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President's Corner-Anne Marenco, College of the Canyons

I am looking forward to the November conference in Sacramento (near Old Town <http://oldsacramento.com/>). William Robinson of UCSB will be the keynote speaker. The theme this year is "Social Realities, Social Change: The Importance of Global Context" and I know that David Smith, the President-Elect, has planned a program filled with interesting presentations.

I have been involved with the OER (Open Educational Resources) movement. I attended the Open Ed Global conference in Banff this spring (<http://conference.oeconsortium.org/2015/>) and returned energized to start a small study on the efficacy of an OER textbook in an online class. I hope you will come to my session to find out my results. Open Educational Resources are those learning materials that are freely available to anyone. They can be textbooks, videos, workbooks, and anything else. Perhaps you have used something that you created for your students, handouts or worksheets. If so, you have used OER materials. Some of you may have created entire textbooks that you have posted in your course management system (Blackboard, Canvas, Moodle, etc.) for your students' use. You can also share your materials with others, thus enriching the wealth of OER materials available to students all over the world. If you are interested in learning about OER check out some of these websites <https://www.oercommons.org/>, <https://openeducationalresources.pbworks.com/w/page/24836860/What%20are%20Open%20Educational%20Resources>, <http://oerconsortium.org/>.

See you all in November. *Anne Marenco*, President

Call for Papers for 2015 Conference-President-Elect and Program Chair-David Smith, UC Irvine

The theme this year is "Social Realities, Social Change: The Importance of Global Context." So I hope that many of you will attend this event, participate in sessions, and join us for the Friday night buffet, student awards and the keynote address by William Robinson of UCSB.

We have many interesting sessions planned, but we have room for a few more sessions so if you have been procrastinating but would still like to organize a session please contact me immediately (dasmith@uci.edu). **If you have a paper that fits one of the sessions listed inside this newsletter please submit your abstract directly to the organizer of the session.** Otherwise, send it to me and I'll try to find a home for it.

Volunteers Needed

If you live in northern California, this is a good year to help with the CSA conference. A local arrangements committee will be needed to take care of responsibilities such as local planning, programs, registration and name tags, and audiovisual needs in the meeting rooms. If you can help, contact Elvia Ramirez (eramirez@csus.edu).

**California Sociological Association 2015 Annual Meeting
November 13th and 14th
Holiday Inn-Capitol Plaza, Sacramento
"Social Realities, Social Change:
The Importance of Global Context"**

Send proposals for sessions, panels, workshops, and abstracts of papers to David Smith, dasmith@uci.edu

Amendments to the CSA Constitution and By-Laws Reflect our Current Practices:

At the business meeting last fall we voted to change the CSA Constitution and By-Laws to the way we have been doing things lately. An amendment to the CSA Constitution increased the Council so we have two council representatives for community colleges—north and south. There are so many community colleges, we needed more than one person to represent them and to communicate with them. This was an amendment to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution. (Constitutional Amendments require a vote of the membership, which passed by an e-ballot.)

In addition, the By-Laws were amended to reflect the way we have been doing elections. (The amendment was to Article V, Section 2 and Article V, Section 3, as well as appropriate renumbering.) It deleted the double-envelope procedure for voting by mail because we use survey monkey online now, and it sets elections at least two weeks, rather than one month, before the annual meeting. (Amendments to the CSA Bylaws are done by a vote of the Council and the Past Presidents.)

New Book by CSA Members

An Introduction to Survey Research by Ernest Cowles (CSU, Sacramento) and Ed Nelson (CSU, Fresno) was recently published by Business Expert Press. It's an introduction to survey research for those who want an overview of the survey process and is intended to describe fundamental survey components to help readers understand and use surveys effectively and avoid the pitfalls stemming from bad survey construction and inappropriate methods. There will be a copy of it at the registration table in Sacramento for our annual conference on November 13 & 14. There will also be a session on new directions in survey research at the conference.

Do You Have a New Publication? Bring a copy to the conference and we'll have a display of publications.

Member News and Notes

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Call for Papers for 2015 Conference: "Social Realities, Social Change: The Importance of Global Context."

Here is the list of sessions planned. (We have room for a few more, so if you would like to organize a session please contact David Smith immediately (dasmith@uci.edu). **If you have a paper that fits one of the sessions listed below please submit your abstract directly to the organizer of the session. Otherwise, send it to Dave and he'll try to find a home for it.**

Session 1: "Restructuring California Tax Policy in Times of Growing Concern about Economic Inequality: Challenges and Opportunities," Organizer and Presider: Carl Stempel, California State University-East Bay, carl.stempel@csueastbay.edu

Session 2: "Race and Ethnicity Issues and Concerns," Organizer and Presider: J. Vern Cormartie, Contra Costa College, j_vern_cormartie@yahoo.com (Saturday, 11:00 to 12:45)

Session 3: "Pedagogical Techniques and Teaching Practices," Organizer and Presider: Christina Mendoza, Chabot College, cmendoza@chabotcollege.edu

Session 4: "Current Issues in Latino/a Research," Organizer and Presider: Alicia Gonzales, California State University-San Marcos, amgonzal@csusm.edu

Session 5: "Making Sociology Matter" (Graduate Student Session), Organizer and Presider: Alicia Gonzales, California State University-San Marcos, amgonzal@csusm.edu

Session 6: "Race Matters" (Graduate Student Session) Organizer and Presider: Alicia Gonzales, California State University-San Marcos, amgonzal@csusm.edu

Session 7: "Undergraduate Research: CSUSM," Organizer and Presider: Alicia Gonzales, California State University-San Marcos, amgonzal@csusm.edu

Session 8: "Wage Theft: Sociological Research," Organizer and Presider: April Brenner, San Diego State University, april.j.brenner@gmail.com

Session 9: "Subcultures in American Society: Continuity and Change," Organizer and Presider: Dan McMillin, California State University-Bakersfield, dmcmillin@csub.edu

Session 10: : "Global Social Change 1," Organizer and Presider: Chris Chase-Dunn, University of California-Riverside, chriscd@mail.ucr.edu

Session 11: : "Global Social Change 2," Organizer and Presider: Chris Chase-Dunn, University of California-Riverside, chriscd@mail.ucr.edu

Session 12: "Globalization in the 21st Century," Organizer and Presider: Alexis Alvarez, UC Riverside, alexisalvarez@earthlink.net

Session 13: "Social Movements," Organizer and Presider: Timothy Kubal, Fresno State, tkubal@csufresno.edu

Session 14: "Student Research: College of the Canyons," Organizer and Presider: Robert Wonser, College of the Canyons, Robert.Wonser@canyons.edu

Session 15: "Undergraduate Research: Sonoma State," Organizer and Presider: Cindy Stearns, Sonoma State University, stearns@sonoma.edu

Session 16: "Undergraduate Research: East Los Angeles College," Organizer and Presider: Eileen Ie, East Los Angeles College, IEEF@elac.edu

Session 17: "Cultivating Organic and Sustainable Farming in the Salinas 'Salad Bowl': Insights from a Community Based Learning Project," Organizer and Presider: Hortencia Jimenez, Hartnell College, hjimenez@hartnell.edu (fully scheduled):

Session 18: "CSA, PSA and Regional Associations in Sociology," Organizer and Presider: David A. Smith, University of California-Irvine, dasmith@uci.edu

Session 19: "Open Educational Resources," Organizer and Presider: Anne Marengo, College of the Canyons, Anne.Marengo@canyons.edu

Session 20: "Undergraduate Research: CSU Sacramento," Organizer and Presider: John Kincaid, CSU Sacramento, jdkincaid@ucdavis.edu

Session 21: "Labor and the Global Economy," Organizer and Presider: Elizabeth Sowers, CSU Channel Islands, elizabeth.sowers@csuci.edu

Session 22: "Politics, Power, and Participation in Urban Space," Organizer and Presider: Sukari Ivester, CSU East Bay, sukari.iverster@csueastbay.edu

Session 23: "Sociology of Education," Organizer and Presider: Patricia Jennings, CSU East Bay, pat.jennings@csueastbay.edu

Session 24: "New Directions in Survey Research" Organizer and Presider: Ernest Cowles, CSU Sacramento, ecowles@ranchomurieta.org

Note: The deadline for organizers to submit information for their sessions to David is October 17th (That is, the final title of the session with your name and affiliation as well as the names of all the presenters, their affiliations, and the titles of their presentations.)

Fall 2015 Job Opportunities

California State University, Channel Islands--Assistant Professor, Tenure Track:

Teach Environmental Sociology, Race/Ethnicity and Stratification. Candidates should demonstrate a strong record in, or evidence of promise in, teaching, research, and service. The Ph.D. in Sociology is required by time of appointment. Please direct all inquiries to the Program Chair, Dennis Downey (dennis.downey@csuci.edu). Applications can be submitted online at: <https://www.csucifacultyjobs.com>. Review of applications will begin on September 2, 2015.

University of California, Riverside—Three Visiting Assistant Professors:

Teach classes and advise graduate students in (1) Theory plus one of the department's other areas of specialization (2) Qualitative Methods and either racial or gender inequality; or (3) Social Psychology plus either Quantitative Methods or one other area of specialization. Candidates must have a Ph.D., demonstrate promise of high-quality research productivity and a commitment to teaching excellence. The appointment will begin in September 2015. The review of applications will begin July 15, 2015, and may continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a cover letter of interest, current CV, a research and teaching statement, three letters of recommendation and up to three writing samples through UCR's web-based recruitment portal: <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00340>.

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