What shall I do? What shall I do?

There’s a lot to do in San Francisco, and lots of places on the internet that can help you figure out how to spend your time there.

One comprehensive site is which you can find at https://www.timeout.com/san-francisco. It has lively and colorful articles about the “best of” a wide variety of topics: places for breakfast, smoothies, art galleries, free things to do, vegetarian restaurants, parks, etc., and also has area guides for places like Fisherman’s Wharf, the Haight, downtown, and Golden Gate Park.

Other places to look:
- Fodor’s reviews: San Francisco Restaurants
- The 49 Best Things To Do in San Francisco
- San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Events & Programs
- U.S. News: Best Things to Do in San Francisco
- VirtualTourist: San Francisco Things to Do
Membership in the Western Social Science Association includes a subscription to *The Social Science Journal*. Members have always received their printed copy of the *Journal* at the address they gave when registering for the conference or paying annual dues. Members will continue to receive their printed copies, as usual. However, our publisher, Elsevier, gives members another option.

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WESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION is a professional educational organization committed to multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship, service, and collegiality. The Association’s mission is to foster professional study, to advance research, and to promote the teaching of social science. Founded in 1958 as the Rocky Mountain Social Science Association, WSSA draws on scholars and others in some 30 disciplines, or “sections,” from across the United States, and around the world; convenes an annual conference; conducts research competitions for faculty and students; and publishes *The Social Science Journal*, a juried, quarterly research journal, and *WSSA News*, the Association’s newsletter, four times a year. WSSA annual membership dues are included in the annual conference registration. For those who will not be joining us at the conference, but would still like to be voting members and to receive the publications, subscription only memberships can be purchased from our website. Prices are $45 (individual); $60 (includes spouse); $35 (student); $30 (retired). For further information, contact Larry Gould, Executive Director, WSSA, 2307 Chof Trail, Flagstaff, AZ 86005, phone: 928-606-2248, e-mail: larry.gould@nau.edu

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The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Western Social Science Association is soliciting applications for the next Editor of the Association’s official journal, The Social Science Journal.

The Social Science Journal has a rich publication history of over 40 years and is currently published by Elsevier Publishers, with a worldwide distribution both electronically and in paper form. The impact factor of the Journal has grown significantly in recent years.

The Editor’s three-year term will begin with the operation of the new editorial office (January 2018). The new editor will be responsible for compiling, editing and promoting Volumes 55-57 (2018-2020). An editor may be reappointed to a second and final term not to exceed three years with the recommendation of the Editorial and Publications Committee and final approval of the Executive Council of the Association. Applicants must be members, or become members, of the WSSA by the time of their application and the chosen editor must continue to be a member during his/her tenure as editor.

The Editor is responsible for managing the peer review process for approximately 550-600 submitted manuscripts per year, representing the breadth of the social sciences. He/She will prepare four issues of the journal (approximately 600 printed pages) annually. The editorial office manages the review process using the online services provided by Elsevier Publishing and has responsibility for copy editing and proofreading in accordance with customary publishing standards. The editor will also work with the editorial board of the Journal, and the Executive Council of the WSSA, to promote the Journal. The editor will nominate to the Executive Council, each year, a rotating list of members (or Associate Editors) to the Editorial Board.

The committee seeks a diverse pool of editorial candidates with distinguished scholarly records, previous editorial experience (e.g. service as journal editor, associate editor, editor of scholarly editions, book review editor, etc.) strong organizational and management skills, and the ability to work and communicate well with others, including scholars in academic and non-academic settings. A familiarity with and commitment to SSJ and WSSA are essential.

The WSSA supports the operations of the editorial office with an annual budget for the hiring of an office assistant and for the travel expenses of the Editor. Travel expenses may be provided for the office assistant to attend and help with the Annual Conference. WSSA encourages applicants to secure additional support from their respective institutions; however, the amount of that support will not be the primary factor in the selection of the new editor. The final decision will be based principally on the strength of the application and the applicant. Support from the host institution may include office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment. If appropriate, WSSA encourages a tuition waiver for the office assistant. Faculty release time, travel funds and other basic expenses are also encouraged. Each year the Editor will submit a budget to WSSA to cover those operating expenses that the host institution does not support.

Individuals interested in applying for the editorship should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, an approximate budget for operating expenses and a letter of support from their department chair and college dean. Guidance in the preparation of applications will be made available. Additionally, the successful candidate will receive a small stipend in compensation for working during the transition period from the current Editor to the new editor.

Please direct all questions, inquiries, nominations, expressions of interest and application material to:
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Executive Director
Western Social Science Association
Larry.Gould@nau.edu
Subject Line: WSSA Editor’s Search

For more information about WSSA and its mission please go to http://www.WSSAweb.com

Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017
The Value of Revisiting Findings

By Stephanie L. Witt, Editor in Chief, SSJ

It’s nearly impossible for me to select a “favorite” article from the SSJ. Like a reluctant parent asked to choose, I guess I would claim that each of them is interesting and impressive in their own way. There are two articles, however, that relate to an interesting issue in social science research and so I will highlight them:


Bruschke, J. and L. Divine (forthcoming). “Debunking Nixon’s radio victory in the 1960 election: Re-analyzing the historical record and considering currently unexamined polling data. [this article is available on the website and should appear in Vol. 54, no. 1.]

The papers share two things: They both touch on widely familiar social science findings, and both revisit previous research and assess its current applicability. In the case of the Pierce et al paper, the authors draw upon the work of Robert Putnam, whose seminal research in the 1990’s assessed social capital in Italian cities. Using the actual data collected by Putnam originally, Pierce, Lovrich, and Budd revisit whether the historic levels of social capital in Italy’s regions and current levels of social capital are related. Their analysis adds to the considerable work on social capital that has accumulated in the time since Putnam’s original work.

In the Bruschke and Divine paper, the authors revisit the widely repeated assertion that television viewers of the Nixon-Kennedy debate found Kennedy to be the winner while those who listened on the radio considered Nixon to be the winner. By comparing the single original poll to other polling data contemporary to the debate, the authors conclude that the widely reported finding was based on a poll skewed by the overrepresentation of Republican voters.

Replication of research is an issue that social science has only begun to address. Many reviewers instinctively recommend rejecting papers that replicate well-known results. In other cases, however, we find that many disciplines are encouraging replication as well as the sharing of datasets in open-access mechanisms to allow fellow scholars to replicate their studies and/or refine their models and analyses themselves. In keeping with the direction of most social science publications, Elsevier and the SSJ can now support online linkages to data sets and other auxiliary materials to make the research process more transparent, and replicable. As an Editor, I have no hard and fast rules about replication, but appreciate the importance of revisiting results and casting the clear eye of new methods on long standing findings. I think you’ll find the two articles I highlighted above good examples of that kind of replication and revisiting. You can find those articles as well as all the other quality SSJ research at [http://www.journals.elsevier.com/the-social-science-journal].
The WSSA is an organization of organizations – we consist of over 30 different sections and organizations that meet under the WSSA umbrella annually for our joint multi- and inter-disciplinary conference. Each section and organization is led by a coordinator who leads that section’s calls for papers, drafts their conference panels and presentations, and works closely with the WSSA council. These coordinators are all volunteers and many have served in that capacity for years. But we also encourage coordinators to rotate and to bring in younger faculty interested in professional service.

Please meet some of the new program coordinators since Spring 2016!

**Pierre M. Atlas** (Canadian Studies section) is Professor of Political Science and director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies at Marian University in Indianapolis; he also writes a monthly opinion column for The Indianapolis Star. He obtained his Ph.D. in political science from Rutgers University in 2000 and holds master’s and bachelor’s degrees in political science from the University of Arizona and the University of Toronto, respectively. A comparative political scientist who long specialized in Middle East politics, Atlas is now researching and writing on the political legacy of the North American frontier. He serves as the WSSA’s Canadian Studies section coordinator and is also the Borders and Domestic Security section coordinator for the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. His most recent publication is “Constructing and Enforcing the ‘Medicine Line’: A Comparative Analysis of Indian Policy on the North American Frontier,” in The American Review of Canadian Studies (September 2016). A native of Texas, Atlas grew up in California.

**Michelle L. Hale** (American Indian Studies section) is Laguna, Chippewa, Odawa and a citizen of the Navajo Nation from Oak Springs, Arizona. She is an Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies (AIS) at Arizona State University (ASU). Dr. Hale’s current research focus is governance and policy as it pertains to community development, planning and reservation economics. Current collaboration with faculty from the ASU Schools of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning and Construction facilitate coordination of research, publications and curriculum that incorporate Indian world view, governance and traditional practice into planning, natural resource development, land management and infrastructure improvement. At ASU Hale teaches courses in Reservation Economic Development, Federal Indian Policy, Tribal Planning and Government. She is involved with Cook Native American Ministries Foundation (CNAMF) where she serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, member of the Executive Committee and chair of the Grants Committee. This is her first time serving as section coordinator for American Indian Studies.
Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera (Ph.D. in Political Science, The New School for Social Research; Association of Borderland Studies coordinator) is Associate Professor at the Department of Public Affairs and Security Studies, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), Brownsville Campus. Her areas of expertise are Mexico-U.S. relations, energy policy, border security, immigration, and organized crime. Her teaching fields include comparative politics, Latin American politics, U.S.-Mexico relations, U.S.-Mexico border policy, energy and security policy, comparative public policy and public administration, and Latino politics. Guadalupe’s most recent book is entitled Democracy in “Two Mexicos”: Political Institutions in Oaxaca and Nuevo León (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013). She has published works in journals such as Latin American Politics and Society, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Journal of Borderlands Studies, Politics & Policy, Policy Studies, among others. Dr. Correa-Cabrera just finished writing her second book entitled “Los Zetas Inc.”: Criminal Corporation, Energy, and Civil War in Mexico (UT Press – forthcoming, Spring 2017). She is working on a new book (coauthored with Dr. Tony Payan) entitled The Bird’s Eye View: An Elitist Analysis of Mexico’s 2006-2012 Security Strategy. She is also co-editing a volume (with Professor Victor Konrad) titled North American Borders in Comparative Perspective: Re-Bordering Canada, The United States of America and Mexico in the 21st Century. Guadalupe was recently the Principal Investigator of a research grant to study organized crime and trafficking in persons in Central America and along Mexico’s eastern migration routes, supported by the Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (April 2015-September 2016). She is now a residential fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Fernando Pedro Viacava-Breiding (Latin American Studies co-coordinator) Professor of Finance at the Tecnológico Nacional de México, Campus Morelia, in the central region of Mexico. Obtained an MBA in the ITESM Tec of Monterrey with emphasis in finance and economics. Studies on business economics at Indiana University, Bloomington. Delivers economics and finance subject at college level. Combines teaching with administrative tasks at the Department of Economics and Managerial Sciences in Morelia since 1997. Enlisted the WSSA recently a year ago in Reno, he is a Co-coordinator of the Latin American Studies Section along with Dr. Jesus Ruiz Flores.

The Scholar’s Choice will have an exhibit in the vendor area of the WSSA 2017 Conference, displaying recently published books, selected by publishers as being appropriate to the WSSA meeting. The Scholar’s Choice displays books for more than 200 publishers each academic year, of which over 80 publishers display with them on a regular basis. This allows The Scholar’s Choice to provide your conference attendees with an extensive list of new titles relevant to their fields of interest.
Bert & Phyllis Lamb Prize in Political Science Updates

In a new video, Quinn Massaroni--2016 Recipient of the Lamb Prize--talks about preparing a submission and also discusses "innovation." She acknowledges that the term itself can seem daunting because it seems to set a high bar. A tip from Ms Massaroni is to not be intimidated by the word innovation. She says, "This word is often interpreted to mean groundbreaking changes; but the reality is that everyday solutions can be applied to various problems and can lead to meaningful change."

We know that many students examine everyday solutions in their undergraduate programs. This may happen when writing senior theses or honors papers. It can also be part of the work in upper division seminars. Almost everyone is in a position to present ideas for change.

Future Award Dates for the Lamb Prize

The Lamb Prize is awarded each year during the President's Reception at the Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association:


Deadline for applications is February 20, 2017.

You can read more about the Prize by going to the webpage at LambPrize.org.

The Bert & Phyllis Lamb Prize in Political Science is sponsored by Negotiation Guidance Associates on The Body, Subject & Subjected

The Representation of the Body Itself, Illness, Injury, Treatment & Death in Spain and Indigenous and Hispanic American Art & Literature

Edited by Debra Andrist, Ph.D., Professor of Spanish
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with collaborations and other chapters by current SHSU faculty, Dr. Enrique Mallén and Dr. Montse Feu, SHSU MA in Spanish graduate, Dr. Jorge Chavarro, and former SHSU pool faculty, Dr. Norma Mouton, and several others

AWARDED THE 2016 SCMLA BOOK PRIZE

The editor is a long-time member of the WSSA, serves as the Coordinator of the Chicano/Latino/Hispanic Studies section, and is currently a member of the WSSA Executive Board, for the 2015-2018 term.

The book is available in both print and electronic form.
It is the Western Social Science Association’s distinct pleasure to announce the **2017 recipients of the Outstanding Emerging Scholar Awards!**

The Immediate Past-President of the WSSA, the President, and the President-Elect annually choose to honor a junior faculty member at a United States university who has been active in his or her discipline for less than five years. The awards recognize cutting edge research and substantial contributions to the social sciences, and the strong promise of future such contributions. The recipients receive a cash award, are honored at the Presidential Luncheon, and have an opportunity to present at the conference. Complete bios of the award winners will be available on the WSSA website and will be presented in a feature in the fall newsletter.

The President’s Awardee is **Dr. AJ Faas**, Department of Anthropology, San Jose State University. Dr. Faas' work is internationally-based, focusing on disasters, from an anthropological perspective, and economic issues. For more information on Dr. Faas, please visit his faculty web page: [http://www.sjsu.edu/anthropology/people/permanent/Faas/index.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/anthropology/people/permanent/Faas/index.html)

The Immediate Past-President’s Awardee is **Dr. Subini Annamma**, Department of Special Education, University of Kansas. Dr. Annamma’s work critically examines the social construction of race and ability. For more information on Dr. Annamma’s work, please visit her faculty web page: [https://specialedu.ku.edu/subini-annamma](https://specialedu.ku.edu/subini-annamma)

The President-Elect’s Awardee is **Dr. Lauren Balasco**, Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, Pittsburg State University. Her recent work focuses on transitional justice, the International Criminal Court, and Latin America. For more information on Dr. Balasco's work, please visit her faculty web page: [http://www.pittstate.edu/faculty-staff/lauren-balasco](http://www.pittstate.edu/faculty-staff/lauren-balasco)

All of our recipients will be presenting papers at the 2017 conference in April. Please look for them in the program to attend their presentations or introduce yourselves to them at the conference! They all do amazing work and are making stellar contributions to the social sciences. Congratulations to our three awardees!

Michèle Companion, WSSA President (2016-17)
Dr. Kristina Lybecker, Associate Professor of Business and Economics at Colorado College, was recently offered, and accepted, a 2016-2017 Thomas Edison Innovation Fellowship. Dr. Lybecker served as a member of the WSSA Executive Board for the 2013-2015 term and as Vice-President/Secretary of the WSSA Executive Council for the 2015-2016 year.

CPIP's Thomas Edison Innovation Fellowship Program is a non-resident fellowship program for patent scholars. The Fellowship consists of four invitation-only meetings in which 10-12 Edison Fellows will work closely with four to five distinguished senior patent scholars (Distinguished Senior Commentators) in developing research papers on patent law.

The Edison Fellowship is one of the centerpieces of CPIP's programs in balancing the academic discussion about intellectual property by providing a forum for rigorous, data-driven, high-quality scholarship. Past Edison Fellowship programs have been extremely successful with Distinguished Senior Commentators like FTC Commissioner Joshua Wright, Professor John Duffy (UVA), Professor Jay Kesan (Illinois), Professor Henry Smith (Harvard), Professor Zorina Khan (Bowdoin), and Professor Eric Claeys (Mason).

At the meetings, Edison Fellows work on developing a particular research project. They engage in roundtable discussions, hear presentations by expert scholars, inventors, and industry representatives, and, as the program progresses, Edison Fellows share and collaborate on their own research and drafts.

Each Fellow receives a $3000 research stipend for producing research on patent law. The stipend will be paid on delivery of the final draft paper that is posted to SSRN and submitted for publication to an academic journal.

Edison Fellows are also encouraged to present their research at conferences or workshops outside of the four Edison meetings. The purpose of the program is for the Edison Fellows to produce rigorous, high-quality scholarship, and this includes presenting it and receiving feedback on it from the broader academic community as well.

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2017 San Francisco, California – Hyatt Regency San Francisco (Embarcadero),
April 12, 2017 through April 15, 2017

2018 San Antonio, Texas – Hyatt Regency
April 4, 2018 through April 7, 2018

2019 San Diego, California – Manchester Grand Hyatt –
April 24, 2019 through April 27, 2019
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Conference: April 12 - 15, 2017, in San Francisco, CA, USA
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Your 2017 WSSA conference registration will include membership from 04/01/2017 to 03/31/2018. Pre-registration must be done online by March 27, or received by mail no later than March 27, 2017, to receive the discounted rates shown below. Regular registration rates will apply after those dates. Paper pre-registrations will not be accepted after March 27; online registration will be closed after April 5; onsite registration will begin at 3:00pm on April 12. Cancelled registrations cannot be refunded after March 30.
To pre-register online for the 2017 conference, please go to www.WSSAweb.com

Regular registration is $30 more for individuals, $20 more for students, & $10 more for retirees.

Conference pre-registration rates:
□ $150 individual members
□ $90 student member (full-time students, only)
□ $110 retired member (not employed full-time in field)
□ $35 spouse/partner/guest (who is not presenting a paper)
Name of guest: ____________________________________________

As it should appear on nametag

Special Events at conference (optional):
□ $25 each ticket, President’s Luncheon & Awards Ceremony, on Friday, April 14, 2017
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For Payment by Check Only, mail this form and your check ($US) for the total amount owed to: Larry A. Gould, WSSA Executive Director, 2307 Chof Trail, Flagstaff, AZ 86005.

Mailed pre-registration forms must be received by March 27, 2017.

IF you know that you will not be attending the 2017 conference, you may still renew your membership, and retain your voting rights and subscription to the Social Science Journal and the WSSA News, either on-line at www.WSSAweb.com (after January 15, 2017), or by sending this form and your payment to the address above.

□ $45 Individual □ $35 Student □ $30 Retired □ $60 Joint membership
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) invites submissions for the 67th Annual Meeting, to be held August 11-13, 2017, at the Montreal Bonaventure Hotel in Montreal, Quebec Canada. This year’s theme selected by President Donileen R. Loseke is *Narratives in the World of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, Transformation*. The submission deadline is January 31, 2017. SSSP is an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in the application of critical, scientific, and humanistic perspectives to the study of vital social problems. If you are involved in scholarship or action in pursuit of a just society nationally or internationally, you belong in the SSSP. You will meet others engaged in research to find the causes and consequences of social problems, as well as others seeking to apply existing scholarship to the formulation of social policies. Contact: sssp@utk.edu. For more information, visit http://www.sssp1.org/2017_Call_For_Papers.

MEETINGS

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FUNDING

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is soliciting applications for the 2017 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Persons identified as Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Asian-American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or American Indian or Alaska Native and accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences are invited to apply for the $15,000 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Two students will be funded. Applications are due by and must be received no later than February 1, 2017. Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2017. All applicants must be a current member and a citizen or permanent resident of the United States when applying. Contact: Dr. Reuben J. Miller, Chair, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee at mreuben@umich.edu. For more information, visit http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/261/Racial/Ethnic_Minority_Graduate_Scholarship/.

COMPETITIONS

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is pleased to announce the 2017 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. In order to be considered for any of the Student Paper Competitions, applicants are required to submit their papers through the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, http://www.sssp1.org/2017_Call_For_Papers by January 31, 2017. This will ensure that winning papers are both designated and included in the program. Please note that students may only submit to one division and that each division has its own deadline and submission process. For more information, visit http://www.sssp1.org/file/2017AM/2017-STUDENT-PAPER-COMPETITIONS.pdf.