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### 1980 Community Studies Award to the Lynds

Helen M. Lynd and the late Robert Lynd, the authors of the community classic, Middletown, will be honored with the Second Annual Community Section Award. This award is given to scholars who have made a significant contribution to the sociological study of community.

Helen Merrell Lynd will accept the award on behalf of her husband and herself at the Community Section business meeting on Saturday, August 30, 1980, at 3:30 p.m. Professor Lynd has agreed to read a brief selection from the Columbia University Oral History Project describing her field work experiences in Middletown.

The awards committee selected the Lynds from a group of distinguished nominations. All members of the ASA are invited to attend the award session, and a party honoring her at 6 p.m. that evening (details at end of this newsletter).

### 1980 Community Section Annual Meeting Sessions

All of the sessions listed here will be held on Saturday, August 30, the designated Community Section day. Details of meeting room and time will be available in the final ASA program available at the time of registration.

1. "NEW PARADIGMS FOR URBAN COMMUNITY RESEARCH"

Organizer and Presider: John Johnson, Arizona State University

"Friendship Values and Intimacy Patterns in an Urban Community," Lea Hagoe],  
University of Minnesota

"Urban Planning and the Creation of Community in Lower Manhattan," Maynard Robinson, Urban Systems Research and Engineering, Inc.

"Community Development and Nation-Building: An Israeli Border Kibbutz," Paula Rayman, Brandeis University

"The Korean Community: Urban and International Dimensions," Illsoo Kim, Hunter College, City University of New York

"The Urban Italian Neighborhood," Donald Tricarico, Queensborough Community College, CUNY

Discussant: Joseph Bensman, CUNY Graduate Center

2. "THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITIES"

Organizer: Arthur J. Vidich, New School for Social Research

Presider: William Kornblum, CUNY Graduate Center

"The Future of Cities in the Third World," Janet Abu-Lughod, Northwestern University

"The Future of Community Self Help," David M. Muchnick, The Bronx 2000 Corporation

"Visual Language and Community Change," Glean Chase, Howard University

"Catharsis, Meditation and the Creation of New Communities," Maurice R. Stein, Brandeis University

Discussant: Stanford M. Lyman, New School for Social Research

### 3. SECTION ON COMMUNITY: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Organizers: Arthur Anderson, Fairfield College  
Ilana Samets, Connecticut College

"Racial and Ethnic Communities in Sunbelt Cities"

Rose Brewer, The University of Texas at Austin  
John Stanfield, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

"Urban Community Boundaries: The Case of the Black Ghetto"

Leonard Cain, Portland State University

"Discrepancies between Urban Community Research Findings and Federal Urban Policy"

David Cooperman, University of Minnesota

"Community Adaptation to Economic Instability"

Cal Davis, California State University, Hayward

"Labor Negotiations with Town Governments: The Role of Power Groups"

Harry Fishman, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO

"Community Needs and Problems as Social Indicators in Determining the Quality of Life"

Pradip Kumar Ghosh, Ohio University

"Continuities and Changes in Community Demographic-Ecological Structure, 1950-1970"

Michael D. Grimes, Louisiana State University

"The Promotion of Growth in Small Towns and Its Impact on Population Change"

Craig R. Humphrey, The Pennsylvania State University

"Corporate Strategy for the Urban Northeast"

Dennis McGrath, Community College of Philadelphia

"Unexplored Dimensions of the Concept of Community"

Mary Lou Mayo, Kean College of New Jersey

"Asian Refugee Resettlement Communities"

Charles Choy Wong, Hispanic Urban Center, Los Angeles

"Citizen Participation Mechanisms in Urban Communities"

Kenneth J. Kovach, Cleveland Urban Museum Project

"The Assessment of Community Needs"

Rose Rodrigues, University of Bridgeport

"Where Are You From? Ambiguities in Community Identification"

Linda Stoneall, Illinois State University

"Strategies for Analyzing Community Controversy"

Charles Nelson, Muskingum College

"Class Structures in Cross National Communities"

Julius Rivera, University of Texas at El Paso

"The Politics of Declining Population: The Case of the South Bronx Community"

Kurt Schlichting, Fairfield University

"American Women in Cities"

Sandra P. Schoenberg, Washington University

Galen Cranz, Helena Lopata, William Michelson

"The Welfare State in the Community"

Matthew Snipp, University of Wisconsin, Madison

#### COMMUNITY TOURS AT 1980 ASA MEETINGS IN N.Y.C.

The program committee of the Community Section has arranged a number of tours to communities in New York City. These tours have been organized specifically for Community Section members.

All of the tour leaders have conducted research and/or written books about the areas in which they will conduct their tours. The schedule and leaders are as follows:

Thursday, August 28, 1980

1:00 p.m.

- Dr. Charles Simpson, State University of New York at Plattsburgh  
"SoHo"
- Dr. Frank Naughton, Kean College of New Jersey  
"Greenwich Village"
- Dr. Ying-Jen Chang, Mercy College  
"Chinatown"
- Dr. Terry Williams, CUNY Graduate Center  
"The Commercial Sex Industry in the Times Square Area"

Friday, August 29, 1980

9:00 a.m.

- Dr. Ying-Jen Chang, Mercy College  
"Chinatown"
- Dr. Maynard Robison,  
"Lower Manhattan Commercial Community"
- Dr. Ilsoo Kim, Hunter College, CUNY  
"The Korean Community in Manhattan"
- Dr. Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
"Crown Heights, Prospect-Lefferts-Gardens and East Flatbush"

1:00 p.m.

- Ms. Virginia Tong, M.S.W., Director of Multi-Social Services, Chinatown Planning Council  
"Chinatown"
- Dr. Egon Mayer, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
"The Hassidic Community in Boro Park"
- Dr. Marvin Koenigsberg, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
"Brooklyn Heights Community"
- Dr. Vernon Boggs, CUNY Graduate Center  
"The 42nd Street Area -- 'The Deuce'"

Saturday, August 30, 1980

10:00 p.m.

- Dr. Marvin Koenigsberg, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
"Jazz Community of Manhattan"

Sunday, August 31, 1980

10:00 p.m.

- Dr. Egon Mayer, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
"The Hassidic Community in Boro Park"
- Dr. Frank Naughton, Kean College of New Jersey  
"Greenwich Village"
- Dr. Charles Simpson, State University of New York at Plattsburgh  
"SoHo"

All of the tours will originate at the large ball-shaped fountain in front of the Burlington Building at the Corner of 54th. Street and Sixth Avenue. A representative of the Community Section will be located by the fountain to organize the tours. In case of rain, the tours for that hour will be cancelled.

#### ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY

Alex Inkeles, Editor of the Annual Review of Sociology, is seeking articles for succeeding volumes. Articles should review a subfield of sociology rather than report original research. These articles should "identify critical issues, sort out the research evidence bearing on them, and facilitate the systematic assessment of what we know," and it would be especially useful if they served the teaching function. Inkeles' address is: Annual Reviews, Inc., 4139 El Camino Way, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

#### NEWS NOTES

Apologies for the delay of the Fall 1979 Newsletter. The Postal Service lost the original copy between here and the ASA Office. Since the ASA did not know we had sent it to them it was not until 2 months later the loss was discovered. Needless to say, we now have a better system of transmittal.

Section members are encouraged to send news items to The Editor, c/o Department of Sociology, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.

The 3rd Annual Conference on the Small City and Regional Community was held this spring at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The proceedings of the conference are available by writing to Richard Wolensky, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

As of March 1, 1980 the ASA Teaching Project is sponsoring a free service for all ASA members engaged in the teaching of sociology. This service, the ASA Teacher Information Exchange (T.I.E.), will be headquartered at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio under the direction of Jeanne Ballantine and David Orenstein. TIE's function is to serve as a referral service for information and advice concerning teaching in major (and many minor) subfields of sociology, teaching techniques, simulations, innovative teaching ideas, etc. The sociologist calling TIE will be referred to an individual with expertise in the area of requested information. The TIE secretary will be on duty 1 to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time) daily. Messages left on the 24-hour machine will be promptly answered. The phone number is: (513) 873-2039.

The ASA Teaching Resources Center will be distributing two new publications, beginning this fall, which are of interest to Community Section members. They are a revision of the 1976 Community and Urban Community Bibliography and Course Outlines into two separate booklets; one will be course syllabi and outlines; the other an updated teaching bibliography. Marvin Koenigsberg of Brooklyn College is assembling the course outline materials, and Philip Olson of University of Missouri-Kansas City is doing the bibliography update.

HUD is issuing a series of urban research reports that are available free of charge for single copies. The most useful reports are a new research information clearing house called HUD USER. A Compendium of Research Reports is issued periodically in abstract form and may be obtained by writing HUD USER, Box 280, Germantown, MD 20767. By being on this mailing list you will also receive monthly Recent Research Results - abstracts of detailed research reports available from HUD. In addition, HUD issues Occasional Papers in Housing and Community Affairs, available by writing Katherine O'Leary, Office of Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD, Washington, DC 20410.

1980 REGIONAL MEETING PAPERS

The following papers, which were presented at Regional Meetings this year, may be of interest to Section members. Presumably copies may be obtained by writing to the author(s).

Midwest Sociological Society, April 3-5, Milwaukee

- "The Construction of Neighborhood Identity by External Agents: The Case of the Political Neighborhood, Jeffrey L. Davidson, University of Delaware
- "The Organizational Structure of Community Groups," Carl Milofsky, Yale University
- "Community Attachment in 14 'Typical' Chicago Neighborhoods," Ray Hutchison, DePaul University
- "Ecological Correlates of Central City Crime," John E. Farley, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
- "Community Studies in the Ivory Coast," Koli Luc Kouame, University of Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- "A Survey of Community Studies in the People's Republic of China," Charles M. Hoo, Hong Kong and The University of Wisconsin-Madison
- "Community Studies in Brazil: 1960-1980," Manoel Tourinho, Brazil and The University of Wisconsin-Madison
- "A Review of Australia Studies of Communities: 1960-79," Arlayne Weston, Department of Local Affairs and Development, State of Wisconsin
- "Economic and Social Developments in Indian Communities Since 1960." Leonard Bloomquist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- "Communities in the Celtic Fringe: From Classical Sociology to Contemporary Impact Assessment," Thomas Hirschl, University of Wisconsin-Madison

North Central Sociological Association, May 1-3, Dayton

- "Class Politics in the Neighborhood Movement," Pamela Oliver, University of Louisville
- "Religious Consciousness: The Foundations of Legitimacy of Church Authority," Edmund J. Sheerin, University of Detroit
- "School-Community Relations: A Decade of Research," Jacqueline R. Scherer, Oakland University
- "Social Determinants of the Neighborhood Image," Jeffrey K. Lange, Thiel College
- "Measuring, Monitoring and Modeling Community Growth," John W. Foley, Sagamon State University
- "Developing Community Base Systems for Health Research," Elizabeth Prevot and Robert Erlandson, Wayne State University
- "An Analysis of Nonprofit Community Organizations and Their Participation in the Implementation of School Resegregation," Mary Margaret Fonow, Denison University
- "Community Organization and Crime Control," Laura D. Birg, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle

Eastern Sociological Society, March 21-23, Boston

- "Economic Ownership in U.S. Communities: Corporate Change, 1961-1975," Sally K. Ward, Rutgers University, Newark
- "Cooperation, Competition and Change on the Periphery," Renee G. Kasinsky, University of Lowell
- "The Effect of Race, Type of Case, the Racial Composition of the Community in Which the Case is Heard and the State's Level of Centralization on the Judge-Jury Decision," Margaret Platt Jendrek, Miami University (Ohio)
- "Black Suburbanization: Patterns and Progress," Linda Brewster Stearns, SUNY, Stony Brook

- "The Impact of Military Spending on Urban Development," Paula M. Rayman, Brandeis  
 "Building Type, Density, and Experienced Crowding," Jeff Sobal, Gettysburg College  
 "The Political Face of the Real Estate Industry in New York City," Ronald Lawson,  
 CUNY, Queens and Center for Policy Research  
 "The Determinants of Urban Mortgage Lending," Lynne Kotranski, Temple University  
 "The Struggle Over School Desegregation," Marilyn Monteiro, Harvard University  
 "Urban-Suburban Cleavages," J. Bryan Sheehan, Columbia University  
 "Effectiveness and Organizational Characteristics of School Districts: Comparisons  
 of Districts with Different Student Populations"  
 "Variable White Ethnic Resistance to School Desegregation," Irving Allen, University  
 of Connecticut, Storrs

Southwestern Sociological Association, April 2-5, Houston

- "Residential Segregation in Southwestern Metropolitan Areas: 1970," Marc Matre,  
 University of South Alabama and Tatcho Mindiola, Jr., University of Houston  
 "The New Urban History: Case Study, the South," Blain A. Brownell, University of  
 Alabama, Birmingham  
 "Is 'Gentrification' Narrowing the City-Suburb Income Gap?" Larry H. Long and Donald  
 C. Dahman, U.S. Bureau of the Census  
 "Urbanism and Anomie: The Effects of Size of Place of Residence on Feelings of Anomie  
 and Unhappiness," Judy Maynard and Michael Timberlake, Memphis State University  
 "Impact of Demographic and Social Factors on Community Perception," Suzanne Smity Saul-  
 niers, Huston-Tillotson College, and Carlos Aguilar, Southwest Texas State  
 "An Examination of Populations and Subpopulations by Age in Their Evaluations of Com-  
 munity," Gary M. Stokley, Louisiana Tech University  
 "A Choice Theoretic Analysis of Institutional Change in Urban Governments," Steven M.  
 Maser, University of Rochester  
 "Explaining Metropolitan Fragmentation: The Role of State Constitutional and Environ-  
 mental Variables," Edwin Benton and Platon N. Rigos, University of South Florida  
 "Dimensions of Citizen Attitudes Toward Urban Growth," Woodrow Jones, Jr., San Diego  
 State University  
 "The Environmental Issue, Policy Outputs, and the Performance of More Developed COGs,"  
 Dean Alger, University of Redlands

Southern Sociological Society, March 26-29, Knoxville

- "The Problem of Condominium Conversion and Displacement of the Elderly in the District  
 of Columbia," Robert Guy Brown, George Washington University and Eileen Zeitz,  
 American University  
 "Inner-City Reinvestment and Neighborhood Characteristics: Spatial Patterns Over Time,"  
 Shirley B. Laska, University of New Orleans; Jerrol Seaman, Loyola University of  
 New Orleans; Dennis McSeveney, University of New Orleans  
 "Population Density, Perceived Sense of Crowding and Community Satisfaction," J. Donald  
 O'Meara, University of Cincinnati

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Word has been received that David Street, Chair of the Sociology Department at the  
 University of Chicago-Chicago Circle, died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 29, 1980 at Mercy  
 Hospital in Chicago. Gerald Suttles, his close friend, writes, "He died of internal hemorrhag-  
 ing and without much warning. He was 45 years old and just completing his fourth year as head  
 of Circle Campus. I know that he immensely enjoyed those years. A fund will be established  
 in Dave's name at Circle Campus."

Community Section Election Results

George Hillery, Jr., Section Secretary-Treasurer announces that the following members have been elected:

- Irwin T. Sanders, Chair-Elect
- Peggy Wireman, Council Member, 3-year term
- David Cooperman, Council Member, 3-year term

According to the by-laws, the Chair-Elect serves in that capacity until 1982, when he then assumes the position of Section Chair. At the conclusion of this year's Section meeting, Sylvia Fava steps down as Chair and is replaced by Arthur Vidich, who will serve as Section Chair for the next two years. Congratulations, Sylvia, on a fine job in bringing the Section along in a highly professional manner. The membership will have an opportunity to express its thanks to her personally at the cocktail party on Saturday, August 30, 1980.

Party Honoring Helen Lynd

The Community Section will host a party honoring Helen Merrell Lynd from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 30, 1980 in a suite at the Hilton Hotel. The cost to members is \$5 per person (\$3 for student members). Advance reservations are urged to help in planning for food and beverages. The suite number can be obtained by requesting Sylvia Fava's room number at the hotel desk anytime on Saturday. It will be announced at the business meeting. Please send your check with the form below. If you are yet uncertain about being in NYC for the meetings, you may pay at the door.

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Mail to:

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the Community Section party on Saturday, August 30, 1980. The party will be held in the Hilton Hotel suite registered in Sylvia Fava's name. Please send check or money order ONLY, made payable to Philip Olson. Enclosed is \$5 (\$3 for student members) for each place I am reserving.

Checks must be received by  
AUGUST 20, 1980.

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