First, I want to thank ESS members for entrusting me with the privilege of taking on the role of 2011 President of this organization and of following in the footsteps, and hopefully to “fill the shoes,” of my most recent and very successful predecessors, Rosanna Hertz (2010) and Kathleen Gerson (2009). My goal is to fashion a February 24-27, 2011 annual meeting in Philadelphia that is intellectually stimulating, a great networking opportunity, and offers a program that in some ways engages our members, no matter what their sociological field, institutional affiliation, or research interests are.

Rosanna Hertz, 2010 President and her Program Committee were able to create a thought-provoking conference that broke attendance records for ESS. The annual meeting explored the theme of “Economic Crisis and New Social Realities” in a way that included every corner of our discipline. In each type of meeting—evening plenaries, author-critic panels, thematic sessions, regular sessions and roundtables—Rosanna’s team created and shaped events that stimulated discussions and facilitated the introduction of participants to new and interesting acquaintances or ideas.

The success was all the more outstanding because, in some sense, the U.S. and global economies thrust this theme upon the program committee. In addition, the relocated Boston setting—the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers—was such a success that ESS plans to return there in 2013. Kudos to Rosanna and her team, as well as to Emily Mahon, ESS Executive Officer, who made everything run so smoothly.

Our theme chosen for the 2011 ESS meeting is “Intersectionalities and Complex Inequalities.” The concept of intersectionality or an intersectional framework, introduced about twenty years ago, has enriched and transformed academic research across many disciplines. It challenges the various areas within sociology to develop detailed critical explorations of complex inequalities and their cumulative and interactive effects on individuals, groups, and social institutions. Its application allows scholars to explore the simultaneous and multiplicative interaction of class, race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, sexuality, disability, citizenship, and other axes of inequality in people’s lives as mutually constructing systems of power. The thematic sessions of the 2011 Meeting will focus on how an intersectional approach has been developed and utilized in different ways across the subfields of sociology. Among the questions we hope to address are: What methodologies best help us do an intersectional analysis? In what areas have intersectional analyses been most successful? What is the most recent research in these areas? How has using an intersectional approach advanced our knowledge?

Although my campus, the University at Albany, SUNY, is not located in a large central city, with many universities from which to draw together a Program Committee, I am fortunate to have a talented group of “UA” sociologists to work with me on the 2011 Program Committee. My colleague Gwen Moore, whose research focuses on informal networks and political elites, has agreed to take on the large networking task of Chairing the 2011 Program Committee. Another colleague Steven Messner, while serving as the 2010-11 President of the American Society of Criminology, has agreed to share presidential insights into organizing an engaging annual meeting. Meanwhile, my colleague Zai Liang, an expert in internal and international migration, demography, and consequences of market transitions in China, is sharing his insights gleaned from organizing international conferences and networks. Bandana Purkayastha (University of Connecticut) is serving on the committee as a representative of our mini-conference organizers, and Karen Hansen
Editor’s Corner

I love being the editor of this newsletter because it puts me in the catbird seat for the annual meeting. I am so very excited about the sessions and mini conferences. I also must confess the Philadelphia is my absolutely favorite ESS city.

I am especially engaged by this years theme. Inequality is a central theme for Sociology and it is hard to imagine any topic in the field that is not touched by this critical variable.

So here goes with my annual challenge to the membership: Bring your work to the meeting. submit a paper, propose a workshop, or roundtable. Contact the program committee and volunteer to help. Encourage others to attend, especially your students.

I want to see you in Philadelphia.

From the Exec Office

As Simon and Garfunkle once sang, "Oh what a time it was!" The 2010 ESS Annual Meeting (the 80th, if you are counting) was indeed one for the books. Of course there were the labor issue and the hotel change – which were the subject of Rosanna Hertz’s compelling Presidential Address that will appear in Sociological Forum in the near future, so I will spend little more time on it here other than to say that it shot our heart rates up early in the cycle and there they stayed until the conference was over.

Precedents were broken and records were set throughout the highly stimulating meeting that brought high-powered sociological lenses to bear on the social implications of the economic crisis. Leading lights like Dorothy Smith, Rosabeth Moss Kanter, William Julius Wilson, Larry Bobo, Richard Alba (to name only a VERY few) dotted the meeting landscape – as did many former ESS officers and sociological leaders of the future (we had over 195 undergraduates).

As is my wont, let me run the stats….. we had 1365 registrants (a record) from every region of the US and Canada, with conferees also hailing from Germany, Denmark, Finland, Belgium and Turkey. We had 343 sessions, 15% more than last year and the most ever – or at least in my tenure. We used the most meeting rooms ever. We booked the most hotel room nights ever (over 1000, which does wonders for us with hotels in the future). We had the most jazz nights ever (2). We had the most poster sessions ever (6) – with students representing over 65 colleges and universities.

Bronx Community College sent the most undergraduate students (11); Northeastern sent the most graduate students (21). CUNY and Northeastern supplied the most student workers for the registration desk.

So many people need to be thanked. First and foremost: Rosanna Hertz … for her leadership in trying times, her wonderful program and program committee, and above all, for her insight, commonsense and humor. Leading the support cast are Jennifer Girouard and Clare Hammonds, both grad students from Brandeis, who served as Rosanna Hertz’s program managers -- for their dedication, tireless work and impossibly even dispositions we all owe them hugely. The program committee, including Jonathan Imber and Christoper Winship, the co-chairs, and Chris Bose, Nazli Kibria, Anita Garey, Pamela Stone, Rosanna Hertz, and William Julius Wilson, was just amazing. We also thank the organizers of 4 mini-conferences which were a smashing addition to the regular program. Christel Hyden ran the registration booth and the volunteers with good humor and awesome efficiency. Brad Smith provided the abstract system and patient support for inevitable cyber hiccups. Harve Horowitz, who manages our hotel contracts in addition to the Book Exhibits, helped us find the perfect hotel in record time. And Bill Wassmer, our AV support, kept in touch with and remotely managed the LCD projector team from a hospital bed in Texas where he underwent bypass surgery rather than attend the meeting!!! As I said, it was a time!!!
CALL FOR PAPERS

2011 Annual Meeting
Sheraton- Society Hill
Philadelphia, PA
February 24-27, 2011

Intersectionalities and Complex Inequalities

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The concept of intersectionality challenges the various areas within sociology to develop detailed critical explorations of complex inequalities and their cumulative and interactive effects on individuals and social institutions. Although submissions on all sociological topics are welcome, the organizers are particularly interested in those related to the Meeting’s theme. We welcome submissions 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)
- Thematic Conversations (panels of two or more scholars engaged in debate or exchange)
- Workshops on specific topics and techniques (indicate the expert in charge)
- Master classes featuring a prominent scholar or Q & A sessions
- Roundtable and poster session presentations

Mini-conferences
Details about electronic submission will be posted in the next ESS newsletter, announced electronically on the ESS Announce List, and available at the ESS website: http://www.essnet.org. Regular paper submissions for all sociological topics in any of the above formats are due by September 30, 2010. It is never too early to start planning. Questions should be sent to: easterns2011@gmail.com

Program Committee: Gwen Moore (Chair), Christine E. Bose (President), Karen Hansen (Vice President), Zai Liang, Steven Messner, and Bandana Purkayastha.
Candace Rogers Award

The 2010 Candace Rogers Award for the outstanding graduate student paper on a current social issue goes to Youngjoo Cha, of Cornell University, for her paper, titled “Overwork and the Persistence of Occupational Sex Segregation: The Effect of Long Work Hours on Occupational Mobility of Men and Women.” This paper was presented at the annual meeting in the mini-conference on Gender, Family, Work, and Technology in the Obama Era.

Youngjoo’s paper examines how the increasingly common trend of working long hours contributes to occupational sex segregation. She initially hypothesized that the norm of overwork disadvantages many women, who in addition to expectations for long work hours perform more of the housework and caregiving responsibilities. Her sophisticated analysis utilizes longitudinal data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation, or SIPP, matched with occupational level data from a variety of sources. Youngjoo’s paper first examines the occupations where long work hours are especially prevalent, and finds that occupations where long work hours are the norm tend also to be those where women’s representation is the lowest. She then shows the individual mobility process that gives rise to this pattern of occupational segregation, as her findings suggest that expectations for putting in long hours increases the likelihood that women leave male-dominated occupations, whereas long work hours have no effects on men’s job retention. Furthermore, her work shows that those most likely to exit occupations where long work hours are the norm are women with children, which suggests that caregiving responsibilities play a key role in perpetuating occupational segregation by sex. Her paper highlights how the gendered norms surrounding overwork and the social construction of the “ideal worker” contributes to the persistence of occupational sex segregation. Youngjoo has accepted a position at Indiana University.

The committee would like to acknowledge that this year there were nearly 30 papers on a wide range of topics, from quite a number of graduate training programs. Members so the committee would like to thank the encourage Dissertation Advisors and professors who encouraged their students to submit their papers for this award and to remind those who train graduate students to encourage their students to submit next year. It was very difficult to select this year’s winner due to the depth of the field. The committee would like to acknowledge Jeremy Staff, of Penn State, and Emily Rosenbaum, of Fordham University, for spending their winter holidays reading through the papers and duking it out over their favorites. The papers represented a very broad range of topics, and included qualitative and quantitative methodologies. This depth promises well for the future of our discipline.

Noteworthy


Allison Hicks (University of Colorado) has accepted a post as Assistant Professor at Alfred University.

Mirra Komarovsky Book Award

The committee would like to thank the many colleagues throughout the country, who submitted their own, or other people’s scholarship and who took the time to write thoughtful letters of nomination.

The winners of the Mirra Komarovsky award itself are Javier Auyero and Déborah Alejandra Swistun for their moving ethnographic work, Flammable: Environmental Suffering in an Argentine Shantytown. This book documents the consequences of living in the midst of searing poverty, and overwhelming contamination of soil, air and water. And there is much that I could say in its praise. I’ll highlight only one general issue and urge you to read the book yourself.

Most significantly, this is an innovative work in its authorship, methods, and content. The book is jointly written by a Ph.D. sociologist – Javier Auero – and Déborah Siwstun who has only a BA in anthropology but who brings to the table the experience of having lived in Flammable itself. The methodology includes some usual suspects – including interviews, direct observation, archival work – and some more unusual ones – including photographs by students in a local school which, along with their voices, serve as windows into the lived experience of contamination.

Finally, the authors tell an unusual story. Rather than focusing on the more common narrative of how environmental pollution leads to awareness and social action, they tell about confusion, uncertainty and immobility, indeed about the normalization of risk and danger and about social suffering. The gift of this book is that it not only makes sociological sense of this confusion, uncertainty and immobility but that it does so with clarity, certainty and an urgent call to action.

The committee chose an honorable mention as well as a final award. The honorable mention goes to Mario Luis Small for his book, Unanticipated Gains: Origins of Network Inequality in Everyday Life. In this meticulous study, Small demonstrates how the simple fact of enrolling children in a childcare center can dramatically expand both the size and the usefulness of a mother’s personal networks to produce some astonishing advantages. The book relies on a range of methods – in-depth interviews, quantitative data, and detailed case studies – to reveal its startling findings about social capital and the contexts from which social inequality emerges. It is a wonderful book, carefully crafted, beautifully written, and full of insight and directions for future research.

Robin Williams Jr. Lecturer: Mark D. Jacobs

The Eastern Sociological Society is pleased to announce that Professor Mark D. Jacobs, of George Mason University, has been named the 2010-11 Robin L. Williams, Jr. Lecturer. The title of his Williams Lecture is: “No-fault Corruption of the Financial System.”

As a cultural sociologist, Mark Jacobs has published and edited works in the field that have contributed enormously to its development. His book, Screwing the System and Making it Work: Juvenile Justice in the No-Fault Society, was one of the first American books to apply cultural analysis to public issues. Since its publication he has been at the forefront of building the culture section in the ASA. In his recent term as Chair of the section, he took the unusual step of developing scholarly exchanges with the section’s European counterpart. In order to further that international dialogue, he became a Founding Editor of Cultural Processes, the publication of Research Network-Culture of the European Sociological Association. He has received a grant from the NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, administered by the ASA, to study ‘‘Global Differences in Conceptualizing Culture.’’ The special issue of Poetics on cultural sociology, which he edited with Lynn Spillman, has helped to define and delineate theoretical issues in the field. Further, he was the Founding Director of the first stand-alone graduate program in cultural studies in the US, housed at George Mason University where he now teaches. His forthcoming book, Front Page Economics, (with Gerald Suttles) promises to be an innovative and influential work.

Karen V. Hansen

“...documents the consequences of living in the midst of searing poverty…”

Margaret K. Nelson

“...one of the first American books to apply cultural analysis to public issues....”
CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

5th Annual International Conference on Sociology,
9-12 May 2011, Athens, Greece

The Sociology Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) will hold its 5th Annual International Conference on Sociology in Athens, Greece, 9-12 May 2011. The conference website is www.atiner.gr/sociology.htm

The registration fee is 250 euro, covering access to all sessions, two lunches, coffee breaks and conference material. Special arrangements will be made with local hotels for a limited number of rooms at a special conference rate. In addition, a one-day cruise to picturesque Greek Islands and a half-day tour to archaeological sites will be organized.

Papers (in English only) from all areas of Sociology, Criminal Justice and Social Work are welcome. Selected (reviewed) papers will be published in a Special Volume of the Conference Proceedings. If you think that you can contribute, please send an abstract of about 300 words, via email only (atiner@atiner.gr), before October 11th, 2010 to: Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER and Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.

Announcement of the decision is made within 4 weeks after submission, which includes information on registration deadlines and paper submission requirements.

If you want to participate without presenting a paper, i.e. chair a session, evaluate papers to be included in the conference proceedings or books, contribute to the editing of a book, or any other contribution, please send an email to Dr. Gregory T. Papankos (gtp@atiner.gr), Director, ATINER.

The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) was established in 1995 as an independent academic organization with the mission to become a forum, where academics and researchers - from all over the world - could meet in Athens and exchange ideas on their research and discuss the future developments of their discipline. Since 1995, ATINER has organized more than 100 international conferences and has published over 80 books. Academically, the Institute consists of four research divisions and nineteen research units. Each research unit organizes at least an annual conference and undertakes various small and large research projects.

THE RUTGERS JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY: Emerging Areas in Sociological Inquiry

CALL FOR PAPERS, 2010

The Rutgers Journal of Sociology: Emerging Areas in Sociological Inquiry provides a forum for graduate students and junior scholars to present well-researched and theoretically compelling review articles on an annual topic in sociology. Each volume features comprehensive commentary on emerging areas of sociological interest. These are critical evaluations of current research synthesized into cohesive articles about the state of the art in the discipline. Works that highlight the cutting-edge of the field, in terms of theoretical, methodological, or topical areas, are privileged.

RJS invites submissions for its first annual edition, which will focus on issues of MIND, BODY AND SOCIETY.

Papers and abstracts must be submitted by September 30th, 2010.

Some overarching questions you might consider are:

How might sociological approaches to and/or theories of mind and body elucidate unanswered or developing questions in the field?

How do mind, body and society intersect to contribute to educational and occupational outcomes, sexual activity, deviance, reproduction, cognitive functioning, physical and mental health, political processes and social policy?

What are some cross-cultural and trans-historical differences in the intersection of mind, body and society? How are these variations embedded in local and global contexts?

Areas we are especially interested in include the relation of Mind, Body and Society to:

- Cognition
- Genetics and the human genome
- Disease diffusion
- Envisioning the body – especially in terms of race, class, gender and sexuality
- Effects of/on the environment
- Medical technology
- Mental health and illness
- Studies of the mind
- Cultural variation and perception
- Sexualities
- Lifestyle and sub-cultural practices
- Social movements
- Political processes and structures
- Inequality, power and resistance
- Social networks
- Transnational mobility and diffusion
- Social connections
- Technology

Guidelines: We accept original reviews of relevant research. Reviews must not be under review or elsewhere published at the time of submission and should be no more than 10,000 words, including references, notes, tables, figures, acknowledgements and all cover pages. The first page should contain a title, author’s affiliation, a running head and approximate word count. The second page should contain the title, an abstract of no more than 250 words and should not contain the names of the authors. Papers should be double-spaced, using Times New Roman font size 12, with 1.25” margins on all sides. All references should be in Chicago Style (see ASA guidelines). All documents should be submitted as email attachments to RJS@sociology.rutgers.edu and must be MICROSOFT WORD DOCUMENTS. For further submission guidelines, see our guide for contributors at http://sociology.rutgers.edu/RJS.
The President’s Pen

(brandeis university), ESS vice president, is in charge of our author meets the critic sessions, along with president-elect, Robert Zussman (University of Massachusetts, Amherst). We will be joined by two graduate student co-program coordinators, Sehwa Lee and Nicole LaMarre, who will shoulder the huge task of putting together all the submitted sessions.

In addition to our thematic sessions, and the more general author-meets-the-critic sessions, conversations, regular sessions, poster sessions, and roundtables, we currently have four mini-conferences under construction. Mitch Duneier, of Princeton University, has agreed to continue the tradition of the always popular and engaging sessions on “urban ethnography.” Donald Hernandez, of Hunter College, CUNY has signed on to create a series of sessions on “children of immigrants.” Program committee member Bandana Purkayastha (University of Connecticut) and Jyoti Puri (Simmons College) have graciously volunteered to create a mini-conference on “bridging borders and boundaries: transnational feminist research on gender and sexuality.” You may have seen their call for papers, which will also appear on the ESS member listserv. They already are soliciting submissions that use transnational approaches to topics both within and outside the U.S. context. They hope to garner papers that reflect the considerable exciting work on sexual practices and identities, transgender discourses, heterosexual constructions, women’s labor, state regulation of tourism, racialized-gendered ethnicities, the domestication of the nation, proliferation of religious fundamentalisms, and other topics. They encourage submissions that demonstrate the usefulness of a transnational perspective or extend it in new directions. Finally, Reese Kelly (University at Albany, SUNY), a 2009 woodrow Wilson dissertation fellow in women’s studies, has distributed a call for papers on LGBTQ research and begun to construct panels, also to be announced on the listserv, with the title “coloring outside of the lines: creative approaches to queer sociology.” Look for the full description soon! And, if you have ideas for other mini-conferences, author-critic sessions, or conversations write us now at: easterns2011@gmail.com

Call for Nominations

The nominations committee welcomes suggestions for nominees for the following offices to be voted on this fall: president-elect, vice-president-elect, treasurer (a two-year term) and two members of the executive committee (both of whom will serve three-year terms beginning in 2011). When suggesting a candidate, please provide your name and contact information as well as that of the person you are recommending. Please indicate the office for which the person would be a candidate. Self-nominations are also welcome. The nominations committee will consider all suggestions seriously before circulating a slate of candidates in mid November. Suggestions should be sent by August 15, 2010 to the committee chair: Robert Zussman Professor of Sociology University of Massachusetts-Amherst Zussman@soc.umass.edu

“...transnational approaches to topics both within and outside the U.S...”
A Mini-conference on Transnationalism, Gender, and Sexuality
Eastern Sociological Society Conference 2011

Organizers: Jyoti Puri and Bandana Purkayastha

Transnational approaches to gender and sexuality have yielded important theoretical and analytical insights in the last fifteen years. Such approaches continue to highlight the ways in which asymmetries and inequalities are produced by the flows of global capital and geopolitics and, in turn, help sustain them. The term transnational has been used to describe the flows of people, discourses, and practices across national borders as well as to theorize the mutually constitutive relations between nation, state, gender, sexuality, and race. Exciting work on sexual practices and identities, transgender discourses, heterosexual constructions, women's labor, state regulation of tourism, the domestication of the nation, proliferation of religious fundamentalisms and more has emerged from this perspective.

The 2011 mini conference invites cutting-edge sociological analyses on sexuality and gender from a transnational perspective. What kinds of insights and linkages do transnational approaches to gender and sexuality enable? How might we refine our understanding of a transnational perspective? We encourage presentations that demonstrate the usefulness of such a perspective or extend it in new directions. We solicit submissions that analyze cultural contexts both within and outside the U.S.

Details:
Eastern Sociological Society Conference 2011
Philadelphia, PA
Sheraton Society Hill
February 24-27, 2011

Abstracts Due: August 30, 2010.

Contact: Jyoti Puri@simmons.edu or Bandana.Purkayastha@uconn.edu
We live in a distinct time—war in the midst of the call for peace, economic recession during unprecedented growth of corporate wealth, continued environmental devastation as oil dependency heightens, food insecurity amidst gluttony, and the entrenchment of institutionalized inequality when we seek justice. At this historical juncture, how then shall we proceed? Santa Fe, the oldest capitol city in the U.S., provides a unique meeting place to vision the future. Literally, Santa Fe is the crossroads of the Pueblo, the Navajo, the Mexican, the Spaniard and the Anglo people. Santa Fe is also the hub of art in the southwwest: all forms and styles of sculpture, painting, photography and music coalesce here. Please join us to examine this distinct time, to explore these crossroads, and to forge a way forward.

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Submission deadline: June 15, 2010

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Room Rate: single & double $105
Please make reservations by October 13, 2010
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