

Sociology of Emotions

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MISSION: The ASA Section on Sociology of Emotions brings together social and behavioral scientists in order to promote the general development of the study of emotions through the exchange of ideas, theory, research, and teaching. Scholars from a variety of backgrounds are members of this section, and collectively encourage the study of emotions in everyday social life. Substantive topics of investigation include: the expression and experience of emotions, emotions in social interaction, identity and emotions, emotions in historical perspective, the cross-cultural study of emotions, emotions and violence, and the traditions of theory and research in the area of emotions.

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From the Chair's Desk: Jessica Collett



Greetings fellow Emotions Section Members!

I cannot believe it has been six months since our last newsletter and that my term as section chair is nearing its end. The past year has flown by! I want to begin by congratulating our recently elected officers. Alison Bianchi (Iowa) will become our chair-elect at the meetings this August, as Lisa Walker (UNC-Charlotte) takes over as chair, and Amelia Blume will step down as newsletter editor as she takes on the role of graduate student representative for the section (see our call for a new newsletter editor or editorial team on pg. 12). I wish our current graduate student representative, Elizabeth Culatta, the best of luck as she transitions into her tenure-track position at Augusta University.

I appreciate Gretchen Peterson and the members of nomination committee (Simone Ispa-Landa, Karen Hegtvedt, Simone Polillo, and Shane Sharp) for pulling together an impressive slate of candidates.

It was a busy winter and spring for the Emotions Section, especially behind the scenes. Award committees were hard at work, soliciting and reading nominations for our lifetime achievement award, books for our outstanding contribution award, and papers for the graduate student paper award. The committees' fabulous selections appear on pg. 7-8 of the newsletter and we will honor the award recipients at our [business meeting](#) in Philadelphia (Sunday, August 12 at 11:30am). Congratulations Neil, Timothy, and Amanda!

A number of us were also busy organizing sessions. As a special honor to Neil MacKinnon, the section's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Linda Francis (Cleveland State) and I organized a special chair's hour: "[Sociology of Emotions Chair's Hour: Neil MacKinnon's Legacy](#)." We invited four early-career sociologists who engage Neil's work in their own—Kaitlin Boyle (Virginia Tech), Robert Freeland (Elizabeth City) Kimberly Rogers (Dartmouth), and June Zhao (Dartmouth)—to serve on a panel. Their presentations will demonstrate both the impact and the breadth of MacKinnon's contributions to the Sociology of Emotions and Affect Control Theory, showing how his influential contributions are reverberating throughout the field. Gabe Ignatow (North Texas) organized a fascinating session on "[Feeling Big Data](#)" that combines "big data" with the study of emotions, bringing in topics like psychotherapy, gender, work, stress, and social media. Long Doan (Maryland) put together a session on "[Integrative Advances in Emotions Research](#)." Natalia Ruiz-Junco (Auburn) worked with Lynn Chin (Washington and Lee) to craft a slate of interesting roundtables in the session co-sponsored with Social Psychology section. More information about these sessions is on pg. 9 of this newsletter, and don't forget to look through the program for special sessions linked to the conference theme of *Feeling Race* that explore emotions!

Matt Hunt, chair of the Social Psychology section, and I also found a special spot for our joint reception. Hopefully the Philadelphia skies will be clear when you head to the [City Tap House – Logan Square](#) for drinks, snacks, and conversation. The reception is scheduled from 7:30-9:30pm on Sunday, August 12th and there will be a number of free drink tickets available to section members who get there early.

As I reflect on the past ten months as section chair, I am incredibly grateful to be part of such a vibrant community. We are small but we are mighty. However, one of our primary goals this summer and coming year must be to grow the section. I am confident that a bigger size will simply make us even mightier! At the beginning of May we had exactly **200** members. That puts us over an important hurdle, but leaves us in a precarious position moving forward. If you are interested in supplying a gift section membership for a student (\$5), there is an easy way to do that on your ASA member login page (look for the heading "Contribute/Give"). The system will let you search for a student and tell you if they are already a member of the section, if they are a member of the ASA but not the section, or if they are not yet members of the ASA (which you can also gift to a student, for \$51). If you would like to sponsor a student, but do not have a specific student in mind, or are a student who is interested in seeing if there is a sponsorship available, please contact our Secretary-Treasurer, Susan Fisk. She will keep a list of sponsors and students available. *Remember that these gift memberships are only available until July 31st under the ASA's new system.*

I want to close by expressing gratitude to everyone who stepped up this year to help the section—whether volunteering to serve on a committee, agreeing to run for section elections, being willing to serve as chair of whatever committee I asked of you, or contributing something to the newsletter or a section session or one of the many other ways one can be involved. I am so grateful for all the people who help make this such a fabulous section and the chair's job not only an easy one, but an enjoyable one! I am especially grateful to Susan Fisk, our fearless and creative secretary-treasurer, Amelia Blume, who pulled together this interesting newsletter and manages our social media presence, and Linda Francis and other former chairs of the section who not only helped tremendously, but offered sage advice and guidance about a range of issues.

I hope everyone has a summer that is both productive and rejuvenating and safe travels to Philadelphia and/or the other places summer takes you.

Best,
Jessica

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Jessica Collett, University of Notre Dame
Linda Francis, Cleveland State University
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Graduate Student Paper Award

Long Doan, Chair, University of Maryland
Erin Johnston, Stanford University
Christopher Moore, King's College

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Gretchen Peterson, Chair, University of Memphis
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Karen Hegtvedt, Emory University
Simone Polillo, University of Virginia
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Outstanding Recent Contribution (book)

Jen Lois, Chair, Western Washington University
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New Work In Emotions

New Books:

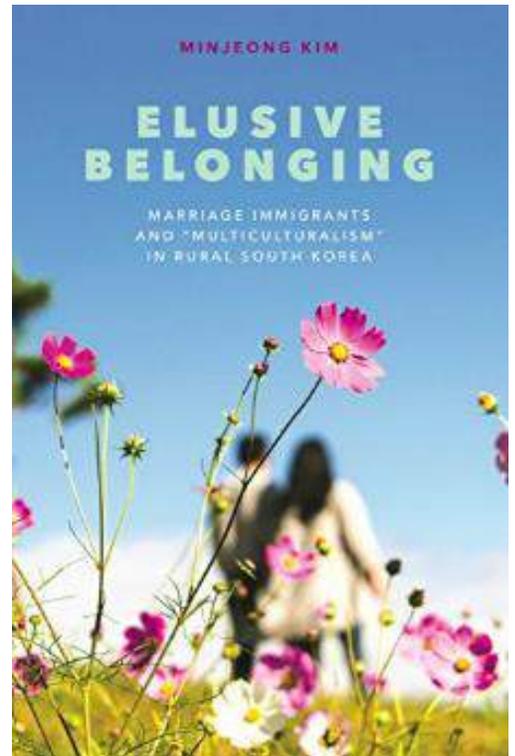
Kim, Minjeong. 2018. *Elusive Belonging: Marriage Immigrants and “Multiculturalism” in Rural South Korea*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press.

Elusive Belonging examines the post-migration experiences of Filipina marriage immigrants in rural South Korea. Marriage migration—crossing national borders for marriage—has attracted significant public and scholarly attention, especially in new destination countries, which grapple with how to integrate marriage migrants and their children and what that integration means for citizenship boundaries and a once-homogenous national identity. In the early twenty-first century many Filipina marriage immigrants arrived in South Korea under the auspices of the Unification Church, which has long served as an institutional matchmaker.

Based on ethnographic fieldwork, *Elusive Belonging* examines Filipinas who married rural South Korean bachelors in the first decade of the twenty-first century. Turning away from the common stereotype of Filipinas as victims of domestic violence at the mercy of husbands and in-laws, Minjeong Kim provides a nuanced understanding of both the conflicts and emotional attachments of their relationships with marital families and communities. Her close-up accounts of the day-to-day operations of the state’s multicultural policies and public programs show

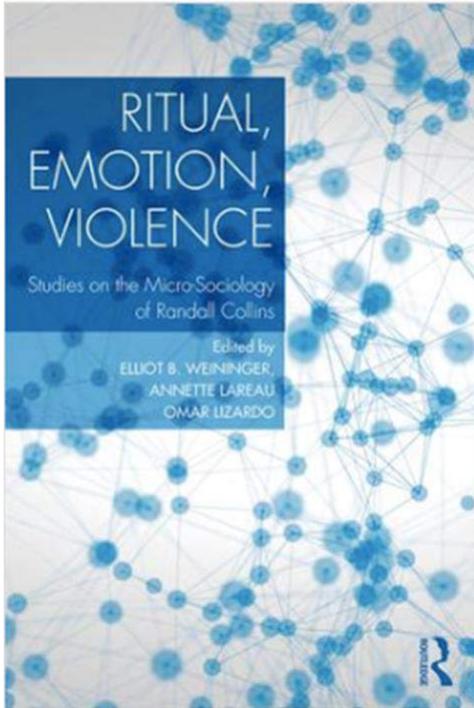
intimate relationships between Filipinas, South Korean husbands, in-laws, and multicultural agents, and how various emotions of love, care, anxiety, and gratitude affect immigrant women’s fragmented citizenship and elusive sense of belonging to their new country. By offering the perspectives of varied actors, the book reveals how women’s experiences of tension and marginalization are not generated within the family alone; they also reflect the socioeconomic conditions of rural Korea and the state’s unbalanced approach to “multiculturalism.”

Against a backdrop of the South Korean government’s multicultural policies and projects aimed at integrating marriage immigrants, *Elusive Belonging* attends to the emotional aspects of citizenship rooted in a sense of belonging. It mediates between a critique of the assimilation inherent in Korea’s “multiculturalism” and the contention that the country’s core identity is shifting from ethnic homogeneity to multiethnic diversity. In the process it shows how marriage immigrants are incorporated into the fabric of Korean society even as they construct new identities as Filipinas in South Korea.



New Books:

Weininger, Elliott B., Annette Lareau, and Omar Lizardo. 2019. *Ritual, Emotion, Violence: Studies on the Micro-Sociology of Randall Collins*. New York, NY: Routledge.



Microsociologists seek to capture social life as it is experienced, and in recent decades no one has championed the microsociological approach more fiercely than Randall Collins. The pieces in this exciting volume offer fresh and original insights into key aspects of Collins' thought, and of microsociology more generally.

The introductory essay by Elliot B. Weininger and Omar Lizardo provides a lucid overview of the key premises this perspective. Ethnographic papers by Randol Contreras, using data from New York, and Philippe Bourgois and Laurie Kain Hart, using data from Philadelphia, examine the social logic of violence in street-level narcotics markets. Both draw on heavily on Collins' microsociological account of the features of social situations that tend to engender violence.

In the second section of the book, a study by Paul DiMaggio, Clark Bernier, Charles Heckscher, and David Mimno tackles the question of whether electronically mediated interaction exhibits the ritualization which, according to Collins, is a common feature of face-to-face encounters. Their results suggest that, at least under certain circumstances, digitally mediated interaction may foster social solidarity in a manner similar to face-to-face interaction. A chapter by Simone Polillo picks up from Collins' work in the sociology of knowledge, examining multiple ways in which social network structures can engender intellectual creativity.

The third section of the book contains papers that critically but sympathetically assess key tenets of microsociology. Jonathan H. Turner argues that the radically microsociological perspective developed by Collins will better serve the social scientific project if it is embedded in a more comprehensive paradigm, one that acknowledges the macro- and meso-levels of social and cultural life. A chapter by David Gibson presents empirical analyses of decisions by state leaders concerning whether or not to use force to deal with internal or external foes, suggesting that Collins' model of interaction ritual can only partially illuminate the dynamics of these highly consequential political moments. Work by Erika Summers-Effler and Justin Van Ness seeks to systematize and broaden the scope of Collins' theory of interaction, by including in it encounters that depart from the ritual model in important ways.

In a final, reflective chapter, Randall Collins himself highlights the promise and future of microsociology. Clearly written, these pieces offer cutting-edge thinking on some of the crucial theoretical and empirical issues in sociology today.

Recent Articles:

Lois, Jennifer, and Joanna Gregson. 2018. "Aspirational Emotion Work: Calling, Emotional Capital, and Becoming a 'Real' Writer." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*.

(Online first: <http://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/hfAGVQ3F8ieyUFVB9v55/full>)

Friedland, Roger. 2018. "Moving Institutional Logics Forward: Emotion and Meaningful Material Practice." *Organizational Studies*. 39(4): 515-542.

Call for Submissions:



Symbolic Interaction invites article submissions from members of the Emotions Section—especially manuscripts that draw on or address the interactionist tradition, broadly conceived. The journal also publishes book reviews (approx. 1000 words) as well as longer review essays. Contact the editor, Scott.Harris@slu.edu, for more information.

Social Media Update



Our Social Media platforms, Facebook & Twitter, continue to be a primary way to connect section members to broader sociological conversations. In these spaces we seek to promote member publications, blog posts, & op-eds, while also engaging in a wider dialog with other sections, associations, and sociologists from around the world. Social media is a great way to stay connected to what's going on in the section between newsletters.



Currently, the section's Twitter account, @SocEmotions, has 1,832 followers, while the section's Facebook page, Sociology of Emotions Section American Sociological Association, has 936 "likes"

If you have not yet done so, please consider following us on Twitter & liking us on Facebook.

Sociology of Emotions Section's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award: Neil J. MacKinnon, Professor Emeritus at the University of Guelph

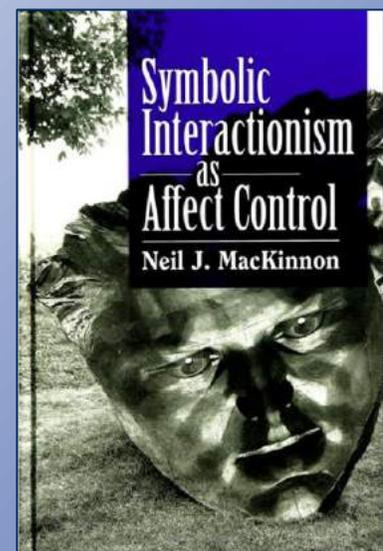
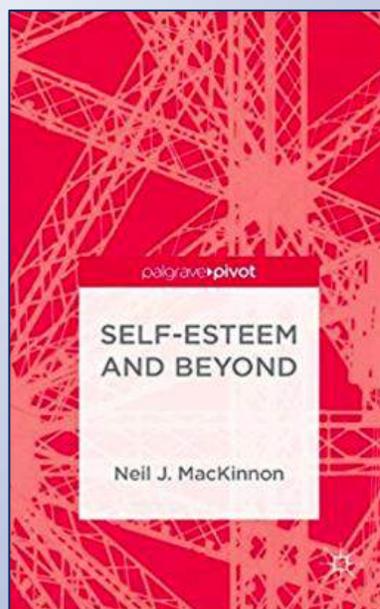


We are excited to celebrate the contributions of Neil J. MacKinnon to the sociology of emotions with the section's lifetime achievement award this summer. Linda Francis, the chair of the committee summarized the achievement's that led to his selection as follows:

"the depth and breadth of his publications, the advances in both theory and methodology he has made, his clear contribution to the field of Emotions, [and] his mentoring and support of junior emotions scholars."

Please join us at the Sociology of Emotions Section's special Chair's Hour to honor Neil. Linda Francis will present the award after we hear from four early-career scholars who are engaging with Neil's work in their own research: Kaitlin Boyle (Virginia Tech), Robert Freeland (Elizabeth City), Kimberly Rogers (Dartmouth), and June Zhao (Dartmouth).

This should be a very exciting session, so be sure to add it to your calendars!



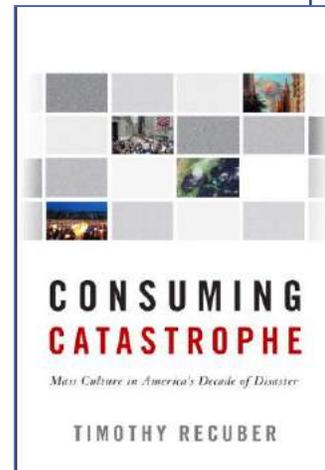
Sociology of Emotions Section's Recent Contribution Award: *Consuming Catastrophe: Mass Culture in America's Decade of Disaster* Timothy Recuber, Visiting Assistant Professor, Hamilton College



Consuming Catastrophe qualitatively examines four different disasters in the first decade of the new millennium—Hurricane Katrina, the Virginia Tech Shootings, September 11, and the 2008 Financial Crisis—and traces their paths through the public consciousness to uncover the affective component of disaster representation in the media. Recuber proposes that viewers consume catastrophe through an “empathetic gaze,” facilitated by the ways media outlets present others’ suffering as “authentic.” He argues viewers can be vicariously exhilarated by these stories of suffering, creating a kind of “empathetic hedonism” that keeps them consuming others’

harrowing experiences while simultaneously engaging other emotions, such as fear and trust. Presenting suffering in real time this way, as well as creating digital sites to commemorate these events in their aftermath, may allow us to work through our grief, yet the individualistic focus of this empathetically-based consumption detracts from our ability to respond collectively to the social problems that cause and exacerbate this suffering to begin with.

The committee agreed the book was engaging, well written, and an important contribution to the field of emotions. Get your copy here: <https://www.amazon.com/Consuming-Catastrophe-Culture-Americas-Disaster/dp/1439913706>



Sociology of Emotions Section's Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award: “Correcting Behaviors and Policing Emotions: How Behavioral Infractions Become Feeling-Rule Violations”

Amanda Barrett Cox, University of Pennsylvania



This paper examines the role of “emotional socializers” and “emotional gatekeepers” in transmitting and enforcing feeling rules at an organization that places disadvantaged students in elite boarding schools. The author finds that the interactional processes surrounding the enforcement of feeling rules are more consequential in shaping evaluations of students than students’ behaviors per se. The paper uses a combination of over 500 hours of observations and 28 semi-structured interviews with mentors, teachers, and administrators to illustrate the interactional processes that creates gendered disparities in reactions to feeling rule violations.

The committee agreed that the paper makes a compelling contribution to emotions research, is theoretically and methodologically rigorous, and is well-written. Read it here: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/symb.239>

Emotions Section Events at ASA

Saturday, August 11th 8:30-10:10am

Paper Session: Integrative Advances in Emotions Research

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 410

This session includes theoretical and empirical work that advances our understanding of emotion processes by integrating work from other subdisciplines. Papers draw on work on identity, stigma, environmentalism, neoliberalism, and sociology of practice.

Sunday, August 12 10:30-11:30am

Sociology of Emotions Chair's Hour: Neil MacKinnon's Legacy

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 104A

This session honors the 2018 Sociology of Emotion Section's Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Neil J. MacKinnon, by bringing together four early-career sociologists who engage his work in their own. The panelists will demonstrate both the impact and the breadth of MacKinnon's contributions to the Sociology of Emotions and Affect Control Theory, by showing how his influential contributions are reverberating through the field.

Sunday, August 12 11:30am-12:30pm

Sociology of Emotions Business Meeting

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 104A

Important section updates and announcements will be made. Awards will be handed out for this year's recent contribution and outstanding graduate student paper winners.

Sunday, August 12 2:30-4:10pm

Paper Session: Felling Big Data

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 104A

Social media, the big data revolution, and the emergence of data science have dramatically altered sociology's topics, tools, and research paradigms. At the same time, social researchers are increasingly attuned to the connection between emotion, context, culture, and meaning-making. This session considers the overlap between the sociology of emotions and big data. What research topics are most compatible with opinion mining (sentiment analysis) methodologies? How can big data be used to test, refine, and develop sociological theories of emotion? How might understanding research on affect and emotion in social life inform work with big data? This session welcomes papers that explore key theoretical, methodological, and substantive issues related to the sentiment-data nexus.

Sunday, August 12 7:30-9:30pm

The Joint Reception of the Section on Social Psychology and Section on Sociology of Emotions

City Tap House – Logan Square

2 Logan Square

Philadelphia PA 19103

The venue is ADA accessible.

Monday, August 13 2:30-4:10pm

Section on Social Psychology and Section on the Sociology of Emotions Refereed Roundtables

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon D

Other ASA Sessions of Interest

Following up on our winter announcement, we wanted to provide you with the date, time, and location of the following sections of interest:

Saturday, August 11, 8:30- 10:10am

Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities:

Paper Session: Feeling Settler Colonialism: Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Perspectives

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 6

Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology:

Paper Session: Feeling Race and Public Sociology

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 7

Saturday, August 11, 10:30am to 12:10pm

Section on Environmental Sociology:

Paper Session: Emotional Politics of Environmental Threats

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 12

Sunday August 12, 8:30-10:10am

Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities:

Paper Session: Feeling Race: Arabs and Muslims in the United States

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 7

Monday, August 13, 10:30-12:10pm

Section on Sex and Gender:

Paper Session: Gender/Sex and Emotional Labor in Work and/or Family

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 402

Tuesday, August 14, 12:30 to 2:10pm

Section on Community and Urban Sociology:

Paper Session: Feeling Race and Spatial Inequalities: 50 Years after the Kerner Commission Report

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 107AB

Upcoming Conference:

The next ISRE conference, which will take place **July 10-13, 2019** in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The call for abstracts will be sent out in September 2018, with feedback on acceptance provided in January 2019.

ISre International Society for
Research on Emotion

Section Membership

“Being a graduate student member of the Sociology of Emotions section has been beneficial to me in several ways. First, it has allowed me to be “in the know” with developing and current research within the field. Through listserv email announcements, the section’s social media account, and the bi-annual newsletter I am able to regularly discover new funding and publishing opportunities, specialized conferences, and recently published work of other emotions scholars.

Next, the Emotions section emails include many advertisements for post-doc fellowships and professor jobs, while the newsletter showcases graduate students who are currently on the market. I look forward to engaging with these opportunities when I go on the market myself.

Lastly, being an Emotions section member keeps me up-to-date on ASA events and grants me opportunities to network with other scholars in the field through receptions and business meetings at the annual meeting.”

— Darla Still, PhD Student, University of Arizona

To purchase a gift section membership:

Once logged into the member portal, please click “Purchase a gift section membership” under the **Contribute/Give** heading. Then, select the section and search for your recipient by name.

Section membership requires 2018 ASA membership. Only 2018 ASA members who do not already have a membership in that section are eligible to receive a gift. Your recipient will receive an e-mail immediately after your payment notifying them of the section gift. (Your name will be included in this message). If the recipient declines the gift within 30 days of receipt, you will receive a refund by mail. Gifts are not tax deductible.

The deadline for a 2018 gift section membership additions is July 31, 2018.

To purchase a gift ASA membership for students:

Once logged into the member portal, please click “Purchase a gift membership for a student” under the **Contribute/Give** heading. Students can be searched by name through the online member database. A new contact record can be created by the member if the student is not found in the database.

Your gift will be redeemable by the recipient for a ASA student membership (or a \$51 discount on another membership type). Your gift recipient will receive their gift credit via email immediately after your purchase. Gift memberships are not refundable if unredeemed by the end of the 2018 membership year, September 30, 2018. Gift memberships are not tax deductible.

The deadline for a 2018 gift ASA membership for students is July 31, 2018.

From the Editor: Amelia Blume



Three years ago, following the emotions section business meeting in Chicago I approached then chair, Linda Francis, to volunteer to take on the joint role of section newsletter editor and social media manager. Since then this role has afforded me the opportunity to grow as an academic in a capacity outside of my own department. I have gained invaluable experiences through interactions with a variety of emotions scholars— from grad students seeking out jobs, to international scholars engaging with facebook content, to the emotions section committee members. I am grateful to all of you, but want to extend my specific thanks.

First, I want to thank all the section members who have sent in announcements, newly published books and articles, and special topics pieces over the past three years. It has been my pleasure to support and promote your work through this media. This newsletter would not exist without your valuable input.

Next, I would like to thank the past three years of section chairs: Karen Hegtvedt (2015-2016), Amy Wilkins (2016-2017), and Jessica Collett (2017-2018). Without your dedication, this section wouldn't be what it is. It was truly a wonderful experience to work with each of you.

Last, I want to extend a special thanks to Seth Abrutyn for his continued support and encouragement. It was with his guidance and mentorship that I became more actively involved in ASA sections.

I look forward to stepping into the role of graduate student representative for the 2018-2019 year and continuing to promote the goals and growth of the section in this new capacity. I hope to see many of you at this year's section events and look forward to reading about all your future accomplishments in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

With that, I would like to formally announce **the emotions section call for newsletter editor(s) and social media manager(s)**. This is a great opportunity to get more involved with the section. If you are interested in taking on this position, please email me at amblume@email.arizona.edu

Best,
Amelia

Call for Contributions

The Sociology of Emotions seeks the following:

- Upcoming conferences, calls for papers, special issues of journals or grant opportunities
- Information related to conferences that would be of interest to section members.
- Profiles of graduate students who are on the job market.
- Titles of new or forthcoming books or articles that would be of interest to section members
- Photos from recent conferences.
- Updates on issues that are relevant to the Sociology of Emotion
- Online resources relevant to Sociology of Emotions (Blogs or other relevant electronic resources)
- Other new & innovative materials that would be of interest to section members

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