Notes from the Interim President

We are preparing for our first election of officers for the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography. The Nominations Committee (Barbara Comber, Karin Widerberg, and Paul Luken) is grateful to the TG06 members who expressed interests in standing for offices, and it is very pleased with the slate of candidates that are being presented to you in this issue. We have one nominee for each vacancy and they are scholars from a mixture of disciplines who reside in different regions of the globe and are at various stages in their careers. With this election, the number of board members will increase from three to five.

The candidates and offices are the following:
President -- Liza McCoy, University of Calgary, Canada  
Vice-President -- Eric Mykhalovskiy, York University, Canada  
Secretary-Treasurer -- Suzanne Vaughan, Arizona State University, USA  
Board Member -- Laura Ferreño, University of Avellaneda, Argentina  
Board Member -- Debra Talbot, University of Sidney, Australia  
Board Member -- Kjeld Høgsbro, Aalborg University, Denmark  
Board Member -- Frank T. Y. Wang, National Chengchi University, Taiwan  
Board Member -- Lois André-Bechely, California State University Los Angeles, USA

The actual election will be conducted using Survey Monkey and email. Anonymity cannot be guaranteed, but the Nominations Committee will keep the individual votes confidential. The ballot will arrive shortly in your email. Please complete your ballot within three weeks. Newly elected officers will be announced in December and they will begin their terms on January 1, 2017.

As a founding member of TG06 and its Interim President, I wish to thank Allison Griffith, the first president of the thematic group, Suzanne Vaughan, Secretary-Treasurer, and founding Board Members Barbara Comber and Karin Widerberg for their contributions over the past six years. Institutional Ethnography in the ISA is off to a good start, and I am very confident that it will thrive under new leadership as well. Personally, I look forward to continued involvement,
but in a different capacity. And that reminds me, it's time to pay my dues and renew my membership.

In this issue, in addition to the candidates' statements of interest and cvs, you will find the Secretary-Treasurer's report and some information on the upcoming ISA World Congress in Toronto in 2018. I look forward to seeing you there. -- Paul Luken

PS: You may have already noticed that the International Sociological Association has revised its web pages. You can follow this link to the new site for the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography.

**Membership and Treasurer's Report**

Submitted by Suzanne Vaughan
TG06 Secretary/Treasurer
Forum of Sociology
Vienna, Austria
August 2016.

The Institutional Ethnography group membership has grown substantially since we first gathered at the World Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires, Argentina in July 2012 where our membership totaled 28. Since the World Congress in Yokohama, Japan, in July 2014 our membership has more than doubled and increased again with the World Forum here in Vienna. Currently, we have 68 members in good standing. Following ISA's definition of good standing, T06 has 68 ISA members who have joined T06 and paid group dues. We have no affiliated members at this point. (These are members who have paid group dues, but are not members of ISA).

Our members come from 31 different countries including Australia, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States. The largest proportion of our members are from Canada.

We have collected USD $2440 in group dues to date. Group dues from ISA members are collected by the ISA Executive Office and managed by them until we ask them to download these monies to our account. Our membership dues are 40USD to become affiliated for four years.
Candidates for the Board

The following candidates for the Board have all be approved by the Nominations Committee.

For the office of President:
Liza McCoy
University of Calgary

Candidate's Statement: I am an associate professor of Sociology at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. My involvement with institutional ethnography and studies in the social organization of knowledge began over thirty years ago. I have contributed methodological chapters to the growing body of resources on institutional ethnography, along with empirical studies in diverse areas including immigration, health care, administration and visual representation. I joined TG06 when it was established in 2011, and I have participated in all TG06 sessions so far: Buenos Aires (2012), Yokohama (2014), and Vienna (2016). I am enthusiastic about the growing international network of researchers working with institutional ethnography, and I would like to have the opportunity to work with the TG06 board and executive to expand that network, manage the positioning of TG06 within the ISA structure, and organize stimulating sessions at upcoming ISA conferences.

Candidate's cv:

Education
Ph.D. University of Toronto, 1999
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
M.A. University of Toronto, 1987
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
B.A. Rutgers University 1981

Academic Employment
2009-present Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
2000-2009 Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
1995-1999 Instructor, Sociology, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Academic Awards and Distinctions (Selected)
2015 Great Supervisor Award, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Calgary
2006 Killam Residential Fellowship, University of Calgary
2006 Social Sciences Distinguished Teacher Award, University of Calgary

Scholarly Contributions (Selected)


Graduate Supervision Completed (PhD)
Carol Berenson, 2014 (Sociology)
Michael Corman, 2014 (Sociology)
Rebecca Godderis, 2009 (Sociology)
Sonya Jakubec, 2015 (Nursing) (co-supervisor)
Annette Lane, 2007 (Nursing) (co-supervisor)
Jeanna Parsons Leigh, 2014 (Sociology)
Annette Tézli, 2013 (Sociology)
Patricia Thille, 2015 (Sociology) (co-supervisor)

For the office of Vice President:
Eric Mykhalovskiy
York University

Candidate's Statement: I am a regular member, in good standing, of the ISA and the IE Thematic Group. I am a Professor of Sociology at York University. Over the past twenty years I have drawn on Studies in the Social Organization of Knowledge and Institutional Ethnography in my research on health and health care. My most recent research focuses on the social organization of the criminal law governance of HIV non-disclosure in Canada. I have an interest in the position of VP, IE Thematic Group because I am committed to building on the work of my predecessors to establish a robust organizational presence for IE at the ISA. I am interested to
work with our President and other Board members to expand our network of IE Thematic Group members internationally. I think it is important to continue to reach out to scholars engaged in IE and to encourage them to become formally involved in the IE Thematic Group. According to the Statutes that govern the IE Thematic group, the VP is responsible for editing a biannual newsletter. I am interested in working with others to edit a newsletter that can facilitate communication, new ideas, research accomplishments and the like, to members of the ISA IE Thematic Group.

**Candidate’s cv:**

**Degrees**
- Ph.D. Sociology, York University, 2000
- M.A. Sociology, York University, 1986
- B.A. Sociology, King’s College, University of Western Ontario, 1984

**Employment History**
- January 2016—present, Professor, Department of Sociology, York University
- July 2008-December 2015, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, York University

**Honours and Awards, Selected**
- 2014 Dorothy E. Smith Award for Scholar-Activism, Institutional Ethnography Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2014-15 York University Faculty Association, Research Release Program. Awarded .05 FTE course release
- 2006-11 Canadian Institutes of Health Research New Investigator Award, $250,000
- 2006-7 Dean’s Award for Outstanding Research, Faculty of Arts, York University

**Publications--Selected**

**Books and Monographs**

**Special Issues of Journals/Guest Editor**

**Chapters in Books**


Articles (Refereed)


For the office of Secretary-Treasurer:
Susanne Vaughan
Arizona State University

Candidate's Statement: Currently, I am an Associate Professor of Sociology in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, USA. My research focuses on the social organization of housing over the 20th century in the U. S. More recently, I have edited a journal collection of new contributions to IE research with my colleague, Paul Luken, and worked with a number of students in our Social Justice and Human Rights program on producing IE projects. I am a regular member in good standing in ISA and the IE Thematic Group. In addition, I am one of the founding members of the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography and have served as Secretary/Treasurer of the IE Group for six years. In order to provide continuity as we elect a new President, Vice President, and Board members, I am willing to run for reelection as Secretary/Treasurer. I hope to work with the newly elected officers to expand our presence in the ISA and introduce IE more broadly to activists and scholars internationally.

Candidate's cv:
EDUCATION
1970  B.A.  Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia
1975  M.A.  University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
1981  Ph.D.  Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

EMPLOYMENT
2004-present  Affiliated Faculty, Women’s Studies, Arizona State University
2002-present  Fellow, Stardust Center for Affordable Housing and Families, Arizona State University
1993-present  Associate Professor, School of Social and Behavioral Science, Arizona State University West Campus
1987-1993  Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University West Campus

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
Edited Journal

Book Chapters


Refereed Journal Articles

Selected Conference Presentations

For the office of Member of the Board:
Laura Ferreño
University of Avellaneda (UNDAV)

**Candidate's Statement:** I am interested in becoming a member of the board of the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography because the institutional ethnography is a methodological approach that was very important in my thesis since it provided the perspective of the topics. In this sense, I believe that the studies of the everyday activities of the institutions uncover the social relations that are not visible from where researchers normally stand. Additionally, this methodology does not ignore the analysis of the rules and legal frameworks. The most important contribution of my studies of the Senates of Brazil, Spain and Argentina was to explain their bureaucracies from the point of view of the daily worlds of their employees, in order to visualize what they are doing and how they are doing it. My studies are in the area of comparative analysis of public bureaucracies (Senates) and political elites taking into account their specificity as government bodies. I seek to enable the transfer of knowledge and/or techniques from the universities to public institutions in order to improve the management, assessment and implementation of social programmes. Also, since 2012, when I presented my paper at the ISA Forum on Sociology in Buenos Aires for a session of TG06, I collaborated as session organizer for the ISA meetings of Yokohama and Vienna.

**Candidate's cv:**
Education
2016 PhD, with outstanding qualification, Social Anthropology IDEAS, University of San Martín, Argentina.

2010 Postgraduate Course in Cultural Management and Communication, FLACSO Argentina

1998 Postgraduate Course in Social Policies, IDEAS, University of San Martín, Argentina

1988 Degree in History: Teacher of Secondary, Normal and Higher Education in History, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Teaching Experience**

2011-to date University of Avellaneda (Argentine), Assistant Professor.

2016 University of Alcalá (Henares, Spain), Visiting Professor.


**Fellowships and Grants**


- University of Rio de Janeiro. Project: Ways to create and reproduce institutionality in the Brazilian Legislature. DOCTORAR Fellow Program (Social and Human Sciences), Secretariat of University Policies (SPU), Ministry of Education and Sports.


**Talks**

2012 Tell me how you define culture and I will show you which data you gather. The Second ISA Forum of Sociology. Social justice and democratization. Buenos Aires (Argentina)

**Coordination and Advisory Experience**

2016 Session Organizer, TG06 Institutional Ethnography: Worlds of Paper: Bureaucracies and Everyday Life within Public and Private Institutions/Mundos de papel: burocracias y cotidianeidad en instituciones públicas y privadas. Third ISA Forum of Sociology, Vienna (Austria)

2015 to date Chairman of the Standing Committee on Education and Research

2014-2015 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management

2014 Session Organizer TG06 Institutional Ethnography: The Institutional Challenges of the Legal Frameworks in the Contemporary World. XVIII ISA. World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama

2012-2013 Secretary of the Permanent Commission for Education and Research

2011 General Coordinator, Observatory of Cultural Citizenship, University of Avellaneda

2011 Counselor head of the faculty, Board of Governors, University of Avellaneda

**Publications**


For the office of Member of the Board:
Debra Talbot
University of Sidney

Candidate's Statement: I would like to be considered for nomination to the position of ‘member of the board’ of the IE thematic group. I am a relatively new member of the ISA-IE thematic group but am enthusiastic about maintaining an Australian contribution to the work of
the group when Barbara Comber, my mentor, steps down from her position on the board at the coming elections.

My recently published doctoral thesis employed Institutional Ethnography to inquire into teachers’ experiences of professional learning that mattered to them in times of heightened accountability. My current research project is an institutional ethnography inquiring into the nature of ‘partnerships’ (a loaded construct being advanced in different ways by different educational authorities) between university and schools for a variety of purposes. This year I was privileged to attend Dorothy Smith’s workshop in Toronto and continue working with Dr Lindsay Kerr, OISE University of Toronto, to explore the connections and affordances across our research revealed by institutional ethnography. Interest in my work from my colleagues at the University of Sydney has led to me convening an IE reading group in which participants explore the unique perspective that IE might bring to their own work.

As an early career researcher I am interested of course, in extending my own learning about institutional ethnography through my involvement in the IE thematic group. I hope that I would bring in return enthusiasm and energy to supporting the work of the group, and representation for the growing community of IE researchers here in Australia.

Candidate's cv:

Academic Qualifications
2016 Doctor of Philosophy, The University of Sydney
2005 Master of Education -Research Methodology (with Merit), The University of Sydney
1982 Diploma in Education, The University of Sydney
1979 Bachelor of Science, The University of Sydney

Recent Employment Record
2016 Lecturer and Co-Director Professional Experience, University of Sydney
2006-2015 Education and research consultant, self-employed
2011-2015 Doctoral Student, University of Sydney
2011-2013 Sessional Lecturer – University of Sydney, Macquarie University
2011-2013 Researcher - Big Picture Education Australia
2010 Professional Learning & Education Specialist - Australian Academy of Science: Science by Doing Project

Other Roles And Responsibilities-Current
2016 IE Reading Group University of Sydney - convenor
2016 Australian Council of Deans of Education Network of Academic Directors of Professional Experience – NSW representative
2015-2016 Reviewer - Teaching and Teacher Education: An International Journal of Research and Studies, Teaching Education

Publications
To be numerate is to be someone…’: Tracing the doings of students labelled ‘at risk’. (2016). A E R (Australian Educational Researcher), 43(4), 419-436.


**Conference Presentations**


For the office of Member of the Board:

**Kjeld Høgsbro**

Aalborg University

**Candidate's Statement:** Ph.D. 1991 with a dissertation on social problems and self-help organisations in Denmark. Professor of Social Work at Aalborg University since 2008. He has published books on disabilities, mental illness, social work and community development in Denmark. Since 2001 he has conducted institutional ethnographic investigations of social services for people with mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, pervasive developmental disorders, ADHD and dementia. He has published several monographs reporting the results from
these investigations and articles on methods of applied social research. He has been a board member and secretary of the Research Committees on Sociology of Mental Health and Sociological Practice of The International Sociological Association. He will be able to coordinate the activities of the Nordic networks in the field with those of the thematic groups.

**Candidate's cv:**

**Education:**

MA at Institute of Cultural Sociology, University of Copenhagen 28.05.1982.

Ph.D. at Faculty of Social Science, University of Copenhagen 6.09.1991.

**Positions of trust**

2010 - Secretary of Research Committee 49 on Sociology of Mental Health, International Sociological Association.


2002-5 Member of board for Sociological Practice Association (USA).


1988-93 Member of board of the Danish Association for Cultural Sociology.

**Publications since 2000**

(All Danish titles are translated into English. DK=Danish text only. E=English text only. DK/E=Danish text with English summary.)

**Journal articles (peer-reviewed)**


**Monographs (peer-reviewed)**


Høgsbro, Kjeld (2008): *Qualitative methods in research and evaluations* (DK). AKF.

Høgsbro, Kjeld; Preben Brandt, Frank Ebsen, Ole Thomsen og Merete Nordentoft, (2003): *The users, the professionals and the authorities* (DK/E). AKF Forlaget.


Edited Books (peer-reviewed)


Book chapters (peer-revued)


Høgsbro, Kjeld (2004): Evaluations of social work for especially vulnerable groups (DK). In Olaf Rieper (red.): *Håndbog i evaluering p. 192-209*. AKF Forlaget.


*For the office of Member of the Board:*

**Frank T.Y. Wang**

National Chengchi University

**Candidate's Statement:** I am writing this letter to express my interest to serve as a Board member for the IE thematic Group. I learned and applied IE in my doctoral study and continue to teach and conduct IE research when I started to teach in Taiwan. As the pioneers of IE, I realized
how important it is to have a support group to share and exchange experiences with IEers from other countries. ISA does provide this important opportunity for people like me.

Candidate's cv:

Education
Ph.D. University of Toronto, Faculty of Social Work, 1998
M.S.W. Columbia University, School of Social Work, 1990

Current Positions
Associate Professor & Director, Graduate Institute of Social Work, National Chengchi University (2010-current)

Professional Experiences
Chairperson, Board of Directors, Association of Taiwan Studies (2014-2016)
Chairperson, Board of Directors, Taiwan Association of Family Caregivers (2009-2013)
Chairperson, Board of Directors, Lourdes Association (2009-2015)
Vice Chairperson, Board of Directors, Zhi-Shan Social Welfare Foundation (2006-present)

Academic Experiences
Editor-in-Chief, Taiwan: A Radical Quarterly in Social Studies (2009-2012)
Editor, International Journal of Care and Caring (2016-present)
Editor, Journal of Life Education (2011-present)
Editor, Transnational Social Review (2011-2016)
Editor, Soochow Social Work Journal (2010/10-present)

Publications (Selected)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles
Wang, Frank T.Y. (2011). Family caregiver as a social movement to reform long-term care. Taiwan: Radical Quaterly, 85, 397-414. (2011/12) 【TSSCI】

Reports & Chapters


For the office of Member of the Board:
Lois André-Bechely
California State University, Los Angeles

Candidate’s Statement: I was introduced to the Institutional Ethnography Network in 1998, by Dr. Alison Griffith. She mentored me as an IE scholar long distance, she in Toronto and me in Los Angeles. The sharing of expertise and support for IE researchers across nations is happening more regularly as our network expands. Over the years, I have maintained my participation with the IE community at SSSP and the IE Thematic Group of ISA. I believe the IE sponsored groups are critical to advancing understanding of institutional ethnography and the growth of our network of international scholars. The research for my dissertation and subsequent projects were IE studies. For the previous eight years, I served as director of the new and first independent doctoral program at the university in which I work. I am enjoying my return to the faculty and looking forward to resuming my work in IE. My early research with IE focused on kindergarten to grade 12 public schooling but after working as an administrator in higher education, my interests have moved toward studying post secondary issues in public education. I have attended past ISA conferences in Argentina and Japan as a member of the IE Thematic Group. With more time now to engage with the IE community, I am very willing to serve on the Thematic Group board as we plan for future ISA forums and conferences.

Candidate's cv:
Education

1989 Master of Education, University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate School of Education.

1988 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Diversified Liberal Arts Specialization, University of California, Los Angeles, College of Letters and Science.
University Experience
2012-Present  Professor
2009-2016  Director, EdD Program in Educational Leadership
2008-2009  Acting Director, EdD Program in Educational Leadership
2007-2012  Associate Professor
2001-2007  Assistant Professor
Division of Applied & Advanced Studies in Education
Charter College of Education
California State University, Los Angeles
2000-2001  Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, College of Education,
University of Arizona.

Selected PUBLICATIONS


Selected Research Presentations


Looking Ahead to the 2018 World Congress
Toronto, Canada
July 15-21, 2018

The Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography has been allocated 14 sessions for the upcoming World Congress. One slot will be used for the TG06 business meeting. Sessions are allocated based on the number of ISA members in good standing in TG06 in October 2016. Members in good standing are those who have paid both ISA and TG06 dues.

The Confex online platform is used in all steps of building the program for the World Congress, and deadlines are taken very seriously. In the past we have seen that waiting until the deadline is near to submit abstracts, registration payments, and so on, can cause problems. It appears that the system can become overloaded near the deadlines, causing potential participants to miss deadlines. Also note that the ISA operates on GMT, not the time zone in which you may live.

Some important dates and deadlines

February 2 -- March 15, 2017 (24:00 GMT)
Call for sessions:
Session proposers must submit session's description via the Confex online platform.
Invited session organizers must submit session descriptions via the Confex online platform.

March 16 -- April 7, 2017
Final list of sessions: Program Coordinator must submit a list of sessions

April 25 -- September 30, 2017 (24:00 GMT)
Abstract Submission: Session presenters and organizers of invited sessions must submit abstracts in English, French, or Spanish via the Confex platform.

November 30, 2017
Confex sends acceptance and/or rejection notifications to abstract authors and co-authors.

January 31, 2018 (24:00 GMT)
Registration grants deadline: Applications for ISA registration grants are due to the Program Coordinator.

February 15, 2018
Submission of proposed registration grant recipients deadline: Program Coordinator sends a list of selected individuals and amounts recommended to the ISA Secretariat for verification and approval.

March 20, 2018 (24:00 GMT)
Registration deadline for presenters: Registration must be paid by the deadline. Presenters who fail to register will be dropped from the program.

April 14-30, 2018
Final modifications: Adjustments are made to the program.