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## SAA(NZ) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23 NOVEMBER 2016, 4:45 P.M.

Breakwater Room  
East Pier Hotel, Napier

- **Welcome**

Steve welcomed all those present in the Breakwater Room on a beautiful Napier afternoon and thanked the Conference Organising Committee for what was already an exceptional conference experience.

- **Apologies:**

Joanna Fountain, Avril Bell, Kevin Dew, Lesley Patterson

1. **Minutes from last meeting**

These were tabled and accepted (Louise Humpage/Phil Harington)

2. **Financial report:** (Appended)

Phil's annual report was tabled, with a note to the effect that a further \$2000 needed to be added to the expenses. This was the sum expended for the 2015 Exceptional Service prizes awarded to Phil and Maxine. The report was accepted subject to this change (Maxine Campbell/Steve Matthewman). The amended report is appended.

3. **President's report:** (Appended)

Steve spoke to his tabled report, thanking the Executive for their service and noting that we had representation from all NZ campuses on which sociology is taught. Steve has concentrated his efforts on three main activities this year - firming up relations with our colleagues on the other side of the Tasman, helping with the transition from the old *New Zealand Sociology* editorial team to the new (after a decade of sterling service), and working on improving the SAANZ website. His report was moved for acceptance by the meeting (Ruth/Bruce).

4. **Journal report:**

Charles Crothers welcomed the new editorial team and reported on what had been a very productive year. Along with two ordinary issues, there had also been 5 special issues. There had been some frustrations, such as the National Library site being off-line for some months undergoing a revamp, then being knocked out again by the recent earthquake. None-the-less, Charles had been able to ascertain that each issues averages about 300 views, with one issue peaking at 1200 views.

5. **Student representative's report:** (Appended)

Stella Pennell and Marita Leask had tabled a report, but added to this with feedback from the grad workshops, which were again very much appreciated. Jordan King has offered to manage and moderate the grads' Twitter account and the students are keen to establish an

online writing group. The meeting unanimously supported the initiative. They would also like staff to be more active in promoting the grad website and would like to see periodical updates from each university.

**6. Post-graduate Essay Prize report:** (Appended)

Johanna Schmidt spoke on behalf of the judging panel, noting the quality of the entries again this year. She thanked her fellow judges and expressed her delight in being part of the process – especially when contacting the winners to advise them of their success. This year's winner was Claire Gray from the University of Canterbury. The judges strongly recommend that her essay, *This is ridiculous: Laughter, humour and the receipt of welfare*, be considered for publication in *NZ Sociology*.

**7. SAANZ Science Prize report:** (Appended)

We now sponsor prizes at school science fairs in four different regions. Local organisers are always enthusiastic about the awards, with some preferring to award two or three prizes of diminishing value and others awarding \$100 to an overall winner. Trudie noted that in the Auckland region, entries in the science fair seemed to be predominantly the more elite schools and Maxine noted a similar circumstance in Waikato. In order to encourage wider participation, we will consider adapting our approach. We may pose a question for students to answer in a project, or could award a prize for the best piece of research submitted for NCEA requirements. Members should send any suggestions to Bruce Curtis.

**8. RSNZ Report**

Kevin Dew was unable to attend the conference, but advised that there was little to report as yet. We may receive an update following the Constituents' meeting next month.

**9. General business**

*a. Conference organisers' briefing*

Corrina reported that the conference books were in good health, they had received 87 submissions for presentations and – like all the participants – were very pleased with the conference venue.

*b. New journal arrangements- MOU*

Documents related to the new editorial arrangements for the journal were circulated for consideration prior to the meeting. There was unanimous support for the revised Memorandum of Understanding and the meeting endorsed the change of editorship.

*c. Website*

Kalym Lipsey has our new website almost ready for launching, but requires content from us. Exec members are reminded to forward personal photos along with a short text describing what sociology means to them. Steve connected to the website to provide us with a preview of what is to come.

d. *Code of Ethics review*

Charles noted that the existing code was written decades ago and was due for review. The incoming Executive will conduct a review in 2017, drawing on the expertise of people like Martin Tolich when necessary.

e. *Sociology programme updates*

Like the graduates, members would like to hear what is happening on other campuses. While the AGM does not allow time for reporting on this, the Executive will ensure that updates occur at Exec meetings and the information will be circulated to members.

## **10. Any other business**

- a. In view of the theme of the conference and calls from scientists outside the social sciences, Mary Murray suggested that we set up a think-tank that incorporates social sciences and the 'empirical sciences'. This will be pursued by the incoming Executive.
- b. Edgar Burns is a member of the Asia Pacific Sociological Association, which has indicated that they would like an official NZ representative. The meeting considered that Edgar would be perfect to fill this role and since he is based in Australia, he would liaise with Steve on matters specifically concerning New Zealand.

## **11. Next conference**

The University of Otago has graciously agreed to host the 2017 annual conference. Melanie Beres and Chris Brickell will lead the conference Organising Committee and the conference will include the dedicated gender stream.

## **12. Executive elections**

Steve, Phil and Maxine were returned to their respective offices unopposed, as were the two student reps, Stella and Marita. Nominations were accepted for Avril Bell, Johanna Schmidt, Jo Fountain, Corrina Tucker, Bruce Curtis, Ruth McManus, Mary Murray, Charles Crothers, Trudie Cain, Chamsy el-Ojeili, Sarah Smythe, Katharine Legun.

Greg Newbold, Larry Dixon and Paul Perry indicated that they wished to step down from further involvement on the Executive after many years of service. We thank them for their contributions over the years.

Signed:

Maxine Campbell  
Secretary, SAA(NZ)  
25 November 2016

*Please contact Maxine for a copy of the financials.*

## President's Report: 2016

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# SAANZ Waikato 2015

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My 2016 report necessarily begins with the year prior for two reasons: 1) we had yet to complete the 2015 conference hosted by the University of Waikato, which also included the Gender and Sexuality conference, and 2) we had yet to make the formal awards at our conference dinner, two of which were closely-kept secrets.

My first thanks go to the 2015 conference organisers: Maxine Campbell (convenor), Johanna Schmidt and Jo Barnes. It really was an excellent event. All of the feedback that I received was extremely positive. The plenaries were all high quality, the invented tradition of soliciting donations for worthy causes at the public lectures was great – long may it continue, the presence of those who come for the gender and sexuality streams added a new dimension, and I think that we were all struck by the energy and ability of the postgrads.

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AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE  
TO NZ SOCIOLOGY

In 2015 we also made awards to three people with strong Waikato connections: David Swain, Maxine Campbell and Phil Harington. David Swain was honoured with Life Membership. He gave a brilliant speech at the conference dinner. He also noted that this accolade, coming from his peers, meant more to him than any other. As Johanna Schmidt and Charles Crothers will testify, we had to do a lot of cloak and dagger work to organise the two other Awards for Exceptional Service to New Zealand Sociology a secret until the conference dinner. This was no

easy task given that the recipients were two SAANZ stalwarts whose names are synonymous with our organisation: Maxine Campbell and Phil Harington. Thankfully we managed to pull the surprise off, although politeness prevents me from recording here what they called me at the time. Still, it was wonderful to be able to make the awards for outstanding service to our professional association and to the broader discipline to two people who personify SAANZ and who both have strong Hamilton connections.

On the subject of awards, our collective congratulations are also extended to Kevin Dew. In August of this year he was honoured by the Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC) for his outstanding contribution to health research excellence. Well done Kevin (and thank you for being our Royal Society representative)!

While I have undertaken various tasks, in 2016 I have focussed on three main projects, all of which I believe are vital to the ongoing health of the organisation: firming up relations with our colleagues on the other side of the Tasman, helping with the transition from the old *New Zealand Sociology* editorial team to the new (after a decade of sterling service), and working on improving the SAANZ website. All of these are team efforts.

As to our Australian colleagues: they have been successful in their ISA World Congress of Sociology bid, which we offered strong support for. This will be hosted in Melbourne in 2022. They are keen for us to play a significant part in it. I shall keep you posted.

A second opportunity has also come our way. TASA's journal – the *Journal of Sociology* – will be co-edited by a New Zealand team from 2017. I will be co-editor-in-chief along with Kate Huppertz from Western Sydney University:



The editorial board will also have Chris Brickell from the University of Otago, Steve Ratuva from the University of Canterbury, Holly Thorpe from the University of Waikato, and Robert Webb from the University of Auckland.

The new NZS editorial team is now confirmed: Louise Humpage and Bruce Curtis are co-editors, along with Sailau Suaalii-Sauni, Robert Webb and Steve Matthewman (book reviews editor). They officially commence in 2017. Current work involves amendments to the *Journal's* aims, and MOU etc. More details on this at the AGM. I have been in touch with publishers in NZ and around the world and books for review are already coming in. If there is a book you would like to review or if your own book is about to be published please do let me know ([s.matthewman@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:s.matthewman@auckland.ac.nz)).

As president I would like to take this opportunity to officially thank Charles Crothers and Robert Webb for their ten years of great work as editors of *New Zealand Sociology*. It was a big job done well. The entire membership has benefitted from their labours. So, thank you Charles and Robert, and best of luck with your new editorial ventures: Charles as Senior Editor of *Kōtuitui*, and Robert as part of the new editorial team for the *Journal of Sociology*.

This year one of our graduates – Kalym Lipsey, an MA student from Massey University – kindly agreed to develop a new website for us. We knew that the old one needed improving, although we lacked the skill-set to do it. Enter Kalym: he has been absolutely amazing. I have been working with Kalym over the last few weeks to get the new site up and running. In truth, my input has been responding to questions and offering feedback on the aesthetics.

The real work has been done by Kalym. Here's a sneak preview ahead of our official launch:



In other news, following up from last year's report we now look like we have the contributions on New Zealand sociology finalised for Michael Burawoy's ISA newsletter *Global Dialogue*.

Ngā mihi,



**Grad Reps' report 2016  
SAA(NZ) Annual Conference**

Marita has set up and maintained a blog page and also a facebook page which is regularly updated with information as and when it is needed. This page has 139 members.

Stella has been working on updating the student database into .csv file so that an email database can be maintained and kept up-to-date. This means that in future the database can be transferred to future postgrad reps with email functionality already set up. There are currently just under 250 addresses on the list. Kalym Lipsey has been working on updating the student page on the SAANZ website as well and it is expected this page will be up and running shortly.

The student reps would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive for their support of the postgraduate cohort at this year's conference- not only in terms of funding assistance for those postgrads who are presenting, but also for their support of this year's 2 minute Thesis competition and the abstracts prize. It is heartening to see that established sociologists are encouraging and supporting postgraduate students as they extend their experience in the field.

Stella and Marita

**SAANZ Postgraduate Essay Prize Judges' Report  
November 2016**

**Johanna Schmidt (University of Waikato)  
Chamsy el-Ojeili (Victoria University of Wellington)  
Melanie Beres (University of Otago)**

This year we received a total of seven essays. Alterations made to the regulations last year precluded multiple entries from one student, so this represented the work of seven individual students – one more than 2015 – from three different universities across the country. Over-representation of students from Auckland has been a notable trend, and we would suggest that those from the other centres consider encouraging their strongest students to submit work.

From the seven essays, we selected three 'finalists' – Bonnie-Estelle Trotter-Simons from Victoria, who wrote a well-supported argument for the ways in which neo-liberalism shores up particular versions of masculinity; Chris Owens from Auckland who demonstrated how the lack of settler expansion to the Arctic shaped the 'logic of elimination' for Inuit peoples in Canada; and Claire Gray from Canterbury, who drew on empirical data to demonstrate how humour is used by sole parent beneficiaries to make sense of otherwise fraught interactions with government agencies. On re-reading these three papers, we unanimously agreed that Claire's was the strongest, adeptly weaving between individual experience and structural influence, utilising contemporary theorising around affect to explain the positions of the women she interviewed.

We are pleased to take this opportunity to support an extremely promising graduate student whose paper, with some minor revision, should certainly be publishable, and we're happy to be passing such an excellent piece of work along to the incoming editorial group. The judging panel would like to congratulate the winner of this year's award.

Johanna Schmidt  
SAANZ Postgraduate Essay Prize judging panel convenor

## 2016 Science and Technology Fair prize reports

### Waikato Region

This year Jo Barnes and I attended judging day for the Waikato region's fair. With almost 300 entries, we found ourselves learning an awful lot as we reviewed the entries. Most did not explicitly incorporate a social dimension, though many could have. We thought that it might be worth publicizing the SAA(NZ) prize directly to schools. None-the-less, it was pleasing to see the prize listed as a special prize in the programme and the Sociological Association listed as a sponsor.

Those projects that did include a little of the "social" were of good quality, but one stood out for its direct engagement with sociological themes. This was all the more commendable since the project itself had a decidedly hard science focus. The winning exhibit was *What affects our personalities* by Talia Nicol from Waikato Diocesan School for Girls. Talia had done significant work on genetic influences, but had also considered age, living circumstances and birth order as further influences on personality traits. Her conclusions were consistent with her data and she extended her consideration of social influences by suggesting that her next project might also incorporate gender/gender socialisation as a contributing factor.

While we experienced some communication difficulties with the organising committee earlier in the year, we finally received information about judging just a few days in advance. Even then, we did not need to be on site as early as we were and will streamline our involvement in the future. The local committee were delighted to have us on board and we look forward to a smoother passage next year. They made particular mention of how impressive it was to receive payment so quickly! Thank-you, Phil.

Signed: Maxine and Jo

### Auckland Region

The NIWA Auckland City Science and Technology was held this year on 26 August at St Kentigern's Boys' School in Remuera, Auckland. More than 215 entries were received from across Auckland. The entries were judged by a core group of natural scientists with awards presented in a number of categories. This year SAANZ offered a 'Special Prize' that was awarded to the top social science entries.

Avril Bell (UofA) and Trudie Cain (MU) judged all entries considering the extent to which the project was informed by sociological principles or was carried out in accordance with appropriate social science methods.

Three prizes were awarded:

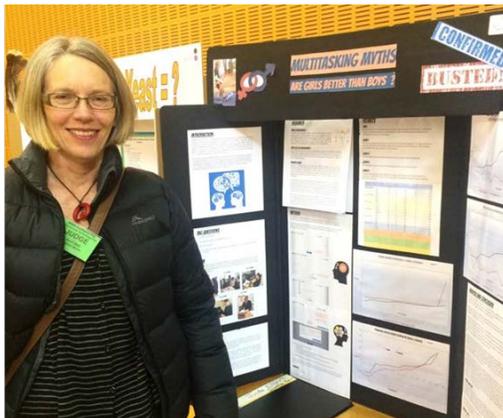
- The **first prize of \$50 went to Jude Ellis** for his project titled 'Multi-tasking myths: Are girls better than boys?'. Jude's project on gender and multi-tasking demonstrated a clear understanding of sociological principles, social science research methods, and gendered roles, both in the past and in contemporary western society. He accounted for complexity in the existing evidence and in his results. He concluded that girls are better at multi-tasking and raised questions and concerns about the impact this might have on boys' education.

- The **second prize of \$30 went to Zachary Lerner**. Zachary's research project examined the relationship between vision ('the eyes') and smell ('the nose'). Titled 'The nose knows?' Zachary used sociological categories (age and gender) to examine this relationship and accounted for gendered and aged experiences that might (or might not) inform smell. Zachary also considered the implications of his research results.
- The **third prize of \$20 went to Maikel Tuala and Chicago Doyle**. Their project titled 'Taste Me: Ethnicity' explored people's appreciation for sweetness. They analysed the results by ethnic group (Maori, Pasifika, Asian) and concluded that Maori have the sweetest tooth and Pasifika "will eat anything"! Their research was beautifully presented and included Chinese script as well as Māori and Pasifika images, demonstrating the students' sensitivity to inclusive ways of working.

A final **highly commended award was presented to Millie Caughey**. Millie's project tested the efficacy of a range of skin care projects that are marketed specifically to women. Although Millie's project was not sociological *per se* (and so fell outside of our judging criteria) she began with a clear understanding of the gendered nature of the beauty industry and the power operating within both the production and consumption of beauty products.

The awards were presented at a prize giving ceremony held in the Raye Friedman Performing Arts Centre at Epsom Girls' Grammar on Tuesday 6 September.

Overall we were impressed by the range of entries but were surprised at how few social science projects they were – especially among older students (all of our prize winners were in the youngest age category). Many students began with a social issue such as oral health or environmental degradation but their projects were firmly located in the natural sciences. We were also surprised that very few (if any) public schools participated in the event.



Avril Bell with the winning entry!

### **Canterbury/Westland region**

We chose these projects because they best exemplified sociological analysis of everyday concerns. We found that the project on gender and ethnic stereotypes demonstrated the ways in which these influence our perceptions of and interactions with others. We thought this is particularly relevant to the multicultural context of New Zealand. The project on packaging was also very relevant. We liked that they had evaluated their findings in terms of gender norms.

They had considered the role of corporate responsibility and the potential of packaging as a solution. So, they showed that food consumption practices are not simply individual choices but in fact are determined by wider factors at play. Finally, the project on weather and moods showed how our interaction with others is affected, to some extent, by physical factors like weather and temperature.

#### List of winners at ARA Science Fair competition on 10 September 2016

Prize	Name	Year	School	Title of project	Description
I	Alison Murray and Emily Blennerhasset	9-10	Cashmere High School	How do I look?	Showed photos of random people of different gender and ethnicities to people. It looked at how we judge others based on common race and gender based stereotypes.
II	Miki Tiltman and Emily Higham	9-10	Lincoln High School	The influence of packaging	Looked at the influence of food packaging on consumption practices across age and gender groups. They found that girls often choose items which appear to be healthier whereas boys preferred those items which seemed to be high on protein.
III	Hana Gray	7	Cobham International School	Does weather really affect our moods?	Looked at the ways in which weather might affect our moods and found that women are more affected by cold weather than men.

#### Otago Region

Otago made two awards of \$50 at the Dunedin Science Fair. The two projects were: Grace Creighton and Campbell McDade for their project, "How healthy are Dunedin rental houses?" and Paxton Hall for "Clash of Clothing".