



### **President's Corner-Tim Kubal, CSU Fresno** tkubal@csufresno.edu

The California Sociological Association (CSA) is a unique state sociology association in the Western United States, and serves to integrate academic and applied sociologists from all levels of academic and public life. According to the most recent American Sociological Association (ASA) data (ASA 2004), the CSA is the only historically-stable state association west of Oklahoma; most established state associations are concentrated in the U.S. South and Midwest. The ASA interviewed leaders of state associations and uncovered several important suggestions for growth that hopefully may spark a new round of discussion, thought and participation among the CSA membership; first, the research uncovered suggestions about economics, second, the research uncovered suggestions about general organizational operations, and third, the research uncovered ideas about community engagement.

First, there were several suggestions for economic success of the organization (most of which we already accomplish). These include ideas such as employing diverse organizing committees, negotiating prices on meeting hotels, accepting support from endowments/ deans/ chairs, and enlisting support from local or host departments and institutions. Other ideas include marketing heavily to students, actively involving sociologists in community colleges and applied settings, and using electronic newsletters where appropriate. Again, the CSA has already instituted these suggestions, although improvement on any of these fronts likely would lead to greater successes. There are a few ideas that we have not had much luck with, such as encouraging book and software vendor participation at the annual meetings. Other state associations have succeeded in securing a small fee (~\$300) from these folks to display their wares in a high-traffic area of the conference; another "new" idea is to use even the small amount of organizational carry-over funds to invest, and use the investments to increase funding to other projects such as (student) awards.

Second, leaders of state organizations also shared ideas about organizational operations. They suggested state associations work to improve ties to regional and national associations in order to foster communication about announcements, news, and sharing ideas about teaching, research, and practice. They suggested national and regional associations could become more involved in supporting the state associations, helping with member participation, volunteers and assistance with program activities, such as organizing annual conferences, workshops, speakers, and dealing with organizational maintenance such as member recruitment, conference organizing, website maintenance, maintaining tax exempt status, and other activities to strengthen the organization. While the CSA has a stable internal structure where almost all of these issues have a long history of success, the organization can definitely use additional labor to help with these and other tasks, as well as to provide intellectual curiosity and ideas to keep our organization viable and vibrant.

Third, they suggested the state association embrace its tendency to act as the "front line" of interaction between sociologists and the community. This involves acts such as by encouraging and publicizing successful community volunteering, supporting and training sociologists in consulting work, improving publicity of sociologists' accomplishments through awards, news releases, editorial page contributions to newspapers or journals, and lastly, helping sociologists collaborate with colleagues in other disciplines to improve our academic and non-academic workplaces. The role of the CSA in training, highlighting, and encouraging community engagement is mostly unclear. This could be one potential area for our organizational improvement, and hopefully, widespread collaboration among the CSA membership.

Lastly, I want to restate the importance of the membership to this organization. Like most voluntary associations with a volunteer staff, minimal membership dues, and annual meetings, a small group of folks has taken the lead in sustaining the organization. The ongoing success of our organization relies on the efforts and financial contributions among members, including of course the CSA board, and those with a part in organizing sessions and other aspects of the annual meeting. We are always looking to expand our membership, and there are several opportunities. Please consider inviting someone to join you at the CSA 2017 meeting in Sacramento. Depending on when you receive this, there may still be an opportunity to organize a session for the 2017 meeting. The call for papers should be open; please consider presenting at the conference. Details about the conference and contact emails to inquire about volun-

### **California Sociological Association 2017 Annual Meeting November 17-18**

#### **Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza Sacramento (near Old Town)**

Send proposals for sessions, panels, and workshops to  
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Note: Abstracts of papers need to go to the session organizers, see the list below on p. 3 and on website  
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<http://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/savvy/footnotes/feb04/indexthree.html>

### **2017 President-Elect and Program Chair-Thea Alvarado, Pasadena City College [tsweoalvarado@gmail.com](mailto:tsweoalvarado@gmail.com)**

We have a legacy of many things in the United States, but not all of them are positive. The U.S. as we know it was built on a history of colonization and the lawful discrimination and oppression of people with few rights and little power. However, the U.S. is also a symbol of opportunity, liberty, and progress. At a time like today when science itself is under attack, our advancement is slow. However, we are still changing, developing, growing. We are reliving some pains of the past, but informing our path forward as well. During times of change, we sociologists ask ourselves: What does the U.S. look like today? What do people think, believe, and feel? How does it compare to generations before us? As sociologists, we have a history of offering critical perspectives for informed decisions that lead us toward meaningful action. We have to ask ourselves- What legacy are we leaving for future generations? A legacy can be material things- money, property, heirlooms—but it can also be values, such as integrity and empathy, equality and innovation. These are the values that inform our next conference. Our roster of sessions is nearly full, but there is still a chance for your voice to be heard. Please consider sharing your work and knowledge with a diverse group of students, scholars, and practitioners at the 2017 CSA Conference. It is not too late for you to propose a session title or submit your paper to one of our existing sessions. I look forward to joining you in advancing the goals of the CSA: promoting the scientific study of society, promoting the dissemination of research, fostering professional development, and providing a forum for sociology.

Our keynote speaker this year is G. William Domhoff. Building on the conference theme of “A Legacy of Sociology,” His presentation will discuss the flowering of power structure research amidst the activism of the 1960s and its aftermath. It will use the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of *Who Rules America?* (1967) to reflect on the future of power structure research. Professor Domhoff is Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Research Professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he has taught since 1965 after three years at California State University, Los Angeles. In addition to *Who Rules America? The Triumph of the Corporate Rich*, Seventh Edition (McGraw-Hill 2014), he has most recently written *The Myth of Liberal Ascendancy: Corporate Dominance from the Great Depression to the Great Recession* (Routledge 2013). Along with eleven other authors, he is a co-author of *Studying the Power Elite: Fifty Years of Who Rules America?* (Routledge, 2018), which is due out in November, and also the co-author with Richard L. Zweigenhaft of the forthcoming *Diversity in the Power Elite: Ironies and Unfulfilled Promises* (Rowman and Littlefield 2018).

### **2017 Program**

Our fall program has sessions on diverse topics of sociological concern, such as gender, race, inequality, social change, politics, and immigration. Academic conferences work because of the efforts of many people, but primary are the presenters. In the past, the CSA has been blessed with high-quality presentations, so that we could provide a valuable venue for disseminating ongoing research and discussion of important issues. We have 31 sessions planned now, if you would like to submit a paper on the topic, contact the session organizer. To organize another session, send your proposal to Thea Alvarado [tsweoalvarado@gmail.com](mailto:tsweoalvarado@gmail.com).

### **Preliminary Lists of Sessions (7/3/17)**

**If you would like to submit a paper on a topic, contact the session organizer.**

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*The 2016 Presidential Election Revisited*, Gordon Clanton, [gclanton@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:gclanton@mail.sdsu.edu) (Session Full)

*Community College Roundtable*, Rebekah Villafana, [rebekah.villafana@gmail.com](mailto:rebekah.villafana@gmail.com)

*Community Engaged Sociology*, David E. Boyns, [david.boyns@csun.edu](mailto:david.boyns@csun.edu)

*Critical Perspectives on Education*, David E. Boyns, [david.boyns@csun.edu](mailto:david.boyns@csun.edu)

*Current Issues in Latina/o Research (Faculty and Graduate Students)*, Alicia Gonzales, [amgonzal@csusm.edu](mailto:amgonzal@csusm.edu)

*Feminist Research in Health and Health Care*, Carolina Apesoa-Varano, [apesoavarano@ucdavis.edu](mailto:apesoavarano@ucdavis.edu)

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*Financialization and Social Inequality; A Global Perspective*, Parul Baxi, pbaxi@ucdavis.edu  
*Global Social Change*, Christopher Chase-Dunn, christopher.chase-dunn@ucr.edu  
*Health and Inequality*, Taylor Cruz, taylor.cruz@ucsf.edu  
*How to be an LGBTQIA Ally Inside and Outside the Classroom*, Elizabeth Bogumil, elizabeth.bogumil@gmail.com  
*Human Trafficking*, Sandra Morgan and Ed Clarke, eclarke@vanguard.edu  
*Immigration in the Era of Trump*, Edwin Lopez, edwlopez@exchange.fullerton.edu  
*Issues in Chicana/Latina Education*, Elvia Ramirez, eramirez@csus.edu  
*Making Sociology Matter (Graduate Students Only)*, Alicia Gonzales, amgonzal@csusm.edu  
*Motherhood*, Amy Andrada, aandrada@avc.edu  
*Policing Immigrants*, Heidi Sarabia, h.sarabia.r@gmail.com  
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*Social Problems & Innovative Solutions*, Rebekah Villafana, rebekah.villafana@gmail.com  
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*Sociology of Health and Illness*, Carolina Apeso-Varano, apesoavarano@ucdavis.edu  
*Student Research Session*, Anne Marenco, anne.marenco@canyons.edu  
*Subcultures in American Society*, J. Daniel McMillin, dcmillin@csub.edu  
*Teaching at the California Community College: Mentors & Mentees Panel*, Thea Alvarado, tsweoalvarado@gmail.com  
*Teaching Sociology Through Games*, Karen Sabbah, karen.sabbah.54@csun.edu  
*Transnational Political Economy*, Jake Alimahomed-Wilson, Jake.Wilson@csulb.edu, and Spencer Potiker, spotiker@uci.edu  
*The Trump Effect: Impacts on Racial/Ethnic Relations*, Jennifer Skornik, jennifer.skornik.29@my.csun.edu  
*Trump-ing; the Political, Social and Economic Ramifications*, Tonmar Johnson, tonmar.johnson@solano.edu  
*Undergraduate Research (Undergraduates Only)*, Alicia Gonzales, amgonzal@csusm.edu  
*Work and Professions in Health Care*, Carolina Apeso-Varano, apesoavarano@ucdavis.edu

## 2017 Membership Dues, Conference Registration, Hotel Registration

You can register for the conference and pay your membership dues by going to our website at <https://cal-soc.org/registration-and-membership>. Please read the information on that page and fill out the form. To pay, all you need to do is to click once on "Buy Now." (Make sure you only click once on "Buy Now.") You can pay using either PayPal or your credit card. Notice that you can also make tax-deductible contributions by going to our website at <https://cal-soc.org/donations/>. You can set the amount you want to donate as you wish.

It's not too early to reserve your hotel room at the Holiday Inn – Capitol Plaza, Sacramento (near Old Town). The rate is \$119 per night for Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday nights. Call the Holiday Inn at 916-446-0100. Tell them this is for the California Sociological Association's conference to receive the conference rate. Please stay at the Holiday Inn – Capitol Plaza if at all possible. We guarantee a block of rooms for the conference and must meet that guarantee or pay extra to use the meeting rooms.

## CSA Logo Design Contest

We are hosting a logo creation contest for students. This logo will be used for the cover of the conference program, t-shirts, and tote bags. Logos should reflect this year's theme, A Legacy of Sociology, and must be the original work of the person submitting it. The winner will be given credit in the program and will be awarded \$100. For more information, contact our Graduate Student Representative Elizabeth Bogumil at [elizabeth.bogumil@email.ucr.edu](mailto:elizabeth.bogumil@email.ucr.edu).

**Note to my Retired Friends from Liz:** Long ago the CSA begged me to become a lifetime member because they needed the money in the short term. So I didn't pay dues for quite a while. Recently I decided to start making annual donations to the CSA (so I get a little tax deduction) and continue to support the Association. I urge you to consider doing this too if you can afford it now.

**Do You Have a New Publication?** Bring a copy to the conference and we'll have a display of publications—and/or sent Liz a summary, so we can include it in the newsletter.

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 audio-visual needs in the meeting rooms. If you can help, contact Thea Alvarado--[tsweoalvarado@gmail.com](mailto:tsweoalvarado@gmail.com).

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