



Instructors: Jessie Bernard, Research Scholar, honoris causa and author of The Sociology of the Community, evaluating "Contemporary Community Paradigms"

James J. Venecko, Brown University, Chairperson - SSSP Community Research & Development Committee, evaluating "Comparative Community Research"

#### Research Census Planned

In the next edition of the Newsletter, the Research Committee will undertake a census of community research now in progress. This census will be carried out in conjunction with the Division of Community Research and Development of the SSSP. A questionnaire will be included in the next Newsletter and members will be asked to indicate: (1) what community related research/writing they are currently engaged in; and (2) what research ought to be going on in the community area. The questionnaire should be returned to the chairperson of the Research Committee and results will be published in a special edition of the Newsletter to be issued by that committee this spring.

#### Standing Committees Formalized

The standing committees for the year have been selected and formalized by the Council. Their membership is as follows:

##### Nominating Committee

Willis Sutton, Chairperson  
James Vanecko  
Jacqueline Scherer

##### Research Committee

John Walton, Chairperson  
Morton Rubin  
Claire Gilbert

##### Program Committee

Harold Kaufman, Chairperson  
Sylvia Fava  
Herman Turk

##### Liaison Committee

Michael Aiken, Chairperson  
Frank Sweetser  
John Walton

#### Elections

The last page of this Newsletter is a ballot for the election of section officers. Members are reminded that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson serve two year terms. Council members serve three year terms. All ballots should be returned to Willis Sutton, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506 by the deadline indicated on the ballot.

Participation in the section sessions, business meeting, and cocktail party at the New York meetings was large and enthusiastic. Members are encouraged to make every effort to attend and participate in the Montreal meetings. We look forward to seeing you in Montreal.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Holtzman, Editor  
University of Connecticut

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Community Section Program

The Community Section Program for the 1974 Annual Meeting of the ASA has been set for August 28.

8:30-10:30

COMPARATIVE STUDIES AND APPROACHES IN COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Presider: Sylvia F. Fava, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Social Class, Political Structure and Direct Benefits in American Urban Politics  
Kenneth Newton, Nuffield College, Oxford University, England

Urban Sociology and Community Study in Eastern Europe: Reflections and Comparisons with American Approaches  
Ivan Szelenyi, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Urban Sociology and Urban Politics: A Comparative Perspective  
Manuel Castells, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris

Comparative Study of Structure and Change in Selected Small Communities in India and the United States  
S.K. Reddy and Harold F. Kaufman, University of Mississippi

Social Multiplier Effects in Community Economic Development  
Barry A. Stein, Center for Community Economic Development and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Rosabeth Moss Kanter, Harvard University School of Education and Brandeis University

Evaluation of New Communities in the United States  
Robert B. Zehner, Raymond J. Burby III, and Shirley Weiss, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

10:30-12:30

ASA Business Meeting

2:30-3:25

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

1. The Uses of Field Research by Students and Instructors in Teaching Community  
Presenter: Philip Olson, University of Missouri, Kansas City  
Rapporteur: Lathrop V. Beal, SUNY, Binghamton
2. Community and the Concept of Social Group  
Presenter: George V. Wallis, University of Georgia  
Rapporteur: Susan Eckstein, Boston University
3. Issues in Community Power and Decision-Making  
Presenter: Michael D. Grimes, Louisiana State University  
Rapporteur: Pamela D. Savatsky, Environmental Research and Technology, Inc.
4. Urban Typologies  
Presenter: George A. Hillery, Jr., Virginia Polytechnic Inst. and State Univ.  
Rapporteur: Joel Smith, Duke University

5. The Community Dimension in Economic Development  
Presenter: Stewart E. Perry, Center for Community Economic Development  
Rapporteur: Ted C. Smith, University of Utah

3:35-4:30

6. Lessons in Community Process from the Last Decade  
Presenter: Jacqueline R. Scherer, Oakland University  
Rapporteur: Richard C. Hill, Michigan State University
7. Studying Large Numbers of Communities  
Presenter: O. Andrew Collver, SUNY, Stony Brook, and John D. Kasarda,  
University of Chicago  
Rapporteur: Claire W. Gilbert, New York City
8. Phenomenological and Interactionist Approaches to Community Analysis  
Presenter: Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
Rapporteur: Benjamin D. Zablocki, Columbia University
9. The Idea of Community Conflict in Teaching, Research, and Practice  
Presenter: Alvin H. Scaff, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
Rapporteur: Judith J. Friedman, University of Southern California
10. Social Problems in Some Newly Constituted Neighborhoods  
Presenter: Carl-Gunnar Janson, Stockholm University  
Rapporteur: David Popenoe, Rutgers University
- \* Roundtable Sessions organized by Herman Turk, University of Southern California

4:35-5:30

#### Community Section Business Meeting

Presider: Roland Warren, Chair. All members are urged to attend as a demonstration of community (section) solidarity, group cohesion, and related concepts.

5:30-6:30

#### Section Cocktail Reception

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Eastern Sociological Society Meeting: Because of Jessie Bernard's sudden illness, the presentation on community theory at the ESS's community seminar will be made by Roland L. Warren, Heller School, Brandeis University. James J. Vanecko, Brown University, will give the presentation on community research as originally announced.

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Survey of Community-Related Activities: In response to many requests from members of ASA and SSSP Community Sections it has been decided to mount a survey of current community-related activities. Many of you have noted that it would be helpful to have an overview of the membership's research, teaching, and participatory activities in the community field. The enclosed questionnaire is a step in that direction. We hope that you will cooperate by taking about ten minutes to complete the items and return the form to: John Walton, Department of Sociology, Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Tentatively we are planning to present the results in a joint ASA-SSSP panel at the Montreal meetings. In addition we hope to have a written summary of the survey available at that time or by request to James Vanecko or Roland Warren.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Claire Gilbert, Morton Rubin, John Walton  
Committee on Current Research