SECTION ON AGING & THE LIFE COURSE

Annual Report – 2001

The Business Meeting of the Section on Aging and the Life Course convened at 10:30 AM on August 19, 2001 at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association held in Anaheim, California. **Eva Kahana** (Section Chair) presided. Approximately 150 members attended.

Minutes of the 2000 Meeting

Deborah Gold distributed the minutes of the 2000 meeting. No corrections or changes were made. Section members unanimously agreed to accept them as presented.

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Net Assets:

\$8,788	June 30, 2001
\$6,936	June 30, 2000
\$7,690	June 30, 1999
\$1,852	Change (2001-2000) (+24%)
\$754	Change (2000-1999) (-10%)

ASA Allocation for Section:

\$2,224	2001
\$2,224	2000
\$2,126	1999
\$ 0	Change (2001-2000)
\$ 98	Change (2000-1999) (+5%)

Dues Income:

\$1,433	2001
\$1,353	2000
\$1,296	1999
\$ +80	Change (2001-2000) (+6%)
\$ +57	Change (2000-1999) (+5%)

Reception Cost:

NA August 2001 Kahana noted that this reception should be significantly less expensive than last year's. We will not know until the next quarterly budget report.

\$1,681 August 2000 Combined reception and Council breakfast exceeded projected cost of \$1,250.

\$1,250	August 1999
-\$431	Change (2001-2000) (-34%)
0	Change (2000-1999)

Book Raffle:

NA	August 2000
NA	August 1999
\$360	August 1998
\$300	August 1997

Cost of Section Newsletter:

\$582	March 2001 only
\$1,042	March and July 2000 issues only
\$1,471	1999 total

Summary

Deborah Gold reported that the Section went over budget in two categories last year: the Section Reception, and the Section Newsletter. She proposed that each of these budget items be increased in the next (2002) budget. This proposal was unanimously supported by the membership. Kahana also reported that she had spent significantly less money on the 2001 reception, so we should be able to recoup some minor losses.

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Election Results

Chair of the 2000-2001 Nominations Committee was Ron Abeles. Members of that committee were Rebecca Adams, Monika Ardelt, and David Ekerdt. The Chair of the 2001-2002 Nominations Committee will be Eva Kahana.

Results of the 2001 annual election of officers were annuanced:

Chair-Elect: David Ekerdt

Secretary/Treasurer: Eleanor Palo Stoller ('04)
Council: Duane Alwin ('04)

Ellen Idler ('04)
Student: Joy Pixley ('03)

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Chair

Linda K. George Department of Sociology Duke University Durham, NC 27708

Chair-Elect

David Ekerdt Gerontology Center 4089 Dole Center University of Kansas Lawrence, KS 6605-2830

Past-Chair

Eva Kahana Department of Sociology Case Western University Cleveland, OH 44106-7124

Secretary/Treasurer

Eleanor Palo Stoller ('04) Center on Aging and Health Case Western Reserve University 10900 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44106-7124

Council

Cary S. Kart ('02) Judith Treas ('02) Kenneth Ferraro ('03) Jacqueline Angel ('03) Duane Alwin ('04) Ellen Idler ('04) Student Members Andrea Wilson ('02) Joy Pixley ('03)

Report of Membership Chair

We have had an approximately 30% drop in Section membership from our high of 610 in 1999 to 434 in 2001. Typically, membership does increase around conference meeting times. Fluctuations in membership are considered over a three-year period, it appears that we have a stable base of around 300 persons who have been members for all three years. At the same time, there were 217 people who were members for only one year. Many of these may be students. One initiative that Marc Musick suggested is to contact members and invite them to continue their membership. We distributed literature on our section at the roundtables in an effort to recruit more members. Unfortunately, Musick was not able to be at the meeting, but everyone called for more ways to both retain long-time members and to attract new members.

Report of Newsletter Editor

Ron Abeles was unable to attend the meeting. The one piece of information we had was that the three issues of the newsletter had exceeded budget this year, but not by much.

Distinguished Scholar Award

Linda George announced the winner of this year's Distinguished Scholar Award is Phyllis Moen, Ph.D. Moen, Co-Director of the Cornell Gerontology Research Institute, is the Ferris Family Professor of Life Course Studies and Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Cornell University. She also

serves as founding Director of Cornell's Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center. Moen received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Minnesota in 1978. While on leave from Cornell, she spent several years as Director of the Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation, where she received two awards for her leadership. She has since served as a consultant to the National Science Foundation. Moen will give her Distinguished Scholar lecture at the 2002 meetings.

Student Award

The Student Award had joint winners this year: coauthors Joy Pixley and Carter Butts. They will split the stipend for travel that comes with the award. The chair of this committee was Madonna Harrington-Meyer.

Roundtables and Research Groups

Jacqueline Angel and Kenneth Ferraro were responsible for this year's roundtables. They reported that there were 23 roundtable papers submitted; 22 were accepted. Attendance in the past has not been good for roundtables; thus, they have assigned at least 3 members to each table. Some roundtable papers came bundled in conceptual packages. Others were individual paper submissions. Individuals should be allowed to bundle their own roundtables.

Both Ferraro and Angel suggested that the newly elected council members who are responsible for roundtables need more guidance before doing the tables. They suggested that we send them a letter, urging them to come to the Council meeting when they are elected so that they can see the kinds of things they'll be in for. Stoller suggested that Ferraro and Angel write up a report on the experience that can be given to future Council members.

Listserv

Marc Musick was not at the meeting. However, the Section needs to update with the ASA listserv.

Succession of Chairs

At the end of the Business Meeting, Chair **Eva Kahana** expressed her appreciation for the excellent work of section officers and announced that certificates of appreciation are being presented to them as a new initiative of the section. She then turned over the reins of the Section to new Chair, **Linda George**, of Duke University. She spoke briefly on some of her plans. The meeting concluded at 11:30 AM.

Officers and Committees, 2001-2002

Chair

Linda K. George

Chair-Elect

David Eckerdt

Past-Chair

Eva Kahana

Secretary/Treasurer

Eleanor Palo Stoller

Council

Cary S. Kart (02) Judith Treas (02) Jacqueline L. Angel (03) Kenneth F. Ferraro (03) Duane Alwin (04) Ellen Idler (04)

Council Student Members

Andrea E. Wilson (02) Joy Pixley (03)

Program Committee

Linda K. George, Chair Kenneth F. Ferraro Marc Musick

Committe on Research Groups and Rountables

Duane Alwin Ellen Idler



Distinguished Scholar Award

David Eckerdt, Chair Cary S. Kart Judith Treas

Graduate Student Paper Award

To be appointed, Chair Jacqueline Angel Kenneth F. Ferraro 2 more members to be appointed

Committee on Nominations

Eva Kahana, Chair Janet Giele John Williamson Steve Cutler

Membership Chair

Marc Musick

Electronic Communications

Marc Musick, Listserv

Newsletter Editor

Ronald P. Abeles

WANTED

Volunteer Editor to compile and issue the Section's Newsletter commencing with the fall issue of 2002 (i.e., in one year). The Newsletter is issued three-times per year. The editor's duties include compiling the content and preparing a camera-ready text for printing and mailing, which the ASA does on behalf of the Section.

If you're interested in this intrinsically rewarding activity, please contact the current editor:

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Roundtables and Research Groups

Ellen Idler & Duane Alwin, Members of Council

The 97th Annual Meeting of the ASA will take place August 16-19, 2002, in Chicago. The theme for this year's meeting is Allocation Processes and Ascription. This call for Roundtable and Research Group submissions encourages you to participate by organizing or joining a Roundtable or Research Group. Information

about our Research Groups is posted on our HomePage at http://www.asanet.org/sectionaging. Our section has always had a lively set of roundtable presentations, and last year's meeting in Anaheim was no exception.

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago. Send your submissions for roundtable or research groups to:

✓ Ellen L. Idler, Professor and Chair Department of Sociology Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue Piscataway, NJ 08854-8045
 ♦ 732 445-4139

Fax: 732 445-8079

Univ. of Kansas Graduate Program

Ph.D. Program in Gerontology is accepting applications for Fall 2002. Interdisciplinary training emphasizing Social and Behavioral Gerontology preparing students for professional, academic and research careers in Gerontology. Research Assistantships are available.

Faculty

Rhonda Montgomery, Sociology Susan Kemper, Psychology David Ekerdt, Sociology Mark Mathews, Human Development Mary Lee Hummert, Communication Studies Virgil Adams, Psychology

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Just Published...

Rose Maria Li, et. al., *Diverse Voices. The Inclusion of Language-Minority Populations in National Studies: Challenges and Opportunities.* Bethesda, MD: National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, August 2001.

Richard Settersten, Jr. *Invitation to the Life Course: Toward New Understandings of Later Life.* Amity,
NY: Baywood Publishing Co., 2001

Four publications in the National Center for Health Statistics' series *Trends in Health and Aging:*

Causes of Death among the Elderly Vision and Hearing among Older Americans The Oral Health of Older Americans The Changing Profile of Nursing Home Residents

Minority Aging and Health. 3 CDs with data from several studies. Prepared by the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging with support from the National Institute on Aging and the NIH Office of Research on Minority Health. Bethesda, MD: August 2001

Jacob S. Siegel, *Applied Demography: Applications to Business, Government, Law, and Public Policy,* San Diego: Academic Press, 2001. ISBN 0-12-641840-3. 770 pp. \$84.95.

Sidney Stahl, Kimberly M. Prenda, and Heather Cooper. *Research Directions in Elder Abuse and Neglect.* Bethesda, MD: National Institute on Aging, May 2001.

Publicly Available Databases for Aging-related Secondary Analyses in the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Bethesda, MD: National Institute on Aging, August 15, 2001. Available at www.nih.gov/nia/ research/extramural/behavior/resources.htm

Robert H. Binstock and Linda K. George, *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences.* San Diego, CA: Academic Press, July 2001. 544 pp, \$59.95

Qualitative Methods in Health Research: Opportunities and Considerations in Application and Review. Bethesda, MD.: Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Resaerch, NIH Publication No. 02-5046, December 2001.

Books on Aging and Health by the National Academies. (CD ROM collection). Contains the complete conents of 12 books published by the National Academy Press.. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 2001. Available free from the Behavioral and Social Research Program, National Institutes on Aging, Gateway Bldg.. Rm. 533, Bethesda, MD 20892-9205.

Urgent: Renew Your Membership

Marc Musick Membership Chairperson

Last year was a not a good one for the section in that we fell below the threshold for two sessions at the 2002 annual meeting. With a concerted effort to retain members and to add news members we can regain the loss session for 2003! While it is now too late for 2002, it is not too late for the following year! So, if you have not renewed, please do so and keeping the aging section on your list of section memberships.

I would also encourage you to invite your doctoral students, new Ph.D.s, and colleagues to join the ASA and the Section on Aging and the Life Course. As you may know, membership in the section confers several benefits:

- Members receive copies of the section newsletter
- Members receive a copy of the section directory
- Members are added to the section listsery
- Members are informed of section activities (e.g., section reception) where they can meet colleagues with similar interests

As I mentioned above, higher section membership levels translate into more space for us on the annual program. More detailed information on our section and on the benefits of membership can be found on the section webpage at www.asanet.org/sectionaging/

We are also offering **free section memberships** to graduate students and new PhDs who are members of ASA! Requests for these free one-year section memberships and for regular section memberships should be sent to me at:

Marc Musick Population Research Center 1800 Main Building The University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX 78712 Email: musick@prc.utexas.edu

Students and new Ph.D.s who would like the free membership but are not members of ASA must first join the organization. **Student Memberhsips** in the ASA are only \$37. This price includes a full-year subscription to one of the ASA-sponsored journals. **New PhDs** join as regular members, whose annual dues vary by income (ranging from \$48-\$210). Regular membership includes a subscription to two journals. Applications for general ASA membership are available from ASA. They can be reached in several ways:

Mail

American Sociological Association 1722 N Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-383-9005 ext. 389 Web: www.asanet.org

Email: Membership@asanet.org

If you have any questions about membership in the section, please feel free to contact me at musick@prc.utexas.edu. Also, share this information with colleagues and students who might be interested in joining.

Application for Membership

Send with payment to: Marc A. Musick Population Research Center 1800 Main Building The University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX 78712.

Your Name and Address::

Telephone:

E-mail:

☐ I am an ASA Member and want to join the Section on Aging and the Life Course. Enclosed is my check, payable to the American Sociological Association.

□ \$13.00 Full Dues Member

□ \$10.00 **Low Income Member** (gross annual income under \$20,000)

SFREE! Limited Offer Graduate
Students

□ \$FREE! Limited Offer New Ph.D.s

☐ I am not an ASA member, but I am interested in joining the Section on Aging and the Life Course. Please send me more information about membership in the ASA.

ENLIST NOW! YOUR SECTION NEEDS YOU!

Job Opportunities

Texas A&M University: Three Positions

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health, Department of Social and Behavioral Health. The mission of the Department of Social and Behavioral Health is to improve the health and strengthen capacity of people and communities, with emphasis on rural and underserved populations, through application of the social and behavioral sciences to education, research, service, outreach, and creative partnerships. The department is seeking a Full Professor and Department Head (tenured) and two tenure track Assistant/Associate Professors to assist in achieving this mission. All are 12-month appointments, beginning 2002. The new faculty members will join a rapidly growing, and dynamic school of public health. The school currently offers MPH degrees in the core areas of public health, as well as M.S.P.H. and M.H.A. degrees. The School is awaiting final approval to offer two doctoral degrees (a Ph.D. in Health Services Research and a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH; anticipated winter 2002). Approximately 160 students are currently enrolled in the school's masters degree programs. The School was recently accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Candidate must possess a doctorate in one of the relevant social and behavioral sciences. For information about the School and these positions, visit: http://hscconcord.tamu.edu/srph.

A graduate degree in public health or public health experience is preferred. Interested candidates should send a letter of application summarizing interests and qualifications, a curriculum vita, and the names, address, and phone numbers of three references to:

- Craig Blakely, Ph.D., M.P.H. Chair, Social & Behavioral Search Committee School of Rural Public Health 3000 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 300 Bryan, TX 77802
- Marcia G. Ory, Ph.D., M.P.H.
 Professor, Social and Behavioral Health
 Director, Active for Life
 School of Rural Public Health
 University Park Plaza
 1103 University Drive, Suite 100
 College Station, Texas 77840
 Tel. (979) 458-1373
 Fax: (979) 458-4264

Email: MORY@SRPH.TAMU.EDU

N.B. Marcia Ory has just moved here and can provide feedback for anyone interested in these new positions.

National Institute on Aging: Four Positions

Seeking one Branch Chief (at GS15/title 42 level) and three Health Scientist Administrators (at GS13/14/ title 42 level) for fast-paced extramural research program office. The Behavioral and Social Research Program (BSR), one of four NIA extramural research programs, supports training and basic social and behavioral research on aging processes and older people in society. BSR is organized into two branches, one focusing on Individual Behavioral Processes, and one on Population and Social Processes. Major areas of BSR emphasis include the Aging Mind; Health Disparities; Genetics, Behavior and the Social Environment; Increasing Health Expectancy; Health, Work and Retirement; and Interventions and Behavior Change. Integration among psychological, physiological, social and cultural levels of analysis is emphasized. For additional information about the BSR Program, email Ms. Angie Chon-Lee at Chon-LeA@exmur.nia.nih.gov.

Applications for all four positions must be received no later than **December 17**, **2001**. For information on application procedures, call Ms. Sue Braunstein at 301-496-5347. NIH is an equal opportunity employer.

Call for Nominations

Award for Distinguished Scholarship

This award honors a scholar in the field of aging who has shown exceptional achievement in research, theory, policy analysis, or who has otherwise advanced knowledge of aging and the life course. Nominations for this year's Distinguished Scholar should be submitted to Dr. Eva Kahana, Distinguished Scholar Committee Chair, not later than **April 1**, **2000**. Please describe your nomination's contributions that are the basis for your suggestion. While not required, additional letters of support may be submitted.

David J. Ekerdt
 Gerontology Center
 University of Kansas
 Dole Building
 1000 Sunnyside Ave. - Room 3050
 Lawrence, KS 66045-7555
 E-mail: ekerdt@ku.edu

Call for Life Course Syllabi and Instruction Materials

We are currently revising the ASA's Teaching Resource Center's *The Life Course: A Handbook of Syllabi and Instructional Material* and need your help! Please send your materials that are related to teaching the life course. In addition to syllabi from classes specifically on the life course, we also would like to see any of the following:

- Syllabi from classes that include sections relevant to the life course
- Examples of exercises to teach life course concepts
- Examples of novels, video or audio materials relevant to teaching life course concepts
- Materials related to teaching life course methods
- Materials on cross-cultural or state-life course topics
- Materials or lists of websites or internet resources that can be used for teaching on the life course

Please send any of your life course teaching materials in electronic form (an IBM compatible diskette or as an email attachment) by May 1, 2002 to:

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Indiana UniversityBloomington, IN 47405-7103
Phone: 812-855-7629
Email: epavalko@indiana.edu

News of Members

Linda George, professor of sociology at Duke University, received the GSA Kleemeier Award for research on well-being. The award was presented to Dr. George at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in Chicaog on November 16, 2001. Dr. George will present an award lecture at the 2002 GSA meetings.

Marcia G. Ory, Professor, Social and Behavioral Health and Director, Active for Life School of Rural Public Health at Texas A&M University, received the 2001 Polisher Award for Applied Research from the Geronotolgical Society of America. Dr. Ory was recognized for her achievements as chieff of the behavioral medicine and medical sociology branch of the Behavioral and Social Research Program at the National Institute on Aging.

Research Training Workshops

American Psychological Association Offers Advanced Training Workshops

Longitudinal Methods, Modeling, and Measurement University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA June 10 - 15, 2002

APA's first Advanced Training Institute of 2002, running from June 10 - 15 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, will be a weeklong series of lectures and computer workshops on longitudinal methods, modeling, and measurement in contemporary psychological research. University of Virginia faculty members John McArdle, PhD, Karen Schmidt, PhD, and John Nesselroade, PhD, will lead the course. Applications for this course must be submitted electronically by February 1, 2002. Those selected will be notified by March 4.

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging MGH-NMR Center Charlestown, MA June 23 - 28, 2002

APA will hold its Advanced Training Institute in functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) at Massachusetts General Hospital in Charlestown, Mass. The course, which provides training and handson experience in experimental design and data analysis, will also cover some of the necessary background in physics, biology, and biophysics. Directed by Robert L. Savoy, PhD, head of fMRI education at Massachusetts General Hospital, the course is designed for active researchers who are new to the field of fMRI. Applications for this course must be submitted electronically by March 8, 2002. Those selected will be notified by April 3.

For both courses, advanced graduate students, post-docs, and new and established faculty are invited to apply. Applications are available at www.apa.org/science/ati-info.html. For more information, contact APA's Science Directorate at (202) 336-6000 or by e-mail at ati@apa.org.

NIH Summer Institute on Design and Conduct of Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral and Social Interventions July 28 - August 9, 2002 Airlie Conference Center, Virginia

Organized by the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (http://obssr.od.nih.gov)

OBJECTIVE: to provide a thorough grounding in the conduct of randomized clinical trials to researchers and health professionals interested in developing competence in the planning, design, and execution of clinical trials involving behavioral or social interventions.

The CURRICULUM will:

- Describe the principles underlying the conduct of unbiased clinical trials.
- Contrast biomedical vs. Behavioral interventions in the context of RCTs.
- * Evaluate and interpret critically the literature on RCTs for behavioral interventions.
- Contrast and evaluate alternative research designs in terms of their appropriateness.
- * Contrast and evaluate methods for monitoring, coordinating, and conducting RCTs.
- Select appropriate outcome measures, enrollment strategies, and randomization techniques
- Design a specific research proposal in collaboration with a multidisciplinary team.

FACULTY: Faculty will consist of leading authorities in their fields, with extensive prior experience in the conduct of major clinical trials, with specializations in psychology, behavioral medicine, psychosomatic medicine, gerontology, oncology, cardiovascular diseases, statistics, clinical trials, and other areas.

STUDENTS: Priority will be given to individuals with a doctoral or medical degree and a minimum of two years post-degree research experience. Due to the limited number of spaces in the course, applicants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States, or must have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (i.e., possess a currently valid Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551, or other legal verification of such status). Women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are

encouraged to apply.1zzz1If you require reasonable accommodations to participate in this activity, please include this information with your application or inform TASCON at least 60 business days before the course begins. A request for reasonable accommodation will not influence the selection process.

COSTS: The Office of Behavioral Sciences Research, NIH, will pay for travel to and from the Summer Institute site, room and board, and for course materials. There are no additional fees. Family members may accompany participants at their own costs.

APPLICATIONS: The application form and instructions are posted at http://obssr.od.nih.gov/Conf_Wkshp/rct/RCT_Info.htm or may be obtained from:

N TASCON, Inc.

Attn: NIH RCT Course 1803 Research Blvd. Suite 305 Rockville, MD 20850 Phone: (301) 315-9000 E-mail: RCTcourse@tascon.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Compete information, including the Frequently Asked Questions (and answers) and instructions on how to join the electronic mailing list, is available at http://obssr.od.nih.gov/Conf_Wkshp/rct/RCT_Info.htm.

Electronic Newsletter on Humanistic Gerontology

A monthly electronic newsletter, *Human Values in Aging Update*, is now available containing news about humanistic gerontology, including topics such as conscious aging, autobiography and life-review, geriatric bioethics, and older adult education. The newsletter is published by the Institute for Human Values in Aging, sponsored by the International Longevity Center under support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For a free subscription, send e-mail address to: HRMoody@yahoo.com.

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