



The President's Corner---Chris Chase-Dunn, UC Riverside

“The Social Geography of Civil Society: Local, State-wide, National and Global Social Movements in California”

I am planning a research project with Paul Almeida (UC-Merced) and David Meyer (UC-Irvine) that will study social movements in California. We want to create a consortium of social movement scholars and activists who will collaborate on this project and invite all those who are interested to contact us.

Social movements are sustained collective challenges by organized groups seeking to promote or prevent social and political reforms. California is both a diverse microcosm of the larger global civil society and a unique combination of peoples who have complicated connections with the rest of global society. Its peoples are differentially connected with the larger social universe beyond the borders of the state and of the United States. This project will assemble and coordinate a state-wide team of expert social scientists and graduate students to study the participation of California social movement activists in local, state-wide, national and transnational social movement activities. All social movements are local, but some become state-wide or national while others derive inspiration and have coalition ties with social movement activists abroad. Some, but not all, social movement activists in California link up their local activities and campaigns with others outside of their local communities across the state, across the U.S. and outside of the United States. Our research project will study the network connections among social movements in order to explain why some are mainly local while others connect up with larger efforts. And some activists work to connect their campaigns with multiple issues and organizations, while others maintain a narrower focus. We mean to understand why.

The initiative will also explain the outcomes of these diverse movements in order to better understand the conditions under which social inequality is reduced and social change occurs. We define social movements broadly to include new religions and religious evangelicalism as well as both political and formally apolitical efforts to recruit members and change public opinion. We also consider citizen movements seeking specific policy changes such as gun control and affordable housing and the conditions under which they succeed or falter.

This project will use the Global News Data Bank (which tracks California newspapers), LEXIS NEXIS, events data, survey research, archival collections, web searches, social networking sites and participant observation to examine the historical and contemporary involvement of Californians in old and new social movements. We will examine social movements in indigenous California before and during the arrival of the Europeans as well as the participation by Californians in the several world revolutions since 1789. We will examine the transformation of the California economy in the early twenty-first century and how local and international social movements respond to California's insertion into global markets and trade agreements. The project will eventuate in the training of a new generation of scholars in the theory and methods of citizen-driven social change and the incipient stages of a permanent research center on social movements.

Call for Presenters for the 2014 CSA Conference-Anne Marengo, President Elect and Program Chair

I hope that you will join us for the 25th Annual California Sociological Association Meeting at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside, November 7th and 8th. This year's theme is *Social Responsibility* and the keynote speaker is Jane Prather, Professor Emeritus, CSU Northridge.

Jane Emery Prather served as chair of both the Sociology and Women Studies departments at CSU Northridge. Jane received her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in Sociology and her BA and MA from the University of Kansas. Her publications have primarily focused on gender issues, most notably research on the marketing and prescribing of prescription psychotropic drugs for women. Since retiring, she and her husband live part of the year in New York city. For six years she has taught sociology as a volunteer in a Women's Maximum Security Prison through a program sponsored by Marymount Manhattan College. She describes this as the most challenging and rewarding teaching position she has held. Hungry for knowledge about the outside world from a

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sociological perspective, the students are grateful and respectful

Jane's presentation "Lessons Learned in Prison: The Urgency for Prison Reform" will describe her experience with the prison as a Total Institution maintaining an oppressive atmosphere for inmates and volunteers.

We have many interesting sessions planned for you, but we do 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 anne.marenco@canyons.edu

Preliminary Program

If you have a paper that fits one of the sessions listed below please submit your abstract directly to the organizer of the session. The deadline for organizers to submit their information for their sessions to Anne is October 1st, 2014.

Organizers, please submit 1. the finalized title of your session with your name and affiliation, 2. The name of all presenters with the titles of their presentations and their affiliations.

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Session 4: *Latin@ Communities (Undergraduate Roundtable)*, Organizer and Presider: Alicia Gonzales, CSU San Marcos amgonzal@csusm.edu

Session 5: *HIP-High Impact Practices*, Organizer and Presider: Thea Alvarado/Rebekah Villafana, College of the Canyons, thea.alvarado@canyons.edu and rebekah.villafana@canyons.edu

Session 6: *Creating Community*, Organizer and Presider: Thea Alvarado, College of the Canyons, thea.alvarado@canyons.edu

Session 7: *The Body in Fitness Culture*, Organizer and Presider: Melanie Klein, Various Institutions, melmelklein@cs.com

Session 8: *Artists as Creators, Agitators, and Movers*, Organizer and Presider: Pamela Williams-Paez, College of the Canyons, pamela.williams-paez@canyons.edu

Session 9: *Restorative Justice*, Organizer and Presider: Jaye Houston, College of the Canyons, jaye.houston@canyons.edu

Session 10: *Social Responsibility and Intersectionality*, Organizer and Presider: Marie Nubia-Feliciano, Chapman University, menubia@gmail.com

Session 11: *Sociology of Education*, Organizer and Presider: Gary Coyne, UC Riverside, garycoyne1@gmail.com

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Session 24: *Social Change*, Organizers and Presiders: Elizabeth A. G. Schwarz, eschw001@ucr.edu, UC Riverside and Natasha Radojicic, nrado001@ucr.edu, UC Riverside

Note: If your presentation doesn't fit in any of these sessions, send it to Anne Marengo, anne.marengo@canyons.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.

Member News and Notes

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

Volunteers Needed for the 2014 Conference

If you live in the south, 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. Contact Anne or Thea.

Student Awards

Please consider nominating one of your students for the California Sociological Association's outstanding student awards. The deadline for nominations will be October 15 but you can send them any time.

The CSA has three awards for outstanding students: one for community college students, one for undergraduates, and one for graduate students.

The **Outstanding Community College Student Award** is designed to honor a current California Community College student (or one who graduated last academic year) 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 **Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award** is designed to honor a current California undergraduate student (or one who graduated last school year) 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 one who graduated last school year). 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.

Nominations may only be made by current CSA members.

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 contribution to sociological clubs/honor societies/CSA.

Detailed statement of the student's service to the community or college.

One or more additional letters for support from CSA members or non-members.

Please send all documentation to Thea Alvarado, CSA Vice-President South, at tsweoalvarado@gmail.com.

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Call for Papers

California Sociological Association 25th Annual Meeting “Social Responsibility”

**November 7 and 8th, 2014
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**For information on the CSA, contact Ed Nelson
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**For information on the conference, contact Anne Marengo-
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Conference at the Mission Inn, Riverside

The 2014 conference will be at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

For more information on the CSA, contact Ed—ednelson@csufresno.edu.

For information on the conference, contact Anne—anne.marenco@canyons.edu

We have met at the Mission Inn many times in the past and always enjoy the beautiful, historic setting.

The Inn began in 1876 as the Glenwood, a two-story 12-room adobe boarding house. It was built by Christopher Columbus Miller on land deeded to him by the city as payment for his services as a civil engineer. His son, Frank Augustus Miller, later bought the property, improved and enlarged it, and by 1903 opened the first wing of the current Mission Inn building. The building grew in several stages and now fills the entire block.

The Mission Inn is a collection of arcades and gardens, turrets and domes, flying buttresses, spiraling staircases, catacombs, and carillon towers. It includes collections of fine art, Spanish cannons, stained glass, ceramic tile, saints, dragons, bells, wrought iron, Asian temple guardians, and life-size papal court figures. The chapel was designed specifically to accommodate a massive Eighteenth Century gold-leafed cedar altar from Mexico and seven impressive Louis C. Tiffany stained-glass windows. The hotel's rich history and unique architecture led to its designation as a National Historic Landmark.

The Mission Inn is about 30 minutes from the Ontario International Airport. For more information about the Mission Inn, please visit their website at www.missioninn.com.



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Early Registration (postmarked by October 22nd)

\$45 for full-time employed

\$20 for retired, part-time employed, student presenters

\$10 per day for student observers

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Late registration (postmarked after Oct. 22nd and on-site registration)

\$55 for full-time employed

\$25 for retired, part-time employed, student presenters

\$10 per day for student observers

Contributions – If you would like to make a contribution to the CSA to help the organization meet its mission, please indicate amount.

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