

ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course



News From The Chair



Dear SALC Section Members, I hope you have fared well this Spring and that 2024 is turning out to be a wonderful and renewing year for you! It's hard to believe SALC is in its 45th year with ASA, especially as I look up from my desk at a SALC 30th anniversary pin I was given so long ago! This has been an exciting but challenging year for me professionally, as the importance of our discipline is being called into question close to home. I am reminded that the research, teaching, and public work we do in our field is critical for the future in academic and on-the-ground efforts.

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We are well into planning for this year's meeting Aug. 9-13, 2024 in lovely Montreal, Quebec. With the Friday to Tuesday format following from last year, our Section Day falls on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Please save the date (and Sunday morning) for paper and roundtable sessions, the Matilda White Riley Lecture given this year by Rick Settersten, and our business meeting.

We have focused on providing engaging and innovative paper sessions this year, with an eye toward intersecting with other sections and promoting diverse topics in aging and life course research. Many thanks to those of you submitting to those sessions and our roundtables, and to the organizers for their service in selecting papers!

Following the success last year of our newest award, I will be announcing the BIPOC junior travel grants as soon as sessions are complete with a due date later this spring. As a reminder, these are travel grants for junior scholars who identify as BIPOC and they also include a mentoring component. Many thanks, as always, to Janet Wilmoth and the Mentoring Committee for their work on the Mentoring Reception. Please save the date for this event Aug. 10th at 7:30 PM.

Many thanks to those who submitted nominations for one of our section awards. I want to thank the Nominations Committee, headed by Stef Möllborn, also including Toni Calasanti, Jessica Kelley, and David Warner. They have come up with a great slate of candidates for election to SALC's future leadership.

Finally, I want to again thank Stephanie Ureña and Shannon Shen for an amazing job putting together our newsletter and to our listserv, web, and social media team (Adam Roth, Joshua Lewis, and Julia Wolf) for keeping us informed and relevant throughout the year.

I hope the coming months find you warming up, feeling refreshed, and ready for a great conference this year!

All my Best, Miles G. Taylor
2023-24 Chair, ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course

**119TH ASA ANNUAL MEETING****Intersectional Solidarities:
Building Communities of
Hope, Justice, and Joy****AUGUST 9-13, 2024
MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC****2024 SALC Program
Section Day: Saturday, August 10****Open Session: LGBTQ+ Aging**

Organized by: Tara McKay, Vanderbilt University

Open Session: Risk and Resilience Across the Life Course

Organized by: Cleothia Frazier, Pennsylvania State University

Refereed Roundtables and Research Working Groups

Organized by: Catherine Garcia, Syracuse University & Christine A. Mair, University of Maryland-Baltimore County

Matilda White Riley Lecture

Rick Settersten (Oregon State University) will deliver the lecture.

2024 Mentoring Reception***Saturday, August 10, 7:30pm***

The *Professional Development and Mentoring* committee is hard at work planning for the mentoring reception, which will include a round robin of thematic tables hosted by SALC members. Look for future announcements about the details!

Winners of 2024 SALC Elections

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Donations to Fund SALC Mentorship Efforts

Mentoring is a priority for ASA's Section on Aging and the Life Course. To support our mentorship efforts, **we are requesting donations from willing members to help fund our mentorship efforts** in two main areas: (1) the mentoring dessert reception at ASA which aims to provide a relaxed setting where emerging and established scholars will be able to discuss substantive areas in the field and address professional development questions and (2) travel grants for junior scholars (graduate students and postdocs) who belong to racial/ethnic minoritized groups or identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC).

Both efforts are made possible through the generous support of members of our session. **We are incredibly thankful to the members who have already given to support these efforts!** If you have not had an opportunity to give yet and would like to support our section in providing these two mentorship programs, you can donate online through the member portal via credit card: <https://my.asanet.org/cv5/cgi-bin/memberdll.dll/info?wrp=donationnew.htm&selDon=ASASC182AMR>. This is a unique link that will take you directly to our section's donation page. Note that ASA has redesigned their donation process and if you need to reset your password, you can do so at <https://my.asanet.org/>. (Your username is now your email address you use for your ASA profile). If you need assistance or would like to donate by check, contact me at mthomeer@uab.edu.

If you also would like to learn more about a donation from an institution (such as your department), please contact Mieke Thomeer (mthomeer@uab.edu) for details. Also contact Mieke if you need any assistance with donating or would like to donate by check.

Donations beyond the cost of these two programs (dessert reception and travel grants) will be saved and applied to future SALC mentoring programs. Your contribution will enhance SALC's mentoring activities and is greatly appreciated. The ASA is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization recognized by the IRS. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax preparer for details.

If you have any questions about these programs, you can contact the section secretary/treasurer (Mieke Thomeer, mthomeer@uab.edu) or Miles Taylor (mtaylor3@fsu.edu).

**Send nominations for Emerging Scholars for the Summer newsletter to:
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News & Announcements

Special Issue of *Advances in Life Course Research*

We are pleased to announce the release of a special issue of *Advances in Life Course Research*, "[Networked Lives: Probing the Influence of Social Networks on the Life Course](#)."

The special issue connects the fields of life course and social network research, stimulates productive dialog between them, and illustrates the power of this intersection for advancing theories, concepts, methods, and data.

Nine articles by renowned authors of both fields address cutting edge questions on mechanisms of personal network dynamics and the impact of relationships and networks in different phases of the life course. Topics include status attainment, health and well-being, homogeneity in friendships, internet use and social connectedness, and the significance of unlinked lives. Two commentaries by Marlis Buchmann and Peter V. Marsden complete the issue with reflections on current challenges and promising directions for the marriage between these two fields.

All best wishes,

[Betina Hollstein](#), [Richard A. Settersten, Jr.](#), [Dario Spini](#), and [Mattia Vacchiano](#), Editors

New Publications

Jessica Ordemann

Jessica Ordemann/Laura Naegele (2024). Forty and over the scientific hill? Biological and academic age and the race for tenure. *Soziale Welt* 26, Sonderband Career Paths Inside and Outside Academia, 457-489. <https://doi.org/10.5771/9783748925590-457>

Freedeen Blume Oeur

"Dorothy Smith's Legacy of Social Theorizing": A special symposium in *Sociological Theory* 41(4). *With essays by:*

- Freedeen Blume Oeur (Guest Editor), Introduction. [[Link](#)]
- Paige L. Sweet, "The Particular and the Provincial: Thinking with Dorothy Smith's Phenomenology." [[Link](#)]
- Rebecca W. B. Lund, "Retrieving Materialism: The Continued Relevance of Dorothy Smith." [[Link](#)]
- Marjorie DeVault, "Dorothy Smith's Sociology for People: Theory for Discovery." [[Link](#)]

Blume Oeur, Freedeen. 2023. "The Art of Listening: Notes on Feminist Book Reviewing." *Contemporary Sociology* 52(6):495-500. [[Link](#)]

Journal Showcase



GSA Momentum Discussions

This podcast presented by the Gerontological Society of America brings together researchers, educators, and practitioners to stimulate dialogue on trends with great momentum to advance gerontology. Recent topics include: Aging and Oral Health Research, Meeting the Needs of Diverse Caregivers, and Agitation in Alzheimer's Disease: Reflections of a Care Partner.

<https://gsaenrich.geron.org/gsa-momentum-discussions-podcast-1>

Call for Announcements

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

Announcements for the Summer newsletter should be emailed by **July 2024** to Shannon Shen (shen@hope.edu)

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

<http://asasalc.org/>

We are on Social Media!

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



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