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PHILADELPHIA 2003 - THE PLACE TO BE

Jerry A. Jacobs, President

If you haven't noticed already, there are just too many meetings! The International Sociological Association Research Committee on Stratification is meeting in Tokyo on the same weekend as the ESS meetings, and the Business and Professional Women's Foundation is sponsoring a conference on work-family issues in Orlando at the same time as well. But the place to be is in Philadelphia. We will have more and better sessions on stratification and work and family at the ESS meetings than these other conferences, plus a full array of other exciting events.

I have been having a lot of fun contacting sociologists around our region and around the country who will be making the 2003 meetings memorable. Among the most notable features of the program thus far:

Christopher Jencks will be the keynote speaker for the meetings, with **Claude Fischer** among the discussants.

The Penn-Princeton economic sociology meetings will be held jointly with the ESS meetings (See article by **Mauro Guillen** for more details).

The Narrative Group will be sponsoring a series of sessions on the role of narrative in sociology (See description by **Francesca Polletta**).

The Sloan Foundation is sponsoring a mini work-family conference to be held in conjunction with the ESS meetings (See my note below for more details).

"A Focus on Philadelphia" will tie together several sessions on research on the Philadelphia urban experience (See report by **David Elesh**).

An impressive set of author-meets-critics sessions, organized by **Jeff Goodwin** of NYU (See preliminary listing below).

We are also endeavoring to put together a more coordinated program for graduate students and for undergraduates. (See essays by **Nancy Denton** (Chair of the ESS Graduate Committee) and **Adam Weinberg** and **Norah Peters-Davis** (Co-Chairs of the ESS Undergraduate Committee). In short, the Philadelphia meetings promise a full slate of offerings for sociologists from all substantive interests and research styles. We hope to see you in Philadelphia for the meetings.



CALL FOR PAPERS 2003 ESS 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 progress. Submissions on all sociological topics are encouraged, and we welcome them in such varied forms as: *Continued Page 7, column 2*

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PLANNING FOR...

Toward a Sociology of Storytelling Session Planned Requesting Paper Submissions Francesca Polletta

Narrative has become a hot topic in diverse fields, including sociology. The most promising approaches, we believe, treat storytelling as much as stories, probing the social and institutional conventions of storytelling and the conditions in which new stories gain cultural purchase and political force.

We are planning three sessions on stories and storytelling at the 2003 ESS meetings. One is an invited interdisciplinary panel of well-known scholars of narrative. Panelists will talk about how narrative has figured in their work and will wrestle out loud with some of the challenges and dilemmas of narrative analysis. The two other panels are open and we invite paper submissions. We hope that papers will be based on original empirical research and that they will address in some fashion one of four orienting questions: What makes for mobilizing and/or compelling storytelling? How do the conventions around storytelling in different institutional spheres shape what one can strategically do with stories? Do the stories people tell contemporaneously and retrospectively reflect familiar narratives of agency, possibility, and morality? What kinds of interpretive techniques should we be using to study narratives? Paper abstracts, which should be submitted to the ESS program committee, should describe the empirical research on which the paper is based, identify the main line of argument, and note which of the above questions it will engage.

Questions about the sessions can be directed to **Francesca Polletta** (fap8@columbia.edu), **Robin Wagner-Pacifi** (rwagner1@swarthmore.edu), **Kim Lane Scheppele** (kimlane@law.upenn.edu) or **Magali Sarfatti Larson** (magalisl@unix.temple.edu).

Attention Members!! If you have NOT been receiving messages from the ESS Announce system regarding the Call for Papers, this means that we do not have an up-to-date email address for you. PLEASE send an email to ESS@WPUNJ.edu giving your full name, your affiliation, and your correct email address. You do not want to miss out on future communications! Thanks.

Three Sessions Planned on Metropolitan Communities David Elesh

Reflective of the richness of the Philadelphia area as a site for social research, three sessions will explore recent work. The first will deal with research which explores the diversity of metropolitan communities and the changes they have experienced during the 1990s, and the second will explore the differing research needs and expectations of academic researchers, policymakers, and community groups concerned with metropolitan processes. For the latter session, the format will include substantial audience participation. A third session will focus on research in progress in the Philadelphia school system. For further information, please contact David Elesh, Department of Sociology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122-6089; email: delesh@temple.edu

Authors-Meet-Critics Sessions Planned Jeffrey Goodwin, NYU

In recent years, the author-meets-critics sessions have been among the liveliest and most engaging sessions at the ESS meetings. This year promises to continue in that tradition. The authors lined up thus far include:

- ♦ **Kathleen Ble**, *Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement*(California)
- ♦ **Miguel Centeno**, *Blood and Debt: War and the Nation-State in Latin America* (Penn State)
- ♦ **Lynne Haney**, *Inventing the Needy: Gender and the Politics of Welfare in Hungary* (California)
- ♦ **Elizabeth Higginbotham**, *Too Much to Ask: Black Women in the Era of Integration* (University of North Carolina)
- ♦ **Jason Kaufmann**, *For the Common Good? American Civic Life and the Golden Age of Fraternity* (Oxford)
- ♦ **Eric Klinenberg**, *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago* (Chicago)
- ♦ **Francesca Polletta**, *Democracy is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements* (Chicago)
- ♦ **Ann Swidler**, *Talk of Love: How Culture Matters* (Chicago).

These cutting-edge discussions are just one more reason to join us for the 2003 ESS Meetings in Philadelphia.

...ESS 2003

UNDERGRADUATE ACTIVITIES AT ESS 2003

This year, we are making a special effort to include undergraduates at the meetings. We are co-chairing an expanded undergraduate committee that will plan two special events:

- ♦ Extended Sessions for Senior Thesis Presentations. A morning of the meetings will be devoted to extended roundtables devoted to senior theses. Students will be grouped and placed with a faculty member. Each student's paper will be examined for 20 minutes. This is a great opportunity for students to get comments on works in progress and/or to work on their public speaking skills. We will be asking for abstracts by January 1st. Details will be forthcoming.
- ♦ Undergraduate Day. One day of the meetings will be designated as "undergraduate day." Students will be able to attend sessions. Additionally, we will have a series of special events devoted to undergraduates, including a reception and meet the author session. This day will be a great way to increase students' awareness of and involvement in sociology.

As you begin to plan activities in your departments, please keep these potential contributions from your undergraduates in mind. If you have any suggestions for activities or if you are interested in assisting in any way, please feel free to contact us.

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Penn-Princeton Economic Sociology Conference

**By Mauro Guillen, Department of Management,
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The Third Economic Sociology Conference at Penn will take place simultaneously with the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society in Philadelphia. This year the conference will include two thematic panels and a keynote speaker. The panels will be on Ethnographic Approaches to Economic Sociology, and on Work/Family Issues. Each panel will explore the main theoretical and methodological concerns in the field. Scholars interested in the topics of economic production, consumption, distribution, and inequality are welcome to

attend. For more information on the conference please visit our website

<http://pesos.wharton.upenn.edu>

Work-Family Mini Conference Jerry Jacobs

A work-family conference will be held in Philadelphia on February 28 and March 1, 2003. The Sloan Foundation is going to be supporting this conference, which is being held in conjunction with the meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society. This joint arrangement provides a potential audience of 700+ sociologists in addition to the distinguished group of work-family scholars that will attend. Confirmed attendees include:

Eileen Appelbaum (Rutgers University);
Mary Blair-Loy (Washington State University);
Cynthia Fuchs Epstein (CUNY Graduate Center);
Kathleen Gerson (New York University);
Jennifer Glass (University of Iowa);
Janet Gornick (Baruch College, CUNY);
Rosanna Hertz (Wellesley College);
Jerry A. Jacobs (University of Pennsylvania);
Arne Kalleberg (University of North Carolina);
Alison Konrad (Temple University);
Demie Kurz (University of Pennsylvania);
Phyllis Moen (Cornell University);
Patricia Roos (Rutgers University) and
Barbara Schneider (University of Chicago).

This is one of several joint efforts planned for the 2003 ESS meetings. The idea is for ESS to serve as a hub for meetings of specialized groups. By concentrating several meetings at the same time and place under the ESS umbrella, we hope to add to the vitality of ESS and to draw interested students and scholars from our region to our annual meetings.

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Student from Rutgers - TBA

The 2003 ESS Graduate Committee is in the process of putting together a "program within a program" for the annual meeting in Philadelphia. President Jacobs views graduate students as a principal constituency of the ESS and wants the annual meeting to meet their needs as young sociologists. In addition to encouraging graduate students to submit papers, we are trying to coordinate workshops for them to learn more about publishing, funding, and other areas of professional socialization. Any suggestions from ESS members, especially graduate students, about what they would like to see included in this part of the program will be welcomed by the committee. Please email suggestions to **Nancy Denton**, SUNY Albany, Chair of the ESS Graduate Committee, at n.denton@albany.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

EASTERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY ROBIN M. WILLIAMS, JR. LECTURESHIP

The Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lectureship Committee invites the names of leading scholars to be considered for appointment as the 2003-2004 Robin M. Williams, Jr. lecturer. The Eastern Sociological Society established the Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lectureship in 1992 to honor the many contributions of Robin Williams to the discipline and the Society, particularly as founding editor of its journal, *Sociological Forum*, now in its 17th year. The original announcement states:

As part of the Society's attempt to enhance the sharing of ideas, one of our colleagues will be invited to spend time and give lectures on two or three campuses (selected on a competitive basis) within the Society's jurisdiction during his or her year as Williams lecturer. The Executive Office will provide transportation and honoraria: the host institution will take care of local arrangements, bed and board.

The lecturer will attend the 2003 ESS Annual meeting to receive the lectureship award at the Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address, and will also present his or her lecture at the 2003 ESS Annual Meeting. In 2003, the annual meeting will be in Philadelphia from February 27-March 2. Please send nominations in a letter detailing the reasons for the nomination along with supporting letters by November 1, 2002 to the Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lectureship Committee chair:

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Philadelphia! See you there!

...Deadlines Extended to October 31

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 31, 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

***Deadline
for submission
of articles for
next edition
December 15, 2002***

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 31, 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

SOCIETY BUSINESS

ESS EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE REPORT March 2002

The committee met at the annual meetings in Boston. New members **Dan Hood** (John Jay College of Criminal Justice) and **Rima Gurnius** (Tufts) attended with **Walter Broughton**. New member **Susan Hill** (NSF) was unable to attend.

The Committee agreed to add candidate listings to the employer listings already on the ESS Joblist web pages. Sometime in late fall, ESS members who are job candidates will be invited to submit their names, email addresses, areas of specialization, date PhD expected or received, graduate school where it was earned, and present position as a sociologist, if any. This information will be posted on the Joblink pages. Employers will be invited to contact candidates in whom they might be interested before the meetings. If both parties concur, an interview can be scheduled for the meetings. **Rima Gurnius** agreed to spearhead this project.

Two programs are being planned for next year's meetings.

The Employment Center hours were cut back to Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at this year's meetings. These reduced hours appeared to accommodate both employers and candidates.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Broughton, Chair

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Judith Lorber (Professor Emerita, Sociology and Women's Studies, Brooklyn College and Graduate School, CUNY) gave a keynote speech, "Paradoxes of Gender Identity and Feminist Politics" at Women's Worlds 2002, the 8th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, which was held at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, July 21-26. She also gave a presentation based on her Eastern Sociological Society Presidential Address, "Heroes, Warriors, and Burqas: A Feminist Sociologist's Reflections on September 11." The ESS address was delivered on March 9 at the ESS Annual Meetings in Boston. The speech will be published in the September issue of *Sociological Forum*.

Elder Care and Service Learning: A Handbook edited by **Susanne Bleiberg Seperson** and **Carol Hegeman** has been published this year by Auburn House (a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc.) Westport, CT. ISBN: 0-86569-305-6. The editors believe the unique feature of this book is the connection between research, practice and policy with regard to matters related to aging. Profits from the book go to The Foundation for Long Term Care, Albany, NY.

Upon Completion of an 8-month sabbatical, **Art Shostak** (Drexel University) has turned in a new edited volume, *Viable Utopian Ideas: Shaping a Better World*, due out in January from M.E. Sharpe (800-541-6563). ESS Sociologists among its 50 contributors include **Wendell Bell** (Yale), **Ross Koppel** (U. of Pa.), **Doug Porpora** (Drexel), **Adrienne Redd** (Cabrini), **Wes Shumar** (Drexel), and **Jon Van Til** (Rutgers-Camden). Art became the first sociologist to ever chair an Annual Meeting of the World Future Society when it held its 22nd such event (1000 attendees from 32 countries) in July in Philadelphia. He urges sociologists to pay more attention to the WFS magazine, *The Futurist*, and also to the annotated monthly, *Futures Survey* - two invaluable tools for any social scientist who wants to "stay current." An edited book of his published in 2002, *The CyberUnion Handbook: Transforming Labor through Computer Technology*, is stirring reforms in unions here and abroad. Busy as a union meeting speaker, he explained his ideas to leaders of the Teachers Union (AFT) and Government Employees (AFGE) in July, 2002. He will also speak at the late September LaborTech Annual Meeting at CUNY.

BULLETIN BOARD

Call for Papers Research in Political Sociology

Manuscripts are being solicited for Volume 13 of *Research in Political Sociology*, "Politics of Change: Sexuality, Gender, and Aging". RPS is a research annual published by JAI Press/ Elsevier which is dedicated to publishing high quality, original scholarly manuscripts increasing our understanding of political sociology. RPS is open to all theoretical, methodological, and scholarly points of view, so long as they add to our understanding of political sociological problems and behavior. While we welcome papers examining themes of how political activity is influenced by or a product of sexuality, gender, and aging, we are especially interested in pieces examining transgender political activism, the intersex movement, politics of AIDS, lesbian/gay politics, politics

of welfare reform, and countermovement responses of the right. Manuscripts with a comparative focus are especially encouraged. Interested authors should send a proposal by December 1, 2002 to Volume 13 editor, Lisa K. Waldner (lkwaldner@stthomas.edu <mailto:lkwaldner@stthomas.edu> or Department of Sociology, 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, #4160, St. Paul, MN 55105). Proposals should include a tentative title and an abstract. Authors whose proposals have been accepted will be invited to submit a full manuscript that must be received by May 1, 2003.

All manuscripts will undergo peer review. Revised manuscripts must be received by October 1, 2003. Publication date is anticipated as Summer, 2004. Information about RPS can be found at: www.elsevier.com/locate/series/rps <<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/series/rps>> .

Topic queries, request for publisher guidelines, and other questions can be addressed to any of the editors: Lisa K. Waldner, Betty A. Dobratz (bdobratz@iastate.edu <mailto:bdobratz@iastate.edu>) or Timothy Buzzell (tim.buzzell@bakeru.edu <mailto:tim.buzzell@bakeru.edu>).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE
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CALL FOR PAPERS

"Applied Research and Social Justice"

Social Justice is planning a late 2003 issue on "Applied Research and Social Justice." We are seeking papers that highlight examples of how social science research has contributed to the pursuit of social justice through its direct application to resolving concrete social problems, aiding organizing efforts, informing public policy, influencing legislation, or changing institutions. Contributions describing successful participatory action research models that have resulted in concrete contributions to community empowerment, sociological practice, shifts in social policy, or positive social change are especially welcome. This issue will also explore questions surrounding the proper role and audience of applied sociological research, including ongoing debates about "value free" research vs. research driven by ethical concerns, the reflexive relationship between research and practice, issues surrounding structural and cultural support (or the lack thereof) for applied work within the academy, and challenges in creating authentic partnerships between communities and universities.

Editors: The editors for this issue are Laurie Joyner (ljoyner@loyno.edu, 504-865-2571) and Edward J. McCaughan (caughan@loyno.edu, 504-865-2573), both

associate professors of Sociology at Loyola University New Orleans.

Deadline for submissions: February 1, 2003. Final revisions for accepted papers will be due in early July 2003.

Article submissions should not exceed 25 double-spaced 8.5" by 11" manuscript pages (roughly 6,500 words), in a 12-point font and with one-inch margins. The page length includes the "Notes" section (for substantive additions to the text) and the "References" section (where full citations amplify the abbreviated in-text references for books or periodicals, e.g., by author name and publication date.) Include a brief biographical sketch with complete mailing address and e-mail.

Submissions should be sent as follows: An e-mail attachment (PC-compatible) should be sent to caughan@loyno.edu, and three hard copies should be mailed to:

Laurie Joyner and Ed McCaughan, Sociology Department, Box 30, Loyola University of New Orleans, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118.

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- individual papers (one-page abstracts required; if a full paper is available, 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 organizer or convener);
- round-table and poster-session presentations.

All submissions must include all identifying information for all participants, including telephone number, complete mailing address and email address. The submission deadline is November 1.

For electronic submission of individual papers, simply click on the following URL and follow the simple instructions.

<<http://www.essnet.org/meeting/paperposter.asp>>

If this address does not work for any reason, go to the ess website:

<<http://www.essnet.org>>

and then click on "Annual Meeting" and then "Abstract Submission."

For full sessions, preliminary ideas, and further correspondence, please send email to: ess2003@sas.upenn.edu.

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