

ASA-SKAT: Science, Knowledge, & Technology Section

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From the Editors

Spring is a time for growth and change. Due to changing responsibilities for some of the regular contributors to the newsletter, we are in need of some help with various sections of the newsletter. This newsletter is a team effort. We could especially use help with the "Book Notes" section. Over the past few years, Kelly Moore has provided a very useful service to the members of SKAT. We could use either a number of individuals to write single book summaries or one person willing to take on the responsibility for at least the next year to provide SKAT members with an overview of new and interesting reading. We can also use submissions for the "From the Members" section and help identifying employment or other professional opportunities for members.

At the ASA site, you can now see changing content on the SKAT section list. Mary Virnoche and James Maddocks have volunteered to spiff-ify and otherwise update our presence there. They can be contacted at the following email addresses:
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Thanks for the support,

Franz and Jen
Co-editors

From the Members

University of California, San Francisco is accepting applications for its doctoral program in Sociology. Future deadlines are 2/01/02. The focus is on medical sociology, with special emphases available on science and technology studies, aging, chronic illness, and disability; health policy and institutions; women, health, and healing; AIDS/HIV; race, class, and gender. Merit-based fellowships and research assistantships are available. For more information, contact R. Rudolph, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UCSF, rgr@itsa.ucsf.edu. See also their website: www.ucsf.edu/medsoc. For more information on the STS option, contact Professor Adele Clarke, Director of Graduate Studies (aclarke@itsa.ucsf.edu).

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At the 2001 Meetings

SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SKAT SECTION FOR THE 2001 ASA MEETINGS

Chair-Elect Joan H. Fujimura.

Session 1: "Gender, Science, and Technology"

Co-sponsored by Sex and Gender Section and Science, Knowledge, & Technology Section

(Using session from Sex and Gender Section for 2001)

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Book Notes

New from SUNY Press:

Visions of STS: Counterpoints in Science, Technology, and Society Studies.
Stephen H. Cutcliffe and Carl Mitcham, eds.

Beyond the Science Wars: The Missing Discourse about Science and Society.
Ullica Segerstrale, editor.

Science, Technology, and Democracy, Daniel Lee Kleinman, editor.

We are looking for either a new book review editor, or seek voluntary submissions of reviews of new works. Graduate students are encouraged to submit reviews.

Nominations Report

The Section's nominations committee is please to announce the following slate of candidates for the upcoming SKAT election:

FOR CHAIR ELECT (one opening):

- Michael Lynch
- Wesley Shrum

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER (two openings)

- Susan E. Bell
- Kathryn Henderson
- Daniel Lee Kleinman
- Stefan Timmermans

FOR STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER (one opening)

- Jennifer Fishman (UCSF)
- Abby K. Kinchy (Wisconsin)

Thanks to SKAT officers and council members for your assistance. Particularly thanks to Steve Zehr. This year's Nominations Committee was composed of me, Monica Casper and Trevor Pinch.

Sydney Halpern
Nominations Committee Chair

Section Awards

Call for Nominations

Distinguished Scholarship Award. This new award is given occasionally in recognition of a career of scholarly achievement, represented by a body of published research and outstanding leadership in the study and teaching of the sociology of science, knowledge, and technology. The awardee, who should be a member of the section during the year in which the award is given, will be honored at the ASA Annual Meeting in 2001 at Anaheim. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2001. For each nomination, please prepare a letter indicating why the nominee is worthy of this award. The letter should be sent to Kelly Moore, Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee, Department of Sociology, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, NY, NY 10027-6598. [km104@columbia.edu]

Sally Hacker-Nicholas Mullins Graduate Student Paper Award. SKAT invites nominations for the Hacker-Mullins Award. The \$200 award is given to a graduate student for a published article or unpublished paper concerning science, knowledge, or technology that was completed during the preceding 12 months. Students are especially urged to nominate their own papers for this award. The award will be presented at the ASA Annual Meeting in 2001 at Anaheim. The deadline for

nominations is June 1, 2001. Please send a copy of the nominated work to Trevor Pinch, Department of Science and Technology Studies, 632 Clark Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14851. [tjp2@cornell.edu]

Robert K. Merton Professional Award. SKAT invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the Robert K. Merton Professional Award. The award is given annually in recognition of scholarly achievement, represented by a book or body of work concerning science, knowledge and technology published during the preceding 5 years. The awardee, who should be a member of SKAT during the year in which the award is given, will be honored at the ASA Annual Meeting in 2001 at Anaheim. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2001. For each nomination, please send a brief letter identifying the work(s) to be considered, their publisher(s) (presses or journals), and any supporting material that would help the committee understand the contribution (for example, published book reviews). Please send materials to Kelly Moore, Robert K. Merton Award Committee, Department of Sociology, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, NY, NY 10027-6598. [km104@columbia.edu]

Research Opportunities/Call for Papers & Reviewers/Grants & Fellowships/Upcoming Events

SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES OF SCIENCE. GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS FOR 2001 ANNUAL MEETING. The 4S Council has received a small grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation to support graduate student travel to the 4S Annual Meetings in Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 31-November 4. The application deadline is July 15, 2001. Contact Professor Kim Fortun, at fortuk@rpi.edu for more information.

NSF has recently announced several research opportunities that may interest you. One announcement, titled "Information Technology Research," can be accessed at <http://www.itr.nsf.gov/> People and Social Groups Interacting with Computers and Infrastructure (PE) is a technical research area in the Information Technology Research Program. Official information about that program is provided in the Program Solicitation, document NSF 00-126. The other announcement, titled "Decision Making and Valuation for Environmental Policy," can be found in the NSF/EPA page: <http://www.nsf.gov/home/crssprgm/epa/start.htm>. You can go directly to the various announcement formats at: <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf00152>. Please send queries to the contacts named on the pages and in the announcements.

The Postgraduate Forum on Genetics and Society (PFGS) will convene for its fifth colloquium on **21-22 June 2001** at the

Genetics and Society Unit, University of Nottingham. The colloquium offers the unique opportunity for post-graduate researchers across Europe in the fields of science studies, sociology, philosophy, history, law, cultural studies, anthropology and genetics to meet in an informal and friendly environment to present and discuss their research on aspects of the new genetics.

If you would like to register for the colloquium or are interested in presenting a paper, please contact the colloquium organizer Filippa Corneliussen at lqxfc@gwmail.nottingham.ac.uk, Genetics and Society Unit, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK. The closing date for registration is 1 June 2001. Visit the PFGS website to find out more about us, and for details of previous colloquia, at <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/~lqzweb/genetics/pfgs>. Adam Hedgecoe; Wellcome Trust Research Fellow, Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London, Gower Street, WC1E 6BT, a.hedgecoe@ucl.ac.uk <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/sts/> Tel: 020 7679 7863 Fax: 020 7916 2425

CALL FOR PAPERS: The Center for Millennial Studies at Boston University **Unbinding Prometheus to Build the New Jerusalem: Millennialism, Power and Technology, November 3-6, 2001, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts**

Millennial beliefs, because they foresee a radical change in *this* world, often trigger movements that achieve considerable social power, and even, in rare cases, take political

power. In other situations, political elites -- often new or reforming elites -- will use millennial symbols and rhetoric -- both demotic and hierarchical -- as a part of their political program. On the other hand, the more successful they are in instituting their millennial projects, the more they must confront the failure of the expectations. What happens to such movements as a result of this "successful" development will be one of the subjects of this year's conference. At the same time, millennial movements are often innovators in both the creation of new technologies and, still more, at the cutting edge of adopting new technologies (especially communication technologies) at every stage of their development, including their "re-entry" into normal time. These two, interrelated topics will be the foci of this year's Millennial Studies conference.

Deadline: June 1, 2001

Send 1 page abstracts and CVs with both summer and fall contact information to: Beth Forrest, Center for Millennial Studies, Suite 205, Boston University, 704 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215. Or via email:

cms@mille.org or fax: 617.358.0225, phone: 617.358.0226. Individual papers or complete sessions welcome! If you'd like to chair, let us know your specialty.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: The *American Sociological Review* seeks manuscripts from members of the Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology. ASR's mission is to publish the best contemporary scholarship from all areas of sociology. Without a strong volume of submissions on science, knowledge, and technology, this goal is seriously compromised. We thus invite members of SKAT to submit their work for possible publication in ASR. Full information about manuscript requirements is available in the February and August 2000 issues of the journal, and the ASR website (www.pop.psu.edu/ASR/asr.htm) or upon request to asr@ssc.wisc.edu.

Employment & Fellowship Notes

Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Applications are invited for a tenure-track position in Science and Technology Studies (STS), Social Studies of Scientific Knowledge (SSK), and/or Public Uses of Science (PUS) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the rank of Assistant Professor to commence July 1, 2001. The appointment is subject to final budgetary authorization. Advanced technology is one element of the tri-partite mission of the University, which has strong ties to the local advanced technology community. The Department is a unit in the

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, which is developing BA programs and interdisciplinary research projects in information technology. Technology is a field in the Faculty's new interdisciplinary doctoral program in Cultural Mediations, a program commencing in September 2001 to which the Department contributes. The successful candidate will contribute to the development of these initiatives, and will supply intellectual leadership to the Department's current activities in advanced and information technology. The Department offers a three-year undergraduate degree in sociology and anthropology, four-year

honors degrees in sociology and in anthropology, master's programs in sociology and in anthropology, and a doctoral program in sociology. The Department has played a leading role in articulating the mutual interests of sociology and anthropology as disciplines, and Anthropology faculty frequently supervise doctoral candidates in Sociology.

The Department is currently undertaking a review of its undergraduate programs and curriculum as it positions itself in relation to recent global developments and the renewed mission of the University. An ability to contribute to the teaching of the Department's graduate programs, as well as to its various theoretical and methodological courses, will be considered an advantage. The successful candidate will have a completed doctorate in sociology, anthropology, or a cognate discipline or program, an established record of publications, and will have demonstrated superior ability as a teacher. A letter of application, stating research and teaching interests, together with a curriculum vitae, examples of two pieces of published or professionally commissioned work, any available teaching evaluations, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three referees, should be sent to: Dr. John Shepherd, Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa Ontario K1S 5B6 (E-mail: John_Shepherd@carleton.ca).

Candidates should request their three referees to forward supporting letters to the same address. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Carleton University is committed to equality of employment for women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities

and persons with disabilities. Persons from these groups are encouraged to apply. Applications will be received until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin on March 16, 2001.

Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Arizona. The position is for a full-time academic year appointment, August 2001-June 2002, during which the candidate will participate in the "Universities in the Information Age" program; co-supervise a research seminar for graduate students undertaking qualitative and quantitative work in the area of contextual studies of information technology and intellectual property in academic science and engineering, and, conduct his/her own research and contribute to collaborative research efforts in the areas of study related to ethics and values, information technology, intellectual property, and work in academic science and engineering.) Duties and Responsibilities: Co-supervise a research seminar for graduate students, including regular meetings with students and, some review of student materials (grading). Conduct independent and collaborative research. Develop independent or collaborative research proposals. Minimum Qualifications: Ph. D. in a relevant field, including interdisciplinary programs, education, the social sciences, or business, management, and engineering programs. Demonstrated research base in the areas of technology studies, higher education, sociology or science and technology or related fields concerned with science, technology, society, and ethics and values. Preferred Qualifications: Experience in supervising research. Experience in a diversity of research methodologies. Excellent communication and networking

skills. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to by **April 15, 2001** to: Dr. Jennifer Croissant, Department of Materials Science & Engineering The University of Arizona, Harshbarger Building, Room 16C, P.O. Box 210012, Tucson, AZ 85721-0012 .

The ASA (<http://www.asanet.org>) has the *Employment Bulletin* on-line, as well as annotated links to other employment listings and job-search aids.

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