

ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course



**Join us
in Las
Vegas!**

News from the Chair

I expect many of you who are looking forward to the first-ever ASA national meeting in Las Vegas have, like me, been joking about the appeal of "Vegas in August." Plus, SALC activities are scheduled on the last two days of the meeting! As we showed in the balmy heat of Atlanta last year, however, the real operant factor is that SALC is enjoying a period of expanding and emerging areas of research and theory development. I expect that we will all be too busily focused on exploring, sharing and debating ideas – both in our sessions and in informal discussions -- to pay much attention to the weather outside. I encourage you to come to the meeting and be part of the conversation!

Regarding our sessions, this year we have two days of events scheduled, providing ample opportunity to explore this year's theme of "Age, Life Course and the Sociological Imagination". Although our SALC Section Day is Tuesday 8/23, SALC activities will actually begin Monday morning, with "micro" (Dale Dannefer and Mike Shanahan, co-organizers) and "macro" (David Warner, organizer) sessions on Age & the Sociological Imagination slated for 8:30 and 10:30 respectively. Also on Monday will be our mentoring dinner, which will begin at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lux Café in the Palazzo Hotel, within easy walking distance of Caesar's Palace (see p. 3!) Again this year, a terrific program is planned that will feature talks on *Building and Maintaining Mentoring Relationships* by Pam Herd and Judy Treas, this year's MWR Distinguished Scholar. Many thanks to Madonna Harrington Meyer and the mentoring committee for putting this event together. If you don't have your tickets yet, contact Madonna (maharrin@maxwell.syr.edu) without delay – seating is limited !

The mentoring dinner shouldn't keep you out too late Monday night, and that's good because the SALC excitement starts up again and goes global at 8:30 Tuesday morning, with the session *Age, Life Course and Sociological Imagination in Global Context*, organized by Feinian Chen and Gunhild Hagestad. Following this is an invited session, *Bringing the Body Back In: Biology and the Life Course* organized by Debby Carr. Later, at 2:30 are the SALC Roundtables, organized by Terry Cooney and Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson. Roundtables provide an opportunity for more informal interaction for a broad spectrum of topics related to age and the life course. Consult the full schedule for details.

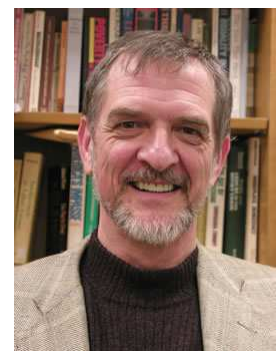
A high point of our Section program activities will be the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Lecture delivered by Judy Treas at 12:30 on Tuesday. This event will be followed by the SALC reception and Business Meeting, which will include the announcement of new awardees and the always-fun SALC Book Raffle. Thanks to Pam Herd for leading the Book Raffle effort. Please contact Pam if you can to donate a copy or two of your book! The Business Meeting will conclude, happily, with Rick Settersten assuming the role of section chair.

Finally, I want to offer my sincere thanks to SALC committee chairs, session organizers, sage veterans of SALC leadership and other dedicated SALC members without whose work we could not look forward to such a promising set of events. It is because of all of you and the SALC membership that we have such a healthy and intellectually lively section. As we look toward completing a year of work and the transitions that the meeting brings, opportunities for participation and leadership abound. Come to Las Vegas and share the food, drink, ideas and collegiality of the Section on Aging and the Life Course.

I Look forward to seeing you there!
Dale

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Dale Dannefer
2010-11 Section Chair

2011 Annual Meeting Program for the Section on Aging and the Life Course



SALC Council Meeting

7:00 a.m. Monday, August 22
Dale Dannefer, Chair

Paper Session: *Age and Sociological Imagination: Individual and Micro-level Dynamics*

8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Monday, August 22

Organizers: Dale Dannefer (Case Western Reserve University) and Michael J. Shanahan (UNC-Chapel Hill)

President: Michael J. Shanahan (UNC-Chapel Hill)

1. Age and Embodied Masculinities: Mid-Life Gay and Heterosexual Men Talk about their Bodies
*Amy Lodge & Debra Umberson (University of Texas)
2. G-E Interactions, Epigenesis and Sociological Imagination over the Life Course
*Dale Dannefer (Case Western Reserve University), Kathryn Z. Douthit (University of Rochester), Jessica Kelley-Moore (Case Western Reserve University)
3. Inequalities in Life Course Cognition: Class Reproduction, Cognitive Selection, and Educational Advantage in HALCYON Cohorts
*Sean Clouston (McGill), Diana Kuh (University College London/Medical Research Council), Marcus Richards (University College London/Medical Research Council), Ian Deary (University of Edinburgh), Rachel Cooper (National Study of Human Development/Medical Research Council), Rebecca Hardy (National Study of Human Development/Medical Research Council), Scott Hofer (University of Victoria)
4. Neighborhood Context, ApoE4, and Global Cognition among Older Adults
*Jason D. Boardman (University of Colorado), Carlos Mendes de Leon (University of Michigan, School of Public Health)
5. Weathering the Great Recession: Psychological and Behavioral Trajectories in the Transition from School to Work
*Michael Vuolo (University of Minnesota), Jeremy Staff (Penn State University), Jeylan T. Mortimer (University of Minnesota)

Discussant: Angela M. O'Rand (Duke University)

Paper Session: *Age and Sociological Imagination: Structural & Demographic Processes*

10:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Monday, August 22

Organizer & President: David Warner (Case Western Reserve University)

1. Structural Differences in Native-Born and Immigrant Intergenerational Families in the U.S.
*Sandra Florian & Lynne M. Casper (University of Southern California)
2. Race, Class, and Gender Differences in Age-related Health Declines: Findings from a 20-year Panel Study
Terceira A. Berdahl (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), *Julia McQuillan (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
3. Contextualizing Multiple Dimensions of Structural Inequality: A Neighborhood-Centered Approach to Place
*Tara D. Warner, Raymond R Swisher, Jorge M. Chavez, & Danielle C. Kuhl (Bowling Green State University)
4. Shared Spells: How Co-participation Limits Differences Between Life Histories
*Sean Fitzhugh, Carter T. Butts, & Joy E. Pixley (University of California-Irvine)

SALC ASA Mentoring Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 22



**Please make your reservation to
attend the mentoring dinner by
August 6.**



PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

**Section on Aging
and the Life Course
Mentoring Dinner and Program**

An event welcoming all Section Members.
On the eve of Section Day, catch up with old friends and meet new colleagues.

**Monday, August 22, 2011
6 to 8 p.m.**

GRAND LUX CAFÉ PALAZZO

3327 Las Vegas Blvd South
Located in The PALAZZO - Resort - Hotel - Casino
Next to the Jersey Boys Theatre

Tickets are \$15 for ASA student members and \$35 for ASA regular members and guests. Tickets include dinner and one drink. There will be a short program: ***“Building and Maintaining Mentoring Relationships”*** featuring remarks and Q&A with section members.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO PURCHASE A TICKET BY AUGUST 6. Mail a letter requesting the number and kind of tickets with a check made out to “SALC American Sociological Association” to Madonna Harrington Meyer, Syracuse University, Center for Policy Research, 426 Eggers Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244.

SALC Annual Meeting Program for Tuesday, August 23

Paper Session. *Age, Life Course, and Sociological Imagination in Global Context*

8:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Organizers: Feinian Chen (University of Maryland) & Gunhild Hagestad (Agder University, Norway)

1. Active Aging Index and Healthy Life Expectancy in Rajshahi District of Bangladesh
*Md. Ismail Tareque (University of Rajshahi), Nazrul Hoque (University of Texas-San Antonio), Kazuo Kawahara (Tokyo Medical and Dental University)
2. Childhood Health Effects in Intergenerational Income Mobility
*Robert G. White (University of Wisconsin - Madison)
3. Intergenerational Obligation: A Comparison of Immigrants and Natives in Germany and the Netherlands
*Jenjira Yahirun (UCLA)
4. The Health Implications of Social Activity Networks, Familism, & Public Pensions for European Older Adults
*Christine A. Mair (North Carolina State University)
5. The Relationship Between Public And Family Elder Support: Evidence From Korea’s New Income Support Program
*Erin Hye-Won Kim (Duke University)

Invited Paper Session. *Bringing the Body Back In: Biology and the Life Course*

10:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Organizer & President: Deborah Carr (State University of New Jersey-Rutgers)

1. Genetic Interactions with Prenatal Social Environment: Effects on Academic and Behavioral Outcomes
*Dalton Conley (New York University)
2. Social Approaches to Incorporating Biology in Sex/Gender Research
*Kristen W. Springer (Rutgers University)
3. Obesity from a Life Course Perspective: Recent Developments in Sociological Research
*Eric N. Reither (Utah State University)

Section on Aging and the Life Course Matilda White Riley Lecture



Matilda White Riley

12:30—2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 23

Distinguished Scholar Address: Judith Treas

“Old and New: What Older Immigrants
Teach Us about the Life Course”



Judith Treas

Followed by Business Meeting and Reception

2011 MWR Award Winner Judith Treas



Judith Treas (Ph.D., UCLA) is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine. SALC members recognize her for bringing aging and life course perspectives to gender and family, often from a cross-national perspective. From cohort trends in sexual attitudes, to public support for women's employment over the life course, to the advent of classification standards based on chronological age, her research aptly demonstrates how life course principles inform our understanding of societal developments. Among the first to ask how demographic changes will affect family supports for the aged, she also led the way in drawing attention to aging in the developing world. As the US partner in a collaboration supported by the European Science Foundation, her comparative research on household gender inequality includes its intergenerational origins (*Dividing the Domestic: Women, Men, and Housework in Cross-National Perspective*, Stanford, 2010, edited with Sonja Drobníč). Dr. Treas is also pioneering the study of older immigrants, as shown by a path-breaking issue of *Generations* (Winter 2009) dedicated to immigration in an aging society.

SALC Roundtable Session

Session Organizers: Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson (Washington State University) & Teresa M. Cooney (University of Missouri)

2:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, August 23

Table 1. Transition to Adulthood

Presenter: *Janel E. Benson*, Colgate University

1. A Queer Vision of Emerging Adulthood: Seeing Sexuality in the Transition to Adulthood. *Jason Ferris Torkelson*, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
2. Gender Differences in the Social Determinants of Age at First Birth: The Role of Education. *Theresa Marie Simpson*, Rutgers University
3. Gender Role Ideology and Life Course Transitions of Baby-boom Women. *Merril Silverstein*, University of South California; *Jessica Penn Lendon*, University of Southern California
4. Temporary Blemishes or Lifelong Scars? Cohort fluctuations in Education and Stratification in France and United States (1980-2005). *Louis Chauvel*, Sciences Po Paris
5. The Implications of Adult Identity for Educational and Work Attainment in Young Adulthood. *Janel E. Benson*, Colgate University; *Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson*, Washington State University; *Glen H. Elder*, University of North Carolina

Refereed Roundtables , Continued: August 23, 2:30–4:10

Table 2. Health, Disability, and Death

President: *Eva Kahana*, Case Western Reserve University

1. Assessing the Vascular Hypothesis of Cognitive Aging in Socioeconomic and Racial/Ethnic Context. *Nicholas Bishop*, Arizona State University
2. Illness narratives of Alzheimer's in young people: beyond disruption and reconstruction. *Renee Lynn Beard*, College of the Holy Cross; *Mary Conner*, College of the Holy Cross
3. The Value of Patient Self-Advocacy in Cancer Prevention of the Aged. *Eva Kahana*, Case Western Reserve University; *Boaz Kahana*, Cleveland State University; *Loren D Lovegreen*, Case Western Reserve University; *Jeffrey Steven Kahana*, Mount Saint Mary College; *Jane A Brown*, Case Western Reserve University
4. What Death Taught Us: Experts Navigate Mortality. *Karla A. Erickson*, Grinnell College

Table 3. Social Policy

President: *John B. Williamson*, Boston College

1. Does it Make Sense to Reframe Generational Accounting? *John B. Williamson and Anna Catherine Rhodes*, Boston College
2. Global Aging: Unequal Distribution of Risks in Later Life between Developed and Developing Countries. *Masa Higo*, Boston College; *John B. Williamson*, Boston College
3. Growing Old in Low- and Middle-Income Societies: Challenges and Issues. *Iftekhhar Amin*, University of North Texas at Dallas; *Stan R. Ingman*, University of North Texas
4. Pension Restructuring and Gender Inequality in the United Kingdom, 1969-2004. *JoEllen Pederson*, Florida State University Age Discrimination in Poland - Experiences of Older Workers. Results of an Empirical Study . *Justyna Monika Stypinska*, Jagiellonian University

Table 4. Time Use

President: *Christopher Steven Marcum*, University of California - Irvine

1. Age and Life Course Effects on Co-presence in Personal Networks. *Christopher Steven Marcum*, University of California - Irvine
2. Bridging the Divide? Internet Use and Leisure Activities among Senior Citizens in Finland. *Pekka Tuomas Pekka Räsänen*, University of Turku; *Matti Näsi*, University of Turku; *Outi Sarpila*, University of Turku
3. Women, Work, and Well-Being. *Michelle Pannor Silver*, University of Chicago
4. Working Carers - Successful Strategies of Reconciliation of Work and Elderly Care. *Justyna Monika Stypinska*, Jagiellonian University; *Jolanta Perek-Bialas*, Warsaw School of Economics, Jagiellonian University

Table 5. Social Resources and Aging

President: *Juyeon Kim*, The University of Chicago

1. How Do Arrangements of Social Network Members Affect Health in Late Life?: Social Resources and Health. *Juyeon Kim*, The University of Chicago
2. The Meaning of Friendship and the Use of Friends as Support-Givers. *Julia Hahmann*, RWTH Aachen University; *Heather Hofmeister*, RWTH Aachen University
3. Gender Differences in the Relationship between Social Capital and Subjective Well-Being among Older Chinese Adults. *Yuying Shen*, University of North Texas
4. Community and Network of the Aging Population: A Comparative Study of Senior Centers in Arizona. *Haruna Miyagawa Fukui*, Arizona State University; *Cecilia Menjivar*, Arizona State University
5. Social Supports for Older Adults: A Review of Formal, Informal, and Semi-formal Support Networks in Bangladesh. *Syeda Jesmin*, University of Louisiana at Monroe

Roundtables , Continued: August 23, 2:30—4:10

Table 6. Intergenerational Transfers and Caregiving

President: *Elizabeth Tov*, Boston College

1. Cash Transfers from Adult Children to Parents in China: The Role of Filial Piety. *Melanie Sereny*, Duke University
2. Gender and Caregiver Stress: Considering Recipient Behaviors, Social Support, Caregiving Experience, and Other Demographic Factors. *Elizabeth Tov*, Boston College; *Sara M. Moorman*, Boston College
3. Intergenerational Transfers to Older Parents and Social Policy in Europe. *Christian Deindl*, University of Cologne; *Martina Brandt*, University of Mannheim
4. One for the Road and One for the Stress: Drinking Behavior in Male Informal Caregivers. *Mason Nottingham*, Kent State University - Tuscarawas
5. Sibling Contact and Instrumental Support of Aged Parents. *Eric Christopher Hedberg*, National Opinion Research Center

Table 7. Life Course Transitions

President: *Toni Calasanti*, Virginia Tech

1. Ageism, the Anti-aging Industry, and Middle-Aged Persons' Views of their Bodies. *Toni Calasanti*, Virginia Tech; *Amy Sorensen*, Virginia Tech; *Neal King*, Virginia Tech
2. Joking for Health: Cementing Bonds, Coping with Aging, and Confronting Stereotypes. *Meika E. Loe*, Colgate University
3. Menopause Matters: The Implications of Menopause Research for Studies of Mid-life Health. *Michelle R. Walker*, University of Colorado at Boulder
4. Conceptions of the Life Course and Health: Do Views of the Life Course Improve Well-being? *Erica L Toothman*, Florida State University; *Anne E. Barrett*, Florida State University
5. Proactively Coping with Widowhood in Old Age. *Eva Kahana*, Case Western Reserve University; *Diana Kulle*, Case Western Reserve University

Table 8. Social and Economic Resources and Health Spousal Health, Marital Quality, and Depression.

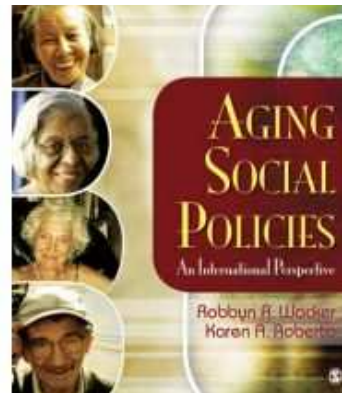
President: *Sunshine Marie Rote*, Florida State University

1. Longitudinal Study of Loneliness, Health, and Mortality among Older Adults in China. *Ye Luo*, Clemson University
2. The Role of Discrimination and Life Stress in the Health of African Americans and Whites. *Miles G. Taylor*, Florida State University; *R. Jay Turner*, Vanderbilt University; *Joel Stephen An-dress*, Florida State University
3. Socioeconomic Status and Health Well-being During Later Life: Potential Mediating Factors. *TzeLi Hsu*, Florida State University; *Jeralynn Sittig Cossman*, Mississippi State University
4. Debt as Health Risk and Health Resource. *Michael David Nau*, Ohio State University; *Dmitry Tumin*, The Ohio

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The National Academy of Sciences' panel on 'New Directions in Social Demography, Social Epidemiology, and Sociology of Aging' will be holding an open session at the ASA annual meeting in Las Vegas on Monday, August 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Cosmopolitan Hotel (Yaletown 4 on the Fourth Level). The hotel is located at 3708 Las Vegas Boulevard South, next to Bellagio. The meeting will be co-hosted by Dr. Melissa Hardy, an NAS panel member, and the co-editors of the newly released *Handbook of Sociology of Aging*, Dr. Jacqueline Angel and Dr. Richard Settersten, and representatives from the Division of Behavioral and Social Research of the National Institute on Aging. ASA members with an interest in demography and sociology of aging are encouraged to attend.

Recent Books on Aging



With population aging & declining birth rates in industrialized countries, governments of the U.S. and other countries are facing policy challenges in addressing the health, financial, and social needs of a growing population of older adults. This book discusses U.S. policies on aging alongside examples of those enacted by selected countries around the world. It challenges readers to think critically about the connection between macro social policy and its direct and indirect effects on the daily lives of real people navigating everyday life circumstances.

SAGE 2011



By Ann Evans, Janeen Baxter

Pathways through the life course have undergone considerable change in recent years. Compared to previous generations, young adults today have a much wider range of choices and opportunities, as well as constraints, than in the past. This book presents findings of longitudinal analyses examining these transitions, from leaving home to retirement, the ways in which individuals and couples negotiate and organize the competing demands of paid and unpaid work during their lives, and the consequences of these arrangements for the division of labor, educational attainment and occupational achievements.

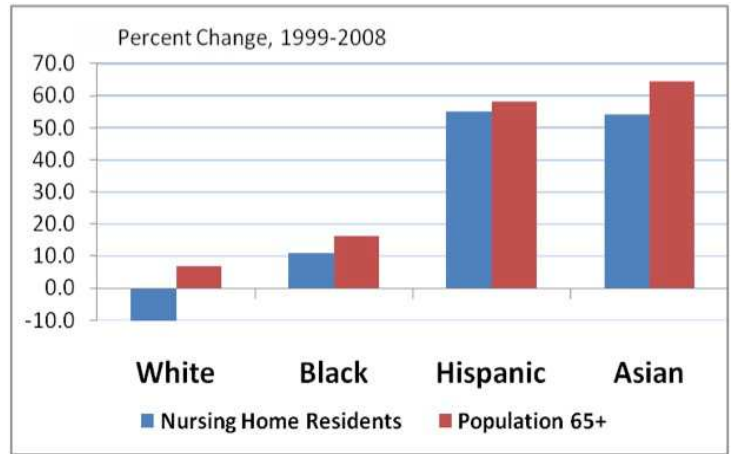
Springer 2011

Spotlight on Aging Research: Racial Disparity in Elder Care Options in the United States

In the last decade, minorities have poured into nursing homes at a time when whites have left in even greater numbers, according to a new Brown University study. Between 1999 and 2008 the nation's nursing home population shrank by 6.1% to just over 1.2 million people. In that time period the number of blacks rose 10.8%, while the number of Hispanics and Asians rose by over 50%.

According to lead author Zhanlian Feng, the growing proportion of people of color in nursing homes is coming about partly because they do not have the same access to more desirable forms of care as wealthier whites do. Prior research has shown that nursing homes in predominately minority areas are often of lower quality and are more likely to close, while assisted living facilities are more likely to be built in areas where residents have high incomes. The result, reflected in the figures in the Health Affairs paper, is a disparity that plays out not only economically and geographically, but also racially, Feng said.

"We know those alternatives are not equally available, accessible, or affordable to everybody, certainly not to many minority elders," he said.



Source: Feng, Fennell, Tyler, Clar, and Mor. 2011. "Growth Of Racial And Ethnic Minorities In US Nursing Homes Driven By Demographics And Possible Disparities In Options." *Health Affairs* 30:1358-1365

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