

Annual Report for the Social Psychology Section

For membership year 2012

Prepared by Brian Powell, Past Chair of the Section.

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Section Governance

Business Meeting

ASA Section on Social Psychology Business Meeting, August 17, 11:30 (immediately following the Cooley-Mead address)

(note: 87 people signed the attendance sheet and an estimated 30 others attended but did not sign)

AGENDA

- Announcements and highlights of 2011-2012 (Brian Powell)
- Secretary/treasurer's report (Pam Jackson)
- Committee reports
 - Graduate Affairs Committee/ Graduate Student Paper Award (Jill Kiecolt)
 - Outstanding Recent Contribution in Social Psychology Award Committee (Jane Piliavin)
 - Graduate Student Advisory Committee (Daniel Shank)
 - Other committees (Brian Powell)
- Webmaster and Newsletter Editor report (Brian Powell)
- Update from SPQ Editor (Karen Hegtvedt)
- Old business
 - Graduate Student Investigator Award (Brian Powell, Karen, Hegtvedt)
- New business
- Remarks and announcements from the Chair-elect (Jan Stets)

Announcements and Highlights of 2011-2012

Brian Powell, chair of the Social Psychology Section, welcomed attendees of the meeting. He commented an intellectually charged session (organized by Jane McLeod, Ed Lawler and Michael Schwalbe) on the social psychology of inequality and the exciting and thoughtful Cooley-Mead address by Larry Bobo. He then mentioned the upcoming sessions organized by the section, a session cosponsored with the mental health sections, and sessions of interest to social psychologists and thanked the organizers of these sections (among them, Richard Serpe, Kristin Marcussen, Will Kalkoff, Jeff Chin, Elaine Wethington and Steve Benard).

Brian Powell noted that this year has been a particularly productive one for the section and noted that the section is in good shape both in terms of numbers of members and in terms of money. Regarding numbers, he mentioned that according to the most recent report, the number of section members was 674, with an estimated membership by the end of year of 716. He noted that the increase over last year (43 more) is very good given that 2/3 of the other sections experienced decreases. He also noted that the percentage of student members is 37.9%, a comparatively high figure (overall average among sections is 31%).

Brian Powell also briefly noted that the section has had some important developments this year, most notably an endowment campaign and new award that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Pam Jackson, secretary/treasurer of the section, reported on the financial health of the section and noted that the budget surplus in the section placed the section in a very good position. She noted, however, the section should continue to identify creative and effective ways to increase revenue.

Committee Reports

- Jill Kiecolt, chair of the Graduate Affairs Committee, presented the Graduate Student Paper Award to Alex Lu.
- Jane Piliavian, chair of Outstanding Recent Contribution in Social Psychology Award Committee, presented the award to Cecilia Ridgeway.
- Daniel Shank, chair of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee, summarized the activities of this new committee and reported on a survey of student members (Daniel Shank)
- Brian Powell reported on other committee activities: Cooley-Mead Award Committee (Karen Cook, chair), Nominations Committee (Mike Shanahan, chair), Program Committee (Richard Serpe, chair), Membership Committee (Pam Hunt, chair), and Professional and External Affairs Committee (Linda Francis, chair)

Webmaster and Newsletter Editor Report

Philip Brenner (the section webmaster), Laura Aufderheide Brashears and Christabel Rogalin (co-editors of the section newsletter) were unable to attend the session. Brian Powell commented on the hard work that these three young scholars have done on behalf of the section. Christabel Rogalin's term as coeditor has ended, but Philip Brenner and Laura Aufderheide Brashears will continue in their positions.

Update from SPQ Editor

SPQ editor Karen Hegtvedt reported on the journal and noted the large number of submissions, the wide array of topics and approaches used in these submissions, and the generosity of reviewers (and, at the same time, the challenges of getting reviewers).

Old Business

Brian Powell reported on an initiative that began last year when Jane McLeod served as section chair. A member of the section indicated an interest in donating a sizable amount of funds that could be directed to a new graduate student research award. A committee of Karen Hegtvedt (chair), Dawn Robinson, Pam Jackson, Jan Stets, and Brian Powell discussed what kind of award would be consistent with the wishes of the donor and would be most useful for our graduate students and then discussed strategies regarding fundraising.

Karen Hegtvedt reported on the three-stage fundraising campaign and noted that the campaign has been so successful that we will be able to give the first award in 2013. Karen noted that the announcement at the business meeting was the third stage of the fundraising and encouraged

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New Business

Brian Powell thanked all members of the council—and especially outgoing members Nick Berigan, Shelley Correll, and Becky Erickson—for their contributions to the section and welcomed incoming members Jeremy Freese, Alison Bianchi, Traci Tucker, and Tim Hallett. He then introduced incoming chair Jan Stets, who discussed the upcoming year. Section members were reminded that the section reception, co-sponsored with

the Mental Health Section and the Sociology of Emotions Section, was scheduled for the evening of the 17th

Section Council Meeting

ASA Section on Social Psychology Council Meeting, August 16, 6:00 pm

In attendance: Alison Bianchi, Shelley Correll, Karen Hegtvedt, Pamela Braboy Jackson, Will Kalkhoff, Jane McLeod, Melissa Milkie, Brian Powell, Daniel Shank, Robin Simon, Jan Stets.

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- Highlights of 2011-12 (Brian Powell)
- Brief report on committee activities (Brian Powell)
- Brief report from Graduate Student Advisory Committee (Daniel Shank)
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Welcome/Introduction/Highlights

The meeting was called to order by section chair Brian Powell, who briefly summarized the highlights of the past year—including the special session organized by Jane McLeod, Ed Lawler, and Michael Schwalbe on social psychology of inequality; the other social psychology section sessions organized by Richard Serpe, Kristin Marcussen, and Will Kalkhoff; the joint social psychology/mental health section session organized by Elaine Wethington; the other social psychology paper sessions organized by Jeff Chin and Steve Benard; the selection of Larry Bobo, the Cooley-Mead Awardee. Powell also noted that the section was in good shape both in terms of numbers of members (and increase from last year; and a relatively higher percentage of student members) and in terms of financial recourses. He also briefly noted important initiative from the past year, most notably an endowment campaign, a new graduate award, and an a new graduate student advisory committee—each of which was discussed in greater detail later in the meeting.

Brief Report on Committee Activities

Chairs of various committees were asked to submit comments to the section chair, who reported on each of these committees:

1. The Graduate Affairs Committee, which announced that Alex Lu was the recipient of the outstanding graduate student paper award. The committee, chaired by Jill Kiecolt, recommended a change in the description of procedures for the award so that written comments regarding each paper are no longer expected. This recommended was approved by the council.

2. The Outstanding Recent Contribution in Social Psychology, which announced that Cecilia Ridgeway's *Framed by Gender* was the recipient of the inaugural outstanding recent contribution award. The committee, chaired by Jane Piliavin, recommended that in some years, the award should be restricted to books and in other years, the award should be restricted to articles/chapters. This recommendation was approved by the council.
3. The Cooley-Mead Award Committee, (Karen Cook, chair), which selected Larry Bobo as this year's recipient.
4. The Nominations Committee (Mike Shanahan, chair), which came up with a great slate of candidates. The council briefly discussed some of the problems that materialize (e.g., in terms of methodological, substantive and other diversity of candidates) when some potential nominees decline the invitation to run for the section offices.
5. The Program Committee (Richard Serpe, chair), which although mentioned earlier, received a second round of recognition.
6. The Membership Committee (Pam Hunt, chair) and Professional and External Affairs Committee (Linda Francis, Chair), both of which operated effectively this past year.

Brief Report from Graduate Student Advisory Committee

Daniel Shank, chair of the recently created Graduate Student Advisory Committee, reported on the goals of the committee and noted that one goal was to get a better sense of the needs of student members and the extent to which the section was meeting these needs. The committee therefore administered and analyzed a survey of section student members. Daniel presented a brief but highly informative report on the survey.

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State of the Section Budget

As of June 30th, we had \$13,121 in the budget. That figures does not include ASA-related expenses (reception, council lunch, travel money for graduate student paper winner, plaque expenses for Cooley-Mead and student award winners). Those expenses will exceed \$3300 (mostly due the high expense of the reception), but the section has a reasonable surplus in the budget and remains financially stable. In addition, membership in the section has increased slightly, which translates into a slight increase in funds allocated by the ASA. In addition to our steady membership-based income, we continue to receive royalty donations (from Peter Burke's book) and anticipate future royalty donations from the upcoming Handbook of Social Psychology (John DeLameter, editor) and Handbook of the Social Psychology of Inequality (Jane McLeod, Ed Lawler and Michael Schalbe, editors).

The section also has begun a fundraising drive to support the new graduate student research award. The fundraising drive already has been successful with the section. It has raised over \$35,000, which enable the section to give the award next year.

An operating budget for the coming year approved by the Section Council.

Please see accompanying spreadsheet.

The Previous Year

Overview

The Social Psychology Section has been very active during the past year. Among its most important accomplishments, it has established a new graduate student research award and has launched an already successful fundraising drive. It also has established a graduate student advisory committee, which is charged with identifying the needs of student members and ways by which these needs can be met by the section. It also has made minor changes in by-laws.

The section also sponsored multiple paper section sessions at the ASA meetings. A special section organized by Jane McLeod, Ed Lawler and Michael Schwalbe) was especially engaging, as was the exciting and thoughtful Cooley-Mead address by this year's Cooley-Mead Awardee Larry Bobo. Section paper sessions organized by Richard Serpe, Kristin Marcussen, and Will Kalkoff reflected the methodological, theoretical and substantive diversity within the field of sociological social psychology. A paper session cosponsored with the Section on Mental Health, organized by Elaine Wethington, showed points of commonality in social psychological and sociology of mental health approaches to stigma, while the roundtable session cosponsors with the Section on Sociology of Emotions showcased the scholarship of social psychologists and emotion scholars.

Recruiting and Retention Efforts

According to the most recent figures before the ASA meetings, the number of section members was 674 and the estimated by the end of year of 716. These number reflect an increase over last year (633 at the time of the ASAs in 2011), an increase that was especially notable since more than 2/3 of other sections experiences decreases in membership. e noted that the increase over last year (43 more) is very good given that 2/3 of the other sections experienced decreases. That the percentage of student members is 37.9%, a comparatively high figure (overall average among section sis 31%), bodes well for the future.

Communications Strategy

The newsletters, coedited last year by Christabel Rogalin and Laura Aufderheide Brashears, can be accessed at: <http://www2.asanet.org/socialpsychology/Publications.html>.

The section website (Philip Brenner is the webmaster) can be accessed at: <http://www2.asanet.org/socialpsychology/>

The section also sends frequent announcements via its listserv.

The Coming Year

Elections and Nominations

A list of committees and committee members is below. Members are recommended by the section chair (Jan Stets) and approved by the council. The nominations committee (Shelley Correll, chair) is charged with identifying potential candidates for section chair, secretary-treasurer, and council. In identifying candidates, the committee is committed to take into account the methodological, substantive, and other diversity of the section.

Committees for 2012-13 Social Psychology Section

Cooley-Mead Award Committee

Lynn Smith-Lovin (Chair)
Duke University

Jill Kiecolt
Virginia Tech

Ed Lawler
Cornell University

Jeylan Mortimer
University of Minnesota

Lisa Walker
University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Graduate Student Affairs Committee

John DeLamater (Chair)
University of Wisconsin

Matthew Brashears
Cornell University

Steve Hitlin
University of Iowa

Monica Johnson
Washington State University

David Melamed
University of South Carolina

Traci Tucker (Student Member)
Stanford University

Nominations Committee

Shelley Correll (Chair)

Outstanding Recent Contribution in Social Psychology Award Committee

Linda Molm (Chair)
University of Arizona

Matt Hunt
Northeastern University

Amy Kroska
Oklahoma University

Jeff Lucas
University of Maryland

Tim Owens
Kent State University

Graduate Student Investigator Award Committee

Alicia Cast (Chair)
University of California, Santa Barbara

Tim Hallett
Indiana University

Jason Schnittker
University of Pennsylvania

Shane Thye
University of South Carolina

Membership Committee

Jessica Collett (Chair)

Stanford University

University of Notre Dame

Debbie Carr
Rutgers University

Stephen Benard
Indiana University

Gary Fine
Northwestern University

Philip Brenner
University of Massachusetts, Boston

David Schaefer
Arizona State University

Mike Harrod
Central Washington University

Ryan Trettevik (Student Member)
University of California, Riverside

Professional and External Affairs Committee

Jody Clay-Warner (Chair)
University of Georgia

Endowment Development Committee

Karen Hegtvedt (Chair)
Emory University

Rashawn Ray
University of Maryland

Jeremy Freese
Northwestern University

Bob Shelly
Ohio University

Pamela Jackson
Indiana University

Murray Webster
University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Jane McLeod
Indiana University

Dawn Robinson
University of Georgia

Jane Sell
Texas A & M University

Program Committee

Peter Burke (Chair)
University of California, Riverside

Scott Savage
University of California, Riverside)

Jonathan Turner
University of California, Riverside

Plans for the coming year.

The Program Committee of Peter Burke, Scott Savage, and Jonathan Turner is assigned the task of organizing the paper sessions. The Endowment Development Committee will continue its efforts to increase the endowment for the Graduate Student Investigator Research Fund while another committee, the Graduate

Student Investigator Award Committee finalizes the criteria for the award and will select the recipient of the inaugural award. The section also is committed to increasing membership, offering an opportunity for scholars interested in social psychology to exchange ideas, and to offer mentorship to graduate students and assistant

The Association and the Executive Office

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the ASA Council and Committee on Sections?

One concern expressed by several council members was the exorbitantly high costs for the reception. Without some additional financial support by the ASA or reduced charges by the hotel, the section may need to move its reception off-site, an option that should be unattractive to both the section and the ASA.