

# FAMILY FORUM

SUMMER 2011 ~ ASA SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Family Section Members,

Summer is here and the ASA meeting is approaching rapidly. Our section day is day two of the meeting, Sunday, but we also have sessions scheduled for Monday. The reception this year is being held jointly with the Population Section and will be held at Trevi in Caesars Palace (the conference hotel) at 6:30 Saturday evening. I thank Kyle Crowder (Population) and Chris Knoestler (Family) for their work in arranging the reception. A special thank you goes to Shannon Monnat at UNLV for her work on the ground to identify Trevi as the place to hold our reception. At the reception we will take time to honor our award winners. This year S. Philip Morgan has been selected to receive the Distinguished Career Award. The Goode Book Award will be shared by two recipients: Joanna Dreby for *Divided by Borders: Mexican Migrants and their Children*, U. of California Press and Brian Powell, Catherine Bolzendahl, Claudia Geist, and Lala Carr Steelman for *Counted Out: Same-Sex Relations and Americans' Definitions of Family*, Russell Sage Foundation. The Graduate Student Paper Award goes to Hyun Sik Kim (Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin) for his paper "Consequences of Parental Divorce for Child Development," which recently appeared in the *American Sociological* (vol. 76, pp. 487-511). The first Article of the Year Award will be presented to Susan Brown and Wendy D. Manning

for their 2009 paper "Family Boundary Ambiguity and the Measurement of Family Structure: The Significance of Cohabitation," which appeared in *Demography* (vol. 46, pp. 85-101).

This year's business meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 immediately following the roundtable sessions. Please plan on attending the business meeting as it is an excellent venue to make suggestions about sessions for the 2012 meeting. The 2012 chair of the section, Paul Amato, will be there to hear your suggestions. I hope to see you there. At the business meeting you can also make suggestions for changes in section activities. For example, at the behest of section members, we will for the first time be presenting an award for article of the year at this year's meeting. During last year's business meeting, I was charged with revising the section's bylaws. I chaired a committee comprised of Paul Amato, Caroline Sten Hartnett, Sharon Bzostek, and Liana Sayer. The revised bylaws have been approved by the section council and are on the agenda for approval by the ASA Council. Section members will have the opportunity to vote on the new bylaws during next year's ASA elections. I will bring copies of the proposed bylaws to the business meeting. Finally, attending the business meeting is an excellent way to become involved in the section. It is during these meetings that volunteers are sought to serve on the various section committees  
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## Upcoming Conferences

“Families and Child Health” is the topic of **Penn State’s 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Family Issues**, to be held **October 4-5, 2011**, on the University Park campus. For information and registration, visit <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/2011/nsfi/penn-states-19th-annual-symposium-on-family-issues/view>.

The **National Council on Family Relations** will host its 73rd annual conference **November 16-19, 2011** in Orlando, FL. The theme of the conference is “**Families and The Shifting Economy.**” For a complete schedule of the conference program, go to <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2011>.

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## Early Career Scholars Program

**The new Work and Family Researchers Network (WFRN) is seeking applicants for its 2011-2012 Early Career Scholars Program.** The WFRN, *formerly the Sloan Work and Family Research Network*, will be an international membership organization that seeks to advance, promote and disseminate interdisciplinary research on work and family.

The goal of this program is to develop supports for recent doctoral recipients and facilitate their teaching and research scholarship. By offering resources and consultation, the program is designed to help promising young scholars move into tenured appointments and secure senior level positions, as well as connect them to the work-family community of scholars. All participants in the Early Career Scholars Program will have their travel funded to the conference of the Work and Family Researchers Network to be held at the University of Pennsylvania from June 14-16, 2012. The scholars will be connected with one another to facilitate cohort-team supports, such as those that enable the development of collaborative projects, peer-mentorship, and peer reviews of manuscripts in progress. They will also receive periodic mailings of opportunities of special interest to work-family scholars who are at their early career stages and have opportunities to engage in teleconferences.



The Work and Family Researchers Network will provide 15 awards in 2011-2012, and will later recruit an additional 15 scholars to participate in 2013-2014. To be eligible, candidates must have received their doctorates in 2008 or later, and have yet to progress into tenured or secure senior level positions. Those anticipating receipt of a doctoral degree by June 2011 may also apply. The application can be found here:

## Job Announcements

### **Assistant Professor, Women's and Gender Studies , Wellesley College**

The Women's and Gender Studies Department at Wellesley College invites applications for a tenure-track, beginning assistant professor position in Global Sexuality and Queer Studies to start Fall 2012. We seek a social scientist (or training in a related field) whose research and teaching utilizes qualitative or quantitative methods. The successful candidate will teach a 2/2 load that includes introduction to women's and gender studies, queer theory, and cross-cultural sexuality, in addition to courses in new faculty member's specific area. Demonstrated teaching ability, commitment to undergraduate women's education, and a developed research agenda are expected. Our department is interdisciplinary, has its own faculty, and attracts a large number of Wellesley students to its courses and major/minor.

Candidates must have received their PhD. A statement of teaching and research interests in the cover letter, CV, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation are required. (The online application will request names/ email address so that recommenders or dossier services may submit the letters directly.) Materials should be submitted through the online application system at <https://career.wellesley.edu> by the closing date of September 15th to be considered. If there are difficulties submitting on line, contact [working@wellesley.edu](mailto:working@wellesley.edu). For more information on the department, see: <http://www.wellesley.edu/WomenSt/>.

### **Please Join Us!**

### **The 2011 Family Section Reception and Awards Ceremony**

**Time:** Saturday, August 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm

**Place:** Trevi in Caesars Palace

Come and Congratulate the Winners of the  
Annual Section Awards

- \*Distinguished Career Award\*
- \*William J. Goode Book Award\*
- \*Article of the Year Award\*
- \*Graduate Student Paper Award\*



## FAMILY SESSIONS AT THE 2011 ASA MEETING

### Families and Public Policy

Time: Sun, Aug 21, 8:30am-10:10am

Organizer: Kathleen Mullan Harris (University of North Carolina)

*The Consequences of Welfare and Employment for Relationships between Unmarried Parents.* Laura M. Tach (University of Pennsylvania)

*The Expansion of Family Policy.* Jessica Elizabeth Sprague Jones (Indiana University)

*Where Do Mothers Fare Worst? Wage Penalties for Motherhood by Skill in Comparative Perspective.* Asaf Levanon (Stanford University), Karin Halldén (Swedish Institute for Social Research)

*Intensity of Care and Caregiver Strain: Results from the Cash and Counseling Demonstration and Evaluation Study.* Sara M. Moorman (Boston College), Cameron Macdonald (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

### Why Study Housework?

Time: Sun, Aug 21, 10:30am-12:10pm

Organizers: Shannon N. Davis (George Mason University)

Theodore N. Greenstein (North Carolina State University)

*How Long Can it Take to Clean a House? Cross-national Differences in the Volume of Housework.* Judith Treas (University of California-Irvine), Tsui-o Tai (University of California-Irvine)

*The Link Between the Division of Domestic Labor and the Long-Term Quality of Family Relationships.* Veronica Tichenor (State University of New York-Institute of Technology)

*Why Study Housework: What It Can Tell Us about Class.* Sanjiv Gupta (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

*Why Study Housework? Cleaning as a Window into Power in Couples.* Shannon N. Davis (George Mason University), Theodore N. Greenstein (North Carolina State University)

Discussant: Steven P. Martin (University of Maryland-College Park)

### Roundtable Session

Time: Sun, Aug 21, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Organizers: Marybeth J. Mattingly (University of New Hampshire), Sarah Halpern-Meekin (Bowling Green State University)

Table 1. Children in Families

Table 2. Family Life

Table 3. Intra-Familial Investment

Table 4. Work and Family

Table 5. Getting and Being Married

Table 6. Parenting

Table 7. Issues Facing Vulnerable Families

Table 8. Coresidence/Transition to Adulthood

Table 9. Current Issues in Family Life

Table 10. Work/Family/Gender Roles

Table 11. Couple Concerns

### Families and Economic Stress

Time: Sun, Aug 21, 2:30pm-4:10pm

Organizer: Rand D. Conger (University of California Davis)

President: K.A.S. Wickrama (Iowa State University)

*Low-Income Mothers' Material Hardship and Children's Socioemotional Wellbeing.* Afshin Zilanawala (Columbia University), Natasha Pilkauskas (Columbia University)

*Economic Strain and Trajectories of Relationship Quality in Fragile Families.* Laryssa Mykyta (U.S. Census Bureau)

*The Effects of Medium-sized Lottery Wins on Divorce and Family Life.* Diederik Boertien (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

*Economic Hardship and Relationship Quality among Cohabiting and Married Couples in Germany.* Claudia Geist (University of Utah); Amy E. Lucas (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), Jessica Halliday Hardie (Pennsylvania State University)

Discussant: Frederick O. Lorenz (Iowa State University)



## FAMILY SESSIONS AT THE 2011 ASA MEETING

### Families and the Military

Time: Mon, Aug 22, 8:30am-10:10am

Organizer: Jennifer Hickes Lundquist (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

*Marrying Young: An Application of the Job-Demands Resources Model to the American Military.* Marek Nathan Posard (University of Maryland-College Park)

*The Politics of Foot Powder: Depoliticizing Motherhood During Wartime.* Wendy M. Christensen (Bowdoin College)

*Veteran Status, Marital Infidelity, and Divorce.* Andrew S. London (Syracuse University), Elizabeth Allen (University of Colorado-Denver), Janet M. Wilmoth (Syracuse University)

*"I'm Married to Someone in the Military": Who Identifies with the Military Spouse Role?* Sidra J. Montgomery, University of Maryland-College Park

Discussant: Jennifer Hickes Lundquist (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

### Families and Institutions

Time: Mon, Aug 22, 10:30am-12:10pm

Organizer: Megan M. Sweeney (University of California-Los Angeles)

*Chilling Effects: The Influence of Partner Incarceration on Political Participation.* Naomi Sugie (Princeton University)

*Conflict Between Work and Home in Germany and Spain: The Capabilities Approach.* Sonja Drobnic (University of Hamburg), Ana Guillen (University of Oviedo)

*Cross-national Variations in Parents' Time with Children: The Effects of Employment and Education.* Pablo Gracia (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

*Incarceration History and Relationship Transitions in Young Adulthood.* Jessica Jakubowski (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

*Is Marriage Greedy? Marital Status, Marital Transitions, and Civic Engagement.* Young-Il Kim (University of Virginia)

Discussant: Lynn Prince Cooke (University of Surrey)



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(Article of the Year Award, Goode Book Award, Distinguished Career Award, Graduate Student Paper Award, and various ad hoc committees).

I am very pleased to welcome our new section officers. Annette Lareau (University of Pennsylvania) was elected to serve as section chair for 2012-2013. Two new council members were elected: Linda Burton (Duke University) and Marcia Carlson (University of Wisconsin-Madison). Our new student representative is Kriti Vikram (University of Maryland). Welcome and thank you for your willingness to serve.

Speaking of service to the section, I want to thank our past chair, Judy Seltzer, who has continued to be very active in section activities and has provided me tremendous assistance in carrying out my duties as chair. Michelle Budig and Becky Pettit are rotating off council and Carline Sten Hartnett is leaving us as student representative. I thank all of them for the wonderful service to the section. I also thank Sanjiv Gupta (webmaster) and Mary Noonan (newsletter) for all their efforts in keeping us informed about section activities.

This year's sessions promise to be stimulating. I chose the session topics based on your input and critical issues currently facing families. Starting off our section's sessions at 8:30 Sunday morning we will hear about "Families and Public Policy" with a set of papers organized by Kathleen Mullan Harris that address key points of intersection between family life and various types of public policy. At 10:30 is an invited session titled "Why Study Housework?" organized by Shannon Davis and Ted Greenstein. The papers in this session address an often overlooked topic central to the ways families organize themselves. The section roundtable presentations will occur at 12:30, followed immediately by our business meeting. And, at 2:30 there is a session organized by Rand

Conger dealing with "Families and Economic Stress." This session is particularly salient given the hard economic times facing families. On Monday there are two more sessions. At 8:30 Jennifer Lundquist has gathered an interesting set of papers dealing with "Families and the Military." This session is motivated by the continued salience of an important American institution that shapes families yet is still not well understood. A session dealing with "Families and Institutions" organized by Megan Sweeney follows at 10:30. The papers in this session explore various linkages between families and a wide array of larger institutions.

Best wishes,

Jay Teachman  
Chair, ASA Family Section  
Professor, Department of Sociology,  
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### Planning ahead...

The Theme for the 2012 Annual meeting of the ASA is "Real Utopias: Emancipatory projects, institutional designs, possible futures." To learn more about plans for the meeting, please go to: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/ASA-president-2012.htm>