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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Dear members of the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems:

Greetings colleagues! I hope that this newsletter finds you in good spirits and enjoying your summer. There is a lot of information to pass on in this newsletter, the bulk of which pertains to the upcoming SSSP conference in August, so I will keep it short.

However, there are four things I would like to highlight:

- First, the **C&JD Divisional business meeting** will be held Thursday, July 31st from 10:30am to 12:10pm in the Stanbro Room. Please plan to attend, especially if you are interested in helping to serve the division.
- Second, as last year, many of the special problems divisions have agreed to join forces and hold one large reception. **The division-sponsored reception** is scheduled for Thursday, July 31st from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Plaza Ballroom. Join your friends and colleagues for some complementary food, drink, and conversation.
- Third, the members of our division will make a significant scholarly contribution to this year's annual meetings. I am proud to announce that our division is sponsoring or cosponsoring **14 sessions** at this year's meeting—check inside for a listing of those sessions.
- Finally, congratulations to those colleagues who published pieces in the *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2008*, published by the Justice 21 Committee of the SSSP. In particular, C&JD members may be interested in the chapters covering victimization of immigrant children, bullying in schools, and the need to gender-responsive programming for female offenders. See details inside for examples of this new attempt to engage in public sociology.

I will look forward to seeing you all in July/August in Boston! Viva!
Glenn W. Muschert

CJDD Sponsored Sessions 2008 Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 31st

- Session 8: Crime Stories: Studies in Social Constructionism
Session 29: Violence, Victimization and Sexual Assault
Session 36: Hispanic Drug Use, Violence and Crime
Session 37: Race, Policy, and Law

Friday, August 1st

- Session 54: Restorative Justice
Session 59: Women, Prison and Violence
Session 78: Law's Violence
Session 81: Law and Sexuality

Saturday, August 2nd

- Session 91: Author Meets Critics: Jack Levin, *Serial Killers and Sadistic Murderers: Up Close and Personal*
Session 115: Author Meets Critics: Luis Fernandez (2008 Rutgers University Press), *Policing Dissent*
Session 117: Ethnographies of Social Control
Session 127: Offender Reentry
Session 135: Violence Within the Family
Session 137: Social Control and the Drug Economy

CJDD 2008 STUDENT PAPER WINNER! *Arina Gertseva*

The 2008 Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division student paper award goes to Arina Gertseva, a PhD Candidate in Sociology from Washington State University for her manuscript titled, "Longitudinal Analysis of Gender Differences in the Linkage between Offending and Victimization: A Multivariable Latent

Growth Approach." Let us join together in congratulating this up-and-coming scholar for the outstanding quality of her work. Arina received a \$300 honorarium and a ticket the banquet at the 2008 annual meetings in Boston. In addition, thanks go to Dr. Anthony A. Peguero of Miami University for his service as chair of the student paper award committee.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS FROM SSSP MEMBERS

SSSP resolutions constitute an important opportunity for our scholar-activist membership to publicly declare their sentiments, thereby creating a channel for greater visibility and more direct influence upon a variety of "publics," i.e., fellow activists, scholars, students, decision-makers, social action groups, voters, and others. Thus, as Vice-President this year, I am calling on the membership to submit resolutions for discussion, debate, and in some cases, passage. To do so, simply forward your resolution or your idea for a resolution to the appropriate SSSP Division Chair. When doing so, remember that proposed resolutions can serve as useful discussion points for SSSP members, helping to increase and enhance communication and activities during the long period between annual meetings.

Resolutions that are submitted to Division Chairs should contain a concise position statement concerning a social problem of urgent concern to the Division. In most cases, the resolution should include some sort of call for viable action on the part of the SSSP. This typically has involved a letter from the Board directed to some public entity, expressing concern, support, or

protest. Feel free, however, to propose other forms of appropriate action.

It is the SSSP Vice-President's responsibility to serve as the facilitator for resolutions being sponsored by the Divisions as well as from individual Society members, making them available to the membership at the annual business meeting. This year in Boston, the resolutions process will be organized in a manner that promotes wider discussion prior to formal consideration at the 2008 Business Meeting. The process is as follows:

- On the first day of the meetings an open forum of discussion will be held, which is designed to encourage a political discussion of concerned members. At this meeting, each proposed resolution should be presented for membership discussion by the sponsoring Division's Chairperson (or designated representative) and adequate time for discussion will be properly allotted to each. To facilitate this process, all proposed resolutions should be made available to the SSSP Vice-President well at least two weeks prior to the meeting such that the membership can be provided a print copy with their registration packet.
- Modifications and revisions will be considered during the open discussion forum that will meet in place of the annual meeting of the Resolutions Committee. All Division Chairs should plan to participate in this session or designate a proxy from their division if unable to attend. It is essential that someone be present who can speak to the substance of the proposed resolution.

- During the 2008 Annual Business meeting, the resolutions will be presented (including any modifications or revisions) by the Vice-President as a package for approval for action by the attending membership. The membership will vote on proposed resolutions that were discussed and revised on the first day of the meeting. Experience shows that the Annual Business meeting fails to provide sufficient time for a detailed discussion of resolutions. If objections from the floor are raised to any specific resolution at this year's Business meeting, that resolution can, by majority vote of those present, be singled out from the package, and voted on separately. Those present can either support the resolution for approval as proposed or decide to table the resolution for further discussion at the subsequent year's annual meeting.
- We will attempt to make approved resolutions immediately available to the press. In addition, all approved resolutions will be submitted for publication in the fall issue of the *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*.

Members who wish to propose resolutions for consideration of the SSSP should submit them to a Division Chairperson (see <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/21> for current contact information) or directly to the SSSP Vice-President at costello@uwm.edu. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

**Carrie Yang Costello, SSSP Vice-President
2007-2008**

AGENDA FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOLUTIONS 2008

The SSSP is pleased to offer you the *Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2008*, which represents an effort by our professional association to nourish a more "public sociology" that will be easily accessible and useful to policy makers. It is also a way to give something back to the people and institutions that support our scholarly endeavors. We hope that you find it helpful in your challenging work of crafting successful solutions to contemporary social problems. In all, it contains 11 pieces by SSSP members, covering a variety of social problems in three sections: global issues, Americans at risk, and health & welfare. This is an effort on the part of scholars at the Society for the Study of Social Problems to disseminate the findings in social problems research as freely and as widely as possible. The web page for the project is located here: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>. On that page, you can download the full version, and you can link directly to the one-page briefs and individual chapters. The chapters are available for free download, and may be suitable as cost-effective supplementary readings in many social problems-related courses.

MEMBER NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ken Kyle has recently published:

Kyle, Ken & Stephen Thompson. 2008. "The Roles of Morality Development and Personal Power in Mass School Shootings." Pp. 95-123 in T. W. Miller (ed.), *School Violence and Primary Prevention*. New York: Springer.

Sarah Shannon has recently published:

Abrams, L.S., Sarah K.S. Shannon and Cindy Sangalang. 2008. Transition Services for Incarcerated Youth: A Mixed Methods Evaluation Study. *Child and Youth Services Review*, 30:522-535.

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME!

We welcome members to submit editorials, book reviews and other content to the CJDD newsletter! If you would like to submit something, please contact Sarah Shannon, newsletter editor at ster0171@umn.edu.