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## Letter from the Chair

Greetings to all members of the PWSC section from St. Mary's County in Maryland! I hope that this newsletter finds you engaged in productive and pleasant pursuits of scholarship, teaching, and service.

Our nominations committee has done an excellent job of providing the section with a slate of well-qualified candidates for all our positions in the upcoming election cycle. If you are a nominee, please, please make sure your membership is current with ASA. Otherwise, ASA won't list you on the ballot and section members won't get a chance to vote for you!

I am very pleased to let you know that David Segal, who has served this section so ably for many years, will be this year's co-recipient of the ASA's 2008 Award for Public Understanding of Sociology. David will receive the award in Boston in August 2008. Hopefully, many of us will be on hand to congratulate David personally for this well-deserved recognition. This award continues a tradition of ASA-wide awards to members of our section.

Speaking of Boston, planning and preparation continue for a valuable and entertaining set of section events. We will be going off-site again for our reception, based on our previous success with this plan.

I invite you all to consider attending the third annual Patuxent Defense Forum that I will be hosting here at St. Mary's College of Maryland on April 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking up the topic of the privatization of national

defense. I may be able to help with onsite expenses for some section members.

Louis



*Mady Segal, Ryan Kelty, and little Taylor in NYC*

**Robin Williams Award 2007 To Sam Marullo  
August 12, 2007  
Lee Smithey's Comments**

One of the pleasures of being elected Chair of our section is that you have the privilege of serving for three years on the selection committee for the Robin Williams Award. Consequently, you have the opportunity to read nominations for the most influential sociologists in our field, and let me tell you, it can be simultaneously humbling and inspirational, as you begin to grasp the breadth and depth of the work nominees have undertaken.

The by-laws of the section state that:

The section shall give an Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching, and Service named to honor Robin Williams to recognize his contributions to the study of social conflict, conflict resolution, and war and his role as a founding member of the Section. This award shall honor a Section member who has had an outstanding scholarly career in the study of peace, war, genocide, military institutions, or social conflict, has made important contributions to teaching the sociology of peace, war, and social conflict, and/or has given outstanding service to the A.S.A. Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict.

It is my honor to announce that the recipient of this year's Robin Williams Award is Sam Marullo. I am going to invite him to come up in a few moments, but first allow me to offer just a glimmer of why Sam was chosen to receive this award, and I hope you will note how his career has spanned several of the subfields and areas of influence specified in the bylaws.

Before I turn to his scholarship, let me begin by noting that he is the Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Georgetown University.

Sam's early work focused on the dynamics of the nuclear arms race and the impact of peace movement organizations' challenges to the cold war. Two of his three books address Militarism, the cold war, and the peace movement. In 1990, he co-edited *Peace Action in the Eighties: Social Science Perspectives* with John Lofland. [Rutgers University Press.] He followed that in 1994 with *Ending the Cold War at Home: From Militarism to a More Peaceful World Order*. [Lexington Books.] And, in addition to these books, I count roughly 37 articles and conference papers related to peace and antiwar movements.

His work has appeared in flagship sociological journals including *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, and *Sociological Quarterly* as well as *Peace Studies* journals such as *Peace Review*. By the way, I notice that Sam has co-authored papers with our new Chair-Elect, David Meyer, and the fingerprints of our section are all over his CV, so to speak, as the names of many other section members appear as co-authors or co-editors.

The bylaws also seek to honor someone who has made "contributions to teaching the sociology of peace, war, and social conflict, and/or has given outstanding service to the ASA Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict." In Sam's case you have to use the "and" option as he has both served the section and been a bold and inventive pedagogue.

Sam served as Chair of our section in 1993, and in the same year, he was the founding Chair of the interdisciplinary Program on Justice and Peace at Georgetown University.

It is virtually impossible to disentangle Sam's research, teaching, and service. In recent years, he has turned his attention to issues of structural violence, community-based learning, and how universities can respond to problems in the social world around them by incorporating social justice concerns into the curriculum and pedagogy.

Since 2002, he has served as the Director of Research for the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching, and Service, where he is responsible for organizing and administering the Center's community-based research initiatives. He is also the Founder, Director and Board Chair of the Community Research and Learning ("CoRAL") Network, a citywide consortium in Washington, DC that links faculty and student researchers with community organizations to address the research needs of the community. The Network includes eight higher education institutions and nearly 100 non-profits, providing programming and information

resources on community-based learning and research to university faculty, students, and community members.

Sam is also co-author of *Community-Based Research and Higher Education: Principles and Practices*, published in 2003. (Kerry Strand, Sam Marullo, Nick Cutforth, Randy Stoecker, Patrick Donohue. Jossey-Bass.) Here again, I count roughly sixty-eight articles and conference papers on community-based learning and public sociology

In short, Sam's career has revolved around understanding and challenging both overt and structural violence, and he has served the section and its interests with distinction. Let me end by sharing one sentence from the letter submitted by the section member who nominated Sam: "He is that rare person who has integrated his scholarly interests in peace and justice with his pedagogy and his work in the community."

Our congratulations to Sam Marullo!



*Dave Rohall and Melanie M. Hughes at the Regular Session on Peace and Conflict*

### **The Following Are The 2006-2007 Boulding Awardees:**

#### *Winner of Undergraduate Award*

- Danilo Mandic, Princeton University, Sociology Dept. "Myths and Bombs: War, State Populations and the Collapse of National Mythology in Serbia."

#### *Honorable Mention Undergraduate Award*

- Bari Katz, New York University, Sociology Department. "A Shift in Strategy: Why the United Democratic Front Revived Nonviolent Protest after Years of Militant Struggle in the Fight for Equality and Justice in South Africa."

#### *Winners of Graduate Award*

- Thomas DeGloma, Rutgers University, Piscataway, Department of Sociology. "Expanding the Survivor World-View: Transmitting and Bridging Trauma through Space and Time."
- Robert Kevlihan, School of International Service, American University. "Humanitarian Aid, Social Services and Conflict Dynamics: Exploring the Case of Sudan."

### **Statement by Boulding Award Winner Thomas DeGloma**

This paper, "Broadening the Culture of Survivorhood:

Expanding Trauma through Space and Time," outlines two socio-cognitive strategies that trauma carrier groups employ to expand the relevance of trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) through social space and time: the social transmission of trauma and the social affiliation of traumatic experiences. In both cases, trauma carrier groups fuse psychological concerns and sociological theory in order to broaden the relevance of a general culture of survivorhood. With regard to social transmission, trauma carrier groups conceptualize and articulate the spread of trauma through previously established social relationships.

This strategy allows traumatic experiences and post-traumatic symptomatology to be shared by individuals and social groups that did not directly experience the traumatic event at issue. With regard to social affiliation, trauma carrier groups lump an expanding variety of otherwise different experiences into a family of trauma analogs despite the many differences between them. This strategy allows post-traumatic affect to be shared by a growing variety of otherwise distinct communities and individuals. Both methods serve to vastly expand the in-group of potential trauma victims through space and time as both the causes and consequences of trauma are pushed toward universalism. Finally, I briefly discuss the inherent moral and political implications of the broadening culture of survivorhood.

Personal Statement:

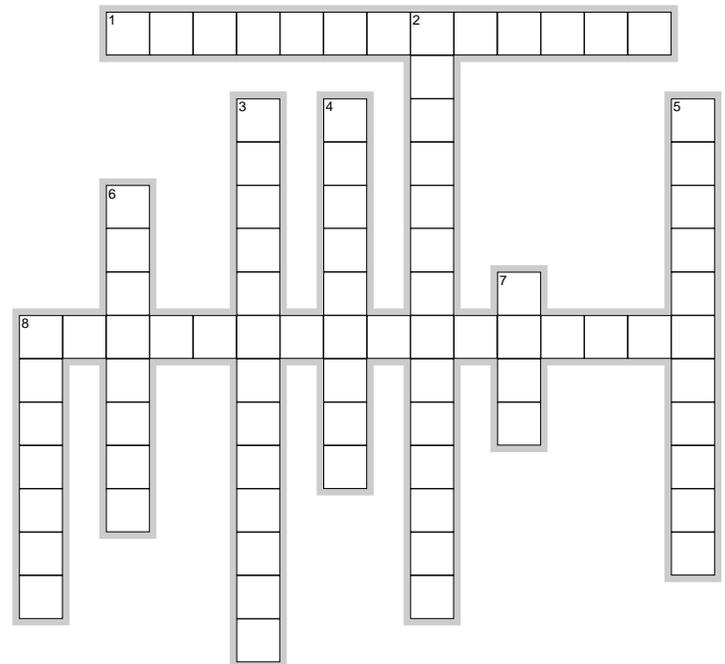
Thomas DeGloma is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at Rutgers University. His research interests include culture and cognition, memory, trauma, and the social construction of autobiography. His dissertation research explores the stories people tell about discovering "truth" in political, clinical, religious, sexual, and scientific contexts. His article, "The Social Contexts of 'False Memories': Symbolic Awakenings and Symbolic Worlds in Survivor and Retractor

Narratives,” is forthcoming in Symbolic Interaction 30:4. Thomas has also been active in a variety of social justice campaigns focused on issues including rent control, the right to an education, the Iraq War, and police brutality. He is a founder of the now-international Tent State University campaign for the right to higher education.

**Statement by Boulding Award Winner  
Bari Katz**

Bari Katz is an NYU graduate with a Bachelor’s degree in Politics and Sociology (2005) and a Master of Arts in Sociology (2006). Bari has spent most of her academic career focusing on issues of discrimination, oppression, racism, race and ethnicity, and human rights abuses. She has done extensive research on social movements, strategies and tactics, grassroots organizing, and has an area expertise in South Africa. Her primary research has been on the strategies and tactics used by social movements in struggles for racial justice, specifically the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa and the Civil Rights movement in the United States. Bari has worked directly with New York-based human rights and social justice organizations, conducting research and writing about such issues as housing for the homeless in New York, hate crimes, immigration, child prostitution, social movements and institutional barriers to achieving human rights. Bari is currently the Program Director for a social justice non-profit organization in NYC, the National Conference for Community and Justice. Working with youth and adult populations to increase awareness through education, her main focus is to emphasize levels of advocacy and how people can act to create change. Bari is developing a new program that explores global and local social movements and the concepts of truth and reconciliation worldwide and how these connect to issues affecting New York communities. Bari continues to fight for social change by applying her education and research experience to her work in these fields.

5. The idea that we can have a world free of nuclear weapons.
6. The main goal legitimating military policy.
7. A kind of war ending in 1989.
8. A type of bomb described as an area-effect weapon, used to attack fixed or dynamic targets scattered over a wide area.



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**Crossword Puzzle!**

**Across**

1. Spreading weapons of mass destruction.
8. Policies said to prevent or limit terrorism.

**Down**

2. According to many, failed \_\_\_\_\_ projects and muddled policies mean the U.S. has lost support in Iraq.
3. Of or relating to the great founder of modern theory of war.
4. The frame of mind that Navy Adm. Mike Mullen recently said we are too caught up in.

**General Announcements**

**Summer Institute in Political Psychology**

Stanford University is pleased to announce that it is hosting the 2008 Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), July 13-August 1, 2008. Directed by Stanford Professor Jon Krosnick, SIPP is a three-week intensive training program introducing graduate students and professionals to the world of political psychology scholarship. On-line applications are now being accepted on a first come-first accepted basis.

The SIPP curriculum is designed to accomplish one preeminent goal: to produce skilled, creative, and effective scholarly researchers who would do more and better work in political psychology as the result of their attendance at SIPP. To achieve this goal, the training experience: 1) provides broad exposure to theories, empirical findings, and research traditions; 2) illustrates successful cross-disciplinary research and integration; 3) enhances methodological pluralism; and 4) strengthens

institutional networks. For more information, please visit the SIPP website at [www.stanford.edu/group/sipp](http://www.stanford.edu/group/sipp).



*John Crist and Patrick Coy discussing the state of Sociology*

### **Announcing a New Global Criminology Website**

Robert W. Winslow, San Diego State University, announces a new site where criminology professors and students can:

- Publish their papers, works-in-progress, and articles regarding global criminology;
- Research subjects in global criminology by accessing Interpol and United Nations datasets and text information for all countries of the world;
- Learn about a new text for Introductory Criminology that is truly global in scope.

The Global Criminology Website called Crime and Society: A Comparative Criminology Tour of the World can be viewed at the following address:

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/rwinslow/index.html>



*Taylor sports the latest in section fashion*

### **The 2008 Nonviolence as a Way of Life Conference**

We will meet for four days of reflection, trainings, panels, and more at the lovely University of Oregon campus in Eugene, OR. On Sept. 11-14, 2008.

You can submit a proposal for a training, or academic panel, or more. We will bring together nearly 2,000 people of all ages and backgrounds for four days of workshops, panels, dialogues, play-shops and other activities focusing on inspirational and practical applications of nonviolence.

Please go to <http://www.nonviolentliving.org/>.



*Louis Hicks at the business meeting*

### **The Association For Humanists Sociology Invites Submissions For 2008 Annual Meeting**

The meeting will be at the John Hancock Center in Boston, MA, November 6-9. The conference theme is "What is to be Done? Public Sociology in Theory and Practice."

While public sociology has attracted excitement in recent years, sociology as a resource for social action is not new. Yet, public sociology remains a contested terrain, criticized as "too political" by some and "not political enough" by others. Since our inception in 1976, AHS and its members have been contemplating and practicing public sociology, mostly from the margins of the discipline. Now that public sociology is front and center, we ought to have much to say about it: historically, theoretically, ethically, politically, and practically. This Annual Meeting is an opportunity to examine the past, evaluate the present, and begin to shape the future of a public sociology that matters.

Paper submissions should address some aspect of public sociology and its relationship to teaching, activism, policy or community-based research, or other aspects of sociology as they relate to incorporating humanist goals with sociological work.

Please send papers, abstracts, posters or session/workshop ideas to Program Director Daniel Egan, [Daniel\\_Egan@uml.edu](mailto:Daniel_Egan@uml.edu) or AHS President, Corey Dolgon, [cdolgon@worchester.edu](mailto:cdolgon@worchester.edu)



*Joyce Aspel inspiring her peers*

### **The United States Institute Of Peace Accepting Applications For Its Annual Seminar For Community College Faculty And Administrators**

The meeting is entitled Global Peace and Security in Community Colleges and the Communities They Serve, and will be held May 27-June 1, 2008 in Washington, DC. Presenters will include leading authorities on global peace and conflict, as well as from the field of community college education. The application process is competitive. The Institute will cover the costs of lodging, and contribute to travel and incidental expenses. The application can be found at [www.usip.org/ed/seminars/ccfs.html](http://www.usip.org/ed/seminars/ccfs.html). The deadline for applications is March 14, 2008.

### **CITASA Awards Call For Nominations**

The Communication and Information Technologies Section presents five awards each year at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association:

1. CITASA William F. Ogburn Career Achievement Award recognizes a sustained body of research that has provided an outstanding contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the area of sociology of communications or the sociology of information technology.
2. CITASA Award for Public Sociology recognizes a specific achievement in teaching, the development or the use of a communication or information technology, or the dissemination of knowledge that advances public understanding or engagement with the sociology of communications or the sociology of information technology.

3. CITASA Book Award recognizes an outstanding book related to the sociology communications or the sociology of information technology.

4. CITASA Paper Award recognizes an outstanding published paper or book chapter related to the sociology of communications or the sociology of information technology.

5. CITASA Student Paper/Application Award recognizes a published or unpublished paper/book chapter, or the design or use of a communication or information technology that provides an exceptional contribution to the sociology of communications or the sociology of information technology. The award is open to students in other disciplines than sociology.

Deadline: March 15, 2008. More information, including past recipients can be found at <http://citasa.org/awards>. Nominations and materials should be submitted to the CITASA Awards Chairs by the indicated deadlines. Self nominations are welcome.



*Thomas DeGloma and Bari Katz, winners of student paper awards*

### **PW&SC Section Member Research and Publications**

**Carlton-Ford, Steve, Morten G. Ender and Aho Tabatabai.** 2008. "Iraqi Adolescents: Self-Regard, Self-Derogation, and Perceived Threat in War." *The Journal of Adolescence*, 31:53-75.

**Klein, Josh.** 2007. "Where Should We Stand to Get the Best Perspective on Collective Violence?" *Critical Sociology* 33, 957-979.

**Lazreg, Marnia.** 2008. *Torture and the Twilight of Empire: From Algiers to Baghdad*. Ewing, NJ: Princeton University Press.

**Louis Kriesberg.** 2007. "Contemporary Conflict Resolution Applications," pp. 873-894 in *Leashing the Dogs of War: Conflict Management in a Divided World*,

Chester A. Crocker, Fen Osler Hampson and Pamela Aall, eds., Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace,.

**Louis Kriesberg.** 2007. "External Organizational Contributions to Post-Mass Crimes Rehabilitation," pp. 243-270 in *Mass Crime and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding*, Simon Chesterman, Beatrice Pouligny, and Albrechet Schnabel, eds. United Nations University Press.

**Louis Kriesberg.** 2007. "Long Peace or Long War: A Conflict Resolution Perspective," *Negotiation Journal*, 23 (2) April, pp. 97-116.

**Louis Kriesberg.** 2007. "Reconciliation: Aspects, Growth, and Sequences," *International Journal of Peace Studies*, 12 (1) Spring/Summer 2007.

**Louis Kriesberg.** 2007. "The Conflict Resolution Field: Origins, Growth and Differentiation," in *Peacekeeping in International Conflict: Methods & Techniques*, Second Ed. I. William Zartman and Lewis Rasmussen, Eds., Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace Press.

**Nagel, Joane and Meredith Kleykamp,** Eds. 2008. "Race, Gender, Class, Sexuality & War," special issue of *Race, Gender & Class*

**Ross, Susan M.** 2008. *Deployed*. University of Michigan Press.

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## Section Discussion Listserv:

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1. In the address field type in [majordomo@listserv.asanet.org](mailto:majordomo@listserv.asanet.org); leave subject field blank;
2. In the text of the message type **subscribe peace\_war**
3. Make sure there is nothing else in the message (no signature)
4. Send the message. You will receive confirmation, and an authorization key with which to confirm that you really want to join the list. Once you reply positively to that you will get a welcome message.

The section's discussion list, at [peace\\_war@listserv.asanet.org](mailto:peace_war@listserv.asanet.org), unlike the section announcement list, is not "prepopulated" with e-mail addresses of section members. Individuals must subscribe.



*Daniel Egan, Lester Kurtz, Daniel Ritter, Kristen Maria Lavelle, and Christopher Andrew Morrissey*



*Richard Harris, Aaron Major, Juanita Firestone at the Regular Session on the Military during the ASA meetings in NYC*

## Section Listservs

### Section Announcement Listserv:

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If you are a member of the ASA, now is the time to consider showing your support for the work of the Section on **Peace, War and Social Conflict** by joining

the section or renewing your membership. To do either online, you can go to

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If you are not already a member of the American Sociological Association, and would like to join the Association and the Section, you can do so online by going to

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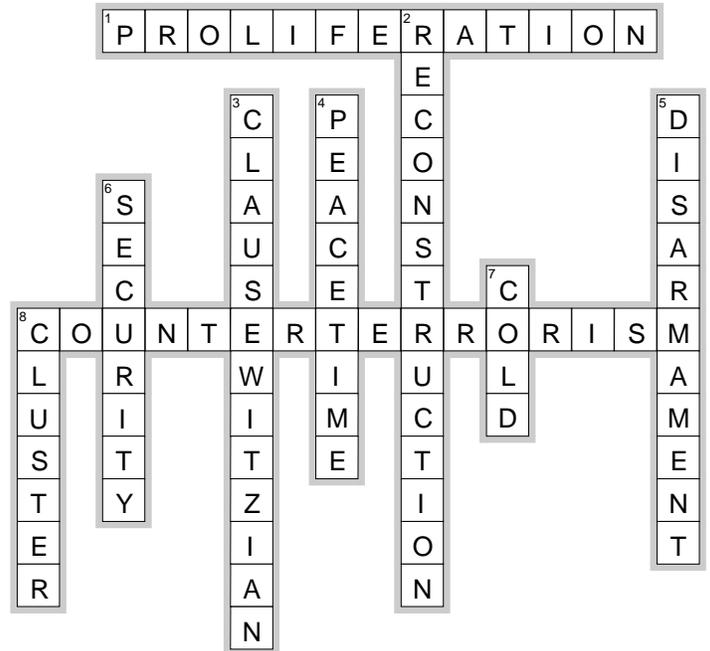
Any questions you might have regarding membership in the association can be addressed to [membership@asanet.org](mailto:membership@asanet.org); or you can telephone the ASA at 202-383-9005, ext. 389.

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*Jack Nusan Porter addressing members at the 2007 business meeting*

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