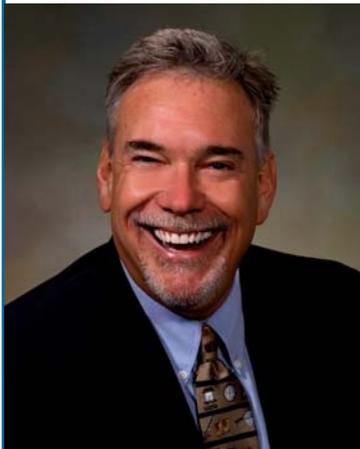


# ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course



## News from the Chair

Many thanks for submitting papers to the section's sessions and roundtable sessions. This year's meeting promises to be intellectually exciting. We have a terrific line-up of sessions. Duane Alwin will be giving this year's Matilda White Riley lecture. And, don't forget about the book raffle and

mentoring dinner. More news about those activities will be distributed closer to the meeting.

Just a quick reminder. Our session day will be on Sunday. The sessions are highlighted later in the newsletter.

Our award committees are also hard at work. This year's awards will be announced at the business meeting so please plan to attend and honor our colleagues.

Many thanks to Rick Settersten for his outstanding leadership last year. He left the section in outstanding shape. Thanks also to a truly committed and active council and to the committees for their hard work.

A special thanks goes to Kristen Schultz Lee, our newsletter editor, and to David Warner, our listserv manager. Their communication skills are the virtual glue to keeps our section members connected.

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#### **SALC Activities at ASA Meeting At-A-Glance Program**

Please join us August 10-13 in New York for an informative, engaging exchange of ideas and camaraderie at the annual ASA meeting. SALC day is Sunday, August 11th.

More information will be forthcoming, but here is a list of the SALC sessions at the 2013 meeting:

#### **Section on Aging and the Life Course Business Meeting and Matilda White Riley Lecture**

The Aging and Life Course Section business meeting will be followed by the Matilda White Riley Lecture and reception. The Matilda White Riley annual award honors a scholar in the field of aging and the life course who has shown exceptional achievement in research, theory, policy analysis, or who has otherwise advanced knowledge of aging and the life course. The 2012 Matilda White Riley Award recipient is Dr. Duane Alwin of Penn State University. Dr. Alwin will deliver his address, which will be followed by the Section's reception. The 2013 Matilda White Riley Award recipient will be announced at the business meeting.

#### **Frontiers of Aging and Life Course Research: Intersecting Social and Biological Processes Influencing Health (Invited Session)**

Organizer: Michael Shanahan, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

This session will showcase innovative research investigating the interaction of "under the skin" biological and life course processes influencing health.

#### **Roundtable Session on Aging and the Life Course**

Organizers: Jim Raymo, University of Wisconsin, Madison and Yang Yang, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

#### **Dynamics of Health and Aging: Period Trends and Cohort Processes**

Organizer: Michal Engelman, University of Chicago

This session will focus on changes in population health, incorporating both period and cohort perspectives. It will examine linkages between early life circumstances and outcomes in mid and later life as well as social and economic changes that influence trajectories of health and well-being.

#### **Social change, inequality, and the life course**

Organizer: Jennifer Karas Montez, Harvard University

This session deals with the following questions. How has the life course changed across key domains? What are the institutional forces that have shaped these changes? What implications do major changes in the life course have for inequality?

*Program participants must pre-register for the annual meeting by **May 15** to have their names listed in the final ASA Program. Authors should receive notice of the status of their submission by March 18, 2013.*

## Candidates for 2013 SALC Officers

The Nominating Committee of the Section on Aging and the Life Course has released its slate of candidates. Voting will begin in late April and will continue throughout May. Candidate profiles are below.

### Candidates for Chair Elect



#### Deborah Carr

**Present Position:** Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. 2002-present.

#### Education

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1997  
M.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1994

#### Positions Held in ASA

Trends Editor, *Contexts*, 2004-2011; Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2006-08; Deputy Editor, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 2010-13.

Excellence in Reporting of Social Issues Award Committee, 2008-09; Co-Chair, 2009-11.

Section on Aging and the Life Course: Student Paper Award Committee, 2000; Membership Chair, 2002-06; Council Member, 2006-08; Mentoring Committee, 2006-08.

Section on Social Psychology: Council Member, 2008-10; Nominations Committee 2012-13.

Section on Medical Sociology: Nominations Committee, 2005-06; Nominations Chair, 2006-08.

Section on Mental Health: Nominations Chair, 2011-13.

Section on Sociology of Family: Student Paper Award Committee, 2006-07; Distinguished Career Award Committee, 2012-13.

#### Recent Publications

Carr, Deborah. 2012. "I Don't Want to Die Like That...": The Impact of Significant Others' Death Quality on Advance Care Planning." *The Gerontologist* 52: 770-781  
Carr, Deborah. 2012. "The Social Stratification of Older Adults' Preparations for End of Life Health Care." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 53: 297-312.

#### Personal Statement:

I am honored to be nominated for Chair of SALC. I have considered this section my professional "home" since joining in 1997. My teaching, research, and professional service have focused on aging and the life course for nearly two decades, and my work has been informed and inspired by many of my SALC colleagues. SALC's activities and membership exemplify those attributes that most enrich academic life: mentoring of junior scholars and students; conducting innovative, methodologically rigorous, and theoretically informed research; crossing sub-disciplinary boundaries in sociology; identifying research questions of great social and policy relevance; and disseminating our work to the general public. I look forward to continuing and expanding these activities in new directions, if elected as section Chair.

#### Janet M. Wilmoth

**Present Position:** Professor of Sociology, Aging Studies Institute Director, Syracuse University. 2008 – present.

#### Education

Ph.D., Sociology and Demography with a minor in Gerontology, Pennsylvania State University, 1995.  
M.A., Sociology and Demography, Pennsylvania State University, 1992.



#### Positions Held in ASA:

Section on Aging and the Life Course, Secretary-Treasurer, 2011-2013.

Section on Aging and the Life Course, Committee on Mentoring and Professional Development, Chair, 2009-2010, and member, 2005-2006, 2011-2013.

Section on Aging and the Life Course, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Chair, 2004.

*Teaching Sociology*, Editorial Board, 2005 – 2007.

#### Recent Publications:

Wilmoth, Janet M. and Andrew S. London (Eds). 2013. Life Course Perspectives on Military Service. New York: Routledge Press.  
Wilmoth, Janet M. and Kenneth F. Ferraro (Eds). 2013. Gerontology: Perspectives and Issues, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York:  
Wilmoth, Janet M. 2010. "Aging Policy and Structural Lag." Pp. 42-63 in Robert B. Hudson (Ed.). The New Politics of Old Age Policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press.

#### Personal Statement:

I have had the pleasure of being involved in the Section on Aging and the Life Course for over twenty years. As the SALC Secretary/Treasurer, I have worked with various section members and ASA staff. I understand the roles played by the section's officers, the way the section works, and how the section fits within the structure of ASA. More importantly, I am dedicated to supporting the vibrancy that our section continues to experience. The Mentoring Dinner has become a self-sustaining annual tradition, our membership is growing, we are currently engaged in a lively discussion regarding our section's name, and we are exploring the various ways our intellectual pursuits relate to other disciplines and ASA sections. If I have the honor of serving as Chair-Elect, I will strive to maintain and build upon the rich legacy established by our section's previous leaders.

## Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer



### **Jill Suitor**

**Present Position:**

Professor of Sociology, Purdue University

**Personal Statement:**

As a member of ASA since I began graduate school in the late 1970s, I have been active in Sections on Aging and the Life Course and Sociology of the Family. I served terms on both Councils in the past decade and in the late 1980s I was the founding organizer of the SALC Research Roundtable on Parent-Adult Child Relations. I believe that the Section on Aging and the Life Course provides an ideal bridge to many sections within ASA in much the same way that GSA provides such bridges across disciplines. By design, SALC focuses on theoretical and substantive issues that have been central to the ASA throughout its history, ranging from inequality to the social psychology of interpersonal relations. By continuing to develop its emphasis on partnering with other Sections, SALC will increase awareness of the salience of life course perspectives to an increasing range of sociological questions as well as strengthen the membership of the Section. I hope to contribute to this effort through serving in the position of Secretary-Treasurer.



### **Amélie Quesnel-Vallée**

**Present Position:**

Associate Professor of Sociology and Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health, McGill University

**Personal Statement:**

I am honored and delighted to have been nominated as a candidate for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the SALC. The SALC is one of the main reasons I look forward to ASA, year after year: for the research of course, but also for the kinship and community that I found in the section. Highlights of my contributions to this vibrant community include winning the Student Paper Award with Miles Taylor in 2004, managing the section's listerv in 2005-06, helping organize the mentorship dinner in Montreal in 2006, and contributing a chapter to the Handbook of Sociology of Aging (2011). As current Secretary-Treasurer of the ISA's RC15 on the Sociology of Health (2010-2014), I am well aware of the requirements of this position, and I welcome the opportunity to similarly serve the SALC.

## **Information Needed**

**We would like to highlight recent peer-reviewed publications authored by SALC members in the newsletter. This feature will allow the membership to keep abreast of the exciting scholarship produced by our diverse section. Email the publication's full citation and abstract to our newsletter editor, Kristen Schultz Lee, at [kslee4@buffalo.edu](mailto:kslee4@buffalo.edu)**

### **Candidates for Council**

**There are four candidates for two slots on the Council. The 3-year term begins in 2013.**



#### **Meika Loe**

##### **Present Position:**

Associate Professor of Sociology And Women's Studies, Interim Director Of LGBTQ, and Director Of Women's Studies, Colgate University

##### **Personal Statement:**

I have enjoyed being a relatively new member of this section, participating in panels, mentorship dinners, and getting to know section members. In recent years my scholarship has moved from medical sociology to more of a focus on aging and the lifecourse. I am an ethnographer whose scholarship focuses on the medicalization of aging and the daily lives of the oldest old. My books include *The Rise of Viagra* (2006), *Technogenarians* (2010), and *Aging Our Way* (2011). I have benefited from a warm and welcoming section, and hope to continue this spirit for new and continuing members.



#### **Timothy Owens**

##### **Present Position:**

Professor of Sociology and Coordinator of Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies, Kent State University.

##### **Personal Statement:**

I look forward to the possibility of serving on SALC's council and contributing to the section's continued success, growth, and vibrancy. My membership in the Section started in graduate school when Jeylan Mortimer (my mentor and dissertation advisor) and Roberta Simmons introduced me to the life course perspective. It immediately resonated with me and became part of my professional interests and identity. During my ten years at Purdue, I was a member of the Center on Aging and the Life Course headed by Ken Ferraro. My life course-related involvements in SALC and the ASA include editorship of the first *The Life Course: A Handbook of Syllabi and Instructional Materials*, being the founder and Editor-in-Chief of *Advances in Life Course Research* (1999-2008), and authoring *From Adolescence to Adulthood in the Vietnam Era* in 2005. My journal publications have centered on the effect of life course transitions on the self-concept, mental/emotional well-being, and substance use.



#### **John Reynolds**

##### **Present Position:**

Professor of Sociology and Director of Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Florida State University.

##### **Personal Statement:**

It is an honor to have been nominated for the SALC Council. I'm sure I echo a common sentiment among SALC members in saying that my participation in the section has been intellectually enriching and socially a whole lot of fun. I'd be gratified by the chance to help sustain and grow the section and to facilitate outstanding ASA meeting experiences in the future.



#### **Andrea Willson**

##### **Present Position:**

Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of Centre for Population, Aging and Health, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

##### **Personal Statement:**

I am very pleased to have been nominated for the position of council member for the Section on Aging and the Life Course. The section has long been my intellectual home in the ASA, and my research on inequality over the life course and teaching has benefited tremendously from the mentorship of section members and my participation in section activities. I welcome the opportunity to serve the section and to contribute in any way to its continued growth and success.

## Nominees for SALC Student Representative



### Tirth Bhatta

**Present Position:** Doctoral Student, Case Western Reserve University

**Personal Statement:**

I feel honored and humbled to be nominated to represent student community at the ASA Section on Aging and Life Course. I am a third year doctoral student in the department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. I have been a member of the Section since 2010. My association with the Section on Aging and Life Course and also the experience that I have gained from my student leadership positions at my school has prepared me for this position. In my role as a graduate student senator, I represent graduate students' issues and concerns to graduate student senate. I am also engaged in student committees that help organize events to enhance graduate students' professional development. My research interests revolve around health disparities in later life. Employing cumulative dis/advantage theory, my research examines the life course influences of socio-economic and spiritual resources on health in later life. My research also investigates whether and how cumulative life course processes differ between various racial/ethnic minority groups, across birth cohorts, and national contexts.

### INFORMATION NEEDED

**In an effort to keep SALC members connected, each newsletter will contain information on recent transitions. If you have a professional announcement (tenure and promotion, employment change) or personal information (marriages, births, tributes to recently deceased members) please send information to: [kslee4@buffalo.edu](mailto:kslee4@buffalo.edu). The newsletter is usually distributed three times a year in the fall, winter, and summer.**

### Jennifer Caputo

**Present Position:** Doctoral Student, Indiana University

**Personal Statement:**

I am currently a PhD candidate in sociology at Indiana University. My research focuses on the intersection of social psychology, health, and the life course, and my dissertation will explore the relationship between changing gender roles and mental and physical health among younger compared to older cohorts of adults. I have learned much from the opportunity to network with my peers and senior colleagues at ASA section meetings, and I would be honored to serve as the student representative for the SALC.



## Transitions

**Christopher Steven Marcum** (PhD 2011, UC-Irvine) has left the RAND Corporation and joined the intramural research side of the National Institutes of Health as a Staff Scientist. Dr. Marcum will serve as a methodologist in the National Human Genome Research Institute's Network Methods Section where he will continue his research on social networks, aging, and health.

## SALC Seeks Nominations for 2013 Matilda White Riley

This annual award honors a scholar in the field of aging and life course who has shown exceptional achievement in research, theory, policy analysis, or who has otherwise advanced knowledge of aging and the life course. Letters of nomination should describe the nominee's contributions to the study of aging and the life course that warrant consideration. Additional letters of support are encouraged but not required. Nominations will be carried over for one year.

Materials should be sent by **March 1, 2013** to:

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Chair, SALC Matilda White Riley Award Committee  
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**Information on all of the SALC awards can be found on the web:**

[http://www.asanet.org/sections/aging\\_awards.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/sections/aging_awards.cfm)

## SALC Seeks Nominations of Outstanding Scholarship

### Outstanding Publication Award

This annual award honors an outstanding recent contribution to the field of sociology of aging and the life course as determined by the Outstanding Publication Award Committee.

Eligible publications include original research reports, theoretical or methodological developments, and policy-related contributions. The outstanding publication can be an article, book, or chapter published within the past three years. The committee will consider nominations and self-nominations. The award will rotate between a book and an article (or chapter) at least once every three years. Because the award has been given for articles the last two years, the bylaws state that this year the award will be for a book.

Eligible nominations are limited to publications appearing from 2010-2012. A single author or one of the coauthors must be a SALC member. Only SALC members are permitted to make nominations. Nominations of publications for the 2012 award should be sent by **March 1, 2013** to:

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### Graduate Student Paper Award

This annual award honors the outstanding paper written by a graduate student (or students) member(s) of the Section on Aging and the Life Course, as determined by the Graduate Student Paper Award committee. Papers authored or coauthored solely by students are eligible; faculty co-authorship is not allowed. Eligible student authors include master's students and pre-doctoral student members of the section who are currently enrolled in a graduate program or who have graduated no earlier than December of 2012.

Unpublished, under review, accepted, or published papers are eligible. If published, the paper should have appeared within the past two calendar years (e.g., a paper nominated in 2013 may have been published anytime during 2012 or 2013). Unpublished papers should not exceed 9000 words of text (not including references, tables, etc). All nominations are due by **March 1, 2013**. Self-nominations are encouraged. To be nominated send a hard copy and an electronic version of the paper to the Chair of the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee along with a completed and signed nomination form (available online). The award consists of \$250 presented to the winner at the Business Meeting of the Section, held during the annual ASA meeting.

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