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Welcome to fall semester!

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I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who has served the Sociology of Body & Embodiment section over the past year, especially our now past-Chair Linda Blum, and our past Secretary/Treasurer Elise Paradis. I also want to thank outgoing Council members Kelly Underman, Sabrina Strings, and Krystale Littlejohn for their service, and outgoing grad reps Anne Marie Champaign and Rayanne Streeter for the work they did for our section. Thanks also go to our session organizers, panelists, and discussants for the annual meeting in New York, and to all members who served on committees this past year.

We have several new officers and Council members to welcome: Georgiann Davis, Chair-elect, will begin her term as Chair after next year's ASA meeting in San Francisco. Krystale Littlejohn has just begun a 3-year term as our new Secretary/Treasurer, and Susan Markens, Asia Friedman, and Edward Flores join Kjerstin Gruys, Shari Dworkin, Jennifer Haskin, and Piper Sledge on Council. Sonny Nordmarken and Stephanie Pulles are our new graduate student representatives. Welcome, everyone!

We start the academic year with good news for the section: We have already achieved (and exceeded) our 2019 membership goal of 300 members, needed to maintain our current funding structure from ASA and to gain an extra session at next year's meeting. Thank you to everyone who spread the word about our section and helped to sign up new members, especially to Piper Sledge, our Membership Committee Chair. Welcome, new members! We hope you find our section a vibrant and welcoming

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We also have a new website editor, Torisha Stone, a graduate student at UNLV. Be on the lookout for new blog posts and new web content as we update and expand our website.

This fall we will be circulating calls for section awards (a graduate student paper award and a book prize), and making announcements about Body & Embodiment sessions for the 2020 annual meeting. Our Membership, Mentoring, and Communications committees will also be sending announcements of new projects and ideas for the section in the coming months.

I look forward to serving the section and to learning more about the interesting work our members are doing. Cheers to a great year ahead!

- Mary Nell Trautner, Chair