

ORNNotes

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ASA Opportunities in Retirement Network
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Welcome to New ASA Retired Members!

Welcome! All members in the "Retired" membership category members are automatically part of the Opportunities in Retirement Network (ORN), soon to be renamed the ASA Retirement Network. If you are a new member, this may be your first newsletter. We hope you will enjoy this way of keeping in touch with your colleagues and your profession. We will be having a contest to rename *ORNNotes*. Meanwhile, the newsletter will continue to be published twice a year by ASARN.

New Advisory Board Members, Bylaws, and Name

Congratulations to our newly elected Advisory Board members:

- Sarah Fenstermaker
- Harry Perlstadt
- David R. Segal
- Roberta Spalter-Roth

Harry Perlstadt and Roberta Spalter-Roth will continue service on the board for an additional two years (through August 31, 2021). Sarah Fenstermaker and David R. Segal will serve as new members from September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2021, replacing *Marcia Texler Segal* and *Edward Tiryakian*, who will rotate off the board as of August 31, 2019.

As part of the election, ASA retired members also approved a revision of our bylaws and a new name: American Sociological Association Retirement Network (ASARN). We will soon begin the work of rebranding the newsletter and web pages.

ORN at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

ORN has organized two sessions for the [2019 ASA Annual Meeting](#) in New York, August 10-13, 2018. We hope to see you there!

Workshop: Combining Work and Family: Advice for Those at the Beginning of a Sociology Career

In conjunction with the ASA Honors Program

Sunday, August 11, 12:30-2:10 p.m.

New York Hilton Midtown, Murray Hill East (Second Floor)

Organizers : *Roberta M. Spalter-Roth* (George Mason University) and *Dennis M. Rome* (Columbus State University)

Panelists: *Marcia Texler Segal* (Indiana University Southeast), *Pamela Stone* (Hunter College), *Joya Misra* (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), *Stephen Tuch* (George Washington University)

"A Life in Sociology" Lecture and Reception in Honor of Judith Lorber

Monday, August 12, 2:30-4:10 p.m.

Sheraton New York, Lenox Ballroom (Second Floor)

The "Life in Sociology" lecture is the highlight of the ORN activities. This year, ORN is proud and honored to have *Judith Lorber* (CUNY Graduate Center and Brooklyn College) speak about her life in sociology. Dr. Lorber is Professor Emerita of Sociology and Women's Studies at The Graduate Center and Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. She was the first Coordinator of the CUNY Graduate Center's

Women's Studies Certificate Program and was Founding Editor of *Gender & Society*, the official publication of Sociologists for Women in Society. She received the American Sociological Association's Jessie Bernard Career Award in 1996 for "scholarly work that has enlarged the horizons of sociology to encompass fully the role of women in society."



For additional information on these or other 2019 Annual Meeting program sessions and activities, see the [online meeting program](#).

ORN Advisory Board and Business Meeting

The ORN Advisory Board and Business meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 13, from 2:30 p.m.-4:10 p.m. (New York Hilton Midtown, Lincoln Room, Fourth Floor). When available, the meeting agenda will be posted on our Facebook page and sent to the discussion listserv.

For Members Only . . .

ASA members receive free access to ASA journals, including the full archive on JSTOR. To access current and recent issues of ASA journals, log in to your "My ASA" member portal and click on "Access ASA journal issues (2004-present)" to access ASA journals from ASA's publishing partners. To access earlier issues from inaugural issue (e.g., 1936 for the *American Sociological Review*) through 2016, click on "Access ASA journal issues (2014 and earlier) on JSTOR." This free member access is particularly helpful for retired members who no longer have access through their work institution. For a full list of ASA member benefits, see www.asanet.org/member-benefits.

Stay Connected!

ASAORN has a **discussion listserv**, which all retired members may join. If you have not already joined the listserv, click [here](#) for instructions. Subscribers may send news or questions to other retired members by sending a message to ASA_RETIREMENT@LISTSERV.ASANET.ORG.

If you are on Facebook, please join the [ORN Facebook group](#). We encourage group members to post about their professional and personal work and experiences, as well as pass along items of interest to those who are already retired or considering retirement.

Co-Chairs' Report

After approving the Bylaws changes at our annual meeting in Philadelphia, we submitted them to ASA Council who then placed them on the spring ballot. We are now the *ASA Retirement Network (ASARN)*, a name that more clearly reflects our membership and mission. The approved changes to the Bylaws are largely housekeeping in that they correct errors, clarify procedures, update information in the previous Bylaws, or facilitate Advisory Board functions and procedures. The new Bylaws can be accessed here [link].

At the same time we want to bring the experience accumulated by others to our members. ASARN is a member of the Association for Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) and we are planning to survey our members and others to learn what benefits, options, and activities various campuses, university systems and non-academic employers of sociologists make available to retirees.

We note that we were unable to offer a paper session at this summer's meeting. We will briefly discuss this at our annual meeting and encourage you to attend or send in some session topics you would like to see ASARN address in 2020.

In order to reduce conflicts with other celebratory events and receptions, we have scheduled our "A Life in Sociology" Lecture for mid-afternoon on Monday, August 12. We hope you will join us from 2:30-4:10 p.m. to hear about the remarkable life in sociology of Judith Lorber and enjoy some truly great refreshments. We encourage you to come, meet old friends and new, and consider ways to stay involved as a member of the ASA Retirement Network.

Marcia Texler Segal and Harry Perlstadt

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