her article, “‘That Single Mother Element’: How White Employers Typify Black Women,” received the 2001 Distinguished Article Award from the ASA Race, Gender and Class Section. Kennelly was recently awarded the 2004 Bender Teaching Award from the George Washington University in recognition of her excellence in undergraduate and graduate teaching.

Dr. Kennelly has a good deal of service experience in the Eastern Sociological Society and other regional and national sociological associations. She has been the Chair of the ESS Committee on the Status of Women for the last three years, and has also served a three-year term on the American Sociological Association’s Committee on the Status of Women. She was the Student Representative to the Social for the Study of Social Problems Board of Directors while in graduate school, and has since served on numerous awards and nominations committees for the ASA, Southern Sociological Society, and Sociologists for Women in Society. For the last

three year Dr. Kennelly has also served as the Southern Sociological Society’s Organizations Liaison and Consortium of Social Science Associations Representative.

Statement: As a recipient of strong and generous mentoring from many people involved in the Eastern Sociological Society, I take seriously the responsibility to give back to the Society. The opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee would allow me to help ensure that the Society will continue to facilitate exciting and meaningful relationships among scholars at all career stages through the exchange of ideas, scholarship, help, and advice.

Robin Leidner (Ph.D. Northwestern 1988) is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, where she has taught since 1988. She is the author of *Fast Food, Fast Talk: Service Work and the Routinization of Everyday Life*, which won the Max Weber Award of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work. Other publications include pieces on emotional labor, service work, feminist organizations, race and representation in the women’s movement, and work and identity. She is currently engaged in research on work and identity among actors and other theater workers, focusing on two issues. First, how do people establish and maintain a desired occupational identity in the absence of steady employment? Second, how do actors and those making casting decisions grapple with the question of the degree to which physical characteristics limit the kinds of identities actors can believably convey? She has served on the Council of the Sex and Gender Section of ASA and chaired its Distinguished Article Award committee. She recently completed a term as secretary of Sociologists for Women in Society, for which she also chaired the Mentoring Award Committee.

Robert E. Wood is Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at the Camden campus of Rutgers University. He is the author of *From Marshall Plan to Debt Crisis: Foreign Aid and Development Choices in the World Economy*, co-editor of *Tourism, Ethnicity and the State in Asian and Pacific Societies*, and author of numerous articles on globalization, development, and the sociology of tourism. Starting out in the political economy of development, and gradually shifting to a focus

on tourism's place in the evolving relationship between globalization and culture, Dr. Wood has in recent years been deeply involved in the exploration of the pedagogical potential of the internet and new instructional technologies, and is a contributor to the scholarship of teaching. He sits on the editorial boards of *Innovate: Journal of Online Education* as well as *Annals of Tourism Research* and *Tourism Studies*. He has been the recipient of campus-wide and university-wide teaching awards, and under his chairpersonship his department was awarded the Rutgers University Programmatic Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education in 2003.

Statement: The heart of ESS is its annual meetings, which offer a unique opportunity for intellectual exchange, informal collegiality, and networking. I'd like to see the ESS build on those strengths in reaching out to graduate students and non-tenured faculty in the Northeast and Central Atlantic states, especially since they represent the future of our profession and association. We need to explore ways to link ESS participation more seamlessly to their work, so that annual participation in the ESS becomes a natural part of the academic year's rhythm.