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Come to Reno!

Note from the Editor : The article below, written by then-President-Elect Gil Fowler for the Fall 2009 Newsletter, was so good, and still so timely, that I just had to reprint it (with just a few small updates, and shortened a bit. Thanks, Gil!!!).

Be Prepared

**TOP 10 Q's & A's "WHY"
YOU GOTTA
BE IN RENO IN APRIL 2010**

While many of you may not have been "boy scouts" or "girl scouts", "brownies" or "cubs" you have probably heard the scout motto of "Be Prepared." And we want to help you "get prepared" for the 58th Western Social Science Association Convention being held in Reno, Nevada this spring.

And at that time more than 700 educators and social scientists will gather at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino Hotel in Reno to share stories, learn about new areas

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Featured Article

**CHILDHOOD HUNGER IS A
PROBLEM FOR ALL OF US**

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Hunger is not a game, especially for children. According to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, our partner for the annual "WSSA Gives Back" fundraiser, which occurs during the Friday morning poster competition and breakfast every year, one in every four children in Nevada is food insecure. This is a problem for all of us. While hunger threatens the future of a child, it threatens all of our futures as well, by inhibiting children from reaching their full potential.

Childhood food insecurity impacts physical health, educational attainment, workforce participation, and job readiness. Children who are undernourished are more likely to have weakened immune systems, making them more vulnerable to colds and more serious illnesses. This can result in an increase in days

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Viewing the Journal

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.

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missed from school. High rates of absenteeism are associated with lower educational attainment (kids fall behind, receive lower grades, and are ultimately more likely to drop out) and problems socializing with peers. This has direct and indirect impacts on the economic system, including a drop in parent work productivity. A parent must often skip work to look after the child, resulting in lost work days and drags on productive labor when parents of sick children are at work. Children who are sent to school sick have reduced attention spans, lower energy, and poor memory recall, impacting overall educational attainment and performance, again increasing the risk of dropping out.



Children who drop out of school will earn about \$500,000 less over the course of their working careers than a high school graduate and \$2 million less than a college graduate. They also create a workforce pool that is not competitive for jobs with higher pay or better benefits. Instead, drop outs are relegated to those jobs that can be acquired with lower levels of education and technical skills. Our society experiences this impact through lost tax revenue, as individuals achieve and earn less, increased likelihood of long-term health problems, increasing demand on the health care system, and lost worker productivity.

The Food Bank of Northern Nevada is seeking to make a permanent change to this economic landscape by simultaneously engaging in strategies to reduce hunger in the short term and creating innovative programs to provide long-term, sustainable solutions to this issue. Their focus on immediate relief includes children's feeding programs, such as the Kid's Café afternoon and summer meal program, school food pantries, and the Back-Pack program, which sends food home. Their long-term, sustainable programs focus on empowerment, capacity building and education. Nutrition education for children and adults is a cornerstone of this approach. Participants learn about nutritious food choices, simple food preparation techniques, and getting the most nutrition with a limited food budget.


The Food Bank of Northern Nevada also recognizes that hunger is a symptom of poverty. Providing immediate relief measures will not solve the problem of chronic food insecurity. To address the root causes of hunger, they offer Bridges to a Thriving Nevada, a program that uses the Bridges Out of Poverty framework and community collaboration. The program employs a three-pronged approach:

- Training for individuals and community organizations which work with, employ, or provide services to those in poverty, to make services more impactful;
 - Strategies for making systemic changes in the community which remove barriers to economic mobility;
- Offering "Getting Ahead," a 16-week educational course for individuals living in poverty. It helps them develop eleven resources needed for personal and family stability. Graduates receive ongoing support through monthly meetings, continuing education, and personal connections with allies.

What can we do to strengthen the future of America's children?

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Like

We can  the Food Bank of Northern Nevada on Facebook or visit their website for more information about their programs (<https://fbnn.org/>). We can educate ourselves about who the hungry are. Did you know that, in Northern Nevada, families need to make very difficult choices?

And, we can support our hard working FBNN partners (a 501c3) at the WSSA Gives Back fund raising drive! Here are some of our partners with a giant orange spoon celebrating "Spoonتمبر," Hunger Action Month! Spoonتمبر is a national campaign to raise awareness about hunger.

I will be at the fundraising table to greet them. Will you?

I hope to see you!!!



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of interest and concerns, and to just enjoy collegial fellowship. And we want to help you get ready for that experience.

Reno, the third largest city in the state, lies 26 miles north of the Nevada state capital, Carson City, and 22 miles northeast of Lake Tahoe. Known as "The Biggest Little City in the World", it is famous for its casinos, and is the birthplace of Harrah's Entertainment.

And while I don't have the space to tell you ALL you can do there, I suggest you at least prepare yourself for the "event of a lifetime" because you don't want to end up saying "I Wish I Had" when you learn about all that goes on this spring. So whether you like all kinds of good food, or visiting with wonderful colleagues, or playing the tables, we're going to use the David Letterman technique and address the top 8 Questions & Answers one needs to do to prepare for WSSA-Reno in 2010.

#1 – SO WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

The Conference Hotel is the **Grand Sierra Resort & Casino**. Housed in the shadow of the snow-capped Sierra Nevada, the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino is a complete destination resort offering 2,000 guest rooms and suites, 80,000 square feet of heart-pounding casino action, and over 200,000 sq. ft. of meeting, function and exhibition space, including 45 breakout rooms.

Guest rooms are at least 425 sq. ft., which qualifies as

some of the largest rooms in the industry and each room features amenities to include: free parking; free airport shuttle; dry cleaning with 24-hr turnaround; iron and ironing board and hair dryer; turn-down service; cable/satellite TV; and voice mail. The resort also has a pool, health club and numerous entertainers and entertainment events on a daily basis.

For additional information on lodging go to www.grandsierraresort.com or call 1-800-501-2651.

#2 – SO WHAT CAN I DO WHILE I'M THERE?

The Sky's the limit when one considers the Reno/Lake Tahoe areas. Whether you're "playing the machines", wanting something grand to fill the palate, seeking out top-notch entertainment, or just history and art, Reno has it all ... And whatever your specialty, WSSA has a division to address your interests. With over 30 special interest sections, WSSA can provide an intellectual, scholarly compliment to your experience.

Located within three miles of downtown Reno, the University of Nevada-Reno, and the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, the **Grand Sierra Resort & Casino** offers a shopping promenade and showroom entertainment. Additionally, this resort offers a 24-hour casino, high-tech race and sports book (for betting on and watching athletic competition), and a health spa (surcharge) complete with climbing wall.

Additional activities at the resort itself include a 50-

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Election Results for 2016-2017 Executive Board

Immediate Past President

Heather Albanesi is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs. As provided in the WSSA Constitution, in order to promote continuity and keep that person's experience available to the Association, the outgoing President automatically assumes the office and duties of the Immediate Past President for the following year.

President

Michèle Companion is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs. As provided in the WSSA Constitution, the outgoing President-Elect automatically assumes the office and duties of the President of the Association for the following year, bringing to the office the considerable experience gathered as Program Coordinator in the previous year.



President-Elect / Program Coordinator

Barbara Bonnekesen chairs the Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences at Pittsburg State University. She has attended every meeting since then 2008, became the Co-Coordinator of the Women's and Gender Studies section in 2012, and has served on the WSSA Council since 2013.

Vice President / Secretary

Christopher Brown is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at New Mexico State University. Since 1994, Brown has been active in the Association of Borderland Studies (ABS), serving as its President in 2006-2007. He has also been active in WSSA, serving as a member of the Executive Council, 2008--2011 and as Vice-President, 2011--2012.

Incoming Executive Board Members, who will serve through the 2019 conference

Moises Diaz is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Assistant Practicum Director of Social Work at Utah State University. He has been a member of the Western Social Science Association since 2011; helped develop and co-chaired the Social Work Section for three consecutive years; and became the Chair of the Social Work Section in 2014.

William Schaniel is Professor Emeritus, University of West Georgia (UWG), retiring as Professor of Economics and Director, International Services & Programs after 33 years there. He has been active in the WSSA since 1986, serving as Australia and New Zealand Studies Section Coordinator or Co-Coordinator for 15 years.

Mark Melichar is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Tennessee Tech University. He has served as the Section Coordinator for Arid Lands Studies & Geography since 2014.

Continuing Executive Board Members

Jésus Ruiz Flores, Anthony Amato, and Christina Medina will continue as members through the 2017 conference.

Debra Andrist, Mary Jo Tippeconic Fox, and Stephen Mumme will continue as members through the 2018 conference.

Are You Feeling Lucky?

Test your knowledge of the next WSSA Conference site, Reno, Nevada

Kristina Lybecker, The Colorado College

The Western Social Science Association's 2016 conference will take place in Reno, Nevada, April 13, 2016 through April 16, 2016. Known as the Silver State, Nevada promises to be an exciting location. This article focuses on some lesser-known state tidbits. Test your knowledge of Reno and Nevada trivia and learn some interesting details about our next conference site.

1. Nevada is the only state with an entire museum devoted to the life and time of entertainer Liberace.
(a) True; (b) False.
2. Bugsy Siegel named his Las Vegas casino "The Flamingo" for the _____ of his showgirl sweetheart, Virginia Hill. (a) big nose; (b) long legs; (c) pink complexion.
3. There were 16,067 slots in Nevada in 1960. In 1999 Nevada had 205,726 slot machines, one for every ____ residents. (a) 100; (b) 25; (c) 10; (d) 2.31.
4. In March _____ Governor Fred Balzar signed into law the bill legalizing gambling in the state.
(a) 1870; (b) 1929; (c) 1931; (d) 1976.
5. Nevada takes its name from a _____ word meaning snow-clad.
(a) Spanish; (b) French; (c) Shoshone; (d) Pig Latin.
6. Las Vegas features the highest volume of shrimp consumption in the United States, more than _____ pounds every day. (a) 5,000; (b) 10,000; (c) 45,000; (d) 60,000.
7. Most of the state is desert but the Sierra Nevada mountain range near Reno and the Ruby Mountains near Elko has snow _____. (a) year-round; (b) for half the year; (c) only during the blue moon; (d) twice a decade.
8. In 1931 the Pair-O-Dice Club was the first casino to open on Highway 91, the future Las Vegas Strip.
(a) Flamingo; (b) Pair-O-Dice Club; (c) Castaways; (d) Silver Slipper.
9. Samuel Clemens took the penname "_____" as a reporter working for the "Territorial Enterprise," in Virginia City, Nevada in 1862. (a) Margaret Mitchell; (b) Gambler McMurphy; (c) Mark Twain; (d) Elvis Presley.
10. Which of the following statements is false?
(a) In Reno, sex toys are illegal.
(b) In Reno it is illegal to lie down on the sidewalk.
(c) It is illegal for any member of the Nevada state legislature to conduct official business wearing a penis costume while the legislature is in session.
(d) The official state fossil is the Ichthyosaur.

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11. To drive from Los Angeles, California to Reno, Nevada the direction traveled is to the _____.
(a) north; (b) south; (c) east; (d) west.
12. _____ once owned the Cal-Neva at Lake Tahoe's Crystal Bay. It is possible to stand in both Nevada and California inside Cal-Neva's building.
a) Marilyn Monroe; (b) Frank Sinatra; (c) Sonny and Cher; (d) the Johnson & Johnson Corporation.
13. Camels were used as pack animals in Nevada as late as 1870. (a) True; (b) False.
14. _____% of Nevada is federally owned including the secret Area 51 near the little town of Rachel.
(a) 15; (b) 42; (c) 73; (d) 85.
15. Construction worker hard hats were first invented specifically for workers on the Hoover Dam in 1933.
(a) True; (b) False.
16. The state covers a total area of 110,562 sq miles, which makes it the _____ largest state in the United States.
(a) 5th, (b) 7th, (c) 11th, (d) 21st.
17. The city of Las Vegas features more hotel accommodations than any other city in the world. If you wish to spend one night in each of the hotel rooms in Las Vegas, you will need _____ years. (a) 94; (b) 102; (c) 211; (d) 288.
18. Nevada mines the biggest volume of _____ in the United States and the state ranks second in the world after South Africa. (a) silver; (b) diamonds; (c) gold; (d) titanium.
19. The official animal is the _____.
(a) Kangaroo Rat of Death Valley; (b) Desert Bighorn Sheep, (c) weasel; (d) Javelina.
20. Nevada's State artifact is the Tule Duck which was created nearly 2,000 years ago. Discovered by archeologists in 1924 during an excavation at Lovelock Cave, the 11 decoys are each formed of a bundle of bullrush (tule) stems, bound together and shaped to resemble a canvasback duck. (a) True; (b) False.

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Future Conferences

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

WSSA Awards 2016

President's Outstanding New Scholar Award

Dr. Liat Ben-Moshe, University of Toledo, Disability Studies Program, specializing in incarceration, disability culture and Mad Studies

President-Elect's Outstanding New Scholar Award

Dr. Julie Maldonado, California State University, Santa Barbara, Department of Environmental Studies, specializing in Developing Nation Environments, Indigenous Peoples, Displacement and Vulnerability

Past-President's Outstanding New Scholar Award

Dr. KuoRay Mao, Colorado State University, Department of Sociology, specializing in Green Criminology, Environmental Sociology and Globalization

Larry Gould Best Article Award

Dr. Lacey N. Wallace, Penn State Altoona, Department of Criminal Justice, "Responding to violence with guns: Mass shootings and gun acquisition", *The Social Science Journal* Volume 52, Issue 2, June 2015, Pages 156-167

Student Paper Competition-Graduate

Co-Winner : Jesus Madrigal, University of California - Berkeley. "My Moving Frescoes": Sergei Eisenstein and Mexican Muralism."

Co-Winner : Jared L. Talley, Boise State University. "Look what the cat dragged in: Domestic cats, their prey, and socially constructed policy ."

Honorable Mention : Reuben Addo, Colorado State University, "Homeless Individuals' Social Construction of a Public Park"

Student Paper Competition-Undergraduate

Winner : Luke Koran. North Dakota State University. "A Journey from Frontiersmen to Historian: The Letters of George Northrup "

John Wicks Dissertation Award

Joseph Kellner, University of California - Berkeley, "The End of History: Belief and the Soviet Collapse "



20. (a) True; see photo below
19. (b) Desert Bighorn Sheep
18. (c) gold
17. (d) 288
16. (b) 7th

- (a) True
15. (d) 85
14. (a) True
13. (b) Frank Sinatra
12. (d) west
11.

- (d) 60,000
6.
7. (b) for half the year
8. (b) Pair-O-Dice Club
9. (c) Mark Twain
10. These are all true.
11.

- (a) True
1. (b) long legs
2. (c) 10
3. (c) 1931
4. (a) Spanish
5.

Facts and information collected from the following websites:
<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/nv-facts.html>
<http://www.mapsofworld.com/usa/facts-and-trivia/nevada.html>
<http://www.pyramid.net/burghart/questions.html>
<http://www.50states.com/facts/nevada.htm#V5QUISNCDFK>

WSSA 58th Annual Conference Program Overview

Reno, Nevada, USA

April 13th --Wednesday

WSSA Executive Council Meeting
7:30am to 4:00pm

Conference Registration
&
Publishers' Book Exhibit
3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

WSSA Welcoming Reception
All Attendees Invited
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

April 14th --Thursday

Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Panel Sessions
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Publishers' Book Exhibit
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Coffee Break
9:15 a.m.

Coffee Break
2:30 p.m.

April 15th -- Friday

Full Breakfast
All Attendees Invited
7:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Publishers' Book Exhibit
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Panel Sessions
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Presidential Luncheon
WSSA President
Heather Albanesi
Ticketed Event
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Coffee Break
2:30 p.m.

WSSA Business Meeting
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Section Coordinators Meeting
*All Current and New Section Coordinators Are
Required to Attend*
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

April 16th --Saturday

Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WSSA Executive Council Meeting
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Publishers' Book Exhibit
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Concurrent Panel Sessions
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Coffee Break
9:15 a.m.

WSSA President's Reception
All Attendees Invited
Music and Refreshments
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Information regarding special events and Section business meetings may be found in the conference program, online, on the Conferences page of our website

<http://wssa.asu.edu/conferences>

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lane bowling alley; sprawling 24-hour video arcade; kids' adventure center; pottery painting studio; a movie theater; aquatic golf driving range staffed with professional instructors; an indoor golf simulator; and a mini-golf/go kart/thrill ride attraction. Outdoor sports equipment can be rented on site.

Car rentals can also be arranged at the resort, and an RV park is on site. Valet- and self-parking are available with complimentary wireless Internet access available in common areas.

#3 – AND IS THE FOOD GOOD?

Outstanding by all accounts ... not only does our conference hotel have eleven restaurants under its roof to fit every taste .. be that a truly gourmet steak, seafood or outstanding Italian cuisine ... or simply casual dining, the resort offers a number of fast, affordable restaurants. These include Charlie Palmer Steak, Briscola, the Elements Buffet, Starbucks, the Grand Café, Johnny Rockets, Port of Subs, and Round Table Pizza.

Certainly the downtown area offers numerous stops just a short walk from the resort. Not only are there many other casinos within walking distance, there are over 200 restaurants in the downtown area.

#5 -- AND IS THE HOTEL CLOSE TO THE AIRPORT?

A short, convenient 1.5 miles. And should you arrive hungry, the airport offers these fine restaurants and bars: Brew Brothers, McDonald's, Zona Mesicana, Caterina's, Quiznos, Ritazza's, Vista Bar and Panorama Bar.

#6 – AND IS IT AFFORDABLE?

Absolutely. Free airport shuttle service is provided and rooms, double or single, carry a special conference rate of \$92/night for guest rooms and \$112/night for their luxurious Summit rooms, plus Washoe County room tax of 12%.

#7 -- SO HOW DO I DO REGISTER?

WSSA Conference Registration has never been easier. Simply go to the WSSA website, www.WSSAweb.com, click on the "conferences" box and it will walk you through the registration process.

#8 – SO IF IT'S THAT SIMPLE, WHY DON'T I MEET YOU THERE !!!

New Section Coordinators Help to Energize WSSA

James G. Linn

Coordinator of Member Recruitment and Retention

Studies on complex organizations continue to show the importance of recruiting and retaining new participants to ensure the vitality and effectiveness of the organization. With over a dozen new Section Coordinators bringing new ideas and professional networks to the process of developing the 2016 WSSA program in Reno, Nevada, we can be confident of having an outstanding meeting. Six new or recent WSSA Coordinators are described below. We would include more if space allowed, so we will do so in a later article.

Karen Jarratt-Snider is a faculty member in the Department of Applied Indigenous Studies at Northern Arizona University and a new Coordinator with the American Indian Studies Section. Her work centers around Indigenous nation-building including tribal environmental management, Indigenous environmental justice, federal Indian policy, and STEM education for Indigenous students. Karen is the program director and principal investigator for the Southwest Native Lands Semester, a National Science Foundation funded curricular program at Northern Arizona University.



Christopher Erickson is in the Economics Department at New Mexico State University and recently became the Coordinator of the Economics (General) section. In his scholarly work, Chris has focused on environmental issues with economic implications in the southwestern United States, Mexico, and other emerging markets. He has made contributions to the



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study of air quality on the U.S. – Mexican border, the solar distillation of ethanol, and the land application of wastewater in arid lands. Chris also keeps his community informed on economic matters by publishing a monthly newspaper column, "New Mexico Business Outlook."

Meghna Sabharwal is on the faculty of the Public Affairs program of the University of Texas, Dallas and has become the Coordinator of the Asian Studies Section. She recently won the Julia J.



Henderson International Award of the American Society of Public Administration, which recognized her commitment to international public administration and service. Meghna's research has focused on public administration in Asia with an emphasis on India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. She has completed funded projects on the reverse brain drain of industrial scientists and engineers from the United States to India. Her teaching interests include diversity in the public sector, human resources management, policy analysis, and writing.

Christopher Goodman is in the Department of Public Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is the Coordinator of the Public Finance and Budgeting Section. Chris' scholarly work has focused on the finance of local governments in the United



States. He has made contributions to the study of local government fragmentation and dissolution and the relationship of assessment quality to revenue volatility. He has been an invited presenter at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and his teaching interests include suburbanization, financial management of public programs, and research methods. Chris reviews manuscripts for *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* and *Urban Studies*.

Susan Foster is at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology and is a new Coordinator with the Chronic Disease and Disability Section. She co-directs the Research Center for Teaching and Learning at NTID and is an



investigator on a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant. Her recent research contributions have been on mixed communication in mixed groups of deaf and hearing students and feminist pedagogy in a deaf and hearing world. Sue has done workshops on ways to improve instruction for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in mainstream classes and a recent presentation on the case of the UK Human Fertilization and Embryology bill of 2007. Susan is an Associate Editor of *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education* and *Research in Social Science and Disability*.

Robert Niebuhr is on the faculty of the Honors College of Arizona State University and is a new Coordinator with the Slavic Studies Section. His research contributions have included studies of the dynamics of constitutionalism and legality in



Titoist Yugoslavia and small wars and insurgencies in Yugoslavia. Robert has also written (with a co-author) beginners' guides to Croatian and Serbian. He has served on the faculties of Harvard University and the Catholic University of Bolivia. Robert had Fulbright support while he studied in Croatia and a David L. Boren NSEP Fellowship for his scholarly work in Serbia. He is a fluent speaker of Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegrin, and German.

This is only a small sample of our new and recently appointed Coordinators (we hope to introduce others in future newsletters). They clearly bring highly relevant scholarly experience and important professional connectedness to the task of organizing the 2015 WSSA conference. We are confident of a successful outcome.

**“Theory of Regulation and socio-economic behavior:
Challenges to the economic crisis and social deterioration”**

Seminar with Professor Robert Boyer, economist researcher at the Institut des Amériques in Vanves, France, at the University Center of the Ciénega - University of Guadalajara, México.

Jesus Ruiz Flores

Universidad de Guadalajara, at La Ciénega

In a previous collaboration we talked of “Complexity and challenges for social transformation. From science to agency”, a Conference in which research results and advances, theoretical reflexions and intervention projects were presented in the city of Ocotlán, base of the La Ciénega campus of the University of Guadalajara of September 10-12, 2014.

Now we will talk of an academic visit at the same University of Guadalajara, México, campus La Cienega, -organizational home, along with the Department of Iberian and Latin Americans Studies, of the Latin American Studies Section of the WSSA- that Professor Robert Boyer made to the University of Guadalajara on Septiembre 21 through 25, 2015. The visit was in the context of the First International Seminar of the Center for Social and Regional Studies (CESOR) at the CUCiénega, **organized with the support of the Latin American Studies Section of the WSSA** among other instances. Professor Boyer, economist researcher at the Institut des Amériques in Vanves, France gave two Lectures (22 and 23 September); led the three sessions of the Seminar “Theory of regulation and socio-economic behavior: Challenges to

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Meet our WSSA “Local Spotlight Organization” – Nevada Urban Indians, Inc.!

Warren Cartright, Kathy Harris, and the NUI staff, with Michèle Companion

WSSA is proud to introduce our members to Nevada Urban Indians, Inc. (NUI), our 2016 Reno “Local Spotlight Organization!” We will be hosting NUI at a table in the registration area for the duration of the Reno conference. They will have information about their work and programs. So, be sure to stop by!

Nevada Urban Indians began in 1975 as a result of the federal grant program for Native Americans, through “The Indian Health Improvement Act” under Title 5. NUI’s vision germinated with the hope and the dream of keeping Native Traditions alive while “promoting Native American/ Alaskan Native culture, health and wellbeing.” NUI started out small, by providing referral and education assistance, substance abuse counseling and mental health.



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When in Reno, Visit the Spectacular Nearby Lake Tahoe

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Just 35 miles southwest of Reno, Nevada is the breathtakingly beautiful Lake Tahoe recreation area. If you are looking for an Alpine Lake that rivals, if not surpasses, the mountain lakes of Europe such as Como, Lugano, and Maggiore in sheer beauty, you will find it at Tahoe. Mark Twain was so impressed with the pristine and aesthetic qualities of Lake Tahoe that he wrote in his memoir, *Roughing It*, "Three months of camp life on Lake Tahoe would restore an Egyptian mummy." You will agree when you view the profoundly blue translucent waters of this vast lake framed by the snow-capped, towering pine covered Sierra Nevada mountains.

Here are some facts about Lake Tahoe and the surrounding areas recreation amenities. Tahoe, situated at 6,223 feet, is the largest Alpine lake in North America. It is 22 miles long and 12 miles wide with 193 square miles of surface and 71 miles of shoreline. The deepest point in the lake is 1,472 feet, and it is fed by scores of mountain streams. Due to its extreme depth, Lake Tahoe does not freeze, and during the winter and early spring months, it takes on a deep blue color reflecting the sky. An all-weather road circles the lake. The complete excursion is 72 miles and covers the relatively undeveloped California side and the built up Nevada shore, which includes several sizable casinos. Perhaps the most scenic portion of the lakeshore drive runs from Tahoe city at the mouth of the Truckee River to Tallac, southeast of Emerald bay. If you choose this route, you will pass beautiful Meeks Bay and the glacially carved Emerald Bay, which contains the lake's only island. Further, you can stop, view, and possibly tour the Ehrman mansion and Vikingsholm Castle, which is an excellent example of medieval Scandinavian architecture.

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the economic crisis and social deterioration" (September 21 in the city of Ocotlan (home of CUCiénega, 24 and 25 in Guadalajara, headquarters of the U of G); gave several interviews to the media, and participated in the presentation of the booklet "The economic anthropology of Pierre Bourdieu. His contribution to the analysis of the economy and change" (authored by him, translated by Sergio L. Sandoval).

Who is Robert Boyer and what is Regulationism?

Robert Boyer is a French economist, representative of the school of regulation which, unlike most dominant theories, builds analysis from a framework that incorporates social conflicts, the tendency to imbalance, institutions and history. Professor Boyer was Director of Research at the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Director of the School of Higher Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS) and has worked at the Center for Economic Research and Applications (CEPREMAP). His main areas are: Institutional and historical macroeconomics; Innovation and growth analysis; Labor markets and their relationship with wage labor; International comparisons of capitalism; European integration; The financial crisis and the history of doctrines and theories in economy.

Activities at the University of Guadalajara

The two Lectures (September 22 in the city of Ocotlán, and September 23 in Guadalajara), had a big attendance of about 400 people, including academicians from different disciplines and students both undergraduate, master's and doctorate. The topics of the Lectures, respectively "Growth, Employment and Equity: A New Role of the State" (in Ocotlán) and "Growth, Employment and Equity: Challenges for Latin America and Mexico in 2015" (in Guadalajara) shared room with the XXV Mexican Colloquium on Mathematical Economics

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NUI struggled over the years just to survive; to make payroll and pay the bills. NUI suffered one blow after another, saddled with poor management and a loss of vision, hope, and direction. By 2012, NUI's doors were on the verge of being closed permanently by Indian Health Services.

In July of 2012, NUI's Board of Directors offered Janet Reeves the position of Interim Executive Director. Janet was well known and respected among the Native American Communities and Indian Health Services, having spent the lion share of her career working with and for Native Americans, tribal entities, and writing grants specific for Native Americans, based on the Indian Health Improvement Act. She possessed the tenacity of a bulldog and remained undaunted when it came to pursuing grant funding for Indians, dealing with Congressmen and the top brass of Indian Health Services. Her knowledge, persistence, and business savvy won her the respect of Indian Health Services and the Congressmen she worked with.



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With an elevation over 6,000 feet, winter usually lingers well into April in the Tahoe recreation area. Therefore, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling should be available before and after the WSSA meeting (April 13-16, 2016). As you approach Lake Tahoe from Truckee on route 89 you can stop at the site of the 1960 winter Olympics, Squaw Valley. Even if you are not a skier, it is worth the view to visit the resort and watch skiers descend the steep mountain, which is often wrapped in blowing clouds of snow. Snow depths in the winter months can often reach into the double digits, but by April the deep drifts have usually melted or been pushed off the roads by plows. If you have begun the Tahoe Lake Shore drive and are looking for a place with great local ambiance for lunch, try Gar Woods Grill and Pier on beautiful Carnelian Bay. They make an excellent hamburger and have a varied menu. Also, if you have a designated driver, try one of their Tequila shooters, which is a house specialty. As you head south on Route 89, you will also encounter two other prominent ski resorts – Tahoe Sugar Bowl and Heavenly Mountain. At one time, Heavenly Mountain was the largest ski resort in the United States.

If you push on along the south shore of Lake Tahoe, you will eventually come into State Line Nevada. Since the 1960s, this community has had several large casino hotels, many motels, and shops. If you visit the casino hotels, be sure to ride the elevator to the splendid restaurant atop Harveys Lake Tahoe Hotel – the 19Kitchen.Bar. It offers spectacular views of the lake and the snow covered Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Overall, a trip to Reno would not be complete without a side trip to Lake Tahoe. Be sure to bring your camera.

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and Econometrics (coordinated by Dr. Enrique Cuevas, Department of Quantitative Methods) held in the same week as our Seminary. The lectures enhanced the importance of his theoretical, methodological contributions and interpretations and proposals arising from his research, mainly in the lines of: i) The discussion of the theoretical foundations of the Socio-Economy; ii) The State's role in the growth, employment and equity; and iii) The pursuit of change and not just reproduction in the economy,

Our seminar "Theory of regulation and socio-economic behavior: Challenges to the economic crisis and social deterioration", as the central activity of the CESOR's Seminar brought together dozens of academics from different centers of our U of G (Ciénege region, Biological Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts and Design.), other HEI's (ITESO, ISIDM, UP, UNIVA) and other entities (IMCED, IT Morelia) as well as students at international mobility from Argentina and Cuba.

"Generate and consolidate a space to advance knowledge in social science for regional development and the implementation of which will contribute to solving local problems" is the objective of the Seminar, and has two dimensions: 1) Skills research consolidation and 2) Analysis and discussion of research advances. Being the first dimension the purpose of this Seminar, agreements for the next session included to present research advances. Following up on the issues discussed in this session, we propose for the next, to be held in 2016, to present and discuss in the following areas: a) Forms of competition (market concentration, monopolies and oligopolies, practices privileged in fiscal policy, such as tax credits); b) The role of the State in the economy (economic policy, social policy or, more generally, approaches to public policy); c) National insertions (particularly Mexico) in the international division of labor (trade and investment agreements, supranational structures in which Mexico participates); d) Management of the currency (eg the role of the Bank of Mexico and

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NUI also provides a Substance Abuse Program, Mental Health Counseling, and a Victim Services Program, which provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, vehicle fuel, transportation, referrals, and mental health counseling. The Program Director, Tarah Sanchez, is the Chair of the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force Advocates Subcommittee and is a Board member of The Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention. Tarah's program has been so highly successful, that it has become a pilot program for Washoe County. Additionally, NUI is creating a Job assistance program and a Food Pantry for those in need in the Reno-Carson area.



This is an amazing organization that is doing truly incredible things for the Indian community and general public! Come by their table near the registration area during the conference to learn more about them and introduce yourself! Learn more about them by visiting their web page (<http://www.nevadaurbanindians.org/>) or their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nevada-Urban-Indians/222770727751839>). See you in Reno!

monetary policy); e) Labor relations and employment (ways of generating income and productive integration of the population, working conditions, labor standards).

Compromises and future activities

Next Seminar will take place on May 2016 at the University of Guadalajara, but before we have two meetings: One in November 2015 at the IMCED, Instituto Michoacano de Ciencias de la Educación (Michoacan Institute of Sciences of Education) in the city of Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. The other on April 2016 in the city of Reno, Nevada, USA home of course of the WSSA's 58th Annual Conference of the WSSA. We will look for Reno to have crosslisted sessions with different Sections as Economics (General, Business and Finance, and Association for Institutional Thought of course), Anthropology, Association of Borderlands Studies, Globalization and Development, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Urban Studies, Women's and Gender Studies.

It is worth of mentioning that the constituent principles of the Seminar are: 1) The "spirit of innovation and share of wills of scholars committed to the idea that social research can make important contributions to society"; 2) The collegiality and individual character of the research; the first through the CA's, and the second as a result of the interest and willingness of teachers "(CUCiénega Development Plan 2009-2030 p. 26); 3) To "foster collaboration among research groups at the University of Guadalajara network, and at national and international level", as one of the policies of research, present in the CUCiénega Development Plan 2009-2030 (p. 42).

So is how we got the collective efforts –coordinated by the Department of Politics and Society and CESOR (CUCiénega)- of the Department of Public Policies, Quantitative Methods and Economics (CUCEA), Political Studies (CUCSH) and the Department of Economics Administration and Market of the ITESO. Many thanks Maria de Lourdes Manzanero and Tadeo Hubbe; Ricardo Perez, Enrique Cuevas, Héctor Cortéz, Martin Romero; Jaime Preciado, Paulina Martinez; Luis Ignacio Román. Of course, to Maria Felicitas Parga and César González, CUCiénega-UdeG managers.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

- Pre-registration, at the discounted rate (*\$135 for regular registrants, \$90 for students, \$95 for retirees*) became available October 1, 2015, online through our website, www.WSSAweb.com, and will continue to be available through March 27, 2016.
- Late Online Pre-registration, at the regular rate, will be available from March 28, 2016 through April 6, 2016. Regular rates are \$165 for regular registrants, \$105 for students and \$110 for retirees. Student rates are for full-time students, only, and retiree rates are for persons no longer employed in their fields.
- There will be no registration activity between midnight, CDT, on April 6 and 3:00pm MDT, on April 13, when **On-Site Registration** opens at the conference site.

REFUNDS : Requests for refunds of conference registration must be made in writing no later than March 27 of the year of the conference. The amount of the refund will be the amount originally paid, minus the amount that the credit card companies charge WSSA to make the refund, usually about 10% of the original amount.