

ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course



News From The Chair



Dear SALC Colleagues,

Let me begin by stating how honored I am to be Chair of SALC for 2021-2022! SALC has been such a vibrant section of ASA and the main intellectual home for many of our members including myself. As we attempt to be a more inclusive Section, the Executive Committee and I will continue to devote our energies to growing the Section, retaining the commitment to mentoring activities, and developing outreach to under-represented groups.

I want to thank Jennifer Karas Montez and Toni Calasanti, our two previous Chairs, who deftly managed the shift to an online mode of conferencing and rose to the occasion during challenging times. As we (hopefully) engage in-person for the 2022 ASA meeting, I believe we will come to appreciate even more the welcoming spirit that characterizes our Section. Next summer will mark a return to the mentoring dinner that Janet Wilmoth, Chair of the Mentoring Committee, and her associates will be organizing in Los Angeles. I am sure we all look forward to personally interacting with each other again.

The section cannot function as well as it does without the extraordinary efforts of its leadership. We are fortunate to have Jennifer Karas Montez as former-Chair take leadership of the Nominations Committee for election of Section officers. I also want to warmly welcome Stefanie Möllborn, our Chair-Elect, who is chairing the Matilda White Riley Outstanding Publication Award Committee this year.

I am grateful to those who volunteered to chair our Section award committees, namely Melissa Hardy, Chair of the Outstanding Publication Award Committee, Feinian Chen, Chair of the Outstanding Student Paper Award Committee, and Linda George, last year's winner of the Outstanding Mentorship Award, who is chairing the current committee for this award. Please note that the deadline for award nominations is March 1, 2022. I encourage you to nominate yourself or others for these awards!

Dawn Carr will be continuing as Secretary/Treasurer, providing valuable service managing the critical administrative functions necessary for the Section to operate. I want to thank Miles Taylor for continuing as chair of the Membership Committee. Maintaining membership has been challenging for all ASA sections over the last two years. However, we have seen a commensurate growth in the number of SALC members since 2020—promising news as we attempt to reach the 600 membership mark necessary for receiving an additional session at the annual meeting.

We also welcome our new Council Members, Andre Christie-Mizell and Anna Muraco who will be organizing the SALC roundtable session for 2022. With appreciation, I acknowledge the valuable contributions of continuing members of Council including Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Jason Houle, Bridget Goosby, and Stephanie Ureña. And a hearty welcome to our two new student members Melanie Zoraida and Vesna Pajovic.

I want to recognize the significant contributions of Shannon Shen and Stephanie Ureña who edit and publish the Section's newsletters, Stacy Torres for managing our listserv, Jeffrey Lentz for overseeing the Section's Facebook page, Duygu Basaran for managing our Twitter account, and Julia Wolf for updating the SALC webpage. All have been instrumental in informing our membership about activities and opportunities within and beyond the Section and keeping us well connected!

The SALC Program Committee for this year consists of Jacqui Angel and Jennifer Ailshire who will be organizing two open SALC symposia for the 2022 ASA meeting: one on caregiving in diverse social contexts and the other on multinational comparisons in aging and the life course. Please mark your calendars for the annual meeting August 5-9 and SALC section day Monday August 8. The due date for submitting a paper to the program is February 9, 2022.

Inside this issue:

2022 SALC Program	2-3
SALC 2021 Award Winners	4
Five Questions For...	5
Podcast Showcase	5
Emerging Scholar Profile	6
News + Announcements	7-9

Continued from page 1

As brisk autumn weather arrives and we move toward the holiday season, I am encouraged that we will emerge from what for many of us was a challenging period in our personal and professional lives. My hope is that we will reconnect for scholarly exchange, meeting old friends and making new ones, at the Los Angeles meeting this summer.

I thank all who have contributed to the success of SALC and for your continued membership in our forward-looking Section!

With best wishes,

Merril
Merril Silverstein, SALC Chair (2021-2022)



ASA 2022 Call for Submissions

Deadline: February 9, 2022

Section Day: Monday, August 8

Open Session: Caregiving Careers in an Era of Family and Social Change
Organizer: Jacqueline Angel, University of Texas, Austin

Almost forty years ago Matilda White Riley proposed the concept of the latent kin matrix which predicted an expansion of kin and non-kin supply of caregivers for older adults. In a world facing severe slowdowns in fertility, changes in family structure, and increased ethnic diversity, is such a model relevant for contemporary caregiving? Has uncertainty about caregiving grown? Have caregiving networks shifted in response to such changes? To what degree has the COVID-19 pandemic produced enduring challenges to caregiving? This symposium addresses the implications of family, social, and epidemiological change for the availability of caregivers and their mental and physical well-being, and the potential unmet need of older adults.

Cross-National Differences in Life Course Dynamics and Aging
Organizer: Jennifer Ailshire, University of Southern California

Due to availability of multinational longitudinal data, opportunities have never been greater to study aging and life course dynamics across welfare state regimes and national-cultural contexts. Life course processes such as labor force participation, timing of retirement, health trajectories, cognitive decline, caregiving, and intergenerational exchanges may vary across nations with different health and social policies. What can we learn from cross-national studies that is informative about the conditionality of the aging process and the social arrangements of older adults? How does the demonstration of differences across countries inform macro-level explanations? This symposium presents papers that assess the impact of national policy regimes and national culture on micro-aging outcomes.

ASA 2022 Call for Submissions

Deadline: February 9, 2022

Section Day: Monday, August 8

SALC Roundtables

Organizers: André Christie-Mizell, Vanderbilt University; Anna Muraco, Loyola Marymount University

There will be two SALC roundtable options for ASA 2022.

First, SALC will offer standard roundtable sessions, as we have in previous years. Those interested in submitting a paper to a standard roundtable session are welcome to do so through the ASA portal.

Second, SALC will accept submissions for research working group roundtables, a return to the informal working groups of previous years. For example, scholars working on retirement would organize a roundtable to discuss their own work, new developments in the area, ongoing and planned research projects with colleagues, research design, methods or new data. Participants in these groups can be listed on the program, like any other roundtable participants, as long as we receive names by the February 2022 ASA submission deadline. Participation in these groups is open to anyone who is interested, whether listed on the program or not.

To apply for a research working group roundtable:

1. an organizer must submit via the ASA portal by the February 2022 deadline for submitting paper abstracts to ASA,
2. the organizer must include a brief description (one paragraph) of the topic,
3. the organizer may submit names of any participants who wish to be listed in the program, but this is both optional and need not be complete.

Direct questions to Anna Muraco (Anna.Muraco@lmu.edu) and André Christie-Mizell (andre.christie-mizell@vanderbilt.edu).

The SALC Mentoring Dinner is scheduled for ASA 2022!

Janet Wilmouth, Melanie Plasencia, and Vesna Pajovic are planning a memorable evening in Los Angeles. Stay tuned for further information. It will be great to see everyone again!



Looking back at Virtual SALC Day ASA 2021

Award Winners



2020 Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award

Ellen Idler

Professor of Sociology at Emory University

The Matilda White Riley award was not provided this year due to the pandemic. Ellen Idler will deliver her lecture at ASA 2022.



2021 Outstanding Mentor Award

Linda George

Professor Emerita of Sociology at Duke University



2021 Outstanding Publication Award

Selection Committee: Susan Short (chair), Tirth Bhatta, Kenneth Ferraro, and Zhenmei Zhang

Courtney Boen

University of Pennsylvania

Paper: "Criminal justice contacts and psychophysiological functioning in early adulthood: Health inequality in the carceral state." Published in *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*



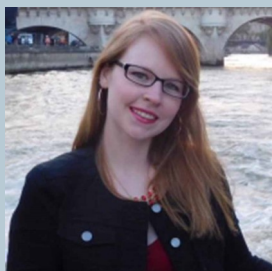
2021 Graduate Student Paper Award

Selection Committee: I-Fen Lin (chair), Marc Garcia, Jason Houle, Scott Landes, and Amélie Quesnel-Vallee

Leafia (Zi) Ye

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Paper: "Continuous integration or cumulative (dis)advantage? U.S. Immigrants' economic trajectories in later life."



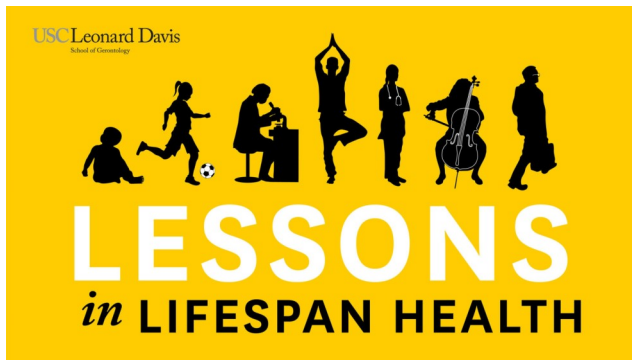
Honorable Mention: 2021 Graduate Student Paper Award

Tabitha Wilber

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Paper: "Stressed but not depressed: A longitudinal analysis of first-generation college students, stress, and depressive symptoms." Published in *Social Forces*

Podcast Showcase



Podcast: USC Lessons in Lifespan Health

<https://lifespanhealth.usc.edu/lessons-in-lifespan-health/>

From the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, this is Lessons in Lifespan Health, a podcast about the science — and scientists — improving how we live and age.

Five Questions for Merrill Silverstein

Hometown?

I spent most of my childhood in Flushing NY, a quiet town only 30 minutes from midtown Manhattan by train. My best memories were playing basketball in my driveway and touch football in the street with neighborhood friends, at least when we weren't playing Strato-Matic Baseball (a table-top game with dice and cards that mirrored probabilities in the real baseball world). The better part of my youth was spent watching the Mets lose and then win at Shea Stadium. Looking back, Flushing provided the best of suburban and urban life, where going into "the city" was still an adventure. Queens was the forgotten borough when I was growing up (outside Staten Island), but it is now the cool place to live as a Brooklyn alternative and home to the most authentic Asian eateries in the city. But if one were in the know about Lemon Ice King of Corona, Latin American restaurants in Jackson Heights, and what many considered the best NYC-style pizza joint around, it was always cool.

Proudest Accomplishment?

Professionally, it would be winning the Matilda White Riley award which is the pinnacle of career achievement in the sociology of aging and a humbling source of peer recognition. Another is continuing the Longitudinal Study of Generations into its 50th year despite serious bumps in the funding road. Personally, I am proud to have celebrated 25 years of marriage to a classy opera singer and that my daughter was accepted at USC, a school for which I will always have great fondness.

Your first-ever job?

My first-ever job (not counting delivering newspapers) was as a delivery-person for a drug store when I was in high school. For some reason they did not provide a bike, so I did a lot of walking. I often took detours along the East River when I was delivering to the local nursing home, which provided expansive views of the water and the sparkling city at night, and the peacefulness to reflect on my future.

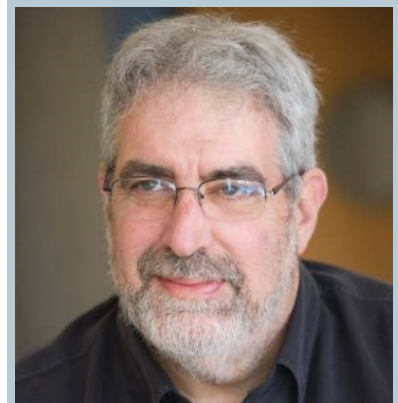
A surprising fact about yourself?

Science fiction played a role in inspiring me to become a social scientist. In particular, the Foundation Trilogy by Isaac Asimov (now a fantastic, serialized show on Apple+) had as its central premise the science of "psycho-history" in which events centuries into the future could be predicted by mathematical algorithms. As a 13 year old, I was utterly fascinated by this concept, presaging a keen interest in understanding aging and the life course in that same way-- but obviously on a much shorter time scale!

Best piece of professional advice you've ever received?

Vern Bengtson was a valued mentor to me over most of my career. I took to heart his emphasis on theory building as the best strategy to make the most of empirical findings. If gerontology were to become a true discipline, he often said, it had to be more than a collection of disparate facts. His best guidance to me as an emerging scholar was encouraging me to network with luminaries in the field of aging. He sometimes asked me to drive visiting scholars to the airport, which allowed me to have one-on-one "captive" conversations with the likes of George Maddox and Robert Butler among others. I learned how to be a more effective mentor from Vern's encouragement to engage the social side of social science. A runner-up piece of valuable advice was provided by Neal Krause who recommended submitting a rejected article to a higher ranked journal than the one that did the rejecting. The message was to believe in the quality of your work and move on to something better.

2021 SALC Chair



Merril Silverstein

Marjorie Cantor Professor of Aging Studies, Syracuse University

Emerging Scholar



Vesna Pajovic

Ph.D. Candidate
Department of Sociology
Western University
E-mail: vpajovic@uwo.ca

I am a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at Western University in Ontario, Canada. My research broadly examines employment stability across the life course, changes in employment stability across cohorts, and labor market stratification by gender and sexual orientation. My research is inspired and driven by methodological developments within life course sociology, particularly in terms of longitudinal life course trajectory modelling.

My doctoral dissertation investigates how employment stability has changed across cohorts from the 1960s to the present day using theory on life course de-standardization and the sociology of risk, longitudinal panel data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), and sequence analysis and related techniques. I examine employment status changes across multiple cohorts over the 51 years currently available from the PSID, encompassing very different economic contexts including the end of the early post-war boom to the mid-1970s, the slow growth from then to the early 1990s, the acceleration during the 1990s followed by very slow growth during the 2000s--until recently.

My most recent collaborative work includes a study on the relationship between work-limiting disability and wealth among older workers using longitudinal panel data from the PSID. This study is part of a larger scale project examining how social and environmental factors affect health outcomes across cohorts, as well as the inter-generational transmission of health outcomes. This project benefits under the guidance of Andrea Willson and Kim Shuey of Western University. In another multi-study collaborative project with Sean Waite (Western University) and Nicole Denier (University of Alberta), I help advance quantitative research on lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) employment in the Canadian context, investigating gender- and sexuality-based disparities in wages, poverty, and labour force participation. Within this collaboration I have also undertaken a leading role investigating LGB self-employment. The studies that have come out of this wider project make a particularly important contribution to the research literature on Canadian inequality with the most representative estimates of earnings and household income inequality by gender and sexual orientation to date. In particular, we are finding that the intersection of gender, sexual orientation, and family status (e.g., marital status and parenthood status) create particular sites of disadvantage for sexual minorities--particularly for sexual minority women.

I am honored to have recently been given the opportunity to serve as SALC student representative for this year alongside Melanie Plasencia. We look forward to serving the section as best we can to enhance the student membership experience. This is my first year joining SALC and I hope it is the first of many more to come.

Send nominations for Emerging Scholars to:

Merril Silverstein, SALC Chair
merrils@syr.edu

News & Announcements

SALC Seeks Award Nominations

SALC Mentoring Award

SALC has a rich legacy of mentoring, both of students and junior faculty. We want to honor this history by recognizing SALC members who have distinguished themselves as mentors in the field of aging and the life course. Submit a nomination of a candidate by **March 1, 2022**. Letters of nomination should describe the nominee's contributions to mentoring in the area of aging and the life course that warrant consideration. If multiple persons wish to nominate a person, we strongly encourage co-signers on a single nomination letter and for co-signers to include short specific personal description of how the nominee has mentored them. We also urge those preparing nomination letters to indicate where co-signers are working now and to think broadly about types of mentorship. Specifically, letters should describe mentorship experiences over the range of the nominee's career, including but also going beyond mentorship provided around research and for graduate students, and include specific details regarding the nominee's mentorship. Please include the nominee's CV in submission materials. Nomination submissions will carry over for at least two years. Nominations can be sent to **Linda George**, Chair of the Outstanding Mentor Award Committee, at linda.george@duke.edu. Other committee members include Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Jill Suito, and Vesna Pajovic.

Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award

This 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. **To nominate a colleague for the MWR Distinguished Scholar Award:**

- Submit a full nomination letter by **March 1, 2022**. Letters of nomination should describe the nominee's contributions to the study of aging and the life course that warrant consideration. If multiple persons wish to nominate a person, we strongly encourage co-signers on a *single* nomination letter.

Nominations will be carried over for two years. Materials should be sent to **Stephanie Möllborn**, Chair of the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, at mollborn@sociology.su.se. Other committee members include Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Jason Houle, and Madonna Harrington Meyer.

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 or book chapter published within the past three years (from 2019-2021) are eligible for the 2022 award. A single author or one of the coauthors must be a SALC member. Multiple entries cannot be submitted by the same author(s); please choose the strongest entry. Only SALC members are permitted to make nominations, but nominators should make only one nomination. Self-nominations are accepted. Papers that have been uploaded as Advance Access articles but have not yet been published cannot be submitted until next year.

A nomination letter should accompany a PDF of the article or chapter. The letter should provide the full citation, describe the scope of the manuscript, and highlight some of its contributions to the field. Nominations of publications for the award should be sent to **Melissa Hardy**, Chair of the Outstanding Publication Award Committee, at Melissa.Hardy@psu.edu. Other committee members include Jeylan Mortimer, Estaban Calvo, and Kenzie Latham Minus. All nominations are due by **March 1, 2022**.

Graduate Student Paper Award

This annual award honors an outstanding paper written by a graduate student member(s) of SALC, as determined by the *Graduate Student Paper Award committee*. The award consists of \$250 presented to the winner at the SALC Business Meeting, held during the annual ASA meeting.

Papers authored or coauthored solely by students are eligible; **faculty co-authorship is not allowed**. Eligible student authors include master's and pre-doctoral student members of the section who are currently enrolled in a graduate program, or who have **graduated no earlier than December 2021**. 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 2022 may have been published anytime during 2020 or 2021). Unpublished papers should not exceed 9,000 words of text (not including references, tables, etc.).

To be nominated, send an electronic version of the paper along with a completed and signed *SALC Graduate Student Paper Award Nomination Form* to **Feinian Chen**, Chair of the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, at fchen1@umd.edu. Other committee members include Bridget Goosby, Stephanie Ureña, and Mara Sheftel. All nominations are due by **March 1, 2022**, and self-nominations are encouraged.

Please submit names of your colleagues for these important forms of recognition. Self-nominations are also welcome. Recent winners can be found on the [SALC website](#)

News & Announcements

Section Member Publications

- Ken Chih-Yan Sun and Nazli Kibria. 2021 "The Micropolitics of Recognition and Care: How Adult Children in Urban China Negotiate Relationships with Siblings Who Migrate Abroad." *Social Problems*, Online First
- Xuemei Cao and Ken Chih-Yan Sun. 2021 "Seeking Transnational Social Protection During a Global Pandemic: The Case of Chinese Immigrants in the United States." *Social Science & Medicine*, Online First.
- Blume Oeur, Freeden (guest editor). 2021. "[The Children of the Sun: Celebrating the One Hundred-Year Anniversary of The Brownies' Book.](#)" Special issue of *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, vol. 14, issue 3.
- Hamiduzzaman, Mohammed, Stacy Torres, Amber Fletcher, M. Rezaul Islam, Noore Alam Siddiquee, and Jennene Greenhill. 2021. "Aging, Care and Dependency in Multimorbidity: How Do Relationships Affect Older Bangladeshi Women's Use of Homecare and Health Services?" *Journal of Women & Aging*. July 13:1-14. doi: 10.1080/08952841.2021.1951115. PMID: 34255615. <https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/CNDMSPQYUWQTYAFKV/XGJ/full?target=10.1080/08952841.2021.1951115>
- Torres, Stacy. 2021. "There's a Time to Work and a Time to Grieve. Mourning Is Its Own Kind of Labor." Op-Ed. *USA Today*. 9/15. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2021/09/15/grief-bereavement-leave-biden/8276515002/>
- Torres, Stacy. 2021. "I Lost My Father to Cancer—and My Sister to Vaccine Refusal." Op-Ed. *The Washington Post*. 8/20. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/08/20/family-rift-sister-covid-vaccine-refusal/>
- Torres, Stacy. 2021. "Why is American Health Care So Inaccessible? It Only Got Easy When My Dad Was Dying." Op-Ed. *USA Today*. 8/3. <https://news.yahoo.com/why-american-health-care-inaccessible-080028742.html>
- Torres, Stacy. 2021. "For Years I Cared for Ailing Parents. Respite Shouldn't Have Come Only with Their Deaths." Op-Ed. *The Washington Post*. 7/9. <https://wapo.st/3e1urCP>

Call for Papers

Work and Occupations' Special Issue on Precarious Employment and Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Deadline extended! *Work and Occupations* is now accepting full papers through **November 22, 2021 23:59 PST**. The original Call-for-Papers can be found [here](#). If you are considering submitting to the special issue, now is the time! If you have already started your submission process but have not yet finished, you now have an additional week to do so.



Conference of Interest



Macrosystem Challenges to Lifespan Human Development: *Advancing Conceptualizations, Methodologies, and Strategic Responses*

Society for the Study of Human Development (SSHD) Conference Series!

Topic: Macrosystem Challenges to Lifespan Human Development

Presentation dates: Nov 1, Feb 7, Apr 4, June 13

Format: Online events, distributed across 4 seasons

Key Foci: Invited Keynote Speakers will address:

- Conceptualizing Macrosystems (Nov 1)
- Community Macrosystems (Feb 7)
- Attitudinal Macrosystems (Apr 4)
- Existential Challenges to the Macrosystem (June 13)

Highlights of the full conference—including names of invited keynote speakers—are [here](#). Details about Keynote Topics & Speakers are [here](#). Details of conference theme are [here](#). All events are free for SSHD members! Information about joining or other routes to conference access are [here](#).

Call for Announcements

Submit your announcements, recent publications, and other news to be included in our next newsletter!

Announcements for the Winter newsletter should be emailed by **February 2022** to co-editors Stephanie Ureña (surena@umd.edu) & Shannon Shen (sshenn@tamusa.edu)

You can peruse previous newsletters, read about your membership benefits, and more at our section website:

<http://asasalc.org/>

We are on Facebook & Twitter!

Follow us to engage with the SALC community and be notified of the latest research, events, and job opportunities related to our section.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SALC.ASA/>

https://twitter.com/asa_salc?lang=en



Section on Aging and the Life Course

Chair

Merril Silverstein
Syracuse University
merrils@syr.edu

Chair Elect

Stephanie Möllborn
Stockholm University
mollborn@sociology.su.se

Past Chair

Jennifer Karas Montez
Syracuse University
jmontez@maxwell.syr.edu

Secretary/Treasurer

Dawn Carr
Florida State University
dccarr@fsu.edu

Student Members

Melanie Z. Plasencia ('23)
Dartmouth College
Melanie.Z.Plasencia.GR@Dartmouth.edu

Vesna Pajovic ('23)
Western University
vpajovic@uwo.ca

Council

Jason Houle ('22)
Dartmouth University
Jason.houle@dartmouth.edu

Amélie Quesnel-Vallée ('22)
McGill University
Amerlie.quesnelvallee@mcgill.ca

Bridget Goosby ('23)
University of Texas at Austin
bgoosby@prc.utexas.edu

Stephanie Ureña ('23)
University of Maryland
surena@umd.edu

André Christie-Mizell ('24)
Vanderbilt University
andre.christie-mizell@vanderbilt.edu

Anna Muraco ('24)
Loyola Marymount University
Annamaria.Muraco@lmu.edu

Membership & Comm. Officers

Miles G. Taylor
Membership Chair
Florida State University
mtaylor3@fsu.edu

Stephanie Ureña
Newsletter editor
University of Maryland
surena@umd.edu

Shannon Shen
Newsletter editor
Texas A&M University-San Antonio
sshenn@tamusa.edu

Julia Kay Wolf
Section Web Manager
University of Texas at San Antonio
julia.wolf@utsa.edu

Stacy Torres
Listserv editor
University of California, San Francisco
stacy.torres@ucsf.edu

Jeffrey Lentz
Facebook Manager
University of North Georgia-Gainesville
Jeffrey.lentz@ung.edu

Duygu Basaran
Twitter Manager
Graduate Center – CUNY
dbasaransahin@gradcenter.cuny.edu

