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CHARTERED IN 1951, the American Studies Association now has approximately 1,300 members. They come from many fields—literature, history, philosophy, art, architecture, government, economics, journalism, science, sociology and others. They include scholars and laymen concerned with American culture, teachers whose interests extend beyond the confines of their specialty, faculty members and students associated with American civilization programs in colleges and secondary schools, librarians and museum directors interested in all aspects of American life. They approach American civilization from many directions but have in common the desire to see America as a whole rather than from the viewpoint of a single discipline.

What the ASA Does

To enable people of many different interests to exchange ideas about American life, the ASA operates in these ways:

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. The national office is maintained to serve 18 regional chapters of ASA which cover geographically the entire United States. The regional chapters are the basis of the national organization and all ASA members are automatically enrolled in them. They are encouraged to take part in chapter meetings, discussions and functions. Autonomous in organization and spirit, the chapters reflect the main interests of their members and regions in their meetings, programs and projects. In intent and organization emphasis is placed on individual participation through regional activities.

AMERICAN QUARTERLY. All members of the ASA receive *American Quarterly*. The leading journal in the field of American culture today, the *Quarterly* especially welcomes contributions from ASA members. The *Quarterly* helps the ASA to provide "a sense of direction to studies in the culture of the United States, past and present" by publishing essays and book reviews on American civilization and the "American Calendar," a

record of the activities of the ASA and its regional chapters. Recent contributors to the *Quarterly* include such writers as David Riesman, Max Lerner, Howard Mumford Jones, Oscar Handlin, Thomas C. Cochran, William H. Jordy, Carl Bridenbaugh, Carlos Barker, Roy F. Nichols, Margaret Mead, Lewis Mumford, Hadley Cantril and Edgar P. Richardson.

QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENT. In addition to the four regular issues of the *Quarterly*, members receive a supplementary issue containing articles on teaching methods, bibliography in the American civilization field and the annual Directory of Members.

AMERICAN STUDIES. This publication, primarily a newsletter, is sent to all members. It features reports of chapter activities, short descriptive articles on American civilization programs, surveys, news items and other timely information.

JOINT SESSIONS. The ASA frequently holds joint sessions with other professional groups. These sessions have become a regular feature of the Modern Language Association, the American Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Other organizations with which the ASA meets are the Southern Historical Association, the American Sociological Society, the American Philosophical Society, the American Folklore Society, the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, the South Atlantic Modern Language Association and the Southern Sociological Society.

SPECIAL PROJECTS. Some examples of current ASA projects are the publication of a survey of American civilization programs in colleges and universities, participation in conferences with other professional organizations to suggest possible means to improve the teaching of English and the contribution of a concluding volume to the Library of Congress—Harvard University Press series in American civilization.

BIBLIOGRAPHY. Bibliographical essays are published in the ASA journal and newsletter. ASA committees compile annually for the *American Quarterly* Supplement a listing of American civilization dissertations-in-progress, an annotated checklist of interdisciplinary articles in American studies, and a critical bibliography of writings on American civilization theory and teaching.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. The ASA supports and assists programs for teaching American civilization in other countries, encourages the exchange of teachers and works toward closer cooperation with such organizations as the European Association for American Studies, the British Association for American Studies, the German Society for American Studies and the Japanese Society for American Studies.

ACLS. The ASA is a member of the American Council of Learned Societies.



How You May Join the American Studies Association

The ASA seeks the support of all who share an interest in American civilization. Membership dues includes subscriptions to official publications. Membership is dated from the beginning of the calendar year.

Annual dues are \$15.00 for Sustaining Membership, \$6.00 for Regular Membership and \$3.00 for Student Membership. Student Membership is open to bona fide pre-doctoral students, certified as such by one professor directly concerned with the student's instruction. Renewal of Student Membership is authorized for one year.

If you wish to join the ASA, send your check to the Executive Secretary, American Studies Association, Box 46, College Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 4.

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