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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jerry A. Jacobs, University of Pennsylvania

I plan to pursue several innovations to make the ESS annual conference a meeting of choice. First, I have contacted several sociological groups regarding the possibility of meeting jointly with ESS. The idea is for the ESS to become a hub for specialty meetings. For example, a small group of sociologists interested in the role of narrative in social life (and in sociological explanation) used the recent ESS meetings in Boston as an occasion to meet. The “narrative group” included sociologists of culture, political sociologists and historical sociologists. I was delighted to hear of this development, because this is just the kind of energy and creativity that will keep ESS intellectually vital. I have been working with a steering committee that will coordinate a mini-conference on narratives to be held in conjunction with the next ESS meetings in Philadelphia. Stay tuned for more about this in the next ESS newsletter.

Each year there might be a different group or groups meeting with us, including some established organizations and some newly formed ones. The cumulative effect would be to make the ESS a flexible setting for lively intellectual exchange. Joint meetings would also help to provide a critical mass of attendance to keep ESS thriving. This initiative may take several years to develop fully because organizations often have their meeting planned years in advance. If you know of groups that might be appropriate for a joint meeting with ESS, please let me know.

A second item agenda is to more effectively serve ESS’s principal constituencies, including faculty at liberal arts institutions, sociologists working in applied settings, graduate students, and undergraduates. ESS committees will be charged with developing program features designed to be of particular interest to each of these groups. We will make a concerted effort to reach out to these segments of the sociological community.

Finally, I plan to work closely with Jim Mahon to bring ESS Executive Office operations up to speed. The Executive Office is the linchpin of the ESS, and is necessary for maintaining organizational continuity. My

goal is for the ESS Executive Office to be the dynamic center of ESS, to lead the way in helping ESS better address the needs of sociologists in our region.

The theme of the 2003 meetings is “Sociological Success Stories.” This theme accentuates the important contributions that sociologists have made and continue to make in analyzing our ever-changing society. Sociological insights are indispensable for understanding every social issue I can think of, whether it is the rapid aging of our society, the persistence of poverty and homelessness, or the time pressures confronting working families. Sociologists highlight the social, institutional and historical dimensions of challenges most Americans view as individual issues. Sociology is equally indispensable for comprehending the broader contours of the cultural, political and institutional changes occurring throughout society. The 2003 meetings will accentuate these positives without ignoring the continuing intellectual challenges facing our discipline.

I look forward to working with you to move ESS forward. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting in Philadelphia, February 27 through March 2, 2003. Save the date!

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Introducing ESS President Jerry A. Jacobs

Jacobs was interviewed by Brian Powell, Professor of Sociology at Indiana University, about ESS and other topics.

BP: I bet most people don't know that you grew up at a Catskill mountain resort:

JAJ: That's true. My parents ran a small hotel that catered to a Jewish clientele. We served potato latkes, gefilte fish and three kinds of herring; for entertainment, we had yiddish comedians and singers and of course "talent night." I sometimes joke with people that I have borscht in my veins. Its funny that you mention this because I am beginning to feel that preparing for the next ESS meeting is a little like getting the hotel ready for the summer season. Planning is critical. When the guests arrive, everything needs to be in place.

BP: What prompted you to run for ESS office?

JAJ: I presented my first paper as a graduate student at the Eastern Sociological Society in the spring of 1982. Brian, you may remember that because it was based on a project that you and I worked on together. I found the preliminary program for those meetings in my office recently, as this was back when we actually printed out and mailed preliminary programs. I feel that I should do my part to make sure that the current generation of graduate students has the same opportunity to present their work at the ESS that I did.

BP: So is this related to your involvement with graduate education?

JAJ: In a way, yes. I served as chair of the graduate program at Penn for much of the 1990s. I really enjoyed giving advice about master's papers and dissertation topics, and especially the professional socialization aspects of graduate training. So you are right, that working with ESS is in part an extension of my work as graduate chair. But of course that is just what element of what the ESS is all about.

BP: What is the focus of your current research?

JAJ: As you know, I have been writing about the careers of working women for most of the last 20 years. My book Revolving Doors, examined women's entry into and exit from male-dominated occupations. For the last few years my research has examined on the time pressures confronting working families. I am trying to wrap up a book project on this topic with Kathleen Gerson (of New York University). I see this as a natural extension of my earlier research because family responsibilities continue to constrain women's career choices to a greater extent than men's.



BP: Does this relate to your own experience as a father of young children?

JAJ: My wife Sharon and I have two wonderful girls, Elizabeth (age 11) and Madeleine (age 6). Our girls light up our life, but they can be a handful since Sharon and I both have demanding jobs. On top of everything, my parents and Sharon's mom are getting older and are facing a variety of health issues. So this research touches on my daily experiences more than any of my previous work.

BP: What are your goals for the 2003 ESS meetings?

JAJ: I want a good crowd to show up, and I want them to have positive experiences so that they will keep coming back. No one should leave hungry.

BP: Sounds like the son of hotel keeper.

JAJ: I guess so.

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 person 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, 2002, to the committee chair: **Phyllis Moen**, Ph.D., Ferris Family Professor of Life Course Studies, MVR Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, pem3@cornell.edu.

CALL FOR PAPERS**2003 EASTERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS
Loews Philadelphia Hotel
Philadelphia, PA
February 27 – March 2, 2003**

Theme: Sociological Success Stories

Sociologists make major contributions to an understanding of the issues of the day. Sociology continues to advance on many fronts – substantive, methodological, and theoretical. The 2003 ESS meetings will celebrate these many accomplishments while contributing to the critical evaluations needed for further advances. Submissions on all sociological topics are welcome, and we are anxious to have them in such varied forms as:

- individual papers (please provide one-page abstracts; if you have a longer draft, by all means send it along);
- wholly constituted sessions (please include the names and affiliations of all participants, and their abstracts, if appropriate);
- thematic forums (panels of two or more scholars engaged in a debate or exchange over an important issue);
- author-meets-critics sessions (please identify all participants);
- workshops on specific topics and techniques (please note the expert who is to be in charge);
- round-table and poster-session presentations.

All submissions must include all identifying information for all participants, including telephone number, complete mailing address and e-mail address. The submission deadline will be November 1. Details about electronic submission will be posted in the next ESS newsletter, will be announced on the ESS Announce List, and will be available at the ESS website:

<http://www.essnet.org>

In the meantime, please send any ideas or suggestions for papers, sessions, or other ideas about the 2003 ESS program to:

ess2003@sas.upenn.edu

ROBIN M. WILLIAMS, JR. LECTURESHIP 2001-2002

Michael S. Kimmel, Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, has been selected as the Robin M. Williams, Jr. Distinguished Lecturer for 2002-2003. He received the award in recognition of his outstanding scholarship in the area of gender, specifically men and masculinity. Dr. Kimmel has been instrumental in expanding the focus of gender studies to include issues concerning men without detracting from its main focus on women and women's issues. His incisive analyses of men and masculinity have enhanced our understanding of the social construction of gender.

Dr. Kimmel's lecture topic will be "**Globalization and its Mal(e) contents: Nationalism, Violence, and Masculinities.**" The lecture will focus on his comparative research on the far right in Scandinavia, Great Britain, and the United States. It will include discussion of issues of masculinity surrounding the events of September 11. Dr. Kimmel is an exciting public speaker, committed to disseminating sociological insight to the general public. His speech should be of interest to sociology faculty and students as well as those in other disciplines.

Dr. Kimmel received his MA from Brown University in 1974 and his Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley in 1981. His published works include his most recent text, *The Gendered Society*, and several books on men and masculinity, *Manhood in America: A Cultural History*, *The Politics of Manhood*, *Against the Tide: Pro-Feminist Men in the U.S., 1776-1990*, *Men Confront Pornography*, *Men's Lives*, and *Changing Men: New Directions in Research on Men and Masculinity* as well as many book chapters and journal articles. In addition, he has edited *Men and Masculinities*, an international interdisciplinary journal, and a book series of the same name. As a leading scholar in gender studies with an international reputation, he delivered the annual International Women's Day lecture at the European Parliament in Brussels, and has lectured the Council of Europe. In 1999 Sociologists for Women in Society honored him as the SWS Feminist Lecturer. His lecture in that instance drew on his work as an expert witness for the U.S. Department of Justice in the VMI and Citadel cases.



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

Colleges and universities in the region served by the Eastern Sociological Society are invited to apply to have Professor Kimmel 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 program or process, intended audience, and expected outcomes). It is advisable to describe clearly the intended audience with specific levels and fields (e.g. undergraduate or graduate students from sociology or from a variety of disciplines, and/or the general public outside of the college/university community). Applications must be submitted by October 1, 2002. They should be mailed to: Professor Catherine White Berheide, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Skidmore College, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, Phone: 518-580-5415, Fax: 518-580-5429. Alternatively, they can be sent via email with the proposal in an attached file to: cberheid@skidmore.edu

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 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. A special session will be held at the annual meeting during which award winners will have the opportunity to present their work. In 2003, the annual meetings will be held in Philadelphia, Feb. 27 – March 2.

Eligible students are encouraged to submit four copies of their proposal by the deadline of October 15, 2002 to the committee chair: Professor Steven F. Messner, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222, s.messner@albany.edu

SUBMISSIONS INVITED FOR 2003 CANDACE ROGERS AWARD

The Candace Rogers Award Committee invites submissions for the 2003 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. A special session will be held at the 2003 annual meeting during which all award winners will have an opportunity to present their work. In 2003, the annual meeting will be held in Philadelphia, February 27 – March 2. Eligible students are encouraged to submit three copies of suitable papers postmarked by October 31, 2002 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 email address to: Rosanna Hertz, Chair of Candace Rogers Award, Wellesley College, Founders 321, Wellesley, MA 02481

THE MIRRA KOMAROVSKY BOOK AWARD

The Eastern Sociological Society welcomes nominations of outstanding scholarly books in sociology to be considered for the 2003 Mirra Komarovsky Book 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, 2003, 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 meeting during which award winners will have the opportunity to present their work. In 2003, the annual meetings will be held in Philadelphia, February 27 – March 2. Nominations should provide full publication information (including date of publication), a 1-2 paragraph rationale for the nomination, and should be sent by October 1, 2002 to: Mirra Komarovsky Book Award Committee, c/o Eastern Sociological

Society, Department of Sociology, William Patterson University, 300 Pompton Road, Wayne, NY 07470, 973-720-3689, ess@wpunj.edu

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Committee on the Status of Women sponsored two stimulating and well-attended panels at the March 2002 Meetings. "Why the Eastern Sociological Society Needs a Committee on the Status of Women" and "Women of Color in the Profession," cosponsored with the Committee on the Status of Minorities. The committee members agreed that the committee's existence is still essential, as inequities continue in the profession, despite majority status in many programs. The committee recommends that, in the future, its role include:

- Sponsoring sessions of use to women in the profession, and sessions of use to all sociologists whose jobs enable them to help reduce those inequities (e.g., sessions on ageism, and on parenting responsibilities and professional work);
- Updating the ESS membership on shifts in the status of women in the profession;
- Providing an infrastructure for mobilization when events (e.g., erosion of affirmative action) warrant it.

Further we recommend (and will formally request) that the ASA Committee on the Status of Women schedule a meeting, at the annual meetings, for representatives of all regional associations' Committees on the Women together with the membership of the ASA Committee on the Status of Women.

2002-2003 COMPUTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ian Lapp, Chair (Columbia University)
Morten Ender (United States Military Academy)
Eszter Hargittai (Princeton University)
Susanne Morgan (Ithaca College)
Arthur Paris (Syracuse University)
Caroline Hodges Persell (New York University)
Wesley Shumar (Drexel University)
Brad Smith (Western Maryland University)
Christopher Toulouse (Brooklyn College)
Robert Wood (Rutgers University-Camden)

Highlights from the 2002 Meetings

Headline News from the 2002 ESS Meeting James Mahon, Executive Office

The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society convened in grand style at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel the first week of March. The conference theme "The Sociological Future is Now!" was well supported by the caliber of the sessions and presenters, all carefully planned and orchestrated by President **Judith Lorber** and her Program Committee.

There were eleven thematic sessions focusing on the future with topics ranging from "Revisiting C. Wright Mills in the 21st Century" to "Crossing Borders and Erasing Boundaries: Human-Animal Relations in the Future of Sociology." Six special sessions looked at the Sociology of 9/11, providing comparative perspectives and examining consequences for politics, sociology, and gender. A marquee set of presentations honoring **Seymour Martin Lipset** featured scholars like **Samuel Huntington** and **Nathan Glazer** of Harvard University and **Irving Louis Horowitz** of Rutgers.

Authors were plentiful in the crowd. In nine lively sessions they faced their critics for an entertaining and informative exchange. Topics ranged from **Joel Best's** *Damned Lies and Statistics* to **Jay Demerath's** *Crossing the Gods*, to **Helen Berger's** *A Community of Witches*, to name just a few.

Open Forums and Workshops abounded. Open sessions focused on enhancing the undergraduate sociology curriculum, why the ESS still needs a committee on the status of women, and a discussion of women of color in the profession. Workshops covered timely topics like "Teaching in the Face of War and Disaster" and how-to's such as "The Clockwork Muse" which helpfully set out techniques for getting one's book or dissertation out of writer's limbo.

The highlights were, as always, the plenary sessions. On Thursday night friends and leading lights in the discipline gathered to celebrate **Doris Wilkinson's** exemplary career. Eight special guests from all over the country provided tributes, the ESS provided dessert, and the honoree herself providing a little Gershwin on a nearby baby grand.

On Friday, **Robert Max Jackson**, the new editor of *Sociological Forum*, was introduced and the Komarovsky Book Awards were presented at a tasty and congenial reception that preceded the Plenary Session: "The 21st Century Workplace." **Stanley Lieberman** of Harvard received the Book Award for *A Matter of Taste: How Names, Fashions and Culture Change*. Because of the extraordinary quality of the submissions this year, **Joshua Gamson** and his award committee also gave honorable mention to **Linda Blum**, University of New

Hampshire for *At the Breast: Ideologies of Breastfeeding and Motherhood in the Contemporary United States* and to **Jeff Goodwin** of NYU for *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991*. The Plenary Session was chaired by ESS President **Judith Lorber** with President-to-be **Jerry Jacobs** as one of the speakers. With Jerry, **Saskia Sassen** of the University of Chicago, Stanley Aronowitz of CUNY and **Marlese Durr** of Wright State University offered insights on the changing character of the 21st Century workplace.

And finally, more Awards followed by the President's Reception and Plenary Address capped the conference. The Candace Rogers Award was presented by **Rhonda Levine** to two winners, graduate students with outstanding dissertation work: **Kathleen Jenkins** of Brandeis University and **Scott Leon Washington**, of Princeton. The Rose Laub Coser Award, presented by **Steven Messner**, went to **Alexandra Kalev** of Princeton University for her work on the effects of Affirmative Action Legislation on workforce sex composition. **Bonnie Thornton Dill**, the 2002 Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lecturer, was introduced by **Esther Chow** and the 2003 Lecturer, **Marvin Kimmel** of SUNY-Stony Brook, was introduced by **Catherine White Berheide**. The ESS Merit Award was given on behalf of the society to **Marvin Bressler** of Princeton University by Dean Savage, chair of the Merit Award Committee. Indeed a full night! The awards were followed by a Presidential Address in the best tradition. **Judith Lorber** offered a timely and insightful work on "Heroes, Warriors, and Burqas, A Feminist Sociologist's Reflections on September 11." She cast a critical eye on the symbols and rituals society turned to in the aftermath of the attack and reached surprising and significant conclusions.

All in all, it was a full and rewarding conference, so chock full of riveting presentations, prestigious presenters and opportunities for congenial mingling that it is hard to capture in a few paragraphs. The hotel was brimming with sociologists. We met our target capacity (and we thank you) and would be welcomed again with open arms. With that in mind: The 2003 Annual Meeting will be February 27-March 3 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Please plan on coming to the conference and staying with us there. As **Ted Mills** wrote last year, if we miss our room commitment, the society is severely penalized -- something we can ill afford. Located right in the heart of downtown Philly, the venue is a charming one (a cleverly converted bank building complete with monstrous vaults and safes transformed into public nooks and crannies). Do join us for a wonderful 73rd Annual Meeting.

Highlights from the 2002 Meetings

CELEBRATING DORIS WILKINSON by Essie Manuel Rutledge

One of the highlights of the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society was the “Plenary and Dessert Reception: Celebrating Doris Wilkinson.” The celebration was in recognition of Dr. Wilkinson’s scholarship and professional achievement that expands more than two decades. She has produced a body of work that reflects critical examination as well as research of race and gender in the United States. She has been and continues to be a prolific scholar who is nationally recognized and whose works are widely cited. Her works have contributed significantly to the discipline.

The recognition and celebration of Dr. Wilkinson’s achievements included the participation of several of her colleagues and friends who are knowledgeable of her scholarship and professional achievements. First, Dr. Judith Lorber, President of ESS organized and presided over the plenary. The participants and their topics were:

- **Judith Lorber:** “Doris Wilkinson and ESS”
- **Rodney D. Coates**, Director of Black World Studies, Miami University, Ohio: “Sociology as a Vocation: The Scholarship of Doris Wilkinson”
- **Delores P. Aldridge**, Grace Towns Hamilton Professor of Sociology and African American Studies, Emory University; Sandra Taylor, Professor of Sociology, Clark Atlanta University: “Doris Wilkinson: Social Science Analyst, Critical Theorist and Historical Sociologist”
- **Essie Rutledge**, Professor of Sociology, Western Illinois University: “Doris Wilkinson’s Work on Gender and Race”
- **Rutledge M. Dennis**, Professor of Sociology, George Mason University: “Doris Wilkinson on the Impact of Race and Gender on the American Class Structure”
- **Ronald Taylor**, Professor of Sociology and Vice Provost, Multicultural Affairs, University of Connecticut: “Doris Wilkinson’s Work on African American Males, Race and Racism”
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- **Harriette Pipes McAdoo**, University Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University: “Doris Wilkinson: Contributions to the Examination of the Diversity of African American Families”
- **Hayward Derrick Horton**, President-Elect, Association of Black Sociologists: “Doris Wilkinson’s Work for ABS and for ASA”
- **Barbara Katz Rothman**, Past-President, Society for the Study of Social Problems: “Doris Wilkinson’s Leadership in SSSP”
- **Doris Wilkinson**, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director, Heritage Project, University of Kentucky

Finally, Dr. Lorber is to be commended for having organized this session. She has had a longstanding professional relationship with Doris. Hence, her recognition of Dr. Wilkinson was quite meaningful.

This was a celebratory occasion of which the participants felt was very deserving. The attendees exuded the same sentiment. Thus Dr. Wilkinson was very grateful to the participants and the many attendees.

Highlights from the 2002 Meetings

2001-2002

Executive Committee Meeting**March 7, 2002 Boston, MA****Judith Lorber, President, presiding****Summary prepared by Joanne Miller,
Secretary**

Present: Committee members: Judith Lorber, President; Jay Demerath, Past President; Jerry Jacobs, President Elect; Esther Ngan-Ling Chow, Vice-President; Catherine White Berheide, Vice-President Elect; Joanne Miller, Secretary; Mary Holley, Treasurer; Susan Farrell, Joshua Gamson, Rhonda Levine, Steven Messner; ex officio members: James Mahon, Executive Officer; Debra Lemke, Chair, Program Committee; Victor Lidz, Chair, Publications Committee

Judith Lorber opened the final meeting of the 2001-2002 Executive Committee with heart felt thanks to the Program Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, Officers, and Executive Office for their work in the aftermath of September 11 and during major transitions to a new Executive Officer and Editor of *Sociological Forum*. Special acknowledgements went to James Mahon and Ted Mills for their efforts to bring order to the administrative affairs of the Society during the transition to a new Executive Officer and to Victor Lidz who served as Interim Editor of *Sociological Forum* from September to December.

President's Report on the State of the Society. Judith Lorber noted changes in the Constitution and Bylaws that make the Executive Office and Budget a permanent committee, rationalize other committee appointments, and make the election schedule more timely. Work on systematizing record keeping is underway and will be turned over to Jerry Jacobs for his stewardship. The ESS has not resolved its financial problems despite the success of Charles Smith's Fundraising Committee and the President's efforts to get sponsors for the three receptions given at this year's meetings.

Sociological Forum. Victor Lidz reported that the transition to the new editor, Robert Max Jackson, went well and that all files have been transferred to the new office. The new editor is in the process of setting up electronic submission procedures. Richard Hall, the previous Editor, had prepared the next issue that would be completed by the Presidential address. Submissions declined about 25% compared to the previous year. Dr. Lidz noted a substantial backlog of articles that had been accepted but not yet published.

Judith Lorber suggested that the decline in submissions might also be related to those waiting for the change of editor.

A new Editorial Board is in the process of being formed. Judith Lorber suggested that papers presented at the ESS meetings be a source for developing special issues and solicited papers. Ester Chow emphasized the importance of a representative Editorial Board. Joanne Miller suggested that outreach for participation on the Editorial Board be used to increase professional involvement in ESS. She offered the following motion:

It is expected that members of the Editorial Board of *Sociological Forum* who reside in the Eastern region will be members of the Eastern Sociological Society. The motion carried.

Budget and Finances. Mary Holley, distributed the tentative budget figures prepared for the mid-year Executive Committee meeting in October. In addition James Mahon provided income figures for the calendar year to date, noting that renewal notices did not go out until the third week of January and that the figures do not include on-site registration. Updated figures will not be available until a full audit of Executive Office records is completed. He is working on this and will develop a new procedure for tracking expenses and income. Jay Demerath asked for a report on the status of the deficit created by the hotel registration penalties paid for the Baltimore meetings.

Awards Committees. The formal reports of the awards committees appear separately. The Executive Committee discussed the need for each committee to devise review procedures appropriate to the number of nominations received and the important role of the chair in developing a fair and effective review process. Jay Demerath congratulated Judith Lorber for success in obtaining sponsors for the award ceremonies. Suggestions for better utilization of electronic communication networks within ESS and through other organizations to solicit award nominations were made.

Executive Office. James Mahon outlined the central responsibilities of the Executive Office that would be the focus of his efforts: 1) management of the back office and the administrative work of the organization, 2) meeting planning, 3) responsiveness to the Officers and Executive Committee, and 4) responsiveness to the membership. Immediate concerns are budget tracking, the maintenance of

electronic lists, and the website. Judith Lorber reiterated the difficult circumstances he has faced in the transition and how much she appreciated the professionalism he has brought to the position. Jerry Jacobs recommended that future transitions involving the Executive Office be made in June rather than January to avoid the most pressured months prior to the annual meetings.

Special Acknowledgment. This Executive Committee meeting is the last meeting of Jay Demerath in his capacity as Past President. His service to ESS was applauded.

Annual Business Meeting

March 10, 2002

Boston, MA

Judith Lorber, President, presiding
Summary prepared by Joanne Miller,
Secretary

Judith Lorber opened the Business Meeting with special thanks to Jim Mahon and Victor Lidz for making the transition to a new Executive Officer and a new Editor of *Sociological Forum* successful. September 11 and its aftermath presented challenges for the Executive Office, Program Committee, and awards committees that were handled with grace and professionalism. Debra Lemke started work on the Program two years ago. Her stewardship was unfaltering to the end, including 6 new sessions on 9/11. Working with her were: Brad Smith, who did all the website work for electronic submission and conversion into the preliminary program; Emily Mahon, who helped to produce the print program from the electronic files and handled room allocation and programs for the receptions; Susan Farrell, who organized nine Author-Meets-Critics sessions: Lauren Dundes who worked hard to arrange childcare services; and Rosanna Harlow, Jean Shin and all the members of the Program Committee who read and organized abstracts into coherent sessions. The President also thanked the Local Arrangements Committee, Luis Falcon and Jason Mazaik, for their excellent work and attention to detail, including ESS tote bags. The Officers, Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, and Executive Office labored hard to maintain stability during a turbulent year and to make this year's meeting a success. The Society is also grateful to Ted Mills who assisted Jim Mahon in

sorting out the details of our administrative affairs and Sandra Twine in our Executive Office.

State of the Society. (See Exec. Committee Minutes, March 7, 2002)

2002 Program. Debra Lemke, Chair of the Program Committee, reported no major problems in the operations of the annual meetings. There was confusion about how to make advance requests for audio visual equipment and the cost of equipment and set up costs through the hotel were prohibitive. Paul Calarco noted the problems this caused for presenters. Ian Lap reported difficulties with internet connections in the hotel. Judith Lorber suggested that electronic services be part of contract negotiations in the future. Laura Kramer suggested that there be one update of the preliminary program. Charles Smith asked that the time sessions end be printed in the program to encourage prompt vacating of rooms and allow sufficient time to convene the next session. The Program Committee was able to provide sign language interpreters but it was not able to arrange childcare services.

Finances. Mary Holley, Treasurer, reported that at the time of the Business Meeting there were 716 registrations--489 in advance and 227 on site--totaling \$26,110 in revenues. \$30,195 was collected from 546 memberships, 403 in advance and 143 on site. \$5,270 was received for sponsored receptions and \$1655 from other sources for a grand total of \$63,230. Additional memberships are expected from those on the program who have not yet joined. Expenses include receptions, \$9,722; AV services, \$2,235; other food, \$1,691; and UMass Hall, \$2,500, totaling \$16,148. Charles Smith reported that the list of department contributors to the emergency fund has not yet been verified by the Executive Office but he is aware of 39 donations, totaling nearly \$5,000. He stressed that the departments need to be involved in a discussion of long term support for ESS's role in graduate and junior faculty mentoring. Judith Lorber thanked Professor Smith for establishing the Fundraising Committee and praised his success in obtaining department contributions.

Executive Office (See Exec. Committee Minutes, March 7, 2002)

Passing the Symbolic Gavel. With the completion of committee reports for 2001-2002. Judith Lorber asked the President-Elect to assume the leadership of ESS. Jerry Jacobs thanked Judith for the wonderful meetings she organized, her dedication to ESS, and congratulated her on her Presidential

Address. He noted that the first professional paper he presented as a graduate student was at the 1982 meetings of the ESS.

2002-2003 Executive Committee Meeting March 10, 2002 Boston, MA

Jerry Jacobs, President, presiding

Summary prepared by Joanne Miller, Secretary

Present: Committee members: Jerry Jacobs, President; Catherine White Berheide, Vice-President; Phyllis Moen, President Elect; Ronald Taylor, Vice-President Elect; Judith Lorber, Past President; Joanne Miller, Secretary; Mary Holley, Treasurer; Susan Farrell, Joshua Gamson, Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Jeff Goodwin, Rosanna Hertz, Steven Messner; ex officio members: James Mahon, Executive Officer; Charles Smith, Chair, Fundraising Committee. Victor Lidz, Chair, Publications Committee; Dean Savage, member of the 2001-2002 Executive Committee.

Jerry Jacobs noted that the interest, energy, and enthusiasm of the Executive Committee are indispensable to the organization's viability and success. He thanked Committee members for attending.

2003 Program Committee. The theme of next year's meetings will be Sociological Success Stories. The Program Committee is nearly in place. Jason Schnittker, David Grazian, and Emily Hannum from the University of Pennsylvania will serve on the Program Committee; another member may be added. Jeff Goodwin will organize the Author-Meets-Critic sessions. Committee Chairs will be asked to develop special sessions targeting undergraduate research and presentations as well as graduate student submissions. Another focus may be technology in the classroom and how it is being used. A likely subtheme for the program is Philadelphia as a context for examining urban issues. His goal is to attract a critical mass to the meetings through targeted programming. Also he is exploring meeting jointly with other organizations such as Sociologists for Women in Society, Southern Sociological Society, the Penn/Princeton Economic Sociology group, the narrative sociologist's group, and Sloan Foundation's work/family.

Finances. Charlie Smith reported on the solicitation of emergency contributions from departments. To date 39 departments have contributed some \$5000. He proposes that each department receive a formal letter of thanks from ESS accompanied by a report on the status of the campaign. It is essential that the Executive Office review its deposits and other records of contributions to be sure that all contributions are acknowledged. Transforming these voluntary contributions to a formal department

membership category cannot be achieved without prior consultation with these departments and clear articulation of the rationale underlying continuing support, membership privileges, and plans for fiscal management. The annual voluntary fundraising campaign can be continued for several years while a formal category of department membership is developed and discussed.

Jerry Jacobs will be working on increasing membership: follow-up with people not renewing, solicitation of Chairs to become members and to bring students to the meetings.

Sociological Forum. Alternative publishers are being considered. Our current contract is not up until 2006 but ESS is soliciting alternative offers. Sage and Blackwell are interested. Victor Lidz reported that the Publications Committee has requested a list of our library subscriptions and intends to initiate faculty requests for the journal through our membership. The Committee will also explore the membership's interest in electronic versions of our publications.

Nominations. Jerry Jacobs requested nominations for the Executive Office and Budget Committee and a Site Selection Committee for future meetings.

Executive Committee Meetings. The date of the midyear meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 20 in New York City. The time of the Executive Committee meeting during the annual meeting will be examined as the program is planned and will be discussed later. Saturday at 7am and Sunday noon is an alternative to the current Thursday 2pm and Sunday lunch meeting.

ELECTION RESULTS

President Elect: Phyllis Moen
Vice-President Elect: Ronald Taylor
Executive Committee: Jeff Goodwin and
Rosanna Hertz

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