Greetings to all! While the crunch of the semester consumes us, it is worth remembering that spring and a trip to New Orleans is just around the corner. That means that you have a little more work to do—you need to get your submission ideas organized for the New Orleans meetings. I have several important announcements to make about the upcoming program.

First, I want to tell you that the key organizers for the 2009 meetings are already hard at work and, on behalf of all of us, I thank them for their dedication and for their free labor. Below I list the key committees and their membership:

**Program Committee:** Co-Chairs: Graham Ousey, College of William and Mary and Matthew Lee, Louisiana State University. Members: Verna Keith, Florida State University; Mariano Sana, Louisiana State University; John Bartkowski, University of Texas, San Antonio; Jody Clay-Warner, University of Georgia; Elizabeth Gorman, University of Virginia; Steve McDonald, North Carolina State University; Adia Harvey, Georgia State University; Lois Benjamin, Hampton University; Dana Berkowitz, Louisiana State University; Charis Kubrin, George Washington University; Neal King, Virginia Tech; Shannon Davis, George Mason University; Anne Barrett, Florida State University; Michael Maume, University of North Carolina-Wilmington; Nicole Carr, University of South Alabama; Sal Saporito, College of William and Mary; Pamela Wilcox, University of Cincinnati; and Rebecca Powers, East Carolina University.

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Local Arrangements Committee: Chair: Carl Bankston, Tulane University. Members: April Brayfield, Tulane University; Amy Hite Bellone, Xavier University; Tony Ladd, Loyola University; Francis Adeola, University of New Orleans; Vy Dao, Tulane University; Farrah Gafford, Xavier University; and Diane Grams, Tulane University.

Exhibit Coordinators: Thomas J. Linneman, College of William and Mary and Kathleen E. Jenkins, College of William and Mary.

Because SSS relies exclusively on volunteers and on the ideas of its members, I invite you to contact the appropriate chair of the above committees if you would like to volunteer or to send them ideas about the meetings. Chairperson emails are: gcouse@wm.edu, mlee@lsu.edu, cbankst@tulane.edu, tjlinn@wm.edu, kejenk@wm.edu. You should also feel free to contact me: keslev@wm.edu.

Second, we have asked chairs and members of various committees to plan sessions, and I am also very pleased to announce that Patricia Hill Collins, ASA President, will deliver a special address. As well, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva will deliver a special address related to the theme for the 2009 meetings.

Third, these meetings are really for our members and the success of the meetings is built on your participation. So, please get your ideas ready for submission.

Fourth, in case you missed the previous issue of TSS, the theme for the 2009 meetings in New Orleans will be: “Inequalities Across the Life Course.” This theme is intentionally broad and allows us to showcase the vast and exciting scholarship that has emerged in recent decades around both the causes and consequences of inequality. I want to encourage a wide array of papers and presentations that explore the complexities of this important sociological topic. For many of us that will involve examinations of how people’s lives are both advantaged and disadvantaged through the interlocking locations of race, class, gender, age and sexualities. With your contributions, and those of leading scholars such as Patricia Hill Collins and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva and others, I have no doubt that the 2009 meetings will be both provocative and exciting.

Fifth, online submissions are already open and the SSS list serve and websites provide members with submission guidelines. Please pay attention to the October 15 deadline—it is a firm one!

Check out the Local Arrangements Committee’s submission in this newsletter. More reasons to participate in what promises to be an exciting meeting in a fabulous location!

Kathleen F. Slevin
College of William and Mary
SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Call for Papers: “Inequalities Across the Life Course”

2009 Annual Meeting
April 1st – 4th
New Orleans, Louisiana
Hotel Monteleone

President
Kathleen F. Slevin, College of William and Mary

Program Co-Chairs
Graham C. Ousey, College of William and Mary  Matthew R. Lee, Louisiana State University

The theme for the meeting in 2009 is “Inequalities Across the Life Course,” broadly construed. The society president and program chairs encourage thematic papers and thematic panels that address the myriad issues encompassed by this theme.

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2008. This is a firm deadline and late submissions will not be accommodated. The New Orleans meeting site draws large submission pools and meeting rooms/times are limited. To be considered for a place on the program, complete submissions with title, abstract, author names and contact information must be received by the above deadline.

Questions about the program may be sent to program@southernsociologicalsociety.org.

GUIDELINES

I. SUBMISSION TYPES AND PROCEDURES

A. All proposed presentations or panels must be submitted on-line through the SSS online submission system at http://www.meetingsavvy.com/sss. Four submission types are available: 1) Individual papers; 2) Complete paper sessions; 3) Thematic paper sessions; 4) Poster presentations. At least one author for each submitted paper must be a current member of SSS at the time of submission. A description of each submission type appears below.

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Spring 2009 SSS Meetings—Call for Papers

1. Individual Papers: Members may submit abstracts of individual papers for inclusion in a regular paper session. These papers will be organized into sessions by the program co-chairs on the basis of common themes. All submissions for a regular paper presentation should include: 1) the title of the paper; 2) an abstract of the paper (no more than 150 words); 3) author names and affiliations and contact information for each author.

2. Complete Paper Sessions: Members may submit proposals for complete sessions. These sessions may take the form of paper presentations that follow a single theme, featured panel discussions of a timely topic, sessions that honor a colleague, author-meets-critics sessions, etc. All scheduled presenters (including authors, critics, panelists, discussants, etc.) must be included in a complete session submission. Generally, complete sessions should contain four presenters (e.g., 4 authors; 3 authors and discussant; one book author and 3 critics; and so on).

3. Thematic Paper Sessions: Members may submit proposals for a thematic paper session. Thematic sessions typically are identical in structure to complete paper sessions, but they are organized around a topic that fits closely with the theme of the 2009 conference: “Inequalities Across the Life-Course.”

The following information must be provided in the online system for complete paper sessions and thematic paper sessions: 1) a suggested title for the panel; 2) the titles of each paper/presentation; 3) abstracts for each paper/presentation; 4) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, critic, panelist, discussant, etc.

4. Poster Presentations: Members may submit abstracts for papers to be included in the poster session. Poster presentation submissions must include the name, affiliation, and contact information for all authors, as well as a title and brief abstract of the work to be presented. Posters should display data, policy analysis, or theoretical work in a visually appealing format that stimulates interaction with poster session attendees.

B. All paper and poster presentations should be original work that has not been published or presented elsewhere. Noted exceptions may include presentation of material from books included in author-meets-critics sessions.
II. PROGRAM POLICIES

A. Meeting Participation: The 2009 meetings are held from Wednesday April 1st through Saturday April 4th, 2009. Participants should plan to attend for the duration of the meeting. The Southern Sociological Society is unable to honor special requests for dates or times of presentations. All program participants (i.e., those presenting papers, presiding at sessions, serving as discussants, panelists, etc.) must be registered for the annual meeting. Only the President has the authority to waive membership and registration fees and only for a limited number of invited guests who are invited to participate as plenary speakers.

B. Limitations on Program Appearances: Because meeting rooms and time slots are limited, an individual may serve in no more than two presentation roles (i.e., author of a paper, panel participant, workshop leader, poster presenter, etc.) in the program. There are no limitations on the number of times a person may serve as a session presider or discussant. The maximum number of sessions that any person may organize for the annual meeting is two.

III. EQUIPMENT

LCD projectors will be available for all panel and paper presentations to facilitate computer-based presentations. However, presenters or panel organizers will need to bring their own computers. A limited number of overhead projectors will be made available, on request only. Information on requesting an overhead projector will be distributed to members in March.
Sociologists will find New Orleans a fascinating place in April 2009. At present, three years after Hurricane Katrina, the city is still in a state of transition, with some parts of the city vibrant, some well on the way to recovery, and some still struggling. In the French Quarter, around the Monteleone, members of the Southern Sociological Society will see few, if any, signs of disaster. The older parts of the city along the Mississippi River, including the French Quarter, were largely untouched by the storm in 2005. The traditional architecture, the nightlife, and the easy-living atmosphere of the city provide visitors with the same entertainments as always.

The city as a whole had recovered about 72 percent of the numbers of households it held before the hurricane. Some were concerned that the demographics of the city would be permanently changed. The apparent loss of African American population was a particular issue of debate. On this point, New Orleans now looks very similar to its pre-Katrina self: by July 2008, about 62% of the people in New Orleans were identified as African American, compared to 67% in July 2005. One noticeable demographic change is the increase in Spanish-speaking people over the past three years. Driven largely by the demand for construction-related workers, people of Latin American heritage or origin have grown rapidly as a part of the ethnic mix in New Orleans.

From an economic standpoint, the city looks like it is in much better shape than many people would have predicted three years ago. By May 2008, New Orleans had about 86 percent of the jobs it offered before the storm, and it had recovered over 80 percent of its sales tax revenues. Close to 80 percent of the public and private schools in the New Orleans area that had closed following the storm have now re-opened.

Many had feared for the future of New Orleans universities in late 2005. Today, the universities have recovered most of their student populations, although Dillard University, which was heavy-
ily damaged in Katrina, still has only a fraction of its earlier enrollments. Tulane, located in one of the least damaged areas of the city, experienced a rapid increase in enrollments in 2007 and in 2008, after an initial drop in numbers of entering freshman in 2006.

The spirit of voluntarism has contributed to a sense of optimism. Volunteers from around the country continue to arrive in New Orleans. **The Musicians Village**, pioneered by musicians Branford Marsalis and Harry Connick, Jr., became one of the most high profile and widely publicized volunteer efforts.

There are still, however, rapid social changes and problems calling for sociological study in the city of New Orleans. There has been a general shift in population from the eastern and northern parts of the city to the southwestern neighborhoods along the edge of the crescent of the river and to Algiers, on the south side of the river. **The Lower Ninth Ward**, which has received national attention, continues to struggle, with many of its homes still devastated and with less than 20% of its pre-storm population. The vast stretch of New Orleans East, site of much of the growth of the city in the late twentieth century and home to much of the city’s black middle class, has less than one-third of its pre-Katrina population. The most rapid recovery and the most rapid growth is occurring outside of Orleans Parish, particularly in St. Tammany Parish across Lake Ponchartrain.

Although the cost of housing has come down somewhat, and still remains reasonable by the standards of many other American cities, housing is still somewhat tight and difficult to afford for many people with low incomes. After the hurricane, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development decided to demolish much of the public housing in the city, and in 2007 the (Continued on page 8)
New Orleans City Council voted unanimously to uphold the HUD decision. The demolition, and plans to construct mixed-income housing in place of the housing projects, became a highly polarizing issue and a topic of great controversy.

Changes in the public school system will be of especial interest to sociologists of education. Just before the storm, the Louisiana legislature had decided that the state should take control of most of the schools in the city because of continuing low levels of student performance on standardized tests. Since Katrina, the Orleans Parish School Board has been left with control of only a few schools and most of the schools are run by the Louisiana Department of Education’s Recovery School District. Most of the schools that have re-opened under either agency have opened as charter schools, sponsored and operated by a variety of organizations.

New Orleans will, then, be a place that sociologists will enjoy in April, but also a place that will draw their professional interests. That time of year is also, by the way, generally the most pleasant season to visit, with a warm, but mild climate. On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee, I extend a welcome to all of our members. We are waiting for you. Tell everyone you know to come on down!
2009 SSS Awards

Clifton D. Bryant Named to Roll of Honor

Clifton D. Bryant, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Virginia Tech University, was named as the recipient of the Roll of Honor Award for his career of distinguished intellectual contributions to Sociology. This award will be presented to him at the Spring Meeting of the SSS in New Orleans.

He served as Editor of The Southern Sociologist for the years from 1970 to 1974. When he assumed the Editorship, he expanded the newsletter from 4 to 6 pages to 25 pages as a semi-journal. In 1972 he was elected as a member of the Executive Committee and served in this capacity until 1975. Because of his subsequent election as Vice President, and then President of the SSS, he served continuously as a member of the Executive Committee for a total of 10 consecutive years, one of the longer tenures in a leadership role in the organization. He also served as a member of other committees, such as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Over his career, he chaired numerous paper sessions and read papers or served as a panelist in many sessions. In 2008 he was the recipient of the Martin L. Levin Award for his career service contributions to the SSS and to sociology in the South.

In 2002, he was named as the first recipient of the newly established Southern Sociological Society Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award. The SSS honored Bryant with that award for his career contributions to the teaching enterprise. His contributions to this effort include books on military crime, deviant behavior, sociology of work, and other subjects used in sociology courses across the country; his classroom teaching of undergraduate and graduate students; and the development of curricula for academic programs in sociology at several institutions, where he served as Department Head. He also made contributions to the dissemination of sociological knowledge by founding and/or editing the journals Deviant Behavior and Sociological Symposium and through his Editorship of the four-volume Encyclopedia of Crime and Deviant Behavior, the two-volume Handbook of Death and Dying, and Co-Editorship (with Dennis Peck) of the two-volume Handbook of 21st Century Sociology. Bryant also appeared as a guest authority in an episode of the nationally broadcast series, Ancient Mysteries, on the

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A&E channel, sociologically informing millions of viewers

During his 30 years at Virginia Tech, he received 6 teaching awards for instruction at both graduate and undergraduate level, and the CLAHS Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship Award.

Dr. Bryant served as President of the Southern Sociological Society in 1979. Bryant has been a faculty member at six U.S. colleges and universities (Department Head at three), held Visiting Scientist appointments at three research organizations, and was a Visiting Exchange Professor at Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro, in the Philippines, and Fulbright Visiting Professor at National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan.

Bryant also served as President of the Mid-South Sociological Association in 1982. In 1991, he was the recipient of that organization’s Distinguished Career Award. In 2001 the MSSA presented him with their Distinguished Book Award for his Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior, and in 2004, they presented him with the Distinguished Book Award for his two-volume Handbook of Death and Dying. In addition to his three multi-volume reference works, he has also authored or edited another eleven single-volume books, and has more than 65 journal articles and book chapters. He is currently Co-Editing (with Dennis Peck) a new, multi-volume, reference work, The Encyclopedia of Death and the Human Experience.

Patricia Yancey Martin to be Inducted into the SSS Roll of Honor

(Submitted by Irene Padavic)

Patricia Yancey Martin (“Patsy” to those who have known her for years), Emerita Daisy Parker Flory Professor of Sociology at Florida State University, will be inducted into the Roll of Honor at the annual meeting this Spring. In the words of former SSS President Larry Isaac, “Professor Martin has a gift, and she is a gift. The discipline, the Society, colleagues, students, and women in the world have been greatly enriched by her spirit and important intellectual work.” According to Woody Beck, SSS Distinguished Lecturer Awardee, “For nearly four
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decades she has been the quintessential scholar, teacher, and professional colleague whose record of accomplishments is almost unparalleled.”

After receiving her Ph.D. in Sociology from FSU, Dr. Martin rose from Assistant to Full Professor in the School of Social Work and moved to Sociology in 1987, where she was awarded a named chair in 1989. She has remained at FSU for her career and has made numerous contributions to the University (including having served on politically contentious committees, such as the Named Chairs and the Athletics Committee) and to the Sociology Department (including a 5-year stint as Graduate Director and a 3-year term as Chair). In all these roles she has advocated tirelessly for equity for all members of the university community.

Dr. Martin’s research accomplishments and the high regard in which they are held are impossible to exaggerate. She has been a trailblazer in every area of gender studies she has engaged in, from the contemporary woman’s movement, gendered violence, and qualitative methods to her three books and nearly 100 articles and chapters about gender and organizations. Her research on gender in organizations has, quite simply, helped create the field. The now classic *Gender & Society* paper co-authored with a graduate student, Robert Hummer, “Fraternities and Rape on Campus” (1989) offers a clear example of the theme that her work has built upon. This landmark paper—reprinted in 15 anthologies—reveals how the organization and group dynamics of men’s social fraternities explain “why nice boys might rape.” Debates on gender versus biological sex are ongoing, and Dr. Martin’s goal has been to show how gender is dynamic—something people actively “do” in interactions at home, at work, and in other arenas such as churches, voluntary organizations, bars, and football games. Failure to understand the fluidity and plasticity of gender as a cultural resource, she argues, fosters misunderstanding of its most persistent and potent effects.

A dedicated SSS member, Pat has rarely missed a meeting and has served in nearly every elected and appointed office. The committees on which she has served include: Publications, Constitutional Revision, Honors, Budget, and Executive. She was elected Vice-President and then President (2001-2002) and was awarded the Katherine Jocher-Belle Boone Beard Award for scholarship on gender (1999). She co-wrote a chapter on gender and race in the South (with Kenneth Wilson and Caroline Dillman) for the 1991 volume, *The South Moves into the Future* (edited by Joseph Himes), that was published to celebrate the Society’s first 50 years.

In 1976 at the Miami SSS meeting, she and others founded Sociologists for Women in Society-South, an organization that has helped women gain the places they richly deserve within and beyond the SSS. The group has thrived and recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Dr. Mar-

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tin is proud of the contributions women have made to the SSS, and she is proud of the SSS for providing a venue for these talented sociologists to make intellectual, scholarly, and professional leadership contributions.

Dr. Martin’s scholarship, particularly her research on gender in organizations, has been recognized nationally and internationally and has led to multiple speaking and teaching engagements. She received the American Sociological Association’s Jessie Bernard Award in 2007, and her 2005 book, *Rape Work: Victims, Gender & Emotions in Organization and Community Context* (Routledge) was a finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Her research has led to invitations that have sent her around the country and the world. Her time at Florida State was interspersed with visiting appointments at the University of Tennessee, Ohio State University, the University of Delaware, Plymouth University and Bradford University in England, and the University of Trento in Italy. More recently, she was the Marie Jahoda Visiting Professor of Gender and Feminism at Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, in Fall 2007 and a Fulbright Visiting Professor of Management at Gothenburg University in Sweden in Spring of 2008. While in Europe on this recent trip, she lectured at universities all across Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Finland. In Fall 2008, she is a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she will teach a graduate seminar on gender and organizations.

Martin was named the 2001 Distinguished Feminist Lecturer by Sociologists for Women in Society and given the group’s 2006 Feminist Activism Award, honors that sent her to campuses around the nation to lecture on her research and meet students and faculty. For the Feminist Lecturer award, she visited five campuses—the University of Mississippi, College of Charleston, University of South Alabama, Alma College, and the College of William and Mary. For the 2006 Feminist Activism Award, she lectured and met with students to discuss social justice around violence against women and other issues at Wake Forest University and St. Louis University. Patricia Martin has certainly seen more of the world than she imagined as a child growing up in Langdale, Alabama!
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Dr. Martin also has made her mark on the profession through her contributions to editorial boards, particularly as a founding member of Gender & Society, where she assisted the first editor, Judith Lorber, in developing and implementing policies, procedures, and editorial principles. Now in its 22nd year, the journal is among the most widely-cited journals on gender globally, and Dr. Martin is rightly proud to have helped craft the journal's founding commitment to publish feminist-inspired scholarship and to have provided first-rate editorial assistance to new gender scholars. She maintains the tradition of helping scholars in her current role as Editor for North America for submissions to the British journal, Gender, Work and Organization.

Through her research, Martin has sought to make gendering dynamics visible and thus alterable. In workplaces, undoing gendered practices means that workers can be assigned to jobs, evaluated, and rewarded based on their potential and contributions rather than on stereotypical beliefs and biases. Her 2003 paper on “gender as practice” received the Distinguished Article Award from the Sex and Gender Section of the ASA.

Despite the evidence of her vita, Pat doesn’t spend every waking minute at her computer monitor. For fun, she enjoys travel, “hiking” (which, she notes, is closer to ambling), and reading mystery novels, especially those by Elizabeth George, Minette Walters, Donna Leon, Michelle Spring, Nicci French, and Julie Smith. She loves visiting cities with world class operas, orchestras, and art museums and is always looking for new country-sides and mountain areas with interesting terrain and stunning vistas.

Over her career, Pat has directed 21 Ph.D. dissertations, including two students who defended in August 2008. She recently served on the NSF Sociology Dissertation Panel and is currently on the Publications Committee of the ASA. Although formally retired, Pat remains active in research, teaching, and professional service and continues to pursue city-based and wilderness adventures. She is deeply grateful to the Southern Sociological Society for naming her to its Roll of Honor.
SSS Membership Data

Membership numbers as of 8-12-08 for 2008-2009 membership year:
Regular Members: 208
Student Members: 65
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Total: 399

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Denise L. Bissler, Chair  
Committee on Small and Community Colleges

The committee on sociology in small and community colleges is excited to be making plans for SSS in New Orleans. We would like to thank the outgoing chair of the committee, Carrie Cokely, for her excellent contributions to “The Teaching Corner.”

We have several objectives for this year and would love to hear your feedback or suggestions for any of these objectives or for objectives for the future. First, let me introduce the committee members:

Chair: Denise Bissler, Randolph Macon College, dbissler@rmc.edu  
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Please feel free to contact any of these individuals with your ideas or suggestions for our committee.

Information Needed for The Teaching Corner

This committee is responsible for creating “The Teaching Corner.” “The Teaching Corner” is now well-known for featuring innovative techniques and exercises that enhance student learning. This information comes from you! Please send your ideas, classroom exercises, videos, out-of-class assignments, service learning techniques, or any other material that you have found to be effective in improving students’ understanding of course material. Please include in your submission some brief biographical information, title of exercise or technique, what courses the technique could be used for, and a brief description of the exercise or technique. Please send

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this information to Denise Bissler, Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges, Department of Sociology, Randolph-Macon College (mail to: dbissler@rmc.edu).

We would also like to include in “The Teaching Corner,” a faculty spotlight and an undergraduate student spotlight in order to highlight the achievements of some of our SSS members from small and community colleges. If you know of a faculty member or undergraduate student who deserves recognition for outstanding teaching, research or activism, please send a short commentary and pictures to Denise Bissler (mail to: dbissler@rmc.edu).

Lastly, please let us know of any websites that you have found particularly helpful in your

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Websites for Teaching about Sociological Issues

Southern Poverty Law Center http://www.splcenter.org/

This center was established in 1971 and has been a strong supporter of the civil rights movements. The website has information on teaching tolerance. In addition, it is a great site for information about hate crimes and supremacist movements.

Sociologists for Women in Society http://www.socwomen.org/

This society was established to help improve the position of women in society. The website has wonderful resources for teaching including “fact sheets” on issues such as family and work, immigration, and same-sex marriage.

Public Agenda for Educators http://www.publicagenda.com/

This website contains a wealth of information on current issues such as “no child left behind reform” and statistics on welfare. The site is a great source on topics including education, family, technology, and crime.

*If you know of other websites that might be of interest to our members, please send them along with a brief description to: Denise Bissler (dbissler@rmc.edu).
teaching. Please send the link with a brief description of the website and how you have used it to: Denise Bissler (mailto: dbissler@rmc.edu).

Information Needed for the 2009 Meetings

The committee is also working on several other initiatives for the 2009 meetings. We are hoping to spread the word about SSS to more small and community colleges. We would like to see more participation among faculty members from these colleges as these folks are typically a great resource for ideas on improving teaching, research, and activism. In addition, we would like to share how wonderful SSS is and how our conference is usually very informative and helpful as well as scholarly. Thus, we are currently seeking ideas on how to increase participation in SSS among faculty at small and community colleges. Please contact Denise Bissler (mailto: dbissler@rmc.edu) or another committee member with any suggestions or comments for increasing participation.

Traditionally, this committee has also organized a dinner out for faculty and students who teach at small and community colleges. The dinner offers the opportunity for individuals at these institutions to gather in a casual setting to discuss issues of importance at these institutions, to network, or to simply socialize. Please let me know (mailto: dbissler@rmc.edu) if you are interested in attending the dinner. More information will follow on a date and time.

Lastly, the committee on sociology in small and community colleges will be sponsoring several sessions at the 2009 meetings. Two sessions should be listed already and you should be able to add your paper to them: “The Pros and Cons of Online vs. Brick-n-Mortar Teaching in Sociology” and “Active and Community Based Learning in Small and Community Colleges.” We would like to hear from you about what topics you would like these sessions to cover. Please send your ideas or comments to: Denise Bissler (mailto: dbissler@rmc.edu).

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

Racism in Post-Race America: New Theories, New Directions

Social Forces, an international journal of social research for the past 85 years, proudly launches a new publishing venture with this book. Racism in Post-Race America: New Theories, New Directions, is a collection of 22 peer-reviewed articles from leading researchers in the field of sociology, providing contemporary thought and analyses as well as direction for future research and graduate study in sociology, political science, and ethnicity studies.

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Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is pleased to offer the Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008, which represents an effort by our professional association to nourish a more "public sociology" that will be easily accessible and useful to policy makers. It is also a way to give something back to the people and institutions that support our scholarly endeavors. We hope that you find it helpful in your challenging work of crafting successful solutions to contemporary social problems. In all, it contains 11 pieces by SSSP members, covering a variety of social problems in three sections: global issues, Americans at risk, and health and welfare. This book is an effort on the part of scholars at the Society for the Study of Social Problems to disseminate the findings in social problems research as freely and as widely as possible. The web page for the project is located at http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323. On that page, you can download the full version, and you can link directly to the one-page briefs and individual chapters. The chapters are available for free download, and may be suitable as cost-effective supplementary readings in many social problems-related courses.
The Social Context View of Sociology

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Every student taking Introduction to Sociology is a member of a population (male, female, black, white), exists within a collectivity (sociology class, concert member, crowd), belongs to a social class (upper, middle, lower), interacts in a group (peer group, work group), comes from a family (two parent family, single parent family, blended family) lives in a community (small town, urban center, hometown), goes to an association (university, hospital, military), communicates through a network (MySpace, political networks), and lives out her/his life in a society (America, Iraq, Sweden).

By examining each of these levels of social organization, the social world suddenly becomes alive, real, and understandable. "I get it" is a common reaction to this approach. The Social Context View of Sociology (Carolina Academic Press, 2009 http://www.cap-press.com/books/1836) provides a solid foundation upon which new students can fully understand the discipline of sociology. The approach is different from other introductions to sociology in that it helps students order their knowledge in a unified manner by examining nine levels of social organization and provides an immediate insight into the relevance to their lives.

The Past, Present, and Future of the Journal of World-Systems Research

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At its January 2008 meeting, the American Sociological Association Council approved a recommendation from the Committee on Publications for formal sponsorship of the Journal of World Systems Research (JWSR) by the ASA Section on Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS). JWSR is the second official section journal approved by the ASA. It is a freely available open-access, online journal, with support from the PEWS section. Beginning in

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2009, all articles published by JWSR will be copyrighted by ASA. The journal brings together theoretical and empirical treatments from sociological and interdisciplinary perspectives that are relevant to a globalizing world. JWSR publishes rigorous peer-reviewed articles that address timely issues, including the causes and consequences of globalization, war and militarization, the environment, and longstanding concerns such as inequality and development in their many manifestations.

JWSR was founded by Christopher Chase-Dunn at Johns Hopkins University in 1995 (currently at University of California Riverside). Walter Goldfrank (University of California Santa Cruz) joined Chase-Dunn as co-editor in early 2000. During its existence, JWSR has been published under the sponsorship of Johns Hopkins University; Center for Global, International and Regional Studies at University of California Santa Cruz; the Institute for Research on World-Systems at University of California Riverside; and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University. For many years, Eric Titolo provided invaluable expertise and assistance with production as well as design and maintenance of the journal’s webpage. Salvatore Babones and Susan Manning also provided extensive editorial and production assistance in the journal’s earlier years.

In late 2007, we were chosen by a selection committee comprised of PEWS members to become the new co-editors of JWSR for a period of five years. Both of us have already served the journal in various ways and we are honored to serve the journal, its authors, and its growing readership in this new capacity. We have a dedicated group of PhD students at NCSU who serve as managing editors as well as assistant editors. Tom Hall of DePauw University serves as the new book review editor, and Gregory Fulkerson (State University of New York Oneonta) is the journal’s new technical editor. The editorial board and associate editors play pivotal roles for JWSR. As a body, they reflect the intellectual, methodological, geographical, and cultural diversity of our discipline.

The overall composition of the editorial body reflects our hopeful trajectory for JWSR. For instance, with respect to scholarly manuscripts, we especially invite submissions that advance theory and methodology. Contributions from a range of orientations are encouraged, with the journal’s emphasis placed on the accumulation of knowledge through academic contest across multiple perspectives. We are committed to the journal’s longstanding pluralistic stance on methodology and theory, and we are firmly dedicated to increasing the journal’s visibility and accessibility in the discipline of sociology as a whole. Manuscript preparation and submission guidelines are available at: http://jwsr.ucr.edu/submissions.php.

Over the course of our editorship we anticipate regular issues consisting of peer-reviewed articles and book reviews as well as multiple thematic special issues (with guest editors). Indeed, past special issues of the journal on topics including global inequality, global social change and the environment, and transnational social movements were, and continue to be, highly success-
ful. The next special issue of *JWSR* (guest edited by Jeffreya Kentor of the University of Utah and Timothy Moran of State University of New York Stony Brook), which will be published in 2009, will focus on existing and emerging methodologies for conducting macro-comparative research. Other special issue themes under consideration deal with transnational networks, global civil society organizations, and the role of Southeast Asia in the world-economy.

While the new editorial office for *JWSR* is located at North Carolina State University, the journal is currently housed on a server at the University of California Riverside. However, with the assistance of ASA’s technical support staff, by the end of 2009 we will transfer the journal to the association’s server, which has many long-term advantages for *JWSR*’s current and future readership, authors, and editorial teams. Our technical editor, with the suggestions and feedback of the editorial board and associate editors, is also redesigning the journal’s webpage. Our intention is to design a journal webpage that is accessible, navigable, and aesthetically pleasing.

If you are unfamiliar with *JWSR*, we encourage you to spend some time looking at the journal’s webpage (http://jwsr.ucr.edu/index.php) and read some of the many sociologically relevant articles within the issues going back to its inception in 1995. We invite sociologists and social scientists from related disciplines to submit work to the journal, and we are always looking for new manuscript reviewers. Any journal-related inquiry should be sent to JournalOfWorldSystemsResearch@ncsu.edu.

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Upgrades to SSS Website

Over the summer, the Southern Sociological Society has made several changes to its website, http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org. These changes include a new visual look, a more functional layout, and the addition of new features.

One new feature is the SSS Job Link. Here, departments and other institutions can post positions of interest to sociologists, and those who are on the market can find (and download) them easily. Another new feature is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) link, which will (hopefully) answer many questions you may have about membership, annual meetings, and our journal. Two more features (an online form to update your personal information and a searchable membership page) will make maintaining SSS membership easier.

Our website now functions in all common Internet browsers, and is CSS 2.1 and XHTML 1.0 Strict validated by the W3C. It is our hope that the website will be easier to use and more informative. If you have any problems or suggestions please email the SSS Webmaster, James Maples, at webmaster@southernsociologicalsociety.org.
Member News

Former SSS President **Shirley Laska**, University of New Orleans, and long-time SSS member **Steven Picou**, University of South Alabama both received awards at the recent meeting of the American Sociological in Boston. Dr. Laska received the ASA Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Sociology. The ASA Section on Sociological Practice presented Dr. Picou with the William Foot Whyte Distinguished Career Award.

Opportunities

**Harriet B. Presser Award**

Nominations are invited for the newly-created **Harriet B. Presser Award**. It will first be presented at the 2009 PAA meeting and then biennially thereafter. The Award will honor a record of sustained contributions in gender and demography.

Nominations for the 2009 award should include a concise summary of the nominee’s contributions and accomplishments (one page) as well as a CV. Nominations should be submitted by e-mail (with “Presser Nomination” in the subject line) no later than November 1, 2008 to: Paula England, Chair (pengland@stanford.edu). Other committee members are: Nancy Folbre (folbre@econs.umass.edu); Michelle Hindin (mhindin@jhsp.h.edu); Jennifer Johnson-Hanks (johnsonhanks@demog.berkeley.edu); Pamela Smock (pjsmock@isr.umich.edu); and Duncan Thomas (d.thomas@duke.edu).
The Florida State University Department of Sociology will celebrate the 90th anniversary of its founding in 1918. On October 3, Vincent Roscigno, Professor of Sociology at Ohio State University and Editor, American Sociological Review, will deliver the keynote address: "Play, Problems, and Promise in the Sociological Sandbox." That evening will feature a southern barbeque and get-together of friends and alumni as well as current and former faculty and students.

Faculty News--

Doug Schrock was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure in Fall 2008.

Annette Schwabe was promoted to the rank of Associate in Sociology, effective Fall 2008.

Miles Taylor, Ph. D. from Duke, joined the department in Fall 2008. Taylor’s specialties are aging, demography, and advanced quantitative methods.

Irene Padavic became Chair of the Department and John Reynolds became Director of Graduate Studies in 2007. Reynolds is on sabbatical leave in Fall 2008 during which time Jill Quadagno will serve as Interim Director of Graduate Studies.

Isaac Eberstein was appointed Director of the Center for Demography and Population Health in 2007.

Irene Padavic was elected to the Committee on Committees of the American Sociological Association, and Patricia Yancey Martin was elected to the ASA Publications Committee.
Jill Quadagno was named Associate Editor of *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, and Donald Lloyd was appointed to the Editorial Board of the same journal.

James D. Orcutt and Patricia Martin retired from the FSU Sociology Department faculty in December 2007, sharing between them 73 years of service to Florida State. The Department gave them a big send-off party in January 2008 and Jim is already teaching again. Both plan to remain active in the field.

Irene Padavic, James D. Orcutt, and Jill Quadagno were appointed to the Editorial Board of *Social Problems* for three-year terms.

The Center for Demography and Population Health celebrated its 40th anniversary in spring of 2008. Jason Boardman (University of Colorado) gave the annual Charles B. Nam Lecture to celebrate the event. Over 100 current or former students and faculty associated with the Center attended an evening banquet.

The November 16th *Chronicle of Higher Education* published results of a Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index in which FSU Sociology's 9-faculty member Health and Aging program ranks sixth in the nation when compared to other departments of sociology.

Karin Brewster received the Department’s 2008 Michael Armer Best Teacher Award.

John Reynolds was named by the Sociology Graduate Student Union as “Most Supportive” of our Graduate Program, 2008.

Verna Keith was awarded the Sociology Graduate Student Union’s 2008 Mentoring Award for helping graduate students advance in their program of studies.
Graduate student Ben Kail received the 2008 Sociology Department’s Klar-Allen Best Research Paper Award.

Graduate student Jessi Bishop received the 2008 Sociology Department’s Best Teaching Assistant Award.

Undergraduate student Rosanna Earl received the 2008 Sociology Department's Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award, and Elizabeth Votra received Honorable Mention.

Patricia Yancey Martin gave talks based on her research at the following universities in Fall 2007 or Spring 2008: Ruhr University (Bochum, Germany), Raboud University (Nijmegen, The Netherlands), Liebnitz University (Hannover, Germany), School of Applied Sciences (Darmstadt, Germany), University of Kassel (Germany), Uppsala University (Sweden), Tampere University (Finland), Gothenburg University (Sweden), Lund University (Sweden), Royal Technical University (Stockholm, Sweden), Wake Forest University, Belmont University (Nashville) Vanderbilt University, and Hendrix College (Conway, Arkansas).

Honors or Awards:

Jill Quadagno (Pepper Eminent Scholar, Florida State University) has been awarded the prestigious Leo G. Reeder Award by the American Sociological Association's Medical Sociology Section in recognition of her distinguished contribution to medical sociology. She will receive the award next summer at the section's 50th Celebration event. The award recognizes scholarly contributions, especially a body of work displaying an extended trajectory of productivity and encompassing theory and research. The Reeder Award also acknowledges teaching, mentoring, and training as well as service to the medical sociology community broadly defined.

Patricia Yancey Martin received the Jessie Bernard Award from the American Sociological Association in 2007. The Award is given annually to a sociologist for scholarly work over a career that has enlarged the horizons of sociology to encompass fully the role of women in society. This is one of the most distinguished awards the ASA confers. Dr. Martin's work in the area of gender extends over two key issues of feminist analysis: The dynamics of employment discrimination and violence against women. She has done ground-breaking work and formulated leading ideas in both areas. Martin served as Marie Jahoda Distinguished Visiting Professor of Feminist Studies at Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, in the Fall of 2007. She taught a graduate seminar in Feminism, Gender, and Organizations to sociology and other social science students. Finally, she received a Fulbright Fellowship from the U. S. Department of State, United States Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), to Gothenburg University (Sweden) in 2007-2008. While in residence, Martin taught graduate seminars on Gender and Organizations and Qualitative Methods to students in sociology, management, gender studies, and public administration.
Job Opportunity

Johns Hopkins University
Faculty Position in Educational Research

The School of Education invites applications for an entry level ranked faculty position in the Department of Teacher Development and Leadership to work on an interdisciplinary doctoral training grant program in educational research funded by the Institute for Education Sciences. This project will prepare a new generation of educational researchers through doctoral programs in Education, Sociology, and Public Health. The successful candidate will be assigned 50% to this innovative doctoral preparation program and 50% to other doctoral program activities in the School of Education. Primary responsibilities include teaching and advising students, developing program content, and maintaining a program of original research.

Competitive candidates must have a doctoral degree in Education, Sociology, Public Health or a related field. Applicants must have demonstrated experience in teaching specializations that include some combination of advanced quantitative methods, program evaluation, measurement theory/methods, and a relevant research background to enhance the breadth of the training program through content expertise. Additional responsibilities will include advising and mentoring trainees, supervising trainee research placements, and curriculum development. Successful applicants will be required to develop and sustain an independent line of research suitable to the training program mission to improve school and student outcomes, K – 12.

Salary is competitive, with excellent benefits. Review of applications will begin on November 30, 2008, with an anticipated starting date of July 1, 2009. Applicants should submit a letter of application, Curriculum Vitae and the names/contact information of three references to:

Chair, Teacher Development and Leadership Search Committee
c/o Connie Kinsley
Johns Hopkins University
School of Education Building
2800 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

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Demographic Transitions

Brent K. Marshall (1965-2008) Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Central Florida (UCF), passed away in the early evening of Sunday, April 27, 2008, from complications resulting from a motorcycle accident in the early morning of Friday, April 18, 2008. He was well attended by his family, friends, and colleagues throughout his hospitalization.

Brent grew up in the small city of Blaine, near Bellingham, Washington. He graduated from Blaine High School where he developed his love for good friends and basketball. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Washington and his master’s degree in Political Science at the University of New Orleans. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Tennessee and moved to Orlando, Florida, in 2000 to continue his research and teaching at UCF. Brent dedicated countless hours to progressing the study of environmental sociology and sociological issues associated with disasters and natural resources. Outside his office, he enjoyed fishing, riding his motorcycle, playing with his dogs (Vonnegut and Bronte), and spending time with his friends and family.

Brent’s teaching at the University of Central Florida spanned the spectrum from large enrollment introductory courses to upper-level and graduate courses in his specialty areas of environmental sociology and stratification. He had recently assumed the responsibility for an environmental sciences course offered through Interdisciplinary Studies. Students always found him to be accessible and helpful, and it was contacts with Brent that led numerous undergraduates to pursue advanced degrees and employment in environmentally-related fields. In addition to his work with students, Brent was a major architect of the department’s development of a Ph.D. in Sociology degree program that was initiated in Fall 2004 with environmental sociology as one of the four substantive concentrations.

Beyond service work in the department, Brent spent a good deal of time networking with faculty with similar interests from other departments and colleges at the University. He had active collaborations with individuals from Biology, Political Science, Economics, Chemistry, and Engineering. At the time of his death, he was working to develop a collaborative graduate curriculum with a focus on disasters that would involve Public Administration and Sociology. The same enthusiasm and commitment to networking marked his efforts in the Orlando community where he assumed the role of an applied sociologist. He served on the Boards of Directors for various community organizations during his eight years at UCF and worked with the University’s Metropolitan Center on projects dealing with environmental issues. He was a member of the Focus the Nation Team at UCF that forged partnerships with the City of Orlando, Orange County Government, the Orlando Utilities Commission, and a wide range of private businesses and public interest organizations. Contacts made through Focus the Nation recently opened the
doors for UCF students to complete internships on “green” projects with different agencies of local government.

Brent was a young rising sociologist who, since 2002, published eleven journal articles and two book chapters in the areas of environmental risk, disaster impacts and environmental justice. His publications appeared in outstanding journals, such as Social Science Research, Social Forces, Environment and Behavior, Law and Policy, Organization and Environment, and Sociological Inquiry. Brent was also a co-principle investigator on a number of grants awarded over the last five years. These awards totaled over a million dollars and included research on hurricane Katrina, environmental issues, resource management and contaminated communities. These projects were funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, EPA, and Heart of Florida United Way. Brent had developed a focused research agenda for the future and as a member of the American Sociological Association Gulf Coast Research Group, he was excited about and committed to a five year study of community recovery from Hurricane Katrina along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in the New Orleans area. Although many of his publications included rigorous and innovative data analysis techniques, e.g., GIS techniques, structural equation models, etc., most recently he had expanded his research interests to broader theoretical concerns that insightfully addressed the relationship of science, risk and environmental catastrophes in the twenty-first century—(See Sociological Inquiry, Vol. 78, 2008). His untimely death took away what was sure to be a future of major academic contributions to environmental sociology, disaster research, and research on the changing nature of risk in late modernity.

Brent’s efforts to promote sociology and environmental issues were tireless, but he was hardly a “workaholic.” He didn’t pass up very many opportunities to have a good time and passed many hours exploring the outdoors of Florida. The love of fishing that dated from his youth in Washington continued during his academic career at UCF, although he once commented that sharing the water with alligators added a new dimension to sport fishing.

Donations may be made to the Brent K. Marshall Memorial Scholarship Fund through the UCF Credit Union, 12253 Challenger Parkway, Orlando, FL 32826. This fund has been set up by the family to continue Brent’s dedication to the educational and learning experience of graduate students in the field of environmental sociology. Words cannot adequately express how much he will be missed by family, friends, colleagues, students and those who were able to share what limited time he had.

Jay Corzine, University of Central Florida
J. Steven Picou, University of South Alabama
THE SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/

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 and online access to The Southern Sociologist and to a membership directory. 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 gender. For statistical purposes, we also ask you to include your race and/or ethnic group and three areas of specialty.

The membership year is July 1 through June 30. Membership classes, annual charges and dues are:
- Regular ...............................................................60.00
- Emeritus
  - with Social Forces ...........................................30.00
  - without Social Forces .....................................no cost
- Associate (non-voting) .....................................58.00
- Student ...............................................................25.00

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To bring you the news, I need your news! Please send any news of your department and/or colleagues for possible publication in TSS. Articles pertaining to the state of the profession or the discipline are also welcome. To appear in the next issue, submissions must be received by the deadline below.

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.

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The editor reserves the right to publish or not to publish any submission. Also, there may be times when submissions need to be edited. This will be done where appropriate, but in no case will the substance of any submission be changed without the prior consent of the author.

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