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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Brooklyn College and Graduate School, CUNY

I am very pleased and honored to be President of the Eastern Sociological Society, which has been, in so many ways, my “home” organization. I’ve been a member since 1970 and was immediately pressed into service to work with the Papers Committee, and I was chair the following year. I’ve been involved and active ever since. I’d like every new member to go the same route, and for all the long-time members to continue or renew their involvement. That’s why I am not calling for papers, but for *participation* in the 72nd Annual Meeting, to be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel, March 7-10, 2002.

My Program Chair will be **Debra Lemke**, who is at Western Maryland College in Westminster, MD. I met Debra when she organized my visit as the Robin Williams Lecturer in 1997, a wonderful ESS connection. **Susan Farrell**, Kingsborough Community College, CUNY, will organize the author-meets-the-critics sessions.

THE SOCIOLOGICAL FUTURE IS NOW

Here we are now well into the 21st Century. No more looking back! No more crystal balls for fantasies of the far future! The sociological future is now!

What is the sociological analysis and critique of mapping the human genome, gay marriage, transgenering, multiculturalism, the myriad forms of communication technology, globalization, today’s politics and economics? Where is contemporary society going – and where could it go? Are we modern, post-modern, or in transition in our thinking about social arrangements? What are some sociological “blue-sky” alternatives to our current institutions and practices – not just utopias (and dystopias) that hinge on new technologies or new biologies but new social structures and social relationships that incorporate bodies and objects, that cross categorical borders and erase status boundaries. What are the current debates and research on these issues?

ESS, the most prominent regional sociology society in the United States, includes among its members theorists, policy analysts, activists, researchers, educators at all types of colleges and universities, media specialists, and members of government and private agencies in all sorts of sectors. We have all contributed to the sociological ideas of the late twentieth century and are going to continue to shape sociological thinking in the twenty-first century. I would like to use the Annual Meeting as a forum for ideas on where contemporary society is now. That needs critical analyses. I’d also like to see some predictions based on our sociological interpolations – given where we are

now, and what we know of social processes and practices, where are we likely to end up? That needs our collective sociological imaginations, and our experiences as students and educators, agency members and policy makers, citizens and family members.

We have spent the past two years congratulating ourselves for having reached “the millennium” and looking towards “the future.” But I don’t think we’ve boldly gone where no social scientists have gone before. We think about practices and processes but haven’t thought very much about changing the structural underpinnings of social inequality, the divisions by gender, racial categories, social class, and sexual orientation that are the source of the practices and processes of inequality. We haven’t been able to get too far beyond the boundaries of our own social spaces. Nor have we, to quote **Catherine Stimpson** in the millennium issue of *Signs*, “had imagination enough to see below the crust of custom and beyond the horizon of convention” (2000, 1009).

In my thematics, I will invite participants to explore ideas and imagine new processes and practices. Some policy-oriented topics I hope to explore are the university and the internet, technology without modernization, multiculturalism, gender dynamics among African Americans, Holocaust studies, sociological aspects of the media, globalization, immigration, welfare, today’s families. Gender issues I want to see taken apart and put back together are masculinities, sexualities, and intersexualities. I am planning panels on bioethics, the sociology of the body, and health care. We will have a session on human/animal relationships, and I am going to invite experts to talk about time and about money. I want to revisit my

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INTRODUCING THE PRESIDENT BY SUSAN A. FARRELL KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY

Judith Lorber is that rarity, a native New Yorker. She was born in Brooklyn, went to public elementary and high schools there, and then went to Queens College, CUNY. She got an M.A. and her Ph.D. at New York University in 1971, and taught at Fordham University in the Bronx and then at Brooklyn College and the Graduate School until she retired in 1995. She still lives in New York City. Judith's son, Matt Freidson, is a writer who lives in London with his partner, Rachel Burr, who is an anthropologist.

Despite her love of New York City, Judith (she hates to be called Judy) has traveled widely. In 1992-1993, she had a Fulbright to Israel, where she lectured at Bar Ilan University. She was Guest Professor at Abo Akademi, Turku, Finland, in 1996. In 1997, she held the Marie Jahoda International Visiting Professorship of Feminist Studies at Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany. She has presented her work at international sociology and women's studies conferences in China, Australia, Canada, Israel, Scandinavia, the U.K., Ireland, France, Germany, and Switzerland. Judith has also given conference presentations in almost every state in the U.S., filling in with her two ESS Lectureships (Maurice Falk in 1978 and 1981 and Robin Williams in 1996-1997) and her SWS Feminist Lectureship in 1992. She was especially honored to have a new lecture series in gender and society at Bar Ilan University named for her.

Judith's professional career has been quite varied, but it has had a line of progression. Judith was an undergraduate English major with a minor in anthropology. After graduation in 1952, she went to Columbia University, intending to get an M.A. in anthropology, but discovered she was no Margaret Mead, so she quit and went to work, first as an assistant editor on a trade magazine, and then as a copywriter for several medical advertising agencies. When she decided to go back to graduate school after eight years, she discovered she loved sociology (she had never taken an undergraduate sociology course).

The main perspective of Judith's work has been social construction -- the idea that in social interaction, people produce their identities and statuses, and at the same time, reproduce the structure and constraints of their social world. Her work in the sociology of medicine was framed by labeling theory and the sociology of deviance. Her dissertation, on surgical patients, resulted in a widely cited paper published in 1975, "Good Patients and Problem Patients: Conformity and Deviance in a General Hospital."

Judith's next research project, with Roberta Satow, was interviewing psychiatric residents, social workers, and indigenous paraprofessionals in a ghetto community mental health center on issues of cultural congruity and professional stratification. This research found that gender and racial ethnic identification created cultural incongruities that could not be easily resolved and that the least trained and lowest-ranked mental health workers dealt with the severest emotional problems. Papers published from this research in the 1970's contributed to the debates over the social construction of mental illness.

Judith was actively involved in Sociologists for Women in Society from the early 1970's and was president in 1980-82. She developed and taught some of the first courses in the sociology of gender, women's studies, and feminist theory at Brooklyn College and the Graduate School, where she was the first Coordinator of the Women's Studies Certificate Program in 1988-1991. Judith served as a wonderful feminist mentor to students in the sociology and women's studies doctoral programs, encouraging research and writing in new directions in medical sociology, feminist theory, and even the sociology of religion. And to honor Judith's support and encouragement of new scholars throughout her career, SWS gave her its Feminist Mentorship Award in 1998. She was Chair of the ASA Sex and Gender Section in 1992-93 and was awarded the Jessie Bernard Career Award in 1996.

Her work on women physicians, which started in 1977 and culminated in *Women Physicians: Careers, Status, and Power*, published in 1984, as well as a series of papers published from 1981 to 1987, was a logical combination of her feminism and medical sociology. Developing the concept of the Salieri phenomenon (damning with faint praise), she showed how the difficulties women physicians encountered in their career advancement, when compared to a matched sample of men physicians, were the result of the processes of sponsorship and patronage in the informal organization of the medical profession. She thus expanded the analysis of the medical profession to women, who were then entering medical school in large numbers.

One of the physicians that Judith met when she participated in a workshop on women doctors, Florence Haseltine, set her on the road to her next research project -- on patient's experiences with *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), then a new procreative technology. Again, the approach was constructionist. The research she did with Lakshmi Bandlamudi and Dorothy Greenfeld found that couples shaped their experiences through their behavior with clinic staff and other caretakers, and with each other, creating meaning and some sense of control for themselves. Judith applied a feminist analysis to the growing use of IVF in male infertility, where the woman is fertile but the man isn't. This situation sets the stage for marital bargaining, in which the woman seemingly is in a strong position, but which

**ROBIN M. WILLIAMS, JR.
LECTURESHIP 2001-2002**

By Esther Ngan-ling Chow, American University

Bonnie Thornton Dill, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies at the University of Maryland, has been selected as the Robin M. Williams, Jr. Distinguished Lecturer for 2001-2002. The award was given in recognition of her excellent scholarly work, her leadership in studying the intersection of race, class and gender, and her gifts as an outstanding educator.

Dr. Dill's lecture topic will be **"Intersections, Identities and Inequalities in Higher Education."** Her lecture will draw a diverse audience's attention to the exciting research moment that we are currently experiencing—one in which intersections of race, gender, ethnicity and other dimensions of diversity are at the center of contemporary discussions of identity and social organization. In higher education, they have been the lightning rod around which debates about equity, inclusion, affirmative action and discrimination have swirled. The academy has contributed to these debates through the production of knowledge, much of which has been led by the new scholarship created in the interdisciplinary fields of African American studies, ethnic Studies, women's studies, and others including cultural studies, gay & lesbian studies, and area studies, labor studies, and multicultural and social justice education. The scholarship in these fields is beginning to provide new understandings of difference, both in the U.S. and globally and has the potential to not only improve understandings of our social world, but to inspire renewed attacks on inequalities that continue to exist both on- and off-campus around our nation.

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turns out to be the man's advantage because of his dominance in the gender politics of the family. The feminist, ethical, and medical implications of this research were explored in papers published in the late 1980's.

Judith's last work on gender and health care, *Gender and the Social Construction of Illness*, was published in 1997 as a monograph in the Sage (now Altamira Press) Gender Lens series. The overall perspective is that of the transformation of the body through gendered social practices.

Judith's feminism (and love of science-fiction thinking) appeared in print as early as 1975 in "Beyond Equality of the Sexes: The Question of the Children," followed by "Dis-mantling Noah's Ark" in 1986. She was the Founding Editor of *Gender & Society* in 1986-90. As a hands-on editor, Judith shaped the papers, the linguistic style, and the emerging themes. The journal was (and still is) extremely successful. She and I edited the first *Gender & Society* reader, *The Social Construction of Gender*, published in 1991 by Sage.

By 1990, Judith felt that she could make a more significant contribution to gender studies by writing her own book. *Paradoxes of Gender*, published by Yale in 1994, contends that gender is a social institution that establishes patterns of expectations for individuals, orders the social processes of everyday life, is built into the major social organizations of society, and is also an entity in and of itself. *Paradoxes* has been translated into Italian and German and has influenced a generation of graduate students in the United States and other

**HOW TO BRING THE
ROBIN M. WILLIAMS LECTURER
TO YOUR CAMPUS**

All the ESS Colleges and Institutions are invited to apply to have Professor Dill visit their campus and deliver the lecture. The ESS will cover travel expenses, and the host institution will furnish food, lodging and hospitality expenses. Applicants to host the Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lectureship should offer clear and thoughtful proposals, detailing a plan for the event (e.g., the extent to which the lecture is part of a larger academic planning or process, expected outcomes, and intended audience).

Applications must be submitted by **October 15, 2001**. They should be mailed to Esther Ngan-ling Chow, Department of Sociology, American University, McCabe Hall, Washington, D.C. 20016 (Phone: 301-299-6313; Fax: 202-885-2477) or sent via email with the proposal in an attached file: echow@american.edu.

countries; several parts have been widely anthologized.

Gender Inequalities: Feminist Theories and Politics, first published in 1998 by Roxbury, and translated into Korean, has just come out in its second edition. It sums up the last 35 years of feminist thought. *Revisioning Gender*, which she co-edited with Beth Hess and Myra Marx Ferree, is a collection of original essays by a variety of feminist sociologists in different areas of social research that have been changed by the use of gender as a conceptual framework.

Judith's current work is to go "beyond." In "Beyond the Binaries: Depolarizing the Categories of Sex, Sexuality, and Gender," published in *Sociological Inquiry* in 1996, she argued that sociological data would be more accurate if it broke up the conventional categories. In "Crossing Borders and Erasing Boundaries: Paradoxes of Identity Politics," published in *Sociological Focus* in 1999, she pulled apart racial and transgendered categories. In fact, Judith has gone so far as to argue that we should imagine a social world that is not organized by gender. She explored this idea in "Using Gender to Undo Gender: A Feminist Degendering Movement," published in *Feminist Theory* in 2000.

Judith's next book, now in progress, will put together all the "beyond" ideas. It is entitled *Breaking the Bowls: Gender Theory and Social Change* and will be published in 2002 by Norton as part of a series, *Sociology of the Future*. The 2002 Meetings will encourage "beyond" thinking on all topics – so start imagining alternatives now!

Philadelphia Meeting March 2001

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2001 ESS PROGRAM

The Society met this year in Philadelphia to consider "The Sociology of Culture: Revived, Revisited, and Relevant." Judging from random remarks heard in the ESS Commons area, it was a highly successful program, whose variety and depth was much appreciated.

A series of 16 thematic sessions presented us with an embarrassment of riches - we couldn't be two places at one time! Thematic leadership was recruited by President **Jay Demerath** from across the spectrum of cultural studies scholars and gave us all a chance to see and hear a lot of prominent sociologists at work. It made for lively and stimulating conversations.

Evening plenaries continued the practice of honoring distinguished sociologists. This year the work of **Matilda** and **Jack Riley** was celebrated by an impressive collection of colleagues, as was the life and work of **William Foote Whyte**, who passed away during the year 2000. The following evening saw **W. E. B. DuBois** celebrated, plus a remarkable film presentation by **Diana Papademas**, co-sponsored by the International Visual Sociology Association.

As always, the Presidential Session was a highlight, with **Jay Demerath's** "Confessions of a Sociologist of Culture and Religion". Awards were received by worthy colleagues: the ESS Merit Award to **Kai T. Erikson** of Yale University; the Candace Rogers Award for best paper by a graduate student to **Eszter Hargittai** of Princeton University, with Honorable Mention to **Monica McDermott** of Harvard University; the Rose Laub Coser Award for best dissertation proposal in Family or Gender Sociology to **Erica Cnito Childs**, Fordham University; and **Mary Waters** won the Mirra Komarovsky Book Award for *Black Identities: West Indian Dreams and American Realities*.

The Loews Philadelphia Hotel proved an excellent place to meet, and we expect to return to the same facility in 2003. (We all hope the elevator buttons will be easier to see and there will be more schmoozing areas!)

Attendance this year was up from last year, with about 640 registrants, but still lower than 1998's Philadelphia meeting. We encountered a severe problem with a shortfall in our hotel room pickup, discussed elsewhere in this issue. Members need to consider the Society's situation in making their plans for housing at next year's meeting (Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel, March 6-10).

NO ONE IS AN ISLAND (or how to save \$20 and cost ESS \$138)

By Ted Mills

The old dilemma about whether to stay in the meeting hotel or to find a less expensive room elsewhere became a major problem for ESS in Philadelphia this year. I need to take this up with you, ESS members, because the problem is real and won't go away.

When we negotiate a meeting contract with a hotel, the guaranteed room rate is part of the agreement, but so is free use of most or all of the meeting space. We make a commitment that our people will rent a certain number of room-nights at that rate, and if we fall too far short of that commitment (less than 85% of it), ESS must cover the shortfall. This is a standard procedure in academic convention hotel contracts.

At Loews this year, we were contractually committed to 850 room-nights, based on our 1998 and 1995 experiences with Philadelphia meetings, and 85% of that came to 722 room-nights. Our members this year actually picked up only 518 room-nights, leaving us obligated for payment of a \$28,152 penalty (\$138 times our shortfall of 204 room-nights). Fortunately, we are able this year to negotiate with Loews a new contract for 2003, with a good price and smaller commitment, that induced them to forgive all of this year's penalty payment.

Given that about 640 people registered for our meeting, and that many were there for more than one night, a room-night pickup of only 518 seems strange. There are several reasons for it, but one was that the Marriott across the street offered rooms at about \$20 less than the Loews meeting rate. Some of our people saved \$20 per night by going to the Marriott, but of course, the result was that ESS was charged \$138 per night for the unused room at Loews.

Who can blame a member for wanting to save \$40 or \$60 on room costs over a 2- or 3-night stay? On the other hand, it's reasonable to expect attenders to use the meeting hotel, since meeting space and other organizational benefits are included in the deal. Since hotel room pricing in recent years has become very volatile, changing by the day according to demand and competition, we would like a contractual provision that would match locally available room rates in comparable hotels, but "comparable" is a sticking point. Not many hotels can provide the amount of meeting space we require, and they tend to be on the pricey side.

Meanwhile, we are reducing our room-night commitment (even though that reduces the number of room-nights for which the hotel is required to provide our members the convention rate) to avoid future shortfall penalties. I hope ESS annual meeting participants will consider the consequences of staying elsewhere than the meeting hotel and, when they can manage it, will stick with the meeting rate at our chosen hotel.

Give it some thought, folks. To what degree is support of the organization's contractual commitment a reason for paying the convention rate for rooms? For some, it's a real hardship, but for most of us it's a realistic option

The Candace Rogers Award

By Rhonda F. Levine

The Candace Rogers Award Committee invites submissions for this award, given annually at the Eastern Sociological Society meetings, 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 that the paper is submitted. A student must be a member of ESS at the time the award is presented. Eligible students are encouraged to submit four copies of suitable papers postmarked by October 15, 2001 to the committee chair. No papers postmarked after this date will be accepted for any reason.

Send the copies with your address, institutional affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address to: Professor Rhonda F. Levine, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Colgate University, 13 Oak Drive, Hamilton, New York 13346, rlevine@mail.colgate.edu.

A special session will be held at the annual meetings during which award winners will have the opportunity to present their work. In 2002, the annual meetings will be in Boston, March 7-10.

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Dr. Dill has been gathering information on the development of intersection studies; the ways scholars characterize and define their work and the goals of the knowledge they are engaged in producing. In her lecture, she will discuss issues involving the introduction and definition of this new field of study – including how it has developed and the impact of leadership and organizational location in its growth. She will also explore how the study of intersections seeks to meet the intellectual challenge of constructing knowledge that will effect public policy and bring about social change and social justice. Her focus is one that spans current divides among disciplines, between practice and theory, and within the administrative structure of academies. Through the rubric of the scholarship that this field promotes, significant theoretical, methodological, and pedagogical advances have been made.

Dr. Dill received her Ph.D. and M. A. degrees from New York University in 1979. She is currently professor of Women's Studies and affiliate professor of Sociology and Afro-American Studies at the University of Maryland. Before that, Dr. Dill was a professor of Sociology at the University of Memphis. She was the forerunner who courageously pioneered the study of the intersection of race, class, and gender in sociology in the early 1980s. She founded the Center of Research on Women, which she served as Director from 1982-88. Over the years, she has provided leadership in scholarship, innovative teaching, and curriculum change focusing on these intersectional studies. Her published works include *Across the Boundaries of Race and Class: An Exploration of Work and Family Among Black Female Domestic Servants* in 1994 and *Women Of Color in U.S. Society*, co-edited with **Maxine Baca Zinn** also in 1994. She has also published extensively in book chapters and journal articles. Her most recent publications cover topics of race, poverty, family values, low-income single mothers in rural south, and theorizing differences from multi-racial feminism.

The Rose Laub Coser Award

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:

- (1) 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;
- (2) a two-page summary or abstract of the proposal;
- (3) 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 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. A special session will be held at the annual meetings during which award winners will have the opportunity to present their work. In 2002, the annual meetings will be in Boston, March 7-10.

Eligible students are encouraged to submit four copies of their proposal by the deadline of October 15, 2001 to the committee chair: Professor **Steven F. Messner**, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222, s.messner@albany.edu

The Mirra Komarovsky Book Award

The Mirra Komarovsky Book Award Committee welcomes nominations of outstanding scholarly books in sociology to be considered for this award. Books on any sociological subject are eligible. To be eligible for consideration, a book must have been published during the three years ending March 2002, and at least one of its authors must be an ESS member. Self-nominations are accepted. A special session will be held at the annual meetings, during which award winners will have the opportunity to present their work. In 2002, the annual meetings will be in Boston, March 7-10. Nominations should provide full publication information (including date of publication) and should be sent by October 15, 2002 to the committee chair: Professor **Joshua Gamson**, Department of Sociology, Yale University, P.O. Box 208265, New Haven, CT 06520-8265, joshua.gamson@yale.edu.

***Deadline for Submissions
for the Fall issue
September 15, 2001.
Please submit
your article early.***

Annual Business Meeting
March 4, 2001
Philadelphia, PA
Jay Demerath, President, presiding
Summary prepared by Joanne Miller,
Secretary

Note: Formal committee reports will appear separately in the next issue of the newsletter. Oral presentations were made by:

Steven Alger, Newsletter Committee
Margaret Andersen, Executive Office and the Budget Committee
Walter Broughton, Employment Committee
Esther Chow, Robin M. Williams Lectureship Committee
Jay Demerath, Program Committee
Richard Hall, Publications Committee
Ted Mills, Membership Committee

State of the Society. **Jay Demerath** discussed the state of the Society. Although the ESS is in better fiscal condition than a year ago following the meetings in Baltimore, he stressed that, "We are still in a crisis mode." Low attendance at the 2000 meetings in Baltimore hurt the Society in three ways: income from registration fees was low, there were fewer membership renewals, and contractual penalties for unused hotel rooms were incurred. **Ted Mills** reported that attendance in Philadelphia had substantially increased to 640-650 registrations but that hotel reservations again fell short of the minimum night stays expected. Loews Philadelphia Hotel indicates a willingness to negotiate penalties but further measures are necessary to reestablish the financial solvency of the annual meetings. The ESS will not return to Baltimore, as attendance is consistently much lower in this city. The number of room nights guaranteed will be reexamined. And, communication with the membership about reservation deadlines will be more timely. Professor **Demerath** urged members to continue to support the crisis fund he established to deal with the current deficit.

Executive Office and Budget Committee. The ESS has formed an Executive Office and the Budget Committee composed of Past Presidents, **Margaret Andersen** (Chair), **Richard Alba**, **Beth Hess**, and ex officio members. The Committee will take stock of our office operations, where we stand financially, and budget projections (not yet available). The fiscal health of the ESS will also involve long-term efforts to establish a contingency fund for emergencies and endowment income. **Charles Smith**, and **Howard Taylor** discussed the role of departments in supporting the ESS, leading to the suggestion that a group be formed to explore new fund raising strategies. The Executive Office and Budget Committee will also oversee the search for the Executive Officer and the location of the Executive Office as the end of the current three-year term approaches. Recruitment efforts must begin now; suggestions and volunteers are welcome.

Search for New Editor of Forum. The selection of a new Editor for *Sociological Forum* is underway. **Richard Hall's** term ends August 31, 2001. **Jay Demerath** encouraged the active participation of the membership in this search and emphasized its high priority for the Society.

2002 Annual Meetings. **Margaret Andersen** raised the preference of publishers at the meetings to reduce the number of days of exhibiting and others noted the poor traffic through the book exhibit. Although the program began at 4:00pm on Thursday, the meetings are really 3 days long. **Ted Mills** noted that suggestions for bringing people into the exhibit area could be implemented at the Marriott Copley Plaza, Boston, the site of next year's meeting.

Judith Lorber, incoming President, and **Esther Chow**, incoming Vice-President received the suggestions for next year's meetings. **Judith Lorber** announced the theme for the 2002 meetings: The Sociological Future Is Now. **Debra Lemke**, Program Chair, will handle open submissions and roundtables and **Susan Farrell** will organize Author Meets Critics sessions. Electronic communication with the membership through their e-mail addresses is now possible and will be utilized to improve communication; an institutional list will also be developed.

Acknowledgments. **Jay Demerath** expressed the Society's gratitude to **Ted Mills** for assisting the Executive Office in managing the 2001 meetings upon the unexpected illness of **Mary Pat Baumgartner**, Executive Officer. The assembled applauded **Jay Demerath** and **Christine Bose** for their excellent stewardship of the ESS in a difficult period.

Executive Committee
March 4, 2001
Philadelphia, PA
Judith Lorber, President, presiding
Summary prepared by Joanne Miller,
Secretary

Committee members present:

Judith Lorber, President;
Jay Demerath, Past President;
Jerry Jacobs, President Elect;
Esther Chow, Vice-President;
Catherine White Berheide, Vice-President Elect;
Joanne Miller, Secretary;
Dean Savage, **Susan Farrell**, **Steven Messner**, ex officio members:
Ted Mills, Acting Executive Officer;
Debra Lemke, 2002 Program Chair

ESS Committees. **Judith Lorber** reported chair assignments to date: **Margaret Andersen**, Executive Office and the Budget Committee; **Debra Lemke**, Program Committee; **Victor Lidz**, Publications Committee; **Janet Alger and Steven Alger**, Newsletter Committee; **Dean Savage**, Merit Award Committee; **Catherine White Berheide**, Robin M. Williams Lectureship Committee; **Josh Gamson**, Komarovsky Book Award Committee; **Steven Messner**, Rose Laub Coser Award Committee; **Rhonda Levine**, Candace Roger Award Committee; **Duane Matcha**, Membership Committee; **Robert Wood**, Computer Committee; **Walter Broughton**, Employment Committee; **Laura Kramer**, Committee on the Status of Women; **Cheryl Gilkes**, Committee on the Status of Minorities; **Valerie Moore**, Graduate Education Committee; **David Levinson**, Undergraduate Education Committee. A new Fund Raising Committee was formed to be chaired by **Charles Smith**. The principles of creating closer liaison between the Executive

Committee and the other committees and a three-year rotation for committee members were affirmed.

Annual Meetings. **Judith Lorber** welcomed suggestions for the 2002 program. **Debra Lemke** will handle open submissions and roundtables; **Susan Farrell** will organize author meets critics sessions, and some committee chairs will organize special sessions. There will be an e-mail alert, website information, and e-mail to the entire membership requesting papers and award nominations. It is hoped that the award winners will be known in time for special sessions on their work.

Jerry Jacobs, President Elect, will review the length of the 2003 meetings as part of the negotiation of the contract with the hotel. **Jay Demerath** reported that sessions had been scheduled on Thursday to accommodate organizers and to increase the number of sessions. **Joanne Miller** suggested expanding the number papers per session from 4 to 5 to increase the number of presentation slots in 2002. The Committee affirmed retaining the social gathering and plenary meeting late Thursday and scheduling sessions through Sunday morning. Regular sessions on Thursday at 4:00 pm will depend on need.

Sociological Forum. The Executive Committee unanimously approved an increase in submission fees to the journal to \$20 for those with a doctorate degree. The submission fee for those without a doctorate degree will remain \$10. The Publications Committee recommends electronic publication of *Sociological Forum* and asks for authorization to discuss archiving in JSTOR. The Executive Committee unanimously voted to approve electronic access for subscribers and asked the President to take the steps necessary to authorize this action with the publisher. The Executive Committee also voted unanimously to authorize the Publications Committee to negotiate with JSTOR for electronic archiving of *Sociological Forum*.

The search for the new Editor is underway. In conjunction with the transition, there will be a full review of journal expenses and operations.

ESS Newsletter. With the development of the website as an updated source of information, the Newsletter Committee recommends publishing 3 rather than 4 issues per year. The Executive Committee approved the change.

Finances. **Mary Holley**, Treasurer, will be working with the Executive Office to develop a systematic budget statement and projections. The Executive Committee authorized **Ted Mills** to begin discussions with Loews Philadelphia Hotel to deal with this year's contractual penalties and explore possible terms for future meetings. **Judith Lorber** will solicit contributions for receptions at the 2002 meetings and asked others to encourage institutional support from their publishers and award winners' departments.

Candace Rogers Award. The Candace Rogers Award Committee recommended changes in the call for submissions that clearly specify that papers may not be previously published or forthcoming, and the recipient must have membership in the ESS at the time the award is presented. The Executive Committee moved that these changes be brought to the attention of the Program Committee.

Acknowledgments: The Executive Committee expressed its appreciation to **Ted Mills**, Chair of the Membership Committee, and **Chyme Lancaster**, Executive Office Assistant, for their steadfast dedication to the Society and the extraordinary effort required to pick up the reigns from the Executive Officer during her illness.

Membership. The Membership Committee will be asked to examine the institutional location and degree status of presenters at this year's meeting and to consider ways to promote greater participation from departments with poor attendance.

Elections. Elections are to be held in December and announced in January so that officers can plan to attend the annual meetings. The Nominations Committee will be asked to inform candidates of this expectation when they agree to run for office.

Future Executive Committee Meetings. There will be no meeting at the 2001 ASA meetings. There will be a meeting on the first day of the 2002 ESS meetings. **Judith Lorber** later scheduled the mandated interim Executive Committee for September 14, 2001 in New York City.]

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favorite book, **Erving Goffman's** *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*, as a way of exploring passing, performance, and identity.

These are my ideas, but I can't make an Annual Meeting alone. I know that you all have exciting data, analyses, theories, and experiences to share, and that you would love to come to Boston, a vibrant mecca for sociologists working in all venues. You can submit an individual presentation or a whole session, forum, or workshop. I particularly invite students to do a paper, roundtable, or poster. Graduate students are encouraged to apply for the Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award or the Candace Rogers Student Paper Award. If you have a book published in the three years before March 2002, please nominate it for the Mirra Komarovsky Book Award. Information for all submissions can be found throughout this issue. *Please participate!*

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, and two members of the Executive Committee (each of whom will serve three-year terms). 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 individual would be a good candidate. (Please remember that this does not guarantee that your suggested person will actually be chosen as a nominee.) Suggestions should be sent by July 1, 2001 to the committee chair: Professor **Jerry A. Jacobs**, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 3718 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6299, jjacobs@sas.upenn.edu