

**California Sociological Association 2014 Annual Meeting
November 7th and 8th at the Mission Inn in Riverside**
**Send proposals for sessions, panels, workshops, and abstracts of papers to
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President's Corner-Chris Chase-Dunn, UC Riverside

“Local, state-wide, national and global social movements in California”

CSA President-Elect, Anne Marengo got feedback from interested parties regarding the choice of a theme for the 2014 CSA conference. The theme finally selected is “Social Responsibility.” This overlaps with my own research on transnational social movements and I am putting together a state-wide team of sociologists to study the participation of California social movements in national and transnational social movement activities. All social movements are local, but some become national and others derive inspiration and have coalitional ties with social movement activists abroad. Despite the tendency of Californians to assume that their state is superior and unique and that most external ties are of little importance (a mentality I call Planet California), some social movement activists in California link up their local activities and campaigns with others outside of the state 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. This project is just beginning and we are looking for sociologists in California to collaborate with. If you are interested please contact me (chriscd@ucr.edu) and let's organize sessions and present papers on these issues at the CSA meeting next November.

Theme and Call for Proposals for 2014 Conference-Anne Marengo, President Elect and Program Chair

The 25th Annual California Sociological Association Meeting is just around the corner. The theme this year will be *Social Responsibility* and the conference will take place November 7th and 8th, 2014 at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. Jane Prather, Professor Emeritus, CSU Northridge will be our keynote speaker.

We are seeking papers, presentations, and panels that reflect Social Responsibility in California, the United States, and the World. From a service-learning project where students participate in building a house for a family in Oxnard, CA with Habitat for Humanity to a sociology club providing a micro loan to a man in Uganda to help with his spare parts business, as educators, we consistently pay it forward by exposing our students to the variety of ways they can become socially responsible.

Our keynote speaker 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 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 also accept session topics that deviate from this theme of *Social Responsibility* and invite you to participate in the quadrennial conference as a presenter or attendee. Please send proposals for sessions and abstracts of papers to me at anne.marengo@canyons.edu.

Executive Director's Report-Ed Nelson, California State University, Fresno

We had a great meeting last year in Berkeley and expect to have another great meeting in Riverside this coming November 7 and 8. Our new web page (<http://www.cal-soc.org>) lists the dates and location of future meetings through 2015 under conferences/future meetings.

Our membership in 2013-14 showed a 6% increase from the previous year. We have 154 dues-paying members. About 37% of our membership is students and 63% is faculty and practitioners. We are also doing well financially. Our fiscal year is from September 1 through August 31. At the end of our last fiscal year (August 31, 2013) we had \$23,342 in our

account which was an increase of about \$1,900 over the previous year. Thank you all for joining the CSA. Please spread the word to other sociologists about the CSA. Send them the URL for our web site and encourage them to join the CSA and to come to the conference in Berkeley and make a presentation. The membership form is on the website under Forms. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Riverside on November 7 and 8.

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2013 Student Awards

A highlight of the annual conference is always the Friday evening student awards and keynote address followed by the buffet reception. This year the California Sociological Association graduate student award went to Karen Sabbah and there were undergraduate awards to Sue Park and Tracy Reed.

Karen Sabbah expects to finish her Masters of Arts degree at CSU Northridge in 2015. Her teaching, research and service have been exemplary. She has taught in the CSUN-College of the Canyons teaching practicum as well as serving as a teaching assistant and presenting guest lectures. She has been involved in various research projects and received the department's Graduate Student Paper award in 2013. Her thesis is an ethnographic study of women in Roller Derby. She has been involved in service both in the university and in the larger community.

Tracy Reed graduated Magna Cum Laude with an AA in Sociology for Transfer from College of the Canyons in May of 2013. She is currently enrolled as a junior at Cal State Northridge pursuing her BA in General Sociology. She then plans to complete a Master's in Sociology and become a community college instructor. Tracy engages in research with great passion. She has a unique and genuine interest in learning, and demonstrates her dedication to the community through her volunteer work. Since 2010, Tracy has been a Domestic Violence Certified Court Advocate and she works with women in the Santa Clarita Valley who are victims of domestic abuse. She recently received additional certification to become a Domestic Violence Counselor. Tracy is a model student, a leader among her peers, and a selfless and enthusiastic person. I am overjoyed that the CSA was able to honor her with an undergraduate student award in 2013.--Thea Alvarado College of the Canyons.

As an undergraduate student at Cal State Long Beach, **Sue Park** has honed her sociological research skills through her active participation in the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program and the CSULB Sociology Honors Program. Sue's research interests lie in the intersection of race, class, gender and labor. Sue has presented her research at the CSA on the ways in which race, ethnicity, and gender shape "homework" in the garment industry in Los Angeles. Sue's upbringing and personal connection to the Los Angeles garment industry has shaped her research interests especially as it pertains to the Asian presence within this industry. Next fall, Sue looks forward to pursuing her next research at the graduate level.—Jake Wilson, Cal State Long Beach

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New Officers and Council Members 2013-14

The California Sociological Association has a governing council made up of an Executive Board and of Governors-at-Large who represent our constituency groups. Each year we elect a new President Elect who serves as program chair for the conference that year and becomes the president the following year. Some new officers are also elected each year so there is continuity on the governing council. At the end of the 2013 annual meeting in November, Christopher Chase-Dunn became the president for 2013-14 and Anne Marengo became President Elect and Program Chair for the 2014 conference.

Regional vice presidents are elected for two-year terms. One represents members Kern county and south, and the other vice president represents the northern region. The vice-president assists the program chair when the annual conference is held in his/her region as well as serving as secretary for the organization the other year. Aya continues as Vice President North. Thea Alvarado was elected Vice President South.

In addition to these officers who form the Executive Board, a six-member Governing Council representing the constituency groups in the Association is elected to three-year terms. The constituency groups are students, practitioners, private colleges and universities, community colleges, the University of California, and the California State University System. David Smith (UC Irvine) is the UC Rep; Susan Fellows (CSU Dominguez Hills) is the CSU Rep, Community Colleges are represented by J. Vern Cromartie, Ed Clarke represents private colleges and universities, Robin Franck represents practitioners, and Alexis Alvarez (UC Riverside) is the student rep.

Here is some detail about the new members of the governing council:

- The Vice President South is Dr. Thea Sweo Alvarado who holds a B.A. in Sociology from UC Berkeley and an M.A. in Social Science with a concentration in Demographic and Social Analysis (DASA) from UC Irvine. She completed her Ed.D. through UC Davis' Capital Area North Doctorate in Educational Leadership (CANDEL) Program. Her research interests include race and ethnicity, immigration, and education. She teaches Sociology at the community college level.
- The student representative is Alexis Álvarez who has a BS and MA from UC Riverside and is now working on his dissertation. He is teaching sociology in southern California and is a Research Associate at the Institute for Research on World-systems in the University of California, Riverside. His macrosociological work focuses on global governance and social change.

(Contact information for the council is listed on the end of this newsletter.)

New Student Award for Community College Students

The CSA will have an additional award for students starting in 2014. The Outstanding Community College Student Award is designed to honor a current California Community College 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 call for nominations for our 2014 student awards will be included in the summer newsletter.

2014 Sociological Conferences

Pacific Sociological Association
<http://www.pacificsoc.org/>
March 27-30 Portland OR

American Sociological Association
www.asanet.org
August 16-19 San Francisco CA

Many Thanks to Departments Who Contributed to the 2013 Conference:

- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Northridge
- California State University, Stanislaus
- Santa Clara University

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.

College of the Canyons Students at the 2012 Conference

Sociology students from the College of the Canyons volunteered at the 2013 conference. They worked with registration and audio visual equipment as well as helping in other ways. It was a great learning experience for them. After the meeting they sent us the following message:

The College of the Canyons Sociology Club had the privilege to sit in and volunteer at the November 2014 California Sociology Association (CSA) Conference. It was an amazing conference held in Berkeley, California which highlighted many of the exciting studies that are being conducted within the field of sociology by faculty and students from Universities in California, Japan, and Mexico. While we did minor things for the

event such as sign in guests and speakers and assist with presentations throughout two days, we also had the opportunity to socialize with peers who are majoring in sociology at a variety of colleges and universities and often had the chance to question and converse with Professors from a variety of universities about the programs offered at their schools. Along with it being an academic trip we got some free time to visit the UC Berkeley campus and research local places to eat (highly recommend Top Dog and I.B.'s Hoagies). Overall it was a great experience in which we were able to meet other like-minded students who are just as motivated as us to reach our goals. We found nothing but support and encouragement from the faculty we encountered and were able to experience this thanks to the support of our own campus.

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.

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