It is very exciting to be planning the 2010 meeting. We selected a timely topic, “Economic Crisis and New Social Realities,” a theme which continues to inspire a diverse array of thematic sessions exploring the social and economic climate in which we live. We also are planning sessions on the effects of the economy on the ecological crisis and the home-lives of families along with the consequences of employment, unions and downsizing. Some thematic sessions such as the crisis in higher education strike close to home. Other sessions feature groups at risk given the new social realities. We are working on thematic sessions on the informal economy, including issues of migration and citizenship, and also the strains that older workers face in retirement. We are excited that several thematic sessions will have panelists who interact with these difficulties daily – such as university presidents, labor representatives and journalists.

We also are experimenting with a new conversation format: noted scholars will be engaging with each other on various topics such as “The Future of Liberalism,” “Post-Obama America,” “The Changing Shape of Religion,” “Media and Collective Civic Engagement.” These conversations are meant to be interactive and more informal. We will be unveiling these in late fall. Please check the website.

ESS Vice-President Pamela Stone and President-Elect Christine Bose have been working hard on planning a range of terrific author meets critic sessions. These sessions have become very popular and we also hope to have a reception for everyone who has a new book out this year. The three plenary evenings are also underway. Thursday night will feature Naomi Gerstel who is this year’s Robin Williams Lecturer. We are excited to have the opportunity to hear a short version of the talk she will take to schools this year. Friday night we are honoring Rosabeth Moss Kanter who has done foundational work on organizations, work, family, and gender. Several distinguished panelists will speak about her contributions. The graduate students, in conjunction with the graduate education committee, are planning a special session on the job market, followed by a networking event.

There will be several mini-conferences including an urban ethnography conference organized by Elijah Anderson, Mitch Duneier, and Sudhir Vankatesh. Don Tomaskovic-Devey and Steve Vallas are organizing a mini-conference on “Power, Inequality and Work.”. The goal is to highlight synergies between current theory and research in the area, emphasizing points of intellectual convergence between studies of work, organizations and inequality. The sessions will examine both interactional and institutional approaches to power in the organization of work and distribution of rewards. A mini-conference on work/family issues is under discussion as the fall newsletter goes to press. Please check the website as we will post details once they are finalized.

Most importantly we look forward to your submissions! Above all else it is your submissions that we count on to make the meetings special. We wish you all a terrific fall and look forward to seeing you in Cambridge.
Editor’s Corner

Here we are again beginning a new academic year. This season of new beginnings is inspiring as you take on new challenges after a refreshing summer. I encourage you to accept the multiple challenges and opportunities within these pages. Our Cambridge meeting is going to be a memorable one whose timely theme will inspire exciting scholarship. Make plans now to join us there. You will find not only the call for papers for Cambridge, but multiple calls for nominations, edited volumes, related conferences. Take up these challenges and encourage your students to do so.

As always I ask that you send me information for the next issue: Announcements, awards, promotions, new books, conferences. This newsletter is an open submission publication at the service of the Eastern Sociological Society.

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ESS Merit Award

The winner of the ESS Merit Award for 2009 is Richard Alba, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at The City University of New York Graduate Center. The Eastern Sociological Society has been extraordinarily fortunate to have benefited from his commitment for over twenty years. During that time he served as President, Vice President, and member of the Executive Committee. He was also associate and deputy editor of our journal Sociological Forum, chair of the Publications committee and a member of numerous other committees. He has of course spoken at and organized many conference sessions as well. Remarkably, in addition to being a mainstay of ESS, Professor Alba has taken on important responsibilities and leadership roles in many other organizations, including the American Sociological Association where he has been Vice President, Chair of the International Migration Section, Chair of the Community and Urban section, and a member of various task forces and committees.

Professor Alba is a world-renowned sociologist, a scholar whose research has centered on the lives of immigrants. His scholarship is exemplified by his numerous publications: including his award winning books, Ethnic Identity: The Transformation of White America, and Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration co-authored with Victor Nee which won the ESS Mirra Komarovsky Kook Award. His writings include analyses of the factors shaping ethnicity, assimilation, inequality and the study of population dynamics. His ideas have been influential in Demography, as well as in sociology, influencing a whole generation of scholars. Professor Alba has also been the recipient of numerous awards for his work as well as millions of dollars in grants.

For the 2010 award, the ESS Merit Award Committee invites members to recommend candidates. Those suggested should be distinguished scholars who have made outstanding contributions to the discipline, the profession, and the ESS. Recommendations should include a brief statement in support of the nominee and should be sent by October 30, 2009 to the committee chair:

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America is facing its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. The 2010 Meeting will focus on the nature of this crisis and its implications for the U.S. and other societies around the world. How will the global economic crisis change the American Dream as well as the aspirations of those in other countries? What new patterns of consumption, work, and family seem most likely to emerge? What will be the role of government in economic markets? What will be the nature of government responsibility to its citizens in areas such as health care, social security, employment, housing, and family benefits? How will citizens define responsibilities to their government and to each other? What kinds of economic and social inequalities will emerge and will they feel legitimate or even acceptable? How will societies define the balance of individual rights versus communal concerns? How will the reduction of government programs affect education and the criminal justice system? To what degree will societies look inward and as opposed to looking outward toward more global issues such as the environment, immigration, terrorism, and international conflict? What new social policies will be needed to adequately deal with this changed reality? The new and current economic and social situation challenges sociology to provide analyses and answers to these and other pressing questions.

In addition submissions on all sociological topics are welcome. We are especially interested in having them in such varied forms as:

- Individual papers (please include one-page abstracts; longer drafts are also welcome)
- Wholly constituted sessions (with names and affiliations of all presenters)
- Workshops on specific topics and techniques (indicate the expert in charge)
- Conversations, Q & A sessions, or master classes (featuring a prominent scholar)
- Round-table
- Poster-session presentations (for undergraduates)

Regular submissions for all sociological topics in any of above formats are due by October 30, 2009. Details about electronic submission will be posted by the end of the summer.

Program Committee: Jonathan Imber (Co-Chair), Christopher Winship (Co-Chair), Rosanna Hertz (President), Pamela Stone (Vice President), Anita Garey, Nazli Kibria, and William Julius Wilson

2010 Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Cambridge, MA
March 18-21, 2010
Our New Destination: Cambridge Local 2010

Shuttles are to Copley Plaza and Harvard Square.

Everyone says that Sociologists love to come to the Boston ESS meetings. This year we have a new location. The ESS will hold its annual meeting on the other side of the Charles River – in Cambridge. We are taking over the entire Hyatt Regency on the river with its gorgeous city views. You can wake up to watch crew teams already practicing on the Charles in March or settle into an evening with the Boston skyline as the backdrop. It is a classy hotel with several restaurants and small kiosks for a quick bite or drinks.

Now that the “Big Dig” is finally complete the area has a new look and the city is more accessible. Should you want to leave the hotel to enjoy the restaurants or charms of downtown, it is just a quick walk across the river. For those of you who prefer four-wheel transportation we will also have shuttle service to Kendall Square (with lots of T-lines), and to other destinations in Cambridge and Boston.

Attractions
Cambridge and the surrounding Boston area are home to a bountiful historic landscape with a rich history covering more than 400 years. There are lots of great local attractions that are well worth a visit. Art, science, history or just a stroll around town, there is a little something for everyone.

Arthur M. Sackler Art Museum at Harvard University
If you plan to stay in the immediate Cambridge area, this Harvard Art museum is a great little side trip. Currently the museum is showing selected works from all of its permanent collections in the ongoing exhibition Re-View. With a diverse array of pieces including Islamic and Asian art, and European and American art from 1900 to the present, the museum is sure to delight. For additional details on hours and admission visit: http://www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/visit/

Bookstores
Home to both MIT and Harvard, Cambridge has an amazing array of bookstores to visit. Whether you have just a half-hour or the whole afternoon there are over 30 bookstores in a six-square mile radius including a number of interesting treasures. For those interested in travel, the Globe Corner Bookstore located at 90 Mount Auburn Street is the nation’s largest bookstore dedicated entirely to travel guidebooks and maps. Mystery lovers will surely delight in Kate’s Mystery Books located in a red Victorian house at 2211 Massachusetts Avenue. For foreign language books Schoenhof’s at 76 Mount Auburn Street is surely the place to go, with titles in over 700 languages and dialects. A free guide for all of the bookstores in Cambridge can be found at: http://www.Cambridge-USA.org

The Freedom Trail
For those looking for an opportunity to take a break and see Boston by foot, a stroll along the 2.5-mile marked Freedom Trail offers a great opportunity to do that. The trail, which is marked in red brick, connects seven of the eight historic sites that make up Boston National Historical Park, including Bunker Hill Monument the Paul Revere House and the Old North Church. For additional details on the Trail visit: http://www.nps.gov/Boston

Museum of Science
The Museum of Science is an engaging and interactive stop, particularly for those looking for a place to take children. Located down the street, there are over 500 interactive exhibits as well as a Planetarium and IMAX theater. For additional details on admission fees and hours visit: http://www.mos.org/

Events
The Boston Pops Orchestra will present a Mendelssohn and Rossini concert March 18th through the 20th as well as Handel & Haydn: A Musical Salon on the 19th and 21st. Located at the Boston Symphony Hall on Massachusetts Avenue and easily accessible by subway by taking the Green Line to the Symphony stop. For more information about shows and tickets, visit their website: http://www.bso.org. Boston Symphony Hall will also host a Bobby McFerrin concert on Sunday the 21st, presented by the Celebrity Series of Boston.

Boston’s downtown Theater District is home to over a dozen theaters with beautiful architecture, many of them having undergone recent restoration, and critically-acclaimed shows. Located near Boston Commons, Public Gardens and Chinatown it is well worth a visit. During the time of the ESS conference, the Shubert Theater is
showing *Ariadne auf Naxos*, the North American premiere of a Welsh National Opera Production with music by Richard Strauss. It will be sung in German with projected English translations on Friday the 19th and Sunday the 21st, [http://www.citicenter.org/theatres/shubert](http://www.citicenter.org/theatres/shubert). The **Boston Opera House** in the heart of the Theater District has the family friendly and Tony award-winning *The Lion King* playing various times throughout the conference weekend. For more information check the website [http://www.bostonoperahouse.com](http://www.bostonoperahouse.com) as it gets closer to the date.

Boston also has a wealth of museums and we’ve selected a few standouts. The **Museum of Fine Arts** ([http://www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)) has it’s own stop along the Green Line and is one of the largest museums in the country. It’s collection includes among many others, Egyptian artifacts, Chinese Art, Musical Instruments, Art of Europe and Contemporary Art. MFA exhibitions during the time of the conference will be *Luis Melendez: Master of the Spanish Still Life; The Secrets of the Tomb 10a: Egypt 2000BC; Albrecht Durer: Virtuoso Printmaker.*

The **Institute of Contemporary Art** ([http://www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org)) is located in an innovative and gorgeous building on Boston’s waterfront. Award-winning architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro designed the building with an eye towards having elements from the sky and earth that would be dynamically interactive for visitors (highlights include a glass elevator, a wall facing the ocean for contemplation and a second floor that extends over the water). Exhibitions on view in March include *Krzysztof Wodiczko*, a new film installation that focuses on the experiences of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, and *Momentum 15: R.H. Quaytman*, part of the ICA’s momentum series that focuses on emerging artists and highlights Quaytman’s paintings that incorporate silkscreened photographs and diamond dust layers.

The **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** ([http://www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org)) is notable for it’s incredible collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture, and textiles among other treasured and rare objects, representing the life work of Isabella Stewart Gardner to bring beautiful art to Boston. The building also has a delightful garden courtyard and is a short walk from the MFA.

Since our last ESS meeting in Boston it is an easy walk from Faneuil Hall to the North End for authentic Italian eating ([http://www.northendboston.com/dining.htm](http://www.northendboston.com/dining.htm) for a list of restaurants). The South End also offers a variety of eclectic restaurants of varying price points. Near the hotel you’ll find a range of restaurants from Italian, Greek and Indian to pizza and pubs all within a mile. Harvard Square offers a host of food, nightlife and shopping. For a list of eating possibilities in Harvard Square check: [http://www.harvardsquare.com/restaurants.aspx](http://www.harvardsquare.com/restaurants.aspx).

**Transportation**

Sometimes referred to as America’s Walking City, often the best way to get around the city is by foot. If you are looking for another fast and convenient way to travel, the city’s public transportation system is a great alternative.

**Bus**

An MBTA Bus Stop is located outside the hotel entrance on Amesbury Street. The CT2 departs every 20 minutes between 7am and 7pm and travels into downtown Boston, making a stop at the Boston University/West Station where riders can easily make a switch to the Green Line (B) subway.

**Subway**

The MBTA subway is located 1.5 miles from the hotel at Commonwealth Avenue near Amory Street. Here you will be able to ride the Green Line (B) to most locations in Downtown Boston.

**Shuttle**

Guests who are staying at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge will have access to a shuttle service that can take them to various locations in Boston and Cambridge. In addition, select destinations in the Cambridge area and in Boston. departing every 30 minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., the hotel’s shuttle will stop at Kendall Square T Stop (Red Line) or the Boston University T-Stop (Green Line).
The Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lectureship Committee invites the names of leading scholars to be considered for appointment as the 2010-2011 Robin M. Williams, Jr., Lecturer. The Eastern Sociological Society established the Lectureship in 1992 to honor the many contributions of Robin M. Williams, Jr. (1914-2006) to the discipline and the Society, particularly as founding editor of its journal, *Sociological Forum*, now in its 23rd year.

The original announcement states: As part of the Society’s attempt to enhance the sharing of ideas, one of our colleagues will be invited to spend time and give lectures on two campuses within the Society’s jurisdiction during his or her year as the Williams Lecturer. The Executive Office will provide transportation and honoraria: the host institution will take care of local arrangements, including room and board. The individual chosen for the Lectureship will receive an honorarium and will present two lectures on campuses in the ESS region during the terms of his or her appointment. (These campuses will be selected on a competitive basis.) The Lecturer will attend the 2010 ESS Annual meeting to be introduced and will present his or her lecture at the 2011 ESS Annual Meeting.

In 2010, the annual meetings will be held in Cambridge, MA, March 18-21. Please send nominations in a letter detailing the reasons for the nomination along with any supporting letters by October 30, 2009, to the Robin M. Williams, Jr., Lectureship Committee Chair:

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Call for Papers: Self, Knowledge and Reality in Indian traditions.

Abstract 150 words  
Due by: September 30, 09

Topic: Self, Knowledge and Reality in Indian traditions  
Date: October 31, 2009  
Place: The University of California at Berkeley  
Sponsored by:

- The Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies  
- The University of California at Berkeley  
- The Society for Indian Philosophy & Religion  
- The Pilgrimage Project  
- Suggested Subtopics: Atman and Brahman, God and Absolute, Consciousness and Self Consciousness, Sacred space and Cyclic time, Vedanta and Neoplatonism, Transcendentalism, Mysticism, Mantra, Meditation and Healing Rituals, Religious Pluralism, Moksa and Nirvana, Attachment and Virtue Ethics, Karma and Reincarnation, Kundalini Sakti and Chakras, Mandala, Classical Indian Philosophy of Mind, Yoga and Psychotherapy, Derrida and Samkara, Buddha and Parfit, Ahimsa and Gandhi,

Please send 150 words abstract by email to chan.danachak@gmail.com

Selected papers from Conference will be published subject to editorial review

Conference SIPR Web address, http://legacy.lclark.edu/~sipr/SIPR.html--

http://www.apaonline.org/resources/CFP/s/SIPR.aspx
The winner of the Candace Rogers Award for 2009 was Daniel Schneider, Princeton University, for his paper "Norms and Nuptials: The Changing Social Price of Marriage" with honorable mention to Sarah Damaske, New York University, for "For the Family: How Women Account for Work & Family Decisions.

The Candace Rogers Award Committee invites submissions for the 2010 Candace Rogers Award. This award is given annually at the ESS meeting to a graduate student for an outstanding paper on any current social issue. The paper should be in a style suitable for publication in a professional journal and should not exceed 7,500 words or 30 double-spaced pages. The paper may not be previously published or forthcoming in a professional journal. It may not be co-authored, and its author must be a graduate student at the time the paper is submitted. The recipient must be a member of the ESS at the time the award is presented. In 2010, the annual meetings will be held in Cambridge, MA, March 18-21.

The award will be announced and presented at a special session at the annual meeting. Eligible students are encouraged to submit three hard copies or an electronic version of their paper postmarked by October 30, 2009 to the committee chair. No papers postmarked after this date will be accepted for any reason.

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Students should include their address, institutional affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address with their submission.

The winners of the Mirra Komarovsky Book Award for 2009 were Philip Kasinitz, John Mollenkopf, Mary Waters, and Jennifer Holdaway for Inheriting the City: The Children of Immigrants Come of Age.

Nominations for the 2010 Mirra Komarovsky Book Award are now being accepted. Books on any sociological subject are eligible. To be eligible for consideration, a book must have been published during 2007-2009, and at least one of its authors must be an ESS member. Nominations submitted by publishers alone, however, will not be considered. Self-nominations are accepted. In 2010, the annual meetings will be held in Cambridge, MA, March 18-21. The award will be announced and presented at a special session at the annual meeting. Nominators and/or authors are responsible for arranging review copies to be sent to committee members.

Nominations should provide full publication information (including date of publication), a 1-2 paragraph rationale for the nomination, and should be sent by October 30, 2009 to:
Margaret K. Nelson,
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This award honors the memory of Mirra Komarovsky (February 5, 1905 – January 30, 1999), a pioneer in the sociology of gender. The winners of the Mirra Komarovsky Book Award for 2009 were Philip Kasinitz, John Mollenkopf, Mary Waters, and Jennifer Holdaway for Inheriting the City: The Children of Immigrants Come of Age.

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Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award

The recipient of the Rose Laub Coser Award for 2009 was Simone Ispa-Landa, Harvard University, for her dissertation proposal “Social and Academic Effects of Participation in an Urban to Suburban Racial Desegregation Program”.

The Rose Laub Coser Award Committee invites submissions for this award, given annually to a graduate student for an outstanding doctoral dissertation proposal in the area of the family or gender and society. The award was established by the family, friends, and former students of the late Rose Coser, a former president of ESS and recipient of its Merit Award.

To be eligible for consideration, the proposal must have been approved by the student’s department prior to submission, and the dissertation cannot have been completed or published when the proposal is considered. Proposals should include:

- a cover sheet indicating the title of the dissertation, the student’s name, the university with which the student is affiliated, and the names of the doctoral committee members;
- a two-page summary or abstract of the proposal;
- a narrative, which should include a statement of the problem to be addressed in the dissertation, a justification of the importance of the research problem for the field, a description of the methods to be employed in the study, and a statement of the anticipated outcomes and their significance; the narrative must not exceed 15 double-spaced pages (excluding references).

Ancillary material such as budgets, work schedules, and human subjects review documentation should not be included. In 2010, the annual meetings will be held in Cambridge, MA, March 18-21. The award will be announced and presented at a special session at the meeting. Eligible students are encouraged to submit four copies of their proposal by the deadline of October 30, 2009, to the committee at: Rebecca S. K. Li, Chair Rose Laub Coser Award Committee Department of Sociology & Anthropology The College of New Jersey P.O. Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08628 lirebecc@tcnj.edu

Call for Nominations: ESS Officers

The Nominations Committee welcomes suggestions for nominees for the following offices to be voted on this fall:

- President-Elect,
- Vice-President-Elect,
- Secretary (a three-year term beginning in 2010)
- two members of the Executive Committee (both of whom will serve three-year terms beginning in 2010).

When suggesting a candidate, please provide your name and contact information as well as that of the person you are recommending and please indicate the office for which the person would be a good candidate. Self-nominations are also welcome. Please remember that submitting a name does not guarantee that your suggested person will actually be chosen as a nominee as we receive more nominations than needed. Suggestions should be sent by September 30, 2009 to the committee chair:

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ETHNOGRAPHIC ANALYSES OF RACE, CLASS, GENDER, SEXUALITY & RELIGION is an edited volume devoted to exploring the intersections of race, class, gender and sexuality in religious settings. Both empirical and theoretical manuscripts are being sought that address religion from an ethnographic perspective. In particular, manuscripts falling into one or several of the following three categories will be given priority:

1. Intersectional analysis of Christian congregations in the United States, including
   - Multiracial congregations and pastorates
   - Race, class, gender intersections in congregations that are predominated by one race
   - Analyses of immigrant experiences in U.S. churches that consider the intersectionality of race, class, gender and nation
   - Analyses of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and transgendered experiences in U.S. churches

2. Political participation in U.S. churches that considers the intersection of race, class, gender & sexuality

3. Analysis of relationships between U.S. denominations and their congregations or missions work abroad that incorporate an intersectional analysis.

Intersectionality—a paradigm for reconceptualizing oppression and resistance (Collins 2000), allows the researcher to analyze ways that various spheres of inequality work together to simultaneously affect social life. Intersectional analysis is not exclusive of other spheres of inequality. Similar to racism, class exploitation and sexism, heterosexism, imperialism, ethnocentrism, religious chauvinism, elitism, ageism, and other hierarchical and oppressive concepts and practices configure our lives in many ways (Collins 1998) “The central contention of this emerging focus is that the three forms of oppression are not separate and additive, but interactive and multiplicative in their effects” (Chafetz 1997).

Thus, one cannot understand the social world without considering the ways that these axes mutually construct one another.

In order to unveil the socially constructed nature of hierarchy and difference, intersectional work examines the taken-for-granted aspects of the social order, including those things we have been socialized to view as “natural.” For the edited volume, we seek manuscripts that explore the intersectionality of race, class, gender, sexuality, and other social categories in U.S. Christian religious settings. Questions may address, but not be limited to the following: How do spheres of social inequality, such as race, class and gender reproduce difference in U.S. churches? In what ways do churches use their resources to impede the reproduction of inequality? Is this even possible? Which social groups are consistently privileged in U.S. churches and at whose expense? In what way do intersectional analyses help to unveil the socially constructed nature of aspects of the social order that are viewed as natural in U.S. churches as a result of religious doctrine or tradition? Why are U.S. churches or denominational structures an especially intransigent site in which to challenge persisting inequality?

All manuscripts will undergo peer review. Manuscripts should be a maximum of 30 pages, inclusive of title page, abstract, main body of text, figures, tables, and APA-style references. Only title pages should contain authors’ names, affiliation, phone & FAX numbers, in addition to the email address of the corresponding author. No endnotes or footnotes will be accepted. Electronic versions of manuscripts (MS Word) should be sent directly to Sandra Weissinger at the following email address: weissing@illinois.edu by 31 December 2009.

Editors: Assata Zerai, Sandra Weissinger, and Sonali Ghosh
Call for Proposals: “New Voices in Sociological Theory and Methodology

*Editors: Ieva Zake, Rowan University & Michael DeCesare, Merrimack College*

The editors of a new volume tentatively entitled *New Voices in Sociological Theory and Methodology* invite chapter proposals of up to 500 words from sociologists who have received their Ph.D.s within the last 10 years and are pursuing new directions in sociological theory and methodology. Submission deadline is November 1, 2009.

The editors invite the new generation of sociologists to evaluate and critique the traditional theoretical and methodological approaches taken by twentieth-century sociologists, and to offer suggestions for new paths forward. The volume is intended as a supplemental text—but also as an alternative text—for undergraduate and graduate courses in contemporary theory and research methodology. It will include separate sections devoted to theory and to methodology; each section will discuss the nature, assumptions, and future of traditional perspectives.

The overarching goal of the volume is to move students beyond current textbooks’ treatments of theory and methods by offering them a look at the trends of the sociology of tomorrow. Therefore, the editors encourage prospective contributors to think creatively, critically, and philosophically about sociological theory and methods, and to propose chapters on a variety of topics that they consider important, timely, and in most dire need of a critical examination.

To submit a chapter proposal or for further information, please contact the editors: Ieva Zake ([zake@rowan.edu](mailto:zake@rowan.edu)) & Michael DeCesare ([decesarem@merrimack.edu](mailto:decesarem@merrimack.edu))

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Call for Papers: Technology and New Social Expectations

We are proposing some sessions at the ESS meetings on *Technology and New Social Expectations*.

Technology is transforming our lives from how we communicate, play, work and raise our families. There are new expectations for teaching, communicating with our colleagues, contact with our children, dating and meeting strangers -- on and off line.

The call is for papers or an entire session could include any of the following topics:

1. In the Classroom and with students
2. On the internet -- from dating to Avatars to blogging
3. In the family: New ways of monitoring children, communicating with family members (texting, facebook groups etc)

Please send paper proposals or entire sessions to sessions organizer Debra Lemke at: [dlemke@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:dlemke@mcdaniel.edu)
New Book: On the Margins of Citizenship

"On the Margins of Citizenship is a remarkable book. It has a broad scope, impressively addressing the history of American twentieth-century intellectual disability empirically at the individual, community, and policy levels."

—Richard Scotch, Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, University of Texas at Dallas

“This is an excellent work that will prove to be important to scholars and activists interested in intellectual disability.”

—James Trent, Professor of Sociology, Gordon College

On the Margins of Citizenship provides a comprehensive, sociological history of the fight for civil rights for people with intellectual disabilities. Allison Carey, who has been active in disability advocacy and politics her entire life, addresses the segregation of people with intellectual disabilities in schools and institutions, along with the controversies over forced sterilization, eugenics, marriage and procreation, and protection from the death penalty. She chronicles the rise of the parents' movement and the influence of the Kennedy family, as well as current debates generated by the impact of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act.

Carey draws upon a broad range of historical and legal documents and the literature of citizenship studies to develop a "relational-practice" approach to the issues of intellectual disability and civil rights. She examines how and why parents, self-advocates, and professionals fought for different visions of rights for this population throughout the twentieth century and the changes that took place over that time. Presenting the shifting constitutional and legal restrictions for this marginalized group, Carey argues that policies tend to sustain an ambiguity that simultaneously promises rights yet also allows their retraction. Allison C. Carey is an assistant professor of Sociology at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. On the Margins of Citizenship is forthcoming August 2009 through Temple University Press.

On the Margins of Citizenship: Intellectual Disability and Civil Rights in Twentieth Century America, by Allison C. Carey will be available August 2009 through Temple University Press. In this work, Carey examines historical controversies over rights for people with intellectual disabilities, including for example debates over sterilization, institutionalization, the right to marry, medical discrimination, and the death penalty, and shows how ideas about rights for this population have transformed over time. Allison Carey is an assistant professor at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.
Meet the ESS 2010 Program Committee

ESS Program Committee Bios
The 2010 Program Committee is comprised of a diverse group of scholars representing many different areas of the discipline. Collectively we have been working hard since this past spring to put together a series of exciting thematic sessions and conversations. We are very excited about the numerous social scientists and practitioners who have agreed to join various panels. Once the sessions are complete we will be posting highlights on the ESS website.

Jonathan B. Imber, co-program chair, is Jean Glasscock Professor of Sociology at Wellesley College where he has taught for the past twenty-nine years. At Wellesley College he is presently the director of the American Studies program. He has been Editor-in-Chief of Society since 1998 and is author of Abortion and the Private Practice of Medicine (1986) and Trusting Doctors: The Decline of Moral Authority in American Medicine (2008). He has edited or co-edited seven books, including one with Rosanna Hertz, Studying Elites Using Qualitative Methods (1995). Among the courses he presently teaches are "Celebrity, Fame, and Fortune," "The Sociology of Conservatism," and Medical Sociology and Social Epidemiology." His current research focuses on religiously informed biomedical ethics and the nature of secularism in contemporary ethics generally. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, the proud birthplace of both Wallace Stevens and John Updike.

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Anita Ilta Garey is Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies and Sociology at the University of Connecticut. Her research focuses on families and family members in relation to social institutions and within specific social and cultural contexts. In 2000, she was a co-organizer of the conference “Work and Family: Expanding the Horizons,” co-sponsored by the Center for Working Families (UC Berkeley), the Business and Professional Women’s Association, and The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. In 2007, she was a co-organizer of an ESS mini-conference: The Importance of Being Conceptual: Exploring the Sociological Contributions of Arlie Russell Hochschild. Anita Garey is the author of Weaving Work and Motherhood, which won the William J. Goode Book Award in 2000, and co-edited Families in the U.S.: Kinship and Domestic Politics (with Karen V. Hansen) and Who’s Watching: Daily Practices of Surveillance Among Contemporary Families (with Margaret K. Nelson). She is currently a co-
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**Women Really Quit Careers and Head Home** (2007), which Business Week called “provocative, superbly researched, and required reading,” has been widely featured by national media outlets. In research currently underway with various collaborators, she is examining long-term trends in opting out and carrying out a cross-national comparison of the utilization of flexible work options. Married and the mother of two, she lives outside New York City in Larchmont, NY.

**William Julius Wilson** is Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor at Harvard University. Past President of the American Sociological Association, Wilson has received 41 honorary degrees and has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Education, the American Philosophical Society, the Institute of Medicine, and the British Academy. In June 1996 he was selected by Time magazine as one of America’s 25 Most Influential People. His publications and selected awards include, The Declining Significance of Race, winner of the American Sociological Association’s Sydney Spivack Award; The Truly Disadvantaged which received the C. Wright Mills Award and was selected by the editors of the New York Times Book Review as one of the 16 best books of 1987; When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor was also a notable book in 1996 by the editors of the New York Times Book Review. His most recent book is, More than Just Race: Being Black and Poor in the Inner City.

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March 18-21, 2010

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Sheraton Society Hill
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