

The President's Corner---Bob Palacio, CSU Fresno

“BAND OF BROTHERS” RECONNECTED

Two months ago a group of veterans and I attended the funeral service of a friend, whom we had known for over fifty years and who passed away suddenly at 68 years of age. Freddie was a Vietnam War veteran whose funeral services included a gun salute by an honor guard squad of ex-military servicemen. These are guys I have known from a young age, but it was Freddie's encouragement and persistence that brought us together.

The haunting sound of a bugle playing taps was not unfamiliar; in fact Freddie often participated as an honor guard and as member of the VFW at many military veteran services around the central San Joaquin Valley of California. But this time it was his funeral, and the sound of taps stirred many memories. I flashed back to our formative years as junior and high school students. As many Mexican American kids at that time, we were exposed to a range of experiences, and excluded from others. Together we participated in track and field and cross country; we took classes in wood shop and auto mechanics. Growing up in the central San Joaquin Valley, we enjoyed going to dances and cruising in our cars on Sunday afternoons at local parks.

Freddie, the other buddies and I are part of the Baby Boom generation of children born just after World War II who came of age during the war in Vietnam and the socio-political changes of the 1960s. This large demographic bulge reshaped society in many ways as it aged. Many members of this cohort came to reject the values of the earlier generation, and were influenced by the antiwar and civil rights movements and by pop fashions and rock & roll music. Sociologists tell us that belonging to the same generation or age group give individuals a common location in the social and historical process that circumscribe them to a specific range of experiences, and therefore create a characteristic mode of thought and behavior. To a large extent I believe this is true. However, not all members of this generation shared the same circumstances. That era did not define everyone in the same way.

After high school we went our separate ways. Unable to go to college and avoid the draft, most either joined the various US military branches or were called up by the draft board. For most, to serve in the military was a combination of patriotism and a “rite of passage” to manhood, particularly for working class guys. Some friends joined the military service right after high school hoping to gain vocational training in some field. It was with mixed emotions, a combination of dread and relief, that I read my draft notice. I was enrolled in the local community college, but not making much progress. Military service became an option for me.

At the end of their military tour, most of the combat veterans rotated back to the states as individuals and without the fanfare experienced by veterans of previous wars. They returned to civilian life quietly and re-entered society deeply divided by generation, race, gender and politics. The assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 dramatized this division. As the war escalated, Americans demanded an end to U.S. involvement. Debates raged everywhere, from families to the halls of Congress.

After my military service, I went back to the local community college where I was exposed to the protest against the war and where I participated in marches and demonstrated against it. As I went on to attain a BA and began post-graduate studies, I came to agree with those who combined their protest with a broader critique of American society. We believed that the nation was supporting an antidemocratic regime in the name of anti-Communism. Even though I did not experience combat, I identified with those returning servicemen who cast off the medals and ribbons they had won in battle. After watching this event on TV, I trashed my uniforms, medals and other artifacts as I silently joined the protest. Eventually, the antiwar movement won over a majority. (continued p. 5)

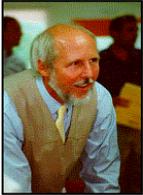
**California Sociological Association
2013 Annual Meeting
November 8th and 9th
Berkeley Marina
Send proposals for sessions, panels,
and workshops to Chris Chase-Dunn
(chriscd@ucr.edu)**

Call for Proposals for 2013 Conference

Christopher Chase-Dunn, President-Elect and Program Chair

The theme for the CSA in 2013 will be "Social Change: Local and Global." Some of the participants will address issues surrounding globalization and the ways in which California and the United States are involved in global processes. Local adaptations and innovations will also be considered in comparative and global contexts.

There is still room for more sessions and for individual papers in many of the sessions already planned. Please send your proposals for sessions, panels, and workshops to Chris Chase-Dunn (chriscd@ucr.edu) as soon as possible. (The Preliminary Program starts on p. 3.)



The keynote address will be delivered by Sociologist John W. Meyer, who is emeritus at Stanford University. Meyer is the progenitor and leading figure in the world society school of sociology. The title of his keynote address is "The Worldwide Cultural Reconstruction of Local Identities." Meyer's main contributions are contained in *World Society: The Writings of John W. Meyer* edited by Georg Krücken and Gili S. Drori, Oxford University Press 2010.

Executive Director's Column

by Ed Nelson, California State University, Fresno

It's hard to believe that we're completing another academic year. We had a very successful conference in Riverside last November. Thanks to Bob Palacio for putting together such a wonderful conference. We're all looking forward to our upcoming conference on November 8 and 9 at the DoubleTree Hotel in the Berkeley Marina. Christopher Chase-Dunn is our program chair and will assume the presidency at the conference. In this newsletter you'll find more information from Chris about the conference. If you would like to organize a session, please email Chris. If you want to submit a paper, please email the session organizer. Enclosed in this newsletter is the 2013-14 conference registration and dues form. It's not too early to fill it out and send it to me. You will be hearing more about the conference in future newsletters and emails. We're looking forward to seeing you in November.

Need for Help at the Fall Conference

The California Sociological Association is totally the work of volunteers. We always need help, but especially with the annual meetings. We need northern California people to help at the meeting. (Actually, it's usually a lot of fun.)

Since hotels charge so much to rent their audio-visual equipment, we usually bring our own. We need people to bring overhead projectors, lcd projectors, and screens for the five meeting rooms. If you can help, contact Aya (idaa@csus.edu).

Member News and Notes

Please send your news for a section on members, for example, publications, honors, promotions, updates on student-award winners, new jobs, ideas for teaching, retirements. Send to elizn@csufresno.edu.

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2013 Preliminary Program [as of June 12th]

We need more sessions. Few of these sessions are full. If you would like to submit a paper to one of these sessions, please contact the organizer directly. Suggestions for other sessions or individual papers that don't seem to fit in any of these sessions should go to Chris Chase-Dunn (chriscd@ucr.edu).

Session 1 "Current Issues in Latino/a Research"

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Session 2: "Making Sociology of Inequality Matter"

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Session 3: "Race Matters"

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Session 4: "Global Governance"

Organizer and presider: Alexis Alvarez, Sociology, University of California-Riverside alexisalvarez@earthlink.net

Presenters:

Renate Holub, UC-Berkeley -rholub@berkeley.edu, "On the Philosophical Foundations of Global Governance"

Session 5: "Social Science, Pedagogy and Activism"

Organizer and presider: Andrej Grubacic, Anthropology and Social Change, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco agrubacic@ciis.edu

Presenters:

Frank Perez, CSU-Fresno fcperez11@gmail.com, "Making Space for Transformative Teaching: Assessing Thoughts and Strategies for Promoting Student Centered Learning"

Session 6 "Class, Social Change, and Globalization in California"

Organizer and Presider: Anne Larsen alarsen1@mail.ccsf.edu

Yuji Mizoguchi Kyoto University (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

Young-jun Lee, Tomohide Atsumi, Takayuki Ii, Motohiko Nagata, and Taro Hirai, Hirosaki University and Team North Rias

Session 7: Student Research

Organizer and presider: Anne Marenco, Sociology, College of the Canyons Anne.Marenco@canyons.edu

Session 8: "Great East Japan Earthquake and Its Aftermaths: Sociological Reports on Post-Disaster Japan" (full)

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Young-jun Lee, Tomohide Atsumi, Takayuki Ii, Motohiko Nagata, and Taro Hirai Hirosaki University and Team North Rias

Session 9"Urban and Community Change"

Organizer and Presider: Basil Sherlock, California State University-East Bay basil.sherlock@gmail.com

Session 10 "Race and Ethnicity Issues and Concerns"

Organizer and Presider: J. Vern Cromartie, Sociology, Contra Costa College j_vern_cromartie@yahoo.com

Session 11: "Sociology of Sport"

Organizer and presider: J. Daniel McMillin, Sociology, California State University-Bakersfield dmcmillin@csusb.edu

Session 12: "Bio-ethics, Health and Medical Sociology: Constructing Knowledge and Subjectivity"

Organizer and presider: Daniel R. Morrison, Sociology, Pepperdine University rriso@pepperdine.edu

Presenters:

Jessica Ivey, CSU-Long Beach firstjohnthree1920@yahoo.com "Bumps on the Road to Recovery: Examining the Effects of Nutrition Fact Posting on the Recovery of Individuals with Anorexia"

Session 13: "Teaching with Data"**Session 14:** "Campus Climate and Faculty-Student Interactions"

Organizer and presider: Eileen Ie, East LA College <IEEF@elac.edu>

Session 15: "Masculinities" (Saturday)

Organizer and Presider: Jake B. Wilson, Sociology, California State University-Long Beach jake.wilson@csulb.edu

Session 16:"Theorizing Sociocultural Change"

Organizer and Presider: Jonathan Turner, Sociology, University of California-Riverside jonathan.turner@ucr.edu

Session 17: "Sociological Theory"

Organizer and Presider: Michael J. Carter, Sociology, California State University, Northridge michael.carter@csun.edu

Session 18: "Social movements"

Organizer and presider: Paul Almeida, Sociology, University of California-Merced <palmeida@ucmerced.edu>

Presenters:

Teh Lei Liu, UC-Riverside, tliu015@ucr.edu, "Transnational connections between movements that emerged in 2011"

Session 19: "Global Social Change"

Organizer and presider: Roy Kwon, Sociology, LaVerne University <roykwon@gmail.com>

Session 20: "Population and Urbanization" (Saturday)

Organizer and Presider: Thea S. Alvarado, College of the Canyons, Pasadena City College, San Joaquin Delta College, Solano Community College <tsweoalvarado@gmail.com>

Presenters:

Jonathan E. Camacho, Asbury University camacho.jonathan.e@gmail.com and C. Mauricio Phélan, "The Colombians Who Came to Caracas: The Nuevo Horizonte Case"

Session 21: "Political Culture and Activism"

Organizer and Presider: Tim Kubal, CSU-Fresno tkubal@csufresno.edu

Session 22: "The Local Strikes Back: Transformative Politics and Community Well-being" (full)

Organizer and presider: Gary Hytrek, CSU-Long Beach <Gary.Hytrek@csulb.edu>

Presenters:

Gary Hytrek, CSU-Long Beach Gary.Hytrek@csulb.edu "Community Well-Being in Long Beach: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Strategies."

Lauren Madden

"Politics and Land Use in West Long Beach: Global Agendas and Local Possibilities"

Eric Romero "The Long Beach Living wage Campaign, Measure N"

Lucero Ramos "The Disney Habit: Breaking the Dependency and Rebuilding Community in Anaheim"

Session 23: "Alternatives to Global Capitalism"

Organizer and presider: Alessandro Morosin, UC-Riverside <amoro001@ucr.edu>

Community College Participation in the CSA by Thea S. Alvarado, Ed.D., College of the Canyons

The mission of the California Sociological Association is to promote the scientific study of society among interested persons within the state of California; to stimulate discussion and encourage cooperative relations among persons engaged in the scientific study of society; and to further the aims of instruction, practice and research in the field of sociology. Our organization is a partnership between CSUs, UCs, CCCs, private colleges and universities, and practitioners.

There are currently 2.4 million students attending 112 community colleges in California. These colleges work to prepare students to transfer to four-year universities, focus on workforce development and training, and provide basic skills and remedial education. As open access institutions, these colleges are seeing dynamic changes, including passage of the California Dream Act, increasing growth among Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and the passage of Proposition 30. There has been increasing debate, as well, over AB955, which would allow community colleges to offer courses during semester breaks for students willing to pay a per-course cost.

Increased revenue to higher education in California is bringing stabilization to budgets for the first time in years, allowing community colleges to restore sections and summer sessions, ensuring access and affordability, and staving off additional large cuts to this essential higher education system. During periods of rapid personal and structural changes, California needs sociologists to ask questions about fairness, equity, and marginalization from conceptual, theoretical, and methodological perspectives. Sociologists critically analyze how laws, policies, and structures affect our complex multi-cultural society, evaluating the benefits and limitations of these changes while recognizing the various groups affected by these factors.

The CSA recognizes the importance of member representation throughout the California Community College system. Due to its large constituency group, the Community College Representative position recently split into two positions. We now have one representative for Northern California, and one for Southern California. We are working to increase our community college participation by engaging in a membership drive, so if you have any interested colleagues, please share the good news about CSA! We would love to see them at our annual conference in November at the beautiful Berkeley marina!

New E-book on Avoiding Plagiarism by Earl Babbie (ebabbie@mac.com)

Several years ago, I prepared a short guide to explain what constitutes academic plagiarism and how to avoid it. I posted the information on the web so my students could easily access it, and before I knew it, faculty members and students at

Other universities—including some from outside the United States—were also using my guide.

Given the apparent need for a simple guide on this topic, I have now expanded the original materials somewhat to make the guide and its explanations more complete. I am offering it in the form of a \$2.99 Kindle e-book, to make this content easily available to students who need a concrete guide to avoiding plagiarism in practice. In addition to plagiarism, per se, I have given some popular citation formats and discussed the issue of collaboration in class work.

The booklet can be purchased online at amazon.com and can be read on a Kindle, iPad, iPhone, and other devices. At present, there is no print copy available, but I am exploring that possibility.

The President's Corner ...(Continued from p. 1)

There was a time when I would not have joined a veterans group. After I got out, I never looked back. Over the years, I rarely mentioned my military service to my family. My views about the war today are basically the same, so I wonder what it is that reconnects me to these guys who are proud of their military service.

My reconnection has been informal and has occurred slowly over time. I am not a formal member of any veteran organization, but I do join them on Veterans Day for the annual parade and other gatherings at the local VFW post. As they do, I wear a cap with my old unit insignia and carry my military ID tags on my key chain. I sometimes log on to my old unit's web page just to see what is going on, curious about reunions and other events.

We are all now retired; our hair is graying and most of us carry the extra weight that so often comes with aging. Sometimes we get together for coffee and donuts, other times for a couple of beers to reminisce about the past. We also talk about current issues related to our Medicare or Social Security. Some of the guys have experienced divorce, others unemployment; some are battling health problems, others alcohol. Sometimes we talk about high school days and Sundays at the Rainbow Ballroom as though it was only yesterday. Other times we talk about the friends who did not come back alive from Vietnam. Much of our conversation involves humor and jokes, often exaggerating some things and down-playing others. There is no need to instruct or interpret our language for anyone else. This I believe is the underlying motivation, at least for me. Despite the different roads we took, we periodically recapture our collective memories, and that feels good.

Freddie came back from Vietnam, got a job, got married, had children, got divorced, remarried, had more children. I don't know what issues he may have experienced in life, but he found comradeship over the years in the local VFW; he was lucky in that sense. And I guess I too am lucky that he invited me to join them. We are not a band of brothers in a traditional sense; we did not serve together in combat, but I have reconnected with them after many years of absence. I am sure our relationship fulfills some common social and psychological need in this fall season of our lives.

Student-Award Nominations

The CSA has two awards for outstanding students: one for undergraduates and one for graduate students:

The **Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award** is designed to honor a current California undergraduate student (or one who graduated 2012-13 for the 2013 award) who has completed 9 units of sociology with a GPA of at least 3.0 and has earned distinction in scholarship and or in service to school, community, or the CSA.

The **Distinguished Graduate Student Award** is designed to honor a current graduate student enrolled in a California college or university graduate program (or who has completed a graduate degree in 2012-13 for the 2013 award). The student should be enrolled in (or have completed within the past year) a course of graduate study in sociology completing 20 graduate units of sociology with a GPA of at least 3.5 and has earned distinction in outstanding scholarship and or outstanding service to the school, community, or the CSA.

The CSA president, president elect, and the two vice presidents form the student-awards committee. Nominations may only be made by current CSA members.

Prepare to nominate your outstanding students by sending the following information:

- ◇ Full name, address, phone, and email of the nominee
- ◇ Summary of student's college career including schools attended, number of units of sociology completed, and course of study in which the student is currently enrolled
- ◇ Detailed statement of the student's academic scholarship
- ◇ Detailed statement of the student's service to the community/school/CSA
- ◇ One or more additional letters of support from CSA members or non-members

Conference at the Berkeley Marina

The 2013 CSA Meeting will be November Nov. 8-9 in Berkeley. We have met there many times before and always enjoyed the beautiful setting. The California Sociological Association meeting provides a wonderful opportunity to interact with sociologists from all over the state. Because the gathering is smaller than the ASA and regional conferences, there are more opportunities for informal discussion. The CSA has a tradition of broad involvement. There will be sessions for undergraduate and graduate student presentations. Applied sociologists and community college teachers are encouraged to participate.

For more information on the CSA, contact Ed—ednelson@csufresno.edu. For information on the 2013 conference, contact Chris—chriscs@ucr.edu.

**Please join the California Sociological Association on Facebook**

It's a good place for up-to-date information on the conference, to share course ideas, and other ways to keep in touch with friends and colleagues.

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