Join me in congratulating the winners of our Section Awards. We will honor the awardees at our Section Reception, which takes place at the Hilton on Sun., Aug. 3, beginning at 6:30 pm. Our thanks go out to the Committee Chairs, and committee members who worked on these committees. Congratulations to our newly elected section officers, too (see below). You are welcome to attend our Section Council breakfast meeting on Sat., Aug. 2.

Hope to see many of you at our sessions and meetings in Boston.

Greetings from the Chair
Diane Felmlee

Newly Elected Officers:
2008-2009
Chair-Elect
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Section Council Meeting

Date:  Sat., Aug. 2
Time:  7:30 – 8:30 AM
Place:  Forty Dalton, Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel

All Section Council members and Section officers are invited to attend a breakfast Council meeting on Sat. morning from 7:30 – 8:30 AM. It will be held at the main restaurant, the Forty Dalton, in the Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel, which is the convention hotel for our Section. We have several items of business, including issues related to the section awards. Please send additional business items to Diane Felmlee, dhfelmlee@ucdavis.edu.

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James S. Coleman Distinguished Career Award

Scott A. Boorman

Committee Members:
James Moody, Chair
Matthew Brasher, Peter Hedstrom
Matthew Bothner and Barbara Meeker

Outstanding Article Publication Award

Delia Baldassarri and Peter Bearman

“Dynamics of Political Polarization, ”

Committee Members:
Michael Macy, Chair
Ron Burt and James Moody

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper

To Be Announced

Committee Members:
Guillermina Jasso, Chair
Eugene Johnsen, Brent Simpson,
Yoshimichi Sato, Charlotta Stern and Peter Bahr

Mathematical Sociology Dissertation Award

Pamela Emanuelson

“Extension and Refinement of Network Exchange Theory”

Committee Members:
Diane Felmlee, Chair
Ken Land, Robert Shelly,
Nancy Tuma and Brent Simpson
Regular Session. Mathematical Sociology.
Sat. Aug. 2, 2:30-4:10 Hilton Boston Back Bay
Organizer: John Skvoretz, University of South Florida; Presider: Michael Lovaglia, University of Iowa
Local Convergence and Global Diversity: From Interpersonal to Global Influence. Andreas Flache, University of Groningen; Michael W. Macy, Cornell University.
Modal Constructions in Sociological Arguments. Michael Hannan, Stanford University; Greta Hsu, UC Davis; Laszlo Polos.
Discussant: Michael Lovaglia, University of Iowa

Section on Mathematical Sociology Paper Session: Some Flavors of Work in Mathematical Sociology cont.
Cooperation and Reputation in Dynamic Networks. Rense Corten, Utrecht University; Karen S. Cook, Stanford University.
Spatial Analysis of Social Networks. Carter T. Butts, University of California, Irvine; Ryan M. Acton, University of California, Irvine

Section on Mathematical Sociology Paper Session and Mathematical Sociology Business Meeting.
Sat. Aug. 2, 12:30-2:10 Hilton Boston Back Bay
Organizer and Presider: Eugene C. Johnsen, University of California, Santa Barbara
How Concerns for Legitimacy Can Bias Assessments of Efficiency. Jerker Denrell, Stanford University; Gael Le Mens, Stanford University.
When Do Matthew Effects Occur? Matthew S. Bothner, University of Chicago; Richard Haynes, Credit Suisse First Boston; Joel Podolny, Harvard University.
Efficiency and Strong Power: Testing Basic Assumptions of Theories of Exchange. Marcel Van Assen, Universiteit van Tilburg; Pamela Emanuelson, University of South Carolina; David Willer, University of South Carolina.

Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel in Boston, MA