

Ryan Gabriel Selected for ASA/MSS Minority Fellowship

The American Sociological Association has named Ryan Gabriel the recipient of the 2014-15 ASA/MSS Minority Fellowship.

Now a fourth-year doctoral student at the University of Washington in Seattle, Ryan discovered sociology in an introductory course during his freshman year at Utah State University.

“It just blew my mind,” he said. “It fit the way I already thought about the world, but it also challenged my assumptions, and made me think more deeply.” Ryan pursued sociology enthusiastically, and his instructors recognized his ability, inviting him to join the Sociology Honors Program, which cemented his interest. He earned his sociology BA in 2011 at Utah State, where he also served as President of Alpha Kappa Delta. He has since completed his master’s degree with a minor in social statistics.

Ryan is currently at work on his doctoral dissertation, which explores the residential stratification of mixed-race couples. He explained his research focus: “Over the last 30 years, the number of U.S. mixed-race couples has increased substantially. In 2010, 15% of all marriages were mixed-race or mixed-ethnicity.”

“We know from cross-sectional research that mixed-race couples tend to reside in diverse areas,” Ryan added. “However, I am using longitudinal data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics which allows me not only to discover the level of neighborhood diversity that mixed-race couples experience, but the characteristics of neighborhoods that they move into, while taking into account individual, neighborhood, and metropolitan characteristics that have been known to influence mobility behavior.” With one chapter already complete, Ryan hopes to finish his dissertation by next spring and to seek journal publication.

Ryan is also a cofounder of the Seattle Urban Research Group (SURG). SURG brings together undergraduates, graduate students, and professors to investigate Seattle sociological issues.

Ryan wrote, “SURG’s first project explores how racial segregation might be found within integrated neighborhoods. Much of the research on integrated communities uses census tracts as proxies for neighborhoods. What might appear as an integrated neighborhood at the tract-level could be hiding substantive ethno-racial residential segregation that is associated with a stratification of key

resources. We are using quantitative spatial analysis, and visual sociology, along with demographic and historical methodology, to create an in-depth descriptive study of the stratification associated with residential segregation at the block-level within select integrated tracts in Seattle.”



RYAN GABRIEL

When he is not working on his dissertation, Ryan is interested in community service and sports, and likes to cook and bake. Married five years, he reports no children as yet, adding, “We don’t even own a plant.”

Ryan appreciates MSS’s support. “It means a lot to me that MSS members give their hard-earned dollars to support the Minority Fellowship Program,” he said. “I’m hoping to pay it forward.” Please congratulate Ryan on receiving the ASA/MSS fellowship and welcome him to MSS with an email to: rygabe@uw.edu.

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Sociology in the Show-Me State:

by Doug Hartmann, MSS President-elect and 2015 Program Chair



DOUG HARTMANN

Kansas City, Missouri. What better location for a sociology conference than a city with great barbecue in a state famously full of folks who refuse to believe anything they can't be shown? Okay, so maybe I'm a little biased. After all, I was born in the little town of Marshall, raised in Cape Girardeau, and still have relatives all over the state. (Not that any of my cousins in the Ozarks will make it to the meetings). But even if you aren't quite as pumped about the state as I am, you should be excited about the sociology.

The theme for this year's meetings is "Sociology and its Publics: The Next Generation."

I've chosen this theme not only because I know that many of us Midwest sociologists are inspired and driven by the call of public duty, but because the challenges of engagement raise such deep and timeless questions about sociology itself: What is this discipline? Why and for whom do we do sociology? And how can we do it better? And with the explosion of new media, increasing political attacks on the social sciences, and the ongoing transformations of higher education, these questions about sociological practice and its different publics have become more salient and significant than ever before.

We've got some great plenary speakers lined up:

Dalton Conley (NYU), author of *You May Ask Yourself*, *Being Black*, *Living in the Red*; and the newly released *Parentology*, and **Lisa Wade** (Occidental), founding editor of the wildly popular and award-winning website "Sociological Images."



DALTON CONLEY

Get ready for the 2015 MSS Annual Meeting in Kansas City

Dates:	Thursday - Sunday, March 26-29
Meeting registration:	Opens online Dec. 7 at www.TheMSS.org
Advance registration fees:	Students - \$35 / Regular members - \$95
Conference site hotel:	Kansas City Marriott Downtown
Hotel reservations:	Opens online Dec. 7 at www.TheMSS.org

MSS 2015!

For regular updates on MSS2015, follow us
on Twitter @MSSKansasCity.

Our twitter stream: <https://twitter.com/msskansascity>

We'll be using the hashtag #mss2015 during the conference.



THEDA SKOCPOL

And an unprecedented number of sessions on the theme are already in the works, including a session on the status of public universities that will feature a return engagement by **John Holmwood** (University of Nottingham, UK), the Past President of the British Sociological Association.

A special plenary panel on the status of the social sciences in politics and public affairs will be headlined by Professors **Theda Skocpol** (Harvard; creator and convener of the nationwide Scholars Strategy Network), **Christopher Uggen** (Minnesota; co-publisher of The Society Pages.org), and our own **Kevin Leicht** (Iowa) who is currently serving a term with the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC. And don't forget Leicht's Presidential address. It will be on Friday night under the title "Getting Serious about Inequality."

In addition to our usual diverse array of sessions on research, teaching, and learning, the 2015 meetings in Kansas City will also feature the trademark MSS hospitality, congeniality, and good cheer. MSS Trivia night will be back by popular demand as part of the opening reception and festivities. Our Local Arrangements Chair Eve Blobaum (Johnson County) has a great set of tours planned, including one on KC barbecue. There will also be a special AKD teaching symposium running Thursday afternoon into Friday morning.

So send in your papers, update your membership, and make your reservations as soon as the hotel page and registration open the first week in December for some great sociology and sociological socializing in the Show-Me state!



LISA WADE

Preview:

Explore Kansas City

Commercial site with coupons, access to online ticket sales

www.explorekansascity.com

Kansas City's online journal & calendar of the arts

www.kcmetropolis.org

Official website of the Kansas City Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.visitkc.com

NEW at MSS in 2015! ★

Join us!

Alpha Kappa Delta's Teaching and Learning Event at MSS's Annual Meeting

Are you looking for ways to increase student learning without exhausting yourself in the process?

Join colleagues interested in teaching pedagogy, practical application, and the scholarship of teaching and learning from a variety of academic settings in a half-day workshop designed to expose the inner workings of course design, student engagement, meaningful learning, and effective assessment. Participants will craft a unique workshop experience from a selection of roundtable discussions best suited to their individual interests and needs. Time will be allocated for networking with colleagues interested in sharing ideas, gaining support, and building collaboration, so participants are encouraged to bring business cards to share.

Join us!

Join us for this two-day event on:
Thursday, March 26, 2015 (afternoon session)
Friday, March 27, 2015 (morning session)

Funding Available!

AKD will fund five fellowships to support attending the Teaching and Learning Event. Up to \$500 will be awarded to offset travel costs.

Application deadline: 2/28

For more information about the workshop and/or the AKD Fellowship, visit

alphakappadelta.org/AKD_TLEvent.html

or contact Bethany Titus, AKD Executive Director, at akd@lemoyne.edu

★ **Register for the AKD Teaching & Learning Event when you register for the MSS Annual Meeting. Registration opens at www.TheMSS.org on or about Dec. 7th.**

MSS ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINES

IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH 26-29, 2015, ANNUAL MEETING AS A—

- SESSION ORGANIZER,
- PAPER PRESENTER,
- PANELIST,
- DISCUSSANT,
- POSTER PRESENTER,
- COMMITTEE MEMBER,

**Questions about the deadlines
or the annual meeting?
Send to MSS Exec Office:
mwsocsoc@centurylink.net**

—YOU MAY WISH TO CLIP AND POST THIS SERIES OF DEADLINES.

OCT. 29, 2014	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPER ABSTRACTS TO ORGANIZERS.
NOV. 14	TARGET DEADLINE FOR ORGANIZERS TO ACCEPT PAPERS AND SUBMIT COMPLETED SESSION LISTINGS TO PROGRAM CHAIR.
DEC. 1	TARGET DATE FOR THE 2015 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM TO BE POSTED ONLINE.
DEC. 7	ADVANCE REGISTRATION OPENS. [APPROX]
DEC. 7	HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN.
DEC. 15	DEADLINE FOR AMENDMENTS TO PRELIMINARY PROGRAM BY ORGANIZERS & PARTICIPANTS.
JAN. 11, 2015	PAPERS FOR STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION ARE DUE.
JAN. 15	DEADLINE FOR ORGANIZERS TO CONFIRM PAPERS AND REPORT ANY WITHDRAWALS/CANCELLATIONS/REMOVALS.
JAN. 18	POSTERS FOR UNDERGRAD POSTER SESSION ARE DUE.
MAR. 1	DEADLINE FOR ALL MEETING PARTICIPANTS TO REGISTER AND PAY ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES. ANY ORGANIZERS/PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE NOT PAID MEMBERSHIP DUES AND REGISTRATION FEES RUN THE RISK OF BEING REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM.
MAR. 26	YOU ARRIVE IN KANSAS CITY!

CALL FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION: UNDERGRAD POSTER SESSION IN KANSAS CITY

Purpose: The MSS Undergraduate Poster Session is designed to feature undergraduate work in sociology and promote interaction between all members of the Midwest Sociological Society.

Definition: “A poster presentation consists of an exhibit of materials that reports research activities or informational resources in visual and summary form. Poster presentations provide a unique platform that facilitates personal discussion of work with interested colleagues and allows meeting attendees to browse through highlights of current research and ideas.”
Definition courtesy of the American Sociological Association.

Content: Undergraduate students experience and study the “art” of sociology in many ways. This session is designed to feature these experiences and studies. Posters may present original research and data collection, theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy using sociological frameworks, as well as other forms of being engaged with the sociological imagination.

Format: Guidelines and information on constructing posters, session logistics (date, time, place), presenter expectations, and poster competition details will be sent to all students accepted into the session.

Other Information: Poster presentations are treated like other submissions for sessions at the MSS with two exceptions: (1) All poster presenters must have a faculty sponsor. (2) Poster presentations are submitted directly to the coordinator and are NOT submitted through the online paper-submission portal.

Questions? Email Undergrad Poster Session Coordinator Jean Karlen at jekarle1@wsc.edu

Submission Information:

Deadline: January 18, 2015.

Send poster submissions directly to Jean Karlen by email to: jekarle1@wsc.edu Include the information specified below:

POSTER TITLE:

AUTHOR(S): Please provide names and email addresses for all student authors.
(If there is more than one author, indicate with an asterisk (*) the principal author responsible for presenting the poster.)

FACULTY SPONSOR: (Must be a current member of MSS; provide current address and email.)

ABSTRACT: (Summarize your poster in 150 words or less.)

Expectations of Poster Presenters:

- Students must be members of the Midwest Sociological Society to participate. Student membership fees are \$23.
- Students can join MSS on the membership page of the MSS website at www.TheMSS.org
- Students must register (pay registration fees) for the annual meeting before Mar. 1, 2015. Student advance registration fees for 2015 are \$35.
- Students who do not join MSS AND register by Mar. 1st will be dropped from the program.
- Posters will be on display at the annual meeting in an area yet to be assigned. A time will be assigned during the day on Friday or Saturday, March 27 or 28th, for students to be present to answer questions about their posters.

CALL FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION: 52ND ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION IN HONOR OF R. DEAN WRIGHT

The Midwest Sociological Society invites students of sociology to participate in the 2015 Student Paper Competition. The competition is open to currently-enrolled undergraduate and graduate student members of MSS. Papers are judged through a blind review with separate panels of judges for graduate and undergraduate papers.

Three prizes in each division: 1st Prize: \$250 2nd Prize: \$150 3rd Prize: \$100
plus waiver of annual meeting registration fee.
Prizes may be picked up by the winner at the annual meeting in Kansas City.
MSS reserves the right not to award prizes, or to award second or third prizes but no first.

----- Rules for the 2015 Competition -----

Papers

1. Research-based papers involving research on human subjects must secure Institutional Review Board approval prior to beginning research; or undergo an equivalent review procedure and describe it in the methodology section of the paper.
2. Papers may be coauthored by students, but not by students and faculty. Advisors are expected to provide guidance, but not to assist with writing the paper. A student may author or coauthor only one paper in the competition.
3. Students may nominate their own work. With a student's permission, an advisor may submit a paper on a student's behalf.
4. Maximum text length is 25 double-spaced pages (12-point font), not counting abstract, references, tables or figures.
5. Students who submit papers to this competition may submit the same paper to sessions at the annual meeting and/or to the editor of *The Sociological Quarterly* for publication consideration.

Submission Procedures and Deadline

6. Student competitors must pay MSS dues for 2015 prior to submitting a paper. [Pay online at www.TheMSS.org]
7. The paper may be submitted as two to three pdf files [preferred!] or as two to three text files, but it must be submitted as two to three documents, as follows: (1) A cover sheet including title of the paper; the name, institutional affiliation, email address, telephone number, mailing address and the graduate or undergraduate status of the author(s); and the name, email address, telephone number, and mailing address of the student's advisor. (2) The paper itself must include NONE of the identifying information from the cover page, but must include, at the top of its first page, the full title of the paper, followed by the abstract, if one is included. [See www.theMSS.org for sample documents.] (3) IRB certification or appropriate documentation must be submitted as a third document, for research-based papers involving human subjects.
8. All submissions must be received by January 11, 2015. Send submissions electronically ONLY to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net. [IMPORTANT: Do not send submissions to the competition chairs.]
9. Your submission will be acknowledged by email when received. If your submission is not acknowledged within 72 hours of your sending it, it is your responsibility to follow up with the MSS Executive Director at: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net; or with a call to (319)338-5247.

Notification of Competition Results

10. All competitors will be notified of results by February 1, 2015.

Questions / Other

11. Questions? Please contact Graduate Competition Chair Pamela Quiroz at paquiroz@uic.edu; or Undergraduate Chair Gina Petonito at petonig@miamioh.edu
12. NOTE: DO NOT send papers to the chairs!
13. NO reviews will be provided to competitors, either verbally or in writing.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

Call for Research Grant Proposals

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF:

- You are a current member of MSS.
- Hold a faculty position with Ph.D. (This includes teaching faculty, adjunct faculty, visiting faculty and non-tenure track faculty as well).

The MSS Scholarship Development Committee offers research grants up to \$2,500.

We seek to fund high impact proposals.

Such proposals could be:

- Early stage research. Such research could consist of the data collection for a new project or a pilot or preliminary study that could lead to refining a research design / conceptualization.
- Completion of an ongoing project. Funding for such research would accelerate the time to completion for a project already in process.
- Leverage for other resources. Such research would clearly make other available resources more productive. In making funding decisions, the committee will prioritize efficient use of resources that directly contribute to the proposed research.

Research proposals should specify how funding from the MSS Scholarship Development Committee will make a significant impact on the research project by identifying alignment with one of the above goals.

The principal applicant must submit a report of the outcome of the research to the Scholarship Development Committee. Additionally, grant recipients are expected to present findings at the subsequent year's MSS Annual Meeting.

Grant applications will be accepted ONLY between Jan. 15, 2015, and Feb. 15, 2015. References should follow ASA style guide.

A complete proposal includes:

- A cover page including identification of a principal investigator, a mailing address, and a statement of intention to attend the MSS Annual Meeting the following year to present research findings. NB: We do not fund travel to the MSS conference to present your results; such expenses, therefore, should not be in the proposal's budget.
- A complete proposal that, in a maximum of 1200 words, provides
 - § A statement of the research problem;
 - § A theoretical framework;
 - § A summary of methodology and design; and
 - § An itemized budget with a budget justification. Applicants should clearly state what types of supplemental materials they need funded in order to carry out their research. Thus, the committee needs to know the entire funding needs of the project so that the committee can

determine whether the research is likely to be successfully carried out in the one-year time period allotted. Also, the applicant must list all other funding awards, pending grants, and /or any monies applied for in relation to their submitted proposal.

- A list of works cited.
- Proof of IRB approval or a completed IRB submission if human subjects' research is part of the project. (IRB approval not required at the time of grant application, but will be required upon completion).
- A letter approving your access to any agency/organization/research facility/ databank required for your project.
- C.V. and list of references.

SEND E-COPIES

Please collate all your application documents into a single pdf. Please create the PDF by saving the word processing file as a PDF, rather than by scanning printed versions of the application documents. Please send your application pdf by email, with "MSS RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION" in the subject line of your email, to Committee Chair Erik Larson, larsone@macalester.edu. Please cc your application to the MSS exec office at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

TIMING

The submission process opens January 15, 2015, and closes at 11:59 pm Central Time, February 15th, 2015. Applications submitted before or after this time period will not be considered. Decisions will be communicated shortly after the MSS Annual Meeting to be held March 26-29, 2015.



Call for Nominations for the Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship [TSQ] Award*

The Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award recognizes outstanding publications appearing in *The Sociological Quarterly*. The award is given every other year; articles eligible for the 2015 award must have been published in 2013 or 2014.

Articles must be nominated for consideration. This is a change to the previous practice in which all articles were automatically considered. Nominations may come from authors themselves, or others. Nominators need not be MSS members. Send all nominations to the MSS office at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net by November 15, 2014.

A complete nomination should provide (1) citation for the article; (2) the nominated author(s) contact information, including name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, email address, and phone number; and (3) one paragraph to one page explaining why the nominated article deserves to win the competition.

*Before nominating, see the complete nominations requirements online or request them from the MSS Exec Office by email to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

Call for Applications: Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher Program

Applications accepted year-round as long as funds available. Before applying, inquire at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net about fund availability.

The MSS Scholarship Development Committee accepts applications for the Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher Program year-round, as long as there are funds left to give. To determine whether funds are available, please contact MSS at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net The purpose of the program is to support the dissemination of scholarship and research by providing funds for leading researchers and scholars to make short visits to colleges, universities, and state association meetings to share their knowledge and skills with faculty and students. The host school or association may be in the nine-state MSS region (The Dakotas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin) and must not have a Ph.D. program in sociology. Or an at-large MSS member whose host institution has no Ph.D. program in sociology may apply for his or her institution.

The invited scholar/researcher must be a member of the Midwest Sociological Society at the time of application. (To determine whether a scholar/researcher is an MSS member in good standing, please contact MSS at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net.) The grant provides up to \$1000 (as long as funds are available) to cover transportation costs, incidental costs for the scholar/researcher while traveling to/from the host institution, and reasonable hotel/lodging expenses; the host school must fund any meals, hospitality, and honoraria. The scholar/researcher contributes his or her time and skill.

Visiting Scholars/Researchers may, among other things, participate in:

- Workshops on methodologies of interest
- Seminars on special sociological topics
- Public lectures on current issues
- Conferences with faculty members on their research
- Meetings with students interested in advanced work
- Classroom presentations
- Keynote presentations at state association meetings.

Applications can be submitted by host institutions year-round, and require a letter containing a plan for the visit, a letter of support from the host's dean or equivalent academic administrator, the contact information for the invited scholar/researcher, a tentative schedule of dates and times, and a travel budget. You may name one or more scholars you would like to have for a visit. If you have no nominees, indicate the fields or specialties of particular interest to your students and faculty, and the committee will seek to recruit a scholar for the visit.

Please make pdfs of all documents, if possible, before sending. If possible to combine several pdfs into fewer documents, that is even more desirable. Please send your application pdf by email, with "MSS VISITING SCHOLAR APPLICATION" in the subject line of your email, to Committee Chair Erik Larson, larsone@macalester.edu Please cc your application to the MSS executive office at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net



Call for Nominations for Social Action Awards

The MSS Social Action Committee invites nominations of community-based organizations for two annual \$1,000 Social Action Awards. The nominated organizations are typically located in the geographic area of the annual conference. However, other organizations from the MSS region or an international organization that works on global issues and affects the local or regional area will be considered. The award recognizes grass roots work toward social justice and social change. The awards will be presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Kansas City.

Please include the following when nominating an organization:

1. Organization's name, address, phone and fax number
2. Name of a contact person
3. Attachment of a brief (1-2 page) description of what the organization has done that merits this award.

Submit nominations electronically after Sept. 1, and before Dec. 1, 2014, to: Andrea Nichols, Chair, MSS Social Action Committee. Electronic submission(s) only (MS-Word document or pdf) to: anichols@stlcc.edu.

LOOKING AHEAD: Revised call for next editor for *The Sociological Quarterly*



The Publications Committee of the Midwest Sociological Society is initiating a search for the next editor of the society's journal, *The Sociological Quarterly*. Since

1960, the contributors, peer-reviewers, advisory editors, and readers of *The Sociological Quarterly* have made it one of the leading generalist journals in the field. Editing *TSQ* is a unique, rewarding, and important professional responsibility that brings visibility and distinction to a department and university. The successful editor candidate will be appointed by the MSS President with consent of the board upon recommendation of the Publications Committee for a four-year, non-renewable term.

The editor is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making decisions about all manuscript submissions. Four issues of the journal are published annually, with each issue typically containing seven to nine articles. The editorial office, organized around an efficient and productive web-based submission and peer review system, ScholarOne Manuscripts, is responsible for overseeing and managing the review process and for proofreading material provided by the publisher in accordance with standard publishing expectations.

The new editor and the outgoing co-editors will work together to negotiate a date for the new editorial office to open early in 2016. This date will be no later than March 1, 2016. The first issue produced by the new editor will be the winter issue of 2017, Vol. 58, No. 1.

The new editor will be responsible for Volumes 58 through 61.

The MSS seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record and previous editorial experience. Past experience can come in the form of a previous journal editorship, deputy/associate editorship, or book review editorship. The applicant should possess strong organizational and management skills, the ability to work well with others, and a commitment to the mission of *The Sociological Quarterly*.

All members of the MSS are encouraged to apply and/or to nominate candidates. Preference may be given to applicants within the nine states that make up the MSS region - Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The MSS provides generous support to the editorial office including:

- Up to \$15,000 annual stipend for editor
- \$2,500 travel fund
- At least one course release "buy-out"
- Half-time managing editor.

One of the expectations of the MSS is that the editor's host institution will also provide support which might come in the form of additional faculty release time, summer salary, office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, support for student workers, and/or other basic expenses.

The precise scope of editorial office support will be negotiated by the finalist, the finalist's institution, and the MSS Publications Committee.

Facts about *The Sociological Quarterly*

In 2013, *TSQ*'s impact factor rose from 1.545 (2012) to 1.69. The journal moved up 12 places to 15th of 137 journals in the sociology category.

There were 353,068 full text downloads for *TSQ* in 2013. Usage on Wiley Online Library increased by 35%.

175,285 'unique visitors' viewed *TSQ*'s pages online. [A unique visitor is counted only once regardless of number of visits.]

Applicants should submit a C.V., along with a letter outlining their qualifications, their experience, and their vision for *The Sociological Quarterly*. The review process will begin Feb. 1, 2015. Finalists should be prepared to be interviewed during the MSS Annual Meeting, March 26-29, 2015, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Applications, nominations and requests for additional information should be sent electronically to the MSS Publications Committee through Lauren Tiffany, MSS Executive Director, via email to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net. Please put "TSQ editor application" in the subject line of your email.

Questions about MSS, the application process or the selection process? Contact Lauren Tiffany, MSS Executive Director, by phone at 319.338.5247 or by email to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net.

Call for applicants for Treasurer-designate / Treasurer

Due to a resignation on the Finance Committee, MSS is currently seeking a new member on the committee, who will accept the three-year position of Treasurer-designate, followed by the three-year position of Treasurer. Experience with accounting, bookkeeping or a treasurer-ship with another organization is desirable, but not mandatory, as training is provided during the treasurer-designate period.

The MSS Treasurer and Treasurer-designate are expected to attend both the annual meeting and the fall board meeting each year. The fall board usually takes place on a Friday to Saturday in late September. In their respective positions as an officer of

the society and as chair of the Finance Committee, both treasurer and treasurer-designate are reimbursed for their travel and hotel room expenses when they attend the annual meeting and fall board meeting. If you have questions about the positions, please direct them to current Treasurer-designate Tim Pippert at Pippert@augsburg.edu or to MSS Exec Director Lauren Tiffany at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

To apply, please send your name and contact information, along with a statement of interest and your current C.V., to Treasurer-designate Tim Pippert at Pippert@augsburg.edu with a cc to MSS Exec Director Lauren Tiffany at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net.

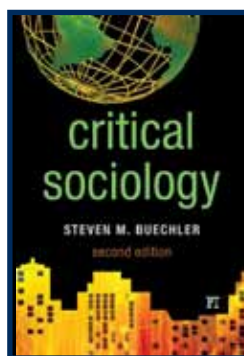
MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Critical Sociology by Steve Buechler released by Paradigm Publishers

From the publisher:

In this thoroughly revised edition of *Critical Sociology*, Buechler updates sociology's critical analysis of our social world. This edition features new discussions of the economic crisis of 2007/8, the political scene during Obama's presidency, the role of social media, the status of feminism, the social construction of masculinity, the Tea Party, Occupy Wall Street, the Arab Spring, global social movements, and the relation between social movements and democracy.

This updated, sophisticated introduction to the sociological perspective is suitable for introductory and social problems classes as well as a range of substantive courses.



How ASA Minority Fellowship Program [MFP] Scholars are Chosen

Each year, MSS contributes \$10,000 to the American Sociological Association in support of ASA's Minority Fellowship Program.

In appreciation, each year ASA designates one of the Fellows as the MSS/ASA Fellow. This year's MSS/ASA Fellow is Ryan Gabriel, a Utah native who is studying at the University of Washington. [See story, page 1.]

Ryan was one of seven scholars chosen from almost 100 applicants to the ASA's Minority Fellowship Program. Program reviewers choose the Fellows through a process that is blind to gender, racial/ethnic identification, regional ties, or subareas of study.

NEWS BITS for members only**MSS polls will open soon**

Watch for an MSS email blast in late October inviting you to participate in electing the next MSS officers and directors. Once the message is sent, you will have 30 days to vote.

Opportunities abound

As of this writing, four jobs, three calls for papers, and two awards are listed on the JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES page at www.TheMSS.org. The page is updated daily - check it out!

Thinking about retirement?

If you are a retired MSS member, you might be eligible for LIFE membership. Look for details on the MEMBERSHIP page at www.theMSS.org

THREE-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE:

When you renew your membership this fall for 2015, you'll see a three-year option on the membership form. Three-year memberships are available at all membership levels, at a discounted rate.

For example: Regular \$60 memberships may be extended over three years for only \$155. Three-year memberships renewed or initiated in late 2014 will extend to Dec. 31, 2017.

2014 was the second year of a two-year pilot program to evaluate whether members like the multi-year membership option; and this option has been very popular!

Questions?

Contact the MSS executive office: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

MSS membership FAQs

TO JOIN or RENEW: Visit the membership page at www.theMSS.org to pay your dues by credit card. OR use the membership form in this issue to pay dues by mail.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP is available to graduate and undergraduate students at any institution of higher learning. Persons gainfully employed as sociologists should not be student members.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS AND OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS: Any contributions beyond the basic membership levels help the Midwest Sociological Society to provide grants, awards and minority scholarships; support the society's operations now and in the future; keep dues and meeting registration fees low.

DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU 'EXPIRE?' MEMBERSHIP is for the calendar year, beginning Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31. To determine your membership expiration date, just check the label on this issue of TMS. If it says, "2014," your membership expires Dec. 31, 2014, and you must renew for 2015 before Jan. 31 to ensure that you receive an annual meeting packet and uninterrupted publications; and that you remain eligible for MSS committees, grants and awards.

NOT RECEIVING MSS PUBLICATIONS? If you should miss any issues of *The Midwest Sociologist* or *The Sociological Quarterly*, due to moving or other problems, please request replacement from MSS exec director Lauren Tiffany at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

NOT RECEIVING MSS EMAIL? Some servers filter out MSS's mass email – don't forget to check your junk mail box. Please add mwsocsoc@centurylink.net to your Safe Senders list. If you are not receiving occasional emails from MSS, make sure you're subscribed by sending an email with "Subscribe Me!" in the subject line to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

MOVING? Change your address for all MSS publications with one e-mail to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

**Future Meetings**

2016 – Chicago, IL
Marriott Magnificent Mile
Wednesday - Saturday
March 23 - 26

2017 – Milwaukee, WI
Hilton City Center
Thursday - Sunday
March 30 - April 2

2018 – Minneapolis, MN
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
Thursday - Sunday
March 22 - 25

2019 – Chicago, IL
Hyatt Regency Chicago
Wednesday - Saturday
April 17 - 20

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES 12/31/2014.....RENEW NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING!

The Midwest Sociological Society 2015 Membership Form

1. Please use this form for paying only membership dues through the MAIL by CREDIT CARD, CHECK or MONEY ORDER.
 2. **Complete** this form.
 3. **Mail this form** with your check, money order or credit card numbers to: **MSS / 1613 College Ct PI / Iowa City, IA 52245.**
- CAUTION:** Do not scan & send this form with credit card numbers as an email attachment. Email is NOT secure.

Required Name and Contact Information

First name _____

Optional middle initial or name, if desired _____

Last name _____

School/organizational affiliation _____

Should the school or organization name above be repeated as the first line of the mailing address below?

Enter YES or NO. _____

Address (required) _____

Address, Line 2 (if necessary) _____

Address, Line 3 (if necessary) _____

City AND state _____ Postal (zip) code _____

Country if not U.S.A. _____

Daytime phone _____

Email address _____

Please consider -

An optional contribution of \$5 or more to the MSS Funds.

The *Endowment Fund* creates financial stability and helps to keep fees low by providing an ongoing base of support for MSS activities. The *Grants & Awards Fund* provides grants and awards to MSS members, as well as an annual \$10,000 fellowship to enable a minority scholar to continue study and research.

Optional Demographics / Interest Inventory

MSS uses this data to monitor MSS diversity. Please help by describing yourself.

Sex/gender _____

Race/ethnicity _____

Year of birth _____

MSS membership
 Questions about membership? Call (319)338-5247 or email: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net
 NOTE: MSS membership data is NOT sold for commercial purposes.

If a non-student sociologist, please indicate with an X on the line if any of these descriptions apply to you:

- _____ Part-time adjunct or lecturer, neither tenured nor on tenure-track.
 _____ Practitioner in non-academic setting.
 _____ Retired

If a student, please indicate your UNDERGRAD or GRADUATE status with an X:

- _____ Undergrad
 _____ Graduate

Required Payment Info

If enclosing a check, skip this section.

If paying by credit card, complete this section.

Please - DISCOVER or VISA or MASTERCARD only.

Enter card number below.

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Card expiration month and year

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Cardholder name exactly as on card _____

Card billing zip code _____

PLEASE CHOOSE: Select one-year membership or three-year membership.

One-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Determine Your Total Payment Here

Membership payment. [Choose from box at right.] _____

Optional contribution to Grants & Awards Fund _____

Optional contribution to Endowment Fund _____

_____ TOTAL DUE.

1-Year* MEMBERSHIP LEVELS	
\$23 Student/unemployed	
\$60 Regular	
\$75 Joint (at same address)	
\$120 Sustaining*	
\$150 Sustaining & Joint*	
*Sustaining memberships include contributions to the Endowment and Grants & Awards Funds.	
*Membership expires 12-31-2015.	

THREE-YEAR MEMBERSHIP [saves time & \$\$\$]

Determine Your Total Payment Here

Membership payment. [Choose from box at right.] _____

Optional contribution to Grants & Awards Fund _____

Optional contribution to Endowment Fund _____

_____ TOTAL DUE.

3-Year* MEMBERSHIP LEVELS	
\$55 Student/unemployed	
\$155 Regular	
\$185 Joint (at same address)	
\$300 Sustaining*	
\$375 Sustaining & Joint*	
*Sustaining memberships include contributions to the Endowment and Grants & Awards Funds.	
*Membership expires 12-31-2017.	

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