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From the President, Michael Hughes: 2005 SSS Program for Charlotte Is Taking Shape

The SSS Program Committee, chaired by Don Shoemaker, has been working hard through the fall and early winter organizing sessions and facilitating submissions for the annual meeting of The Southern Sociological Society, **April 13-16** at the Hilton Charlotte and Towers in Charlotte, NC. We extended the deadline for submissions to January 16th and have now received over 520 paper submissions via the new online submission system. Don and other committee members are now working to organize the submissions into paper sessions, panels and workshops. A Preliminary Program will be avail-

able by late February. Marty Levin, Program Chair Don Shoemaker, Local Arrangements Chair Charlie Brody, and I met at the Hilton Charlotte and Towers for a tour of the facility and a get acquainted session with the staff. The hotel is well-designed and perfectly suited for our meeting. It has a great restaurant and a spacious lounge, both equipped with wireless internet access, and it is located within walking distance to the center of town with its many restaurants, shops, and other attractions.

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From the Editor:

This issue includes information about Charlotte and the 2005 Annual Meeting. The Preliminary Program will be posted on the SSS website as soon as it is available at <http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/>.

Please send your information and suggestions for *TSS* electronically (preferably in Word) Mailto: rhfreym@presby.edu.

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President Hughes's Column

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I am very excited by the plenary sessions we are planning. ASA President **Troy Duster**, of New York University, has agreed to be part of a plenary to be held on Thursday, April 14th. In addition, **Thomas Shapiro**, of Brandeis University, coauthor (with Melvin Oliver), of *Black Wealth, White Wealth: A New Perspective on Racial Inequality*, will be a feature presenter at a second plenary organized by the SSS Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Additional details on these plenaries will be announced shortly.

As is traditional, we will begin the meetings with our annual **Bluegrass Reception** on Wednesday evening, April 13th. This year, the **Graduate Student Reception**, which will be held Thursday evening, April 14th, will include a live Hip Hop performance. The Presidential Convocation and Honors plenary will be late Friday afternoon, April 15th, followed by the **Presidential Reception**.

ASA is sponsoring a **Department Chairs' Breakfast** on Thursday morning, April 14th. This year, ASA Director of Research and Development, **Roberta Spalter-Roth** will be discussing several issues, including an ASA sponsored co-operative study of what sociology graduates do with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

SSS standing and ad hoc committees will be meeting late Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning. Chairs of committees will be reporting to the Executive Committee at its Friday meeting.

At this time, the **Executive Committee** is scheduled to meet on Wednesday (April 13th) from 2 to 6 p.m., Friday (April 15th), 8:30 am to noon, and Saturday (April 16th) morning, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. following the 7:30 a.m. Business Meeting.

This year, for the first time, in addition to overhead projectors and screens, the SSS will be providing **digital projectors** (with cables to connect to your laptop) in all meeting rooms. Any other equipment, including laptops, other computers, or other projection equipment, must be supplied by presenters themselves. If you do not have the additional equipment that you will require, please contact Beth Fesperman (elizabeth_fesperman@hilton.com) at the Hilton Charlotte and Towers for details.

During my visit to the hotel, I was very impressed by the city of Charlotte. It is truly a great place for our meeting. I hope that you will agree.

See you in Charlotte!

Best wishes,
Mike Hughes

More on Charlotte

SSS Meetings, April 13-16, 2005

(From the Local Arrangements Committee)

The last time that our annual meetings were held in Charlotte was 1985. Anyone who has not been to Charlotte in the past 20 years would scarcely recognize either the city or my home institution, UNC Charlotte. And, as Ken Sanford has noted in a recent history of our institution, Charlotte and UNC Charlotte have grown up together. The period since the Southerns last visited Charlotte has been one of rapid growth and change. The remainder of this article describes some of those changes and provides a collection of odd facts about the city.

Population: The 1980 census count of Charlotte's population was 315, 473. The estimated 2004 population is 614, 330 with over 1.5 million in the Charlotte metro area.

Skyline: The distinctive skyline of uptown Charlotte (see the photo in the Fall 2004 issue of TSS) is visible from many points in the Charlotte region. Here are some of the buildings worth checking out on your visit to Charlotte that have transformed the skyline in recent years:

First Citizens Bank Plaza (23 stories, built 1985)

One Wachovia Center, aka "the green jukebox" (42 stories, built 1988)

Interstate Tower (32 stories, built in 1990)

Bank of America Plaza (40 stories, built in 1990)

Carrillon Tower (24 stories, built in 1991)

Bank of America Corporate Center (60 stories, built in 1992)

Bank of America (formerly Ericsson) Stadium (built 1996)

IJL Financial Center (30 stories, built 1997)

Three Wachovia Center (32 stories, built 2000)

The Arlington, aka "the big pink" (22 stories, built in 2002)

Hearst Tower (47 stories, built in 2002)

The Hearst Tower, built in 2002, is Charlotte's newest addition to its skyline and home to two of Charlotte Magazine's top 15 restaurants: Blue and Luce.

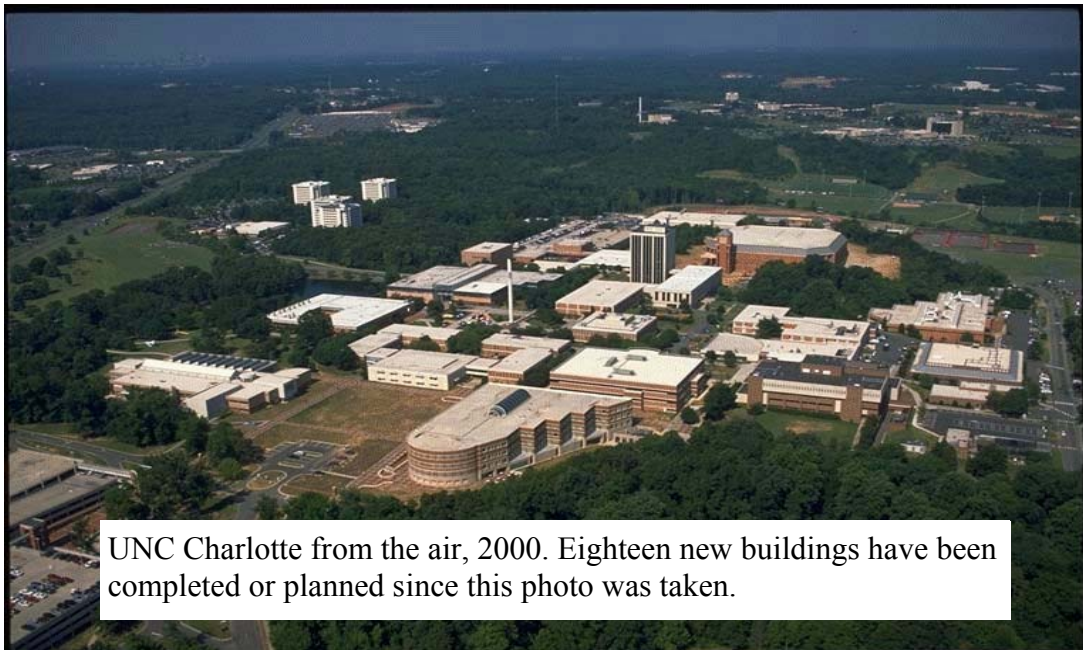


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UNC Charlotte: The University traces its beginnings to 1946 but moved to its present location in northeast Charlotte in 1961. At that time, the campus consisted of two buildings (and a barn) and had a fall 1961 enrollment of 915. Enrollment in 1979 was 8705, including approximately 1250 graduate students. Today our enrollment is just above 20,000. The University grants 82 undergraduate degrees, 57 masters, and 12 doctoral degrees. Between 2000 and 2006, 18 new buildings will be completed on our campus, and we expect to enroll 25,000 students by the end of the decade. We hope that you can find the time to visit our campus during the meetings.



UNC Charlotte from the air, 2000. Eighteen new buildings have been completed or planned since this photo was taken.

Restaurants, from Aquavina to Zebra: Charlotte Magazine (<http://www.charlottemag.com>) recently named its 15 best restaurants. This is just a sampling of the choices available in and around uptown Charlotte. Nearly all have websites where you can view their menus (and none of them were around in 1985). Here they are:

Aquavina (<http://www.aquavina.com/>)

Barrington's (<http://www.barringtonsrestaurant.com/>)

Blue (<http://www.bluerestaurantandbar.com/>)

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Bonterra (<http://www.bonterradining.com/>)

Carpe Diem (<http://www.carpediemrestaurant.com/>)

Ethan's of Elizabeth

LaVecchia's (<http://www.lavecchias.com/>)

Luce (<http://www.luceristorante.net/>)

The Meeting House (http://www.meeting-house.com/mh_default.htm)

Noble's

Oneo (<http://www.oneo-bistro.com/?>)

Patou (<http://www.patoubistro.com/>)

Sonoma (<http://www.savvydiner.com/details.php?r=759>)

Upstream (<http://www.upstreamit.com/>)

Zebra (<http://www.zebrarestaurant.com/>)

Charlotte Tidbits: Charlotte is also called “the Queen City” and is named for Queen Charlotte Sophia, wife of King George III, ruler of Great Britain from 1760 to 1820. A statue of Queen Charlotte, holding her crown aloft, will greet you on your arrival in front of the terminal building at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport. It is the work of Raymond Kaskey, who also created the four statues at Independence Square in uptown Charlotte. Another statue of Queen Charlotte, by sculptor Graham Weathers, is located in front of the International Trade Center at College and Fifth Streets.

As the names of our major buildings suggest, Charlotte is a banking center, the second largest in the United States, controlling over \$1.2 trillion in assets. Bank of America and Wachovia (among other banks) are headquartered here. The first “on-line” ATM was invented in 1978 at the IBM facility near UNC Charlotte.

Internationally known evangelist, Billy Graham, is a native of Charlotte. On your way from the airport to uptown, you will travel on Billy Graham Parkway.

Seven of the Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters in Charlotte, the fifth most among U.S. Cities. Of the Fortune 500 companies, 286 are represented here.

The statue of Queen Charlotte at Douglas International Airport





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“The Teaching Corner” is a regular column in *The Southern Sociologist* that features creative ideas to enhance student learning. If you have a classroom exercise, out-of-class assignment, or a favorite videotape or DVD that you have found particularly effective in helping students understand course material, please send a brief description of it to Lee Bidwell (bidwellm@longwood.edu) at your convenience. Ideas are always welcome.

When Will You Die? A Morbid Exercise on Morbidity

Stephanie Bohon (sbohon@uga.edu), Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Georgia, recommends the following exercise for use in Introductory Sociology, Social Problems, Demography, Sociology of Medicine, and Sociology of Culture courses to demonstrate and reinforce the role of race, gender, and age in mortality differentials.

- Divide the class into groups of five or six students. Ask each group to make a list of the peoples' names in their group and rank them in terms of whom they think will be the first in their group to die, the second, the third, and so on. Students must list the reasons why they have ranked each student in their designated positions. After about 10 minutes, a spokesperson from each group shares their ranking with the class, explaining the reasons behind the order.
- Students invariably focus on risk factors that receive media attention, such as diet, smoking, lack of exercise, a history of health problems in the family, and failure to wear a seat belt. Rarely do students consider demographic characteristics such as age, sex, or race.
- After each group presents its ranking, the professor then explains that with the exception of smoking, the strongest influences on mortality are factors over which they have no control. Students then are asked to stand by their desk, and they are asked to sit down in the following order—from shortest life expectancy to longest:

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- Men over 25 years of age
- Women over 25 years of age
- Remaining Black men
- Remaining Latino men
- Remaining White Men
- Remaining Black women
- Remaining Latino women
- Remaining Asian men
- Remaining White women
- Remaining Asian women
- The exercise can be used to begin a discussion of the role of demographics in mortality or the role of the media in forming our ideas about health. The discussion then can broaden to include the role of social class in longevity and the real impact (in terms of average years of life lost) of behaviors such as smoking, drinking, marriage, and exercise.

The Blue Sash Exercise

Spencer Blakeslee (sblake@mail2.gis.net), retired Assistant Professor of Sociology at Framingham State College, reports that the “Blue Sash Exercise,” which gives students the experience of being an “other,” has been very useful in courses on race and ethnicity, genocide and violence, and the sociology of the holocaust. The exercise may also be useful in deviance and social psychology courses.

- The purpose of the assignment is to demonstrate to students the reality, feelings, and discomfort that accompany being arbitrarily classified as an “other.” In preparation for the assignment, the instructor must create seven blue sashes that measure approximately 3 feet by 6 feet. The sash should be long enough to loop over one shoulder and under the other; the ends are pinned together. The fabric color should be bold so that it is immediately recognizable. The professor also must solicit 7 volunteers, who are offered extra credit in the course for participation. The volunteers also sign a release form concerning the use of human subjects in social science exercises.
- Volunteers are to avoid contact with others on campus for a single day when they are wearing the blue sash. If they are asked why they are wearing the sash, they are to reply, “Because we belong to a group that has been required to hold ourselves apart from the rest of you,” and walk on. Students are to respond to persistent questions more stridently by saying “you shouldn’t associate with me since we belong to a group of people who are seen as hostile and a threat to the rest of campus, and on occasion we smell bad!” The volunteer must then move on, ignoring further questions. Volunteers are provided with a note from the professor explaining the exercise that

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they are to give to faculty members who ask about their blue sash.

- The volunteers go about their daily activities wearing the blue sash, avoiding contact with others, except at lunch when they join all the other blue sash volunteers and eat together. The professor coordinates with the kitchen staff to prepare a special meal, eaten communally and

apart from others, of cabbage soup, cold tea, and a piece of stale bread. This lunch has approximately 168 calories, and is the equivalent of a day's rations in the German extermination camps of World War II.

- The following day, students return the sashes and discuss their experiences in the exercise with the entire class. The topics of identity, deviance, ostracism, informal social control, and the sociology of emotions all can be explored in the class discussion.

Elimidate II: An Exercise in Courtship and Marriage

David Knox (davidknox2@prodigy.net), Professor of Sociology at East Carolina University, uses the following exercise to help students better understand gender issues in dating.

- The instructor begins by soliciting one male and five female volunteers to participate in this exercise, which involves a male selecting one female to date from the five who have volunteered (if enough males are enrolled in the class, the instructor could solicit one female and five male volunteers). Participants must be able to accept rejection, be uninvolved in a current relationship, and be willing to date persons of any racial/religious/or ethnic background. Participants are not given extra credit for playing the game.
- Once the "players" have been selected, they will have a question and answer session in class where the "dater" asks each of the five potential dates two questions. One question is generated by the "dater," and one question will be given to the dater from class members or the instructor. Each potential date also may ask the "dater" one question and may reject the "dater" before he makes his date selection. The dater then selects the woman he would like to take out on a real date.
- The couple agrees to go out to dinner the following weekend, each paying his or her own way. The couple agrees to a platonic, alcohol-free date.
- Both the dater and the date report to the class their experience on the date. Each does so alone while the other is waiting outside the class.
- The instructor can use the exercise to point to the gendered nature of dating roles, the importance of open-ended questions in dating dialogue, the risks of rejection in dating, and the norms and emotions surrounding rejection.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

THE 23RD "SEUSS" Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium

The 23rd annual SEUSS will be held on **February 27-28, 2005** (Sunday and Monday) at Emory University. The Symposium is designed to provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to participate in a professional meeting. Papers in any area of sociology are welcome. Students whose papers are accepted will give a 12-15 minute presentation of their research on February 28th.

The keynote speaker on February 27th is Dr. Michael Hughes, Professor of Sociology at Virginia Tech University. Professor Hughes is the current President of the Southern Sociological Society, and immediate past editor of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. His research interests in mental health and mental illness, race and ethnicity, and crowding and living alone have resulted in over 50 articles published in leading sociology journals. Dr. Hughes is the lead author of *Sociology: The Core*, now in its 6th edition.

The keynote speaker on February 28th is Dr. Elijah Anderson, who is the Charles and William L. Day Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Anderson is the author of *A Place on the Corner: A Study of Black Street Corner Men*, *The Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City*, and *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community*. Dr. Anderson will present his recent work on the "Cosmopolitan Canopy."

A banquet also will be held on February 28th for all student participants and faculty. The three best papers will receive an **Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research** (1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50). All presenters will receive **Certificates of Professional Participation**. And abstracts of all presented papers will be published in the **Symposium Proceedings**.

Application Procedure. Interested students should submit a one-page paper **abstract and a faculty letter of support** by **January 31st, 2005** (please email or include an **electronic version of the abstract** on disk in Word or Word Perfect). Send to: Dr. Corey Keyes, Sociology, Emory University, 225 Tarbutton Hall, 1555 Dickey Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322 (404/727-7894, 404/727-7532 (FAX), corey.keyes@emory.edu).

The faculty letter should indicate that the paper is, or will be, completed and ready for presentation on February 28th. Students will be notified promptly of their acceptance. A nominal registration fee of \$25 is charged to help defray the costs of the banquet and Proceedings.

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Carolina Undergraduate
Social Science Symposium
April 21-22, 2005

The South Carolina Sociological Association and Francis Marion University are hosting the annual Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium at Francis Marion University on April 21 and 22, 2005. Dr. Mark Scarbecz of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry will be speaking April 21. Student presentations will be on April 22.

Students are encouraged to submit proposals to present papers in any area of the social sciences. The proposals should include the title of the paper and an approximately one hundred word abstract. Poster proposals may also be submitted. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2005. An indication of equipment needs for the presentation should be included with the abstract.

There is a cash prize for the top three student papers.

All materials should be sent to:

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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

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INTEGRATING DATA ANALYSIS THROUGHOUT THE SOCIOLOGY CURRICULUM

The American Sociological Association (ASA) and the Social Science Data Analysis Network (SSDAN) are collaborating on a National Science Foundation-funded project to close the quantitative reasoning gap in sociology. The project, called Integrating Data

Analysis (IDA), involves curricular change to add research experiences “early and often” in the non-research methods and statistics courses in sociology. As part of the dissemination phase of the IDA project, ASA is sponsoring two workshops on “Integrating Data Analysis Throughout the Sociology Curriculum.” These workshops are intended for faculty in sociology departments (with preference given to departments sending two or more faculty) who want to engage in curricular change to close the quantitative literacy gap.

Thursday, March 17, 2005, Washington, DC, at the ASA Executive Office

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. [This workshop links to the Eastern Sociological Society meeting, March 17-19].

Staff: Carla B. Howery, ASA; Havidán Rodríguez, University of Delaware; Kerry J. Strand, Hood College; Jeffrey Lashbrook, SUNY-Brockport; William H. Frey, University of Michigan

Thursday, March 31, 2005, Minneapolis, MN, at Augsburg College

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. [Co-sponsored by Augsburg College Sociology Department, this workshop links to the Midwest Sociological Society meeting, March 31-April 2].

Staff: Carla B. Howery, ASA; Diane Pike and James Vela-McConnell, Augsburg College; Steven Ruggles, University of Minnesota

Each workshop will acquaint sociology faculty with resources and approaches to closing the quantitative literacy gap for their majors. Drawing on the materials developed under the IDA grant, the staff will demonstrate ways departments can set and meet research goals for their students. The emphasis is on lower-division courses and courses outside the research methods-statistics sequence. Faculty do not need to be methodologically or technologically sophisticated to participate.

To register: Send a letter with full contact information and a check for \$40 made payable to the American Sociological Association, 1307 New York Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington DC, 20005. There are 20 spaces in each workshop and registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The registration fee includes all materials and lunch. Further, all workshop attendees will have access (after the workshop) to the Social Science Data Analysis Network (SSDAN) staff to develop course modules using Census data, and to the Integrating Data Analysis staff for consultation on curricular change.

Southernizing *Social Forces*

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I wish to alert fellow SSS members of a recent development in the editorial handling of the journal *Social Forces* to offer some food for thought which I hope will stimulate discussion and action by the Society's members and, possibly, the Society's leadership. The policies at *Social Forces* (SF) are relevant to the SSS because the Society is rather intimately connected with the journal. SSS members receive a cut-rate subscription to the journal, and the Editor of *Social Forces* serves ex-officio on the SSS Publications Committee. Also, "by custom dating back to the early 1970s, the Editorial Board consists of all Chapel Hill sociology faculty members and of other sociologists located elsewhere. At least half of the non-Chapel Hill members are always members of SSS" (SF report 2003). The SSS homepage even mentions the journal as "the official journal of the society," although that is less than accurate (SSS Homepage).

Since the recent editorial hand-over of *Social Forces* from Richard Simpson to Judith Blau, the journal contains a separate section called "Public Sociologies." SSS members were first informed of the move to include such a separate section in SF when Editor Blau informed us that the June 2004 debate on public sociology featuring Michael Burawoy, François Nielsen, David Brady, and Charles Tittle (SF Vol. 82, pp. 1602-1644) had "elicited only favorable comments"¹ and that the debate would be continued "as Public Sociology, with a really terrific 2 papers in the next issue" (email by Judith Blau to SSSnet, May 15, 2004). A message on the SF homepage announces that the series will be a continuing one, with each issue of the journal including "10-14 articles, book reviews, and special pieces in a section titled Public Sociologies." In the September 2004 issue of *Social Forces*, the first set of these 'Public Sociologies' papers appeared (Vol. 83, pp. 391-421). The papers are also available online via the SF homepage along with a discussion board for comments.

There are at least two reasons why I question the editorial policy to include a separate public sociologies section in SF. The exclusive inclusion of public sociology in the space of a general sociology journal is objectionable on substantive grounds. As readers of this newsletter —especially those who are also members of the American Sociological Association—

¹In the meantime, the first public sociology debate published in *Social Forces* has elicited at least one unfavorable comment.

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may already know, I am a fierce critic of public sociology and any and all other attempts to bring activism into sociology (Deflem 2004, a,b,c). Basically, I argue that our sociological activities are not only ill-served by an activist orientation in view of the standing of our profession, but also and more importantly that our sociological work ought to be resolutely directed at analyzing, rather than evaluating society and its various components. We are not only sociologists, but as sociologists we can only be sociological.

In my mind, therefore, it is problematic for SSS to associate with a journal that is now committed to an activist agenda. There is some discussion on the precise nature and objectives of public sociology (Hausknecht 2002), but not as much as the plural form ‘sociologies’ in the new *Social Forces* section might suggest. Public sociologists invoke discussion, to be sure, but only within the confines of a platform that shares a basic understanding of public sociology as an attempt to connect sociology with selected matters of public debate in a way that would also allow to “challenge the world” (ASA 2004). Public sociology is a form of political activism and an attempt to redefine sociology accordingly.

There are indeed indications that the public sociology for which space is reserved in *Social Forces* is framed within an activist understanding. On the new *Social Forces* homepage, it is striking that the journal is now introduced as having been founded by the “pioneering sociologist and social activist Howard Odum.” It is not to deny that Odum’s work critically inspired social action, but it is telling to describe him as such to introduce the journal he founded. The remaining silence about Odum is also striking. The holder of two Ph.D.’s, Odum also founded the Sociology Department at UNC, served as President of the ASA, and authored dozens of books and hundred of articles, most famously dealing with regionalism and folk culture in the South. An obituary in the *American Sociological Review* (Vol., 20, 1954), praised Odum for the fact that “[a]s a sociologist” he used “scientific methods” and avoided “to put in writing biased opinions” (p. 237).

The new *Social Forces* Editor, Judith Blau, has had a leading role in bringing public sociology to the professional sociological arena. She was among a group of members of the advocacy group, Sociologists Without Borders, to lead a (successful) effort to have the ASA consider and eventually adopt a resolution condemning the war in Iraq. Blau (2004a) has supported her actions especially in terms of a defense of human rights. I can surely respect (even if I disagree with) any scholar’s positions and decisions, particularly when they effectively bring about intended consequences. However, I also expect scholars to respect the boundaries of the duties they undertake in the various contexts of our work, whether they be matters of teaching, research, or service. Therefore, the question can and should now be asked

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whether Professor Blau is acting in her editorial capacities on the basis of universalistic criteria of publishing or whether she is acting as an activist. I cannot answer that question, of course, but based on public sociologists' own understanding of the role of the sociologist as activist, the question can legitimately be asked. That alone should give pause.

Finally, most importantly in view of our Society's association with *Social Forces*, it is questionable on formal grounds that a generalist sociology journal would reserve space for one special branch of sociology. Even when one would not question the value of public sociology, the fact remains that *Social Forces* is now a journal of which some of its limited and costly pages cannot be taken up by other work. The same critique would apply should the journal have reserved space for any other specific sociological specialty or approach. Worse yet, the public sociology papers in SF are solicited and not double-blind reviewed (Blau 2004b). Relatively speaking, peer-refereed sociology is in *Social Forces* losing out to invited politics.

Because of my profound criticism against public sociology and my disappointment with the direction *Social Forces* has now taken, I have decided to cancel my subscription to the journal. I do this very reluctantly, because *Social Forces* is one of the finest journals in U.S. sociology. Even with the recent change in editorial policies, I know the journal will continue to publish good work (assuming at least that no activist orientation also affects the review proc-

SaveSociology.org

The Save Sociology website has been developed in response to the various forms of attack on sociology as an academic discipline, especially since the advent of so-called 'public' sociology. Maintained by Mathieu Deflem (University of South Carolina), the site offers food for thought to secure the academic status and integrity of sociology.

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ess of submitted manuscripts). Nonetheless, I cannot support a journal with whose mission and practices I fundamentally disagree.

I hope that fellow SSS members will ponder these developments and voice their thoughts. As a Society, there are different options for us to consider. We can appeal to our leadership and fellow members to consider terminating the Society's association with *Social Forces*. I personally think that option is too drastic and costly, because we would lose association with one of the all-time great journals. Alternatively, it might be wise to exert all due pressure to have *Social Forces* change its course and return to the fruitful direction as a top-notch sociology journal with which the Southerners happily wish to be associated. Keeping *Social Forces* Southern should mean keeping it sociological.

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Opportunities

ASA HONORS PROGRAM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2005 ASA Annual Meeting
August 12-16, 2005
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The American Sociological Association seeks applications from exceptional undergraduate sociology students who wish to be considered for the 2005 ASA Honors Program. The Honors Program students come to the ASA Annual Meeting as a laboratory on the profession. They participate actively in the meeting including special sessions designed just for them. They develop valuable networks with their peers and meet prominent professionals in the discipline. Participation in the Honors Program provides a significant experience early in the careers of the next generation of sociologists. Participation in the Honors Program requires nomination by a sociology faculty member at your college or university.

Interested students and prospective faculty sponsors are encouraged to consult the ASA website at www.asanet.org/student/honors/ for additional information and an application form.

Questions? Contact Dr. Kerry Strand, Director, ASA Honors Program strand@hood.edu

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: FEBRUARY 25, 2005

NEW DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR 2006

The ASA Honors Program, now in its 32nd year, brings together outstanding undergraduate students to attend, participate, and study the Annual Meeting and, thus, the profession more broadly.

The Honors Program needs a new Director for 2006 to guide and manage the program, and

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particularly to organize the events at the 2006 Annual Meeting in New York. The Director maintains a webpage about the program and handles publicity to encourage applications. Working with an advisory board, s/he makes the selection of students and develops and leads a program for students at the Annual Meeting.

Honors Program Director applicants should be strongly interested in helping socialize students into the profession. The position is structured in a manner similar to a journal editorship and is considered important professional service. The term is three years, with an option to renew. The director receives an honorarium.

Applicants should be in a tenure track academic appointment in an accredited college or university; have some departmental in-kind support to help with clerical tasks associated with directing the program; plan to spend five days at the Annual Meeting directing the program and assisting students; and have creative ideas for the educational experience the students will have at the Annual Meeting.

For additional information and questions, contact Carla B. Howery, Director, Academic and Professional Affairs Program, ASA, (202) 383-9005 x 323 or howery@asanet.org, or contact the current Director, Kerry Strand, Hood College, strand@hood.edu.

Interested applicants should send a vita and cover letter outlining their ideas and interests to arrive at the ASA Executive Office (Attn: Carla Howery, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, #700, Washington, DC 20005) by January 1, 2005. The ASA Council will make the selection by February 1. The new director will “shadow” Kerry Strand at the 2005 Annual Meeting and will take over in fall 2005, in preparation for the 2006 Annual Meeting in New York.

Honors Program Director applicants should be strongly interested in helping socialize students into the profession.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Advancement of Social Justice: Seeking “The Beloved Community” Call for Proposals

In his book on the Montgomery bus boycott, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote: “We adopt the means of nonviolence because our end is a community at peace with itself”—“the beloved community,” as King often called it. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the boycott’s launching, the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University is sponsoring an interdisciplinary conference on this theme. Proposals for papers on any topic related to civil rights will receive consideration, but preference will be given to proposals that address any of the following: Roles played in the boycott by faculty, students, staff, and administrators of Alabama State College, by other members of Montgomery’s black community, or by whites; civil rights issues and events before the boycott; impact of the boycott on subsequent issues and events, from the local to the global; or how lessons drawn from the boycott may be applied to continuing the advancement of social justice today. Proposals for complete panels are welcome. The National Center plans to publish selected conference proceedings.

For program consideration, submit a one-page typed abstract by April 1st, 2005, to:

Dr. Janice Franklin,
Director of the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights
and African American Culture
University Library
Alabama State University
Montgomery, AL 36101
mailto: busboycott@alasu.edu

Please direct telephone inquiries to Ms. Gwendolyn Boyd at the National Center (334-229-4876).

The Society for the Study of Social Problems

Call for Participation

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) invites proposals for its 55th Annual Meeting to be held August 12-14, 2005, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Theme: "**BLOWBACK: THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS SOLUTIONS.**" Papers, abstracts, or 2-3 page outlines for presentations at division sponsored sessions should be sent electronically to session organizers no later than January 31, 2005. If your paper *does not* fit into one of the sessions sponsored by a division, send your submission electronically no later than January 31 to Program Committee Co-Chairs: Tim Diamond, tdiamond@oise.utoronto.ca and PJ McGann, pjmcgann@umich.edu. Questions relating to the program should be directed to them as well. When sending an email, please place SSSP in the subject line. For further information, visit <http://www.sssp1.org>.

2005 Minority Scholarship Program

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is recruiting applications for the 2005 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Persons accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the Social and/or Behavioral Sciences are invited to apply for the \$10,000 Racial/Ethnic Minority Scholarship. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2005 (receipt date). Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2005. All applicants must be current members when applying. For further information and an application, visit <http://www.sssp1.org>. Contact Lorna Rivera, Chair, with all questions (28 Bexley Road, #2, Roslindale, MA, 02131; W: 617-287-7388; F: 617-287-7274; lorna.rivera@umb.edu).

New Editor Sought for *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study Problems (SSSP) has begun its search for the next editor of the *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*. The Editor's three-year term begins with the last issue of Volume 36 in the fall of 2005. The Newsletter has become a vital means of communication among SSSP members. Among other things, it includes official reports and announcements of the Society; exchanges between members; and special features including book reviews and debates. The Board of Directors of the Society wants to ensure that the Newsletter remains an effective vehicle for generating interest and involvement in the society, for facilitating communication across Divisions, and for providing service to the Divisions and the members. A full description of desired qualifications and the application process is posted on our website, <http://www.sssp1.org>. Nominations should be postmarked no later than March 1, 2005.

Self-nominations, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to: Nancy A. Naples, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, 82 Kenyon Street, Hartford, CT 06015; W: 860-231-9440; F: 860-233-7404; nancy.naples@uconn.edu.

Job Opportunities

Florida International University. The Department of Sociology & Anthropology invites applicants for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Sociology, with principal specialization in social demography and the ability to teach social statistics at the graduate level. Among the preferred area specializations for candidates are innovative theoretical and comparative-international approaches to the study of migration, race/ethnicity, sex/gender, environment, health, labor/employment, urban studies, and/or development/social change. The Department's M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Comparative Sociology emphasize cross-disciplinary studies. Please send a letter of application, CV, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, DM 334, Florida International University, University Park, Miami, FL 33199. Deadline: January 5, 2005. Florida University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne. The Department of Sociology at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) invites applications for an Associate Professor position to begin fall 2005. Tenure and salary are negotiable. Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. in Sociology and an established scholarly record and research agenda. Primary specialization in family, medical, or aging is especially welcome; global or cross-cultural perspective desired. The eleven-member department is in an exciting period with the recent hire of a chair and two new assistant professors and a recently implemented Master of Arts in Sociological Practice. Individuals who can lend leadership to the graduate program are especially encouraged to apply. We are committed to increasing the diversity in our faculty and welcome applications from women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness, copies of written work, and three letters of reference that address the candidate's abilities as both a scholar and teacher to: Diane E. Taub, Chair, Department of Sociology, Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, 2101 E Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1499. Screening will begin November 30, 2004, and continue until the position is filled. See our website at www.ipfw.edu for further information. IPFW is an AA/EO/EA employer.

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Tennessee Technological University, a constituent unit of the Tennessee Board of Regents, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track, nine-month position in Sociology at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin August 1, 2005. A minimum of a Ph.D. in Sociology is required at the time of appointment. Areas of specialization are open. Must be able to teach Introduction to Sociology and have two or more areas of specialization compatible with department needs. The successful applicant should be able to implement course and curriculum design, and must have a research track planned. Please visit our home page at <http://www2.tntech.edu/sociology/dept/>. Review of applications will begin January 15, 2005, and continue until the position is filled. Submit curriculum vitae, TTU faculty application, a copy of graduate transcripts, research plan, statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Ada Haynes, Search Committee, Department of Sociology and Political Science, 720 Quadrangle, Box 5052, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN 38505. Email contact: AHaynes@tntech.edu. Complete position summary and application are available at <http://www.tntech.edu/jobs/>. AA/EEO.

University of South Carolina Sumter. Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of South Carolina Sumter, tenure-track begins Fall 2005. Ph. D. in Sociology. 12 hours/semester all undergraduate; areas of specialization open, competence in sociology of crime desired; research & scholarship expected. Submit vita, 3 current letters of recommendation, copies of all undergraduate & graduate transcripts, writing samples, & summary of teaching evaluations, or other evidence of excellence in teaching. Application letters should describe the applicant's record, philosophy of teaching, & professional goals & interests. Send materials to Richard S. Bell, Div. of Hum., Soc. Sci., & Ed., USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road, Sumter SC 29150-2498. Review of credentials will begin immediately. Foreign nationals indicate current US immigration status. AA/EOE.

Send you comments, suggestions, or materials for *The Southern Sociologist* to the editor Bob Freymeyer mailto: rhfreym@presby.edu


 The logo for The Southern Sociologist, consisting of the letters 'TSS' in a large, bold, blue, serif font with a slight shadow effect.

Demographic Transitions

JAMES N. YOUNG

Sociology, rural sociology, and North Carolina State University have lost another Emeritus Professor. Dr. James N. Young, 79, of Florence, South Carolina, died Friday, June 18, 2004, at his home. To his friends and colleagues he was known simply as “Jay.” He was born July 26, 1924, in Florence County, South Carolina, where he grew up on the family’s dairy farm.

Before graduating from college, he served during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe (1943-1946). After the War, he obtained his undergraduate degree at Clemson University in 1948. He finished both his master’s degree in rural sociology in 1950 and Ph. D. in sociology in 1959 at the University of Kentucky. Between graduate degrees, he was a Rotary Foundation Fellow at Massey College, New Zealand.

He served a distinguished career of 30 years at NC State University in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, rising to the rank of Professor. From 1962 to 1965, he served a term as Assistant Director of Instruction and Director of the Agricultural Institute in NCSU’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He was also the Department of Sociology and Anthropology’s Director of Advising for the Undergraduate Program and Co-Director of the Summer School Program for much of the 1970’s. Along with professional memberships in the Rural Sociological Society, the American Sociological Association, the AAUP, and the Southern Sociological Society, he was an active member in the Raleigh Rotary Club.

Jay’s easy smile and calming personality were probably important factors in his being chosen for administrative work. Over the years, he was a favorite choice of graduate students to serve on their committees. While the exact number is not known, at his retirement in 1987, he had a three-foot deep file cabinet full of half-inch-thick file folders with names and paper work for the students’ on whose graduate committees he had worked.

His quick sense of humor and direct logic were a delight. These talents would often take him to conclusions no one else would see. For instance, when a colleague was complaining of slow mail delivery and told of an experiment he conducted to see how long it took for a letter mailed from the post office across the street from campus to arrive in his mailbox in the same post office, Jay simply asked, “Why didn’t you just stick the letter in your box yourself?”

On another occasion when a student came to Jay with a long list of excuses for missing a

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make-up exam, Jay merely replied, “That’s not my fault!”

Jay and his brothers developed and ran businesses in Florence, South Carolina, on the land their parent’s families once farmed. Today, this property is the location for an intersection of I-95 and another federal highway—a great place to run a motel, campground, golf course, condos, and service station businesses. He moved home to these after retiring from NC State.

Jay was one of the most socially oriented sociologists in his department at NC State. Often, he held parties at his Raleigh home for the entire department. And many times he provided the families of his colleagues with weekend stays at his family’s “Young at Heart” beach house near Myrtle Beach or at their house in the western North Carolina Mountains.

He is missed by his faculty and friends who knew him here at NCSU and, of course, by his family. In addition to his wife, Noel, his survivors are son, Stephen; daughter, Sarah Young Philbeck; brother, Ed; and many nephews and nieces. His family suggests memorials to McLeod Hospice of the Pee Dee, Post Office Box 100551, Florence, SC 29501 or to the Christian Children’s Fund, 2821 Emery Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294.

(Submitted by colleagues Bob Moxley and Ron Wimberley, NC State University)

Delta No Longer Offers Special Meeting Fares

In the past, Delta Airlines offered reduced air fares for travelers attending our annual meeting through the Delta Meeting Network Program. Unfortunately, as part of an overhaul of their fare structure, Delta recently eliminated their Meeting Network program, and we are sorry to report that participants in the SSS annual meeting no longer receive a discount from Delta.

Southern Sociological Society

Financial Information

The SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AS COMPARED TO BUDGET for the year ended June 30, 2004, appears below. The complete FINANCIAL STATEMENT and additional FINANCIAL INFORMATION as compiled and reported by Christopher and Grogan, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, is available at

<http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/Financial/Publish/>

| | Unaudited <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Unaudited over (under) <u>Budget</u> |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Membership Dues | \$53,750 | \$46,361 | (\$7,389) |
| Meeting Income | 25,525 | 29,992 | 4,467 |
| Interest/Dividends | 500 | 1,209 | 709 |
| Other Income | 0 | 1,575 | 1,575 |
| Unrealized Loss on Marketable Securities | 0 | 11,767 | 11,767 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$79,775 | \$90,904 | \$11,129 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Data Entry Service | \$10,500 | \$10,500 | \$0 |
| Legal & Accounting | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Office Expenses and Supplies | 1,000 | 1,895 | 895 |
| Insurance and Fidelity Bond | 150 | 100 | (50) |
| President's Expenses | 3,000 | 152 | (2,848) |
| Publication of "Social Forces" | 22,850 | 22,008 | (842) |
| Publication of "The Southern Sociologist" | 500 | 116 | (384) |
| Memberships | 2,300 | 765 | (1,535) |
| Election Expenses | 2,600 | 1,054 | (1,546) |
| Annual Meeting | 30,677 | 26,615 | (4,062) |
| Committee Expenses | 4,525 | 940 | (3,585) |
| Depreciation | 1,100 | 1,100 | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$80,202 | \$66,245 | (\$13,957) |
| EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES | <u>(\$427)</u> | <u>\$24,659</u> | <u>\$25,086</u> |

THE SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

<http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/>

The Southern Sociological Society (SSS) is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the development of sociology as a profession and scientific discipline by the maintenance of high academic professional and ethical standards and by encouraging:

- (a) effective teaching of sociology;
- (b) valid and reliable methods of research in the study of human society;
- (c) diffusion of sociological knowledge and its application to societal problems;
- (d) cooperation with related disciplines and groups;
- (e) recruitment and training of sociologists; and
- (f) development of sociology programs in educational and other agencies.

Members receive *Social Forces*, *The Southern Sociologist*, and a membership directory (biennially). An annual meeting is held in the spring, usually mid-April. Membership is open to any person who can assist in promoting the objectives of the society. Persons wishing to join SSS may send dues directly to the Secretary-Treasurer. Please include your first middle and last name, address, phone number, where

employed, and sex. For statistical purposes, we also ask you to include your race and/or ethnic group and three areas of specialty. Husbands and wives may be joint members. One spouse receives publications and dues notices, but both vote, receive separate listings in the directory, and are eligible for reduced registration rates at the annual meeting.

The membership year is July 1 through June 30.

Membership classes, annual charges and dues are:

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| Regular | 50.00 |
| Emeritus | |
| with <i>Social Forces</i> | 21.00 |
| without <i>Social Forces</i> | no cost |
| Associate (non-voting) | 48.00 |
| Student | 25.00 |

Dues, subscriptions, membership inquiries and address changes should be addressed to:

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In addition to news and other information, I am also interested in any thoughts you may wish to suggest regarding the format and/or content of TSS. Please send these to me as well.

The Southern Sociologist (TSS) is the official publication of the Southern Sociological Society. It is published electronically three times a year in the months of May, September, and January. The purpose of TSS is to report the news, announcements, and information of interest to the profession and to serve as a medium of communication for the SSS membership on issues affecting the profession.

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