ASA MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

Theory Section
Sponsored by ASA Discussions
Organizer: Paul Kimmel, East Tennessee State University—August 9, 1994

1. Old and New Directions for Critical Sociological Theory
   Ernest Becter: A Reassessment for Post-Biblical Post-Critical Sociology. Duke,
   University of California, Santa Barbara
   Reclassifying Americanism in Everyday Life
   Lynn S. Chancer, Harvard College, Cambridge
   Some Problems of Rationality, Understanding, and
   Realism: Ethics in the Context of Mill-Jay's Analysis
   of Communicative Action. J. G. Jr
   Wendi Lawler University, Canada

2. Rethinking Constructions of Agency-Structural Relationship
   Time Consciousness and the Diachronic Formation of the Self. John Ford, 
   SUNY Graduate Center
   Essentialism, Nominalism, and Population Thinking: 
   Toward a New Organizational Ecology. Paul McLaughlin, Rogers University

3. Epistemological Foundations of Social Knowledge
   Authority as a Model of Social Knowledge: An 
   Anomalous Concept of Knowledge, Truth, and Power. Timothy McGovern, 
   Washington State University
   Knowledge, Society, and the Modern Constitution of Truth. Steven C. Ward, 
   Adrian College
   Theorizing the Social Context of Science. Michele L. Englund, Northwestern University
   Who Saw Weber in Just What Way? Or, the 
   Sociology of Knowledge as Biographer. Ellen Zuckerkandl

4. Metatheory as Theory Construction and Policy Tool
   Unifying and Multidisciplinary Strategies: Theories of Theory Construction. 
   Recep Ikramk and Jie Cross, 
   Columbia University
   Metatheory, Models, and Policy. Jeffrey J. 
   Kamlet, University of Colorado at Denver, and 
   Heather A. Hannum, University of Hawaii, Seattle,
   Meaning in Sociology: The Case of the 
   Khulani's Social Theory. Tadis Amanek
   University of Tokyo, Japan

5. Meaning, Identity, and Social Movement
   Theory
   Movements without Meaning: The Role of Culture and Sociology in Social Movement Theory. 
   Andrew J. Fish, SUNY-Buffalo}

Mesolithic Marxism as a Response to War and 
Revolution: The Case of Erich Fromm and Walter 
Benjamin. Warren Goodman, New School for Social 
Research

5. Theoretical Images of Politics and Social Movements
   ASA and the State in Hegel's Philosophy of Right
   Publics in History. Margaret Burnside and 
   Mimi St. B. New School for Social Research

6. Social Theory and the Changing Catholic Church
   Dramaturgical Aspects of the Emerging Role of the 
   Pope's Wife. RebeccaRoot, Case Western Reserve University
   An Application of Ralph H. Turner's Process Role Theory to the Emerging Role of the 
   Permanent Deacons in the Roman Catholic Church. Mark A. 
   Labovitch, Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland, Ohio
   The Structural Functionalism of Norbert's 
   Theory of Reference Group Behavior as Applied to the 
   Process of Organizational and Antisocial 
   Socialization in the Discourse Mislay. Richard L. Furr

7. New Applications for General Sociological Theory
   Action Theory and Social Control: 
   The Case of Beverages. Peter Societies Based on 
   Parsons's General Theory of Action. Helmut 
   Streeck, University of Frankfurt, Austria
   Change Theory: The Challenge. Susan Wladick, 
   Texas A & M
   A General Model of Elites-Nobilities. Murray Baker, 
   Jr., University of Virginia
   Postmodern Social Theory: Grasping at Meaning

   I am a Citizen: Pedagogy, Identity, and Hegemonic 
   Process. Lawrence Lattanzio, Loyola University of Chicago
   Race, Power, and Consciousness: Seven Themes, 
   Loyola University of Chicago
   Critical Pedagogy, Identity, and the Politics of 
   Difference. Peter McLaren, University of California-Los Angeles
Theory Prize History Updated

R. Stephen Warner reports that David Rubinstein at University of Illinois at Chicago was the first recipient of the Theory Prize in 1981 for his article "On the Concept of Action." In 1989 the Theory Prize went to Mark Granovetter for his article "Economic Action and Social Structure: The Problem of Embeddedness" which appeared in the American Journal of Sociology. It has been suggested that the Theory Section consider publishing a volume of Theory Prize Essay winners.

Theory Abroad

The Swiss Journal of Sociology publishes three times a year articles in English, French, and German. Its "World Sociology" section is devoted to debates on theoretical matters of wide significance. In the six latest issues, Jeffrey Alexander, Raymond Boudon, Richard Münch, Helga Nowotny, and Alain Touraine discussed the occurrence of a "new theoretical movement" and its effects on sociology today. Sample copies and subscriptions can be ordered from SEISMO PRESS, P.O. Box 513, CH-8028 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel. +41/1/261.10.94. Fax +41/1/252.10.54. E-Mail Peruson@socologie.unizh.ch (Annual subscription: Individuals SF 115; Institution SF 135).

More Theory Sessions to Consider

The Freudian Left: Sex, Hate, Power, and the Reproduction of Domination

Co-Sponsors: SSIP and ASA Theory Section, Social Policy Section, and Marxist Section

1. Organizer: Lauren Langman. President: Reid Helford

1. Marxism and Psychoanalysis. Victor Wulfenstein, University of California at Los Angeles

2. Sexuality and Hegemony: Wilhelm Reich's Contribution to Understanding Hegemony. Carl Borg, National University

3. From Repression to Celebration: Marxism, Ironie, and Culture. Douglas Kellner, University of Texas

4. From Authority to Identity: Toward a Critical Social Psychology. Lauren Langman, Loyola University of Chicago

II. Organizer and President: Lauren Langman, Loyola University of Chicago

1. Fromm and Buber: The Jewish Path of Affirmation. Philip Weigler, Graduate School of Education, University of Colorado

2. Eric Fromm on Alienation: Insights for the Present Age. David Simon, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

3. Situating Fascism: Delirium, Guilt, and Krisisve. Jeff Haeley, University of Texas at San Antonio


Informal Discussion Roundtables—August 9th


How Amenable to Normative Propositions of "Democratic Participator"? Are General Sociological Theorists? Carl Swartz, California State University—Long Beach: Ken Bailey, University of California—Los Angeles

Book Notice

Sociology and the New Systems Theory by Kenneth D. Bailey. State University of New York Press. This book provides current information about the many recent contributions of social systems theory. While some sociologists feel that the systems age ended with functionalism, in reality a number of recent developments have occurred within the field. The author makes these developments accessible to sociologists and other non-systems scholars, and begins a synthesis of the burgeoning systems field and mainstream sociological theory. After providing a review of classical theory, this book carefully sketches the chief contributions of living systems theory, social entropy theory, autopoesis, and other approaches.

Religion

The first organizational meeting of the newly formed Sociological Religion Section will be held at the ASA meeting in L.A. on Saturday, August 6, 10:30 a.m. Agenda items include plans for the section.
The "Practicing Theory" conference, sponsored by the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association and the Department of Sociology, University of California - San Diego, has taken a wonderful shape. As can be seen on the next page, the program promises a stimulating time and constructive experience for all those traveling to San Diego for this special Theory Section conference following the ASA meeting in Los Angeles.

The best public transportation between Los Angeles and San Diego is AMTRAK. The roundtrip fare from Los Angeles to the Del Mar station is $51, and trains run every two hours. On Tuesday, August 9th, trains leave at 2:40 PM, 4:45 PM, 6:25PM, and 9:00 PM. On Wednesday, August 10th, trains leave at 8:40 AM, 10:45 AM, and 12:45 PM. The trip takes about two hours and ten minutes. Harvey Goldman is finalizing arrangements for transportation between Del Mar train station and the conference hotel, even though the hotel itself provides a shuttle service. There will be a table staffed at days on August 9 in the ASA registration area with the most up-to-date information about transportation and other aspects of the conference.

Conference sessions will take place at the UCSD Faculty Club. The official conference hotel is Summer House Inn. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Summer House Inn located at the intersection of La Jolla Shores Drive and Arbutus Road in La Jolla. Summer House Inn is close to a beautiful beach and has a top-floor restaurant with breathtaking views of the ocean. Summer House Inn also has a freshwater swimming pool.

The conference hotel is one and a half miles from the UCSD. Buses will run at set times between the Summer House Inn and the UCSD campus. The Summer House Inn is offering those attending the conference single and double rooms at $67 a night. You need to make your own room reservation directly with the hotel. The deadline for the guaran-

teed discount rate is June 30th, but reservations should be made as soon as possible due to the limited number of rooms being held for conference attendees. The hotel number is (619)-459-0261. (This phone number corrects the previous announcement in Perspectives, Vol. 17, No. 2.) When you call, be sure to mention the ASA-UCSD mini-conference and have a credit card ready to guarantee payment for the room. If you choose to write the address of Summer House Inn is 7955 La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

An alternative to the Summer House Inn is the Del Mar Inn, which offers single rooms at $62 and double rooms at $72 for UCSD visitors. The Del Mar Inn is an English Tutor Inn located in quaint Del Mar. Its phone number is (619)-455-6030; its address is 720 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, CA 92014. Another alternative is in La Jolla at Inn By the Sea, which is about five miles from the UCSD campus. For UCSD visitors, it offers single and double rates of $67; Inn By the Sea's phone number is (619)-459-4661; its address is 7830 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037. Since coastal hotels tend to be booked for August as early as May and these hotels are not holding rooms for us, reservations should be made as soon as possible.

The advance registration fee for "Practicing Theory" is ten dollars. Send your check to: "Practicing Theory," c/o Professor Harvey Goldman, Department of Sociology, Department 0102, University of California - San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0102. Graduate students need not pay a registration fee.

If you have any questions, contact Harvey Goldman at the above address or call him at (619)-534-4527; Harvey Goldman's e-mail address is hgoldman@weber.ucsd.edu. If you cannot reach Harvey Goldman, contact Mary Rogers at (904)-472-2797 or write at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL 32514.
“PRACTICING THEORY” PROGRAM
San Diego, CA – August 10-11, 1994

August 10
1:00-2:15
Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us
Session I: Theory from the Point of View of Users
Chair: Stephen Turner
David L. Collinson, University of Warwick
Joe Gusfield, University of California, San Diego
Gerald Doppelt, University of California, San Diego
Charles Smith, CUNY

Session II: The Exemplary Nature of Classical Theory
Organizer: Mark Gould, Haerford College
Presider: Andrew McLean, UCLA
Ward Breen, University of California at Berkeley
Robert Freeland, University of California at Berkeley
Mark Gould, Haverford College
Marc Schnellien, University of Arizona
Commentator: Susan Carle, J. R. Hoff and
Kaiser, Washington, D.C.

Session III: Theory as Critical Organizer and Presider: Jan Burg, University of Amsterdam
Graam Calhoun, University of North Carolina
Randall Collins, University of California at Riverside
Michael Kennedy, University of Michigan
1:30-3:45
Session I: Sociologists as Mandarins and
Academicians
Chair: John R. Hall, University of California
Davis
Bennett Berger, University of California, San Diego
Keith Doubt, Northeast Missouri State University
Gary Alan Fine, University of Georgia
Helmut Staubmann, University of Innsbruck

Session II: Uses of Theory
Panlists:
Robin Leidner, University of Pennsylvania
Carol Heimer, Northwestern University
Michael Schudson, University of California
San Diego
Alan Ska, Penn State University

8:30-9:30 AM Coffee and Bagels
9:30-10:45
Session I: Theory in the Experience of Students
Presider: Mary Rogers, University of West Florida

11:00-12:15
Session I: Gender Infections in Social Theory: An Open Discussion on the Exclusion of Women from Theory
Presider: Chandra Mukerji

Session II: Workshop: Detecting Solidarity and Alienation in Discourse
Organizer: Thomas Scheff

Session III: Social Theory from the Viewpoint of Other Cultures and Orientations
Presider: David Brin, New College
Taghi Asadiani, Tehran University
Petra Burkhardt, Lauben University
Lunch: Available on Campus
1:30-2:45
Session I, How We Teach Theory
Chair: Jeff Alexander, UCLA
David Brin, New College
Graam Calhoun, University of North Carolina
Charles Camic, University of Wisconsin
Mary Rogers, University of West Florida
Moria Zellitch, Jr., Stanford University

Session II: Beyond Theory
William Barton, Concordia University
Harvey Goldman, University of California San Diego
John O’Neill, York University
Stephen Turner, University of South Florida