The Divisions are pleased to announce the 2015 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. In order to be considered for any of the Student Paper Competitions, applicants are required to submit their papers through the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/611/. This will ensure that winning papers are both designated and included in the program. Please note that students may only submit to one division and that each division has its own deadline and submission process.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Community Research and Development Division announces its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Paper topics can focus on various aspects of the community, including its capacity, development, renewal, and its relationship with other social issues or problems. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses, applied research and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published nor accepted for publication. Papers must be student-authored; they may be authored by a single student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract. To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must make a commitment to present the paper at a session during the 2015 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago. To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community Research and Development Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, and (c) a letter from each author’s advisor certifying the person’s status as a student and including some brief comments about the research. All materials must be submitted electronically to the Annual Meeting call for papers on the SSSP conference website by January 31, 2015 and also sent to the Committee Chair, Dr. Beth Merenstein at merensteinb@ccsu.edu. Please note that students may only submit to one division. The winner will receive a $100 cash award, a one-year membership to SSSP, conference registration fees, and a plaque of recognition at the conference awards ceremony.

CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division invites submissions for its annual student paper competition. Papers submitted to the CJDD Student Paper Competition may be empirical or theoretical papers covering a broad range of topics in crime and juvenile delinquency. Recommended length is thirty pages or less, which includes tables, charts, figures, and bibliography; longer papers will be considered but length is one criterion of evaluation. Submissions should use 12 point font, one inch margins, and double spacing. Your paper is eligible for the CJDD competition if it meets the following requirements:

1. The paper is student authored or student co-authored.
2. The paper is not published at the time of submission to the CJDD competition.
3. You have not submitted your paper to another SSSP division student paper competition. As per SSSP rules, you may only submit your paper to one division student paper competition.

The CJDD winner will receive (1) an award plaque, (2) compensation covering membership dues and conference registration fees to the 2015 SSSP meeting in Chicago. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Also, papers must be authored by a current graduate student (either solely or co-authored by more than one graduate student) and may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. The student may not submit the same paper to more than one division. The winning author is required to present the paper at a Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division session during the 2015 SSSP meeting in Chicago, August 21-23, 2015. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please both upload your submission to the annual meeting submission site AND send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter to Crystal Jackson at crjackson@jjay.cuny.edu with the subject line: SSSP-CSAC Student Paper Competition.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division (CJDD) invites submissions for its annual student paper competition. Papers submitted to the CJDD Student Paper Competition may be empirical or theoretical papers covering a broad range of topics in crime and juvenile delinquency. Recommended length is thirty pages or less, which includes tables, charts, figures, and bibliography; longer papers will be considered but length is one criterion of evaluation. Submissions should use 12 point font, one inch margins, and double spacing. Your paper is eligible for the CJDD competition if it meets the following requirements:

1. The paper is student authored or student co-authored.
2. The paper is not published at the time of submission to the CJDD competition.
3. You have not submitted your paper to another SSSP division student paper competition. As per SSSP rules, you may only submit your paper to one division student paper competition.

The CJDD winner will receive (1) an award plaque, (2) compensation covering membership dues and conference registration fees to the 2015 SSSP meeting in Chicago.
registration, and (3) recognition at the Division awards session and the conference awards ceremony. All award winning papers will be included in the SSSP annual meeting program; therefore, all submissions to the CJDD paper competition must also be submitted through SSSP’s online annual meeting submission portal.

Send the paper and a brief cover letter confirming eligibility to Kristen Budd: buddkm@MiamiOH.edu. Please send Microsoft Word or PDF files only. The submission deadline is January 31, 2015, but early submissions are welcome and encouraged.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division announces the Lifetime Achievement Award. The primary purpose of this award is to honor individuals for their distinguished scholarship in the fields of crime and delinquency and/or for the positive impact of their actions/activism addressing problems of crime, delinquency, and justice. Please provide a statement surveying the nominee’s relevant contributions, and the nominee’s vitae. Please submit nomination and supporting materials electronically to Dr. Tim Berard at tjberard@alumni.reed.edu, using MS Word or PDF attachments. We expect recipients to attend the CJD Division Awards Session, which features a collegial panel discussion of the recipient’s contributions to date.

DISABILITIES
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Disabilities Division is pleased to announce its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, may concern any social aspect of disability, and should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages. They should be prepared for anonymous review. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after December 2014) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2015 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago. Thus it is also a requirement that an abstract is submitted through the annual meeting Call for Papers to a Disabilities Division session by the January 31st deadline. The winner will receive a monetary prize of $50, student membership in SSSP ($30), SSSP conference registration ($60), and a plaque of recognition at the conference awards ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Alexis Bender at alexisbender@gmail.com.

DRINKING AND DRUGS
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Drinking and Drugs Division invites graduate students to apply for the 2015 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award. The First Place Winner will receive a $100 stipend, a plaque of recognition, student membership, conference registration, and be recognized at the 2015 meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Papers under consideration must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs. To be eligible, entrants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program and have not yet received a Ph.D., J.D., or M.D. degree at the time of submission. Participants must have had sole responsibility for preparation of the paper. Self-nominations are permitted. The paper should be no longer than 30 pages. This division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first place winner at its discretion. Applicants should send an electronic copy of the paper (that does not indicate their name) and a cover letter identifying the title of the paper, the author’s contact information, and the matriculated graduate program where the applicant is a student by 1/31/15 to: Dina Perrone, Criminal Justice Department, Cal State Long Beach, dina.perrone@csulb.edu. Please note that in order to be considered for an award, applicants are also required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers (http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/611/). This will ensure that winning papers are both designated and included in the program. Please be aware that a paper submission may only be made to one division.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Educational Problems Division announces its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers must address a contemporary educational problem and may be empirical or theoretical in nature. Authors must be current graduate students or recent graduates with conferral dates no earlier than January 2015. In addition to single-authored papers, co-authored papers will be considered for this award if co-authors are graduate students. Papers must not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (excluding notes, references, tables, and figures). All papers must include a 150-200 word abstract and be prepared for anonymous review with the author’s name and institutional affiliation appearing only on the title page. Winners will receive a small stipend, student membership in the SSSP, conference registration to the 2015 SSSP annual meeting, and a plaque of recognition at the conference awards ceremony. Authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers process as a condition for consideration for the award. Students may only submit to one division. All papers must also be submitted electronically (as an attachment) to the Division Chair, Dr. Hava R. Gordon at hava.gordon@du.edu with subject line: SSSP-Edu. Probs. Div. Student Paper Competition. Please include your name, institutional
announces its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Award. This award honors the late Brent Marshall’s (1965-2008) personal and professional commitment to the Division and encouragement of student engagement in academic scholarship and research. Papers will be considered in the areas of environmental sociology, including, but not limited to political economy of the environment, global environmental issues, social movements and the environment, technology and society, natural disasters and society, and risk perception.

The winner of the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award will receive a plaque, complimentary student membership ($30), conference registration ($60), and a cash award ($100).

To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written in 2014; 2) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; and, 3) manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words (inclusive of notes, references, and tables).

Students should send their submissions to each member of the award committee (Daina Cheyenne Harvey (dharvey@holycross.edu), Erin Robinson (robinso5@canisius.edu), and Shawn Trivette (trivette@latech.edu). Please note that students may submit to only one Division for a student paper award. Authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. In order to be considered for the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award, applicants are required to submit their papers through the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/611/. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Daina Cheyenne Harvey (dharvey@holycross.edu).

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY Deadline: 1/31/15

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2015 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. This award honors the late Brent Marshall’s (1965-2008) personal and professional commitment to the Division and encouragement of student engagement in academic scholarship and research. Papers will be considered in the areas of environmental sociology, including, but not limited to political economy of the environment, global environmental issues, social movements and the environment, technology and society, natural disasters and society, and risk perception.

The winner of the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award will receive a plaque, complimentary student membership ($30), conference registration ($60), and a cash award ($100).

To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written in 2014; 2) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; and, 3) manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words (inclusive of notes, references, and tables).

Students should send their submissions to each member of the award committee (Daina Cheyenne Harvey (dharvey@holycross.edu), Erin Robinson (robinso5@canisius.edu), and Shawn Trivette (trivette@latech.edu). Please note that students may submit to only one Division for a student paper award. Authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. In order to be considered for the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award, applicants are required to submit their papers through the Annual Meeting Call for Papers, http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/611/. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Daina Cheyenne Harvey (dharvey@holycross.edu).

GLOBAL Deadline: 1/31/15

The Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in cooperation with the Sage journal Critical Sociology announces its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in the areas of global or transnational studies and social problems. Suggested paper topics include but are not limited to the following themes:

- Transnational Public Sociology
- Knowledge Production about Globalization
- Democratizing Globalization
- The Politics of Human Rights
- Re-imagining Community
- Critical and/or Institutional Ethnography and Global Governance
- Transnational Corporate Accountability
- Immigration, Citizenship, and Global Justice
- Globalization and Environmental Justice
- Transnational Movements
- Transnational Organizing within the Global South
- Gender Issues in Globalization
- Transnational Families

Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to September 1, 2015. Published papers are also accepted but must have first been published after January 1, 2014. The award recipient will receive student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2015 Annual SSSP Meeting in Chicago, be recognized with a plaque at the conference awards ceremony, and a $400 prize (this award has been made possible in part by support from the Sage Journal Critical Sociology). Award recipients are expected to present their paper at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Winning papers will be invited to submit their paper for publication in Critical Sociology. Papers must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with MS WORD and authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Although faculty sponsorship is not formally

FAMILY Deadline: 1/31/15

The Family Division announces its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should be of a professional quality and may relate to any aspect of the sociology of the family. Authors should be currently enrolled as graduate students, or individuals who will receive their PhDs in May 2014 or later. To be eligible, a paper may not be published, accepted, or under review for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or submitted for presentation at a professional conference are eligible. Papers must be student authored; they can be authored by one or more students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or non-student. Papers should be no more than 25 pages in length, including all notes, references, and tables. Please e-mail papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Kristin J. Wilson, krwilson@cabrillo.edu. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system. Submissions must be received no later than midnight on January 31, 2015. The first place winner will receive a modest cash stipend, a plaque of recognition, student membership, conference registration, and an opportunity to present her/his paper at the upcoming SSSP meetings in Chicago, IL. Please include your name, institutional affiliation, and contact information in the body of your e-mail. Also indicate that your paper is being submitted for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition in the subject line of your e-mail. Please note that you may compete in only one SSSP division.
required to enter the competition, participants are invited to request a note from a faculty member or independent scholar that speaks to the academic quality of the submission and they should be emailed directly to the address below. Note: Previous winners of this award are ineligible to compete and students may only submit their paper to one division competition. Papers should be double-spaced and not exceed 10,000 words including citations. To be eligible for consideration, submissions must be uploaded to the online submission system for the SSSP Annual Meeting and must also be sent to Dr. Mytoan Nguyen-Akbar at mytoan.nguyen@gmail.com by January 31, 2015.

GLOBAL OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD
Deadline: 3/1/15
The Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is pleased to announce its 2015 Outstanding Book Award. Given the massive growth of interest and research in the areas of global studies and social problems over the last decade, the Award is intended to recognize published work of exceptional quality in these areas and to encourage further critical scholarship about them. Accordingly, books on a variety of topics and themes will be considered for the Award, including but not limited to the following: alternative models of globalization; global dynamics and forms of resistance to neoliberalism (including the post-Washington Consensus era in Latin America, Asia, Africa, or the Middle East); transnational social movements; human rights struggles and global activism (around gender, indigeneity, migration, peace, social justice, etc.); transnational communities and cultural politics; global cities. We are particularly interested in books that link critical politics and activism with analytical and theoretical rigor.

To be eligible for consideration, books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2012-2015 for this year’s award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the Award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The award recipient(s) will be recognized at the Global Division business meeting. Nominations can be made by members of the Global Division as well as by publishers; self-nominations are also welcomed.

Nominees should send full publication information and a paragraph explaining why this book is recommended. If available, contact information for the author should be included. Authors will be requested to facilitate with their publishers that three copies of the nominated book be sent to the Award Committee as close to the nomination deadline as possible. Nominations must be received no later than March 1, 2015. To nominate a book for this award and to arrange sending copies of the nominated book, please send your message to the Chair of the 2015 Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee, Dr. Rina Agarwala (agarwala@jhu.edu).

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division invites all graduate students to apply for this annual paper award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest, including health and illness, health policy, and health services. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2014) may submit a paper if it was written while a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors were graduate students at the time the paper was written. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will disqualify the submission. The award recipient will be recognized at the Division Meeting as well as the SSSP Awards Ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Teresa L. Scheid, tlscheid@uncc.edu. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (including references) and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified only on the cover page).

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Institutional Ethnography Division solicits papers for its 2015 George W. Smith Graduate Student Paper Competition. To be considered, papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. For an overview of institutional ethnography and the purposes of the IE Division, see http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1236/m/464. Authors must be currently enrolled graduate students or have graduated within the last 12 months. Submissions are to be 25 pages long or less, excluding notes, references and tables, and be submitted in Word-compatible format, in 12-point Times New Roman font. An electronic letter from the student’s supervisor attesting to the lead author’s student status must accompany the submission. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of $100, a plaque of recognition, student membership, and conference registration. The winner will be recognized at the Division Meeting as well as the SSSP Awards Ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Teresa L. Scheid, tlscheid@uncc.edu. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (including references) and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified only on the cover page).
Smith Graduate Student Paper Award must also be submitted to be presented at the 2015 meeting of the SSSP. Send submission to ALL of the following members of the 2015 review committee: Frank Ridzi ridzifm@lemoyne.edu, Nicola Waters nrwaters@ucalgary.ca, and Laurie Clune laurie.clune@uregina.ca. Please be aware that a paper submission may only be made to one division.

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY: DOROTHY E. SMITH AWARD FOR SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM
Deadline: 5/1/15

The Institutional Ethnography Division is pleased to solicit nominations for the 2015 Dorothy E. Smith Award for Scholar-Activism. This award recognizes the activities of an individual or group who has made substantial contributions to institutional ethnographic scholar-activism in either a single project or some longer trajectory of work. The contributions may involve IE research conducted and used for activist ends, or it may involve activist efforts which have drawn upon or contributed to IE scholarship. The award committee invites members of the division to send a one-page statement describing the contributions of the nominee to Lauren Eastwood at eastwole@plattsburgh.edu, Suzanne Vaughan at svaughan@asu.edu and Marjorie DeVault at mdevault@maxwell.syr.edu by May 1, 2015.

LABOR STUDIES
Deadline 1/31/15

One of the most important activities of the Labor Studies Division is to recognize the work of graduate students. As in the past, the division is soliciting graduate student papers that build on the legacy of the late Harry Braverman. The Award consists of a $100 cash prize, a plaque, membership dues, and conference registration. The Braverman tradition includes work in a variety of areas, including (but not limited to): labor process studies, critical organization studies, research on the intersections of gender, race, and class at work, technical and organizational change and its impact on work culture, labor movements and resistance in the workplace, critical perspectives on labor markets and occupational transformation. Papers co-authored with faculty members will not be accepted. Single authored papers by graduate students and papers co-authored by graduate students are welcome. All papers will be evaluated by a committee composed of at least three Labor Studies Division scholars. E-mail your paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to Prof. Debra Osnowitz, DOSnowitz@clarku.edu. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system. Please note that students may only submit to one division paper competition.

LAW AND SOCIETY
Deadline: 1/31/15

The Law and Society Division announces its 2015 Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of law and society. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2014, and at the time of submission, it may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be single-authored or co-authored by students, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers may be submitted to only ONE division of SSSP per year. Submissions made to multiple divisions will be disqualified. Previous winners are not eligible. Please submit in MS Word. There is a 25-page limit, including all notes, references, and tables. Submissions should use 12-size font, one-inch margins, and double spacing throughout. Send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the SSSP Law and Society Division Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition electronically to: Dr. Lloyd Klein at lklein@hostos.cuny.edu. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system. The winner will be announced in Spring 2015. The winner will receive a $50 stipend, a certificate of recognition, and is eligible to present the paper at the 2015 annual meeting in Chicago with SSSP membership and conference registration paid by SSSP.

LAW AND SOCIETY: WILLIAM J. CHAMBLISS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Deadline: 1/31/15

The Law and Society Division announces the 2015 William J. Chambliss Lifetime Achievement Award. The primary purpose of this award is to recognize career-spanning excellence and achievement in the area of law and society. The committee will consider the applicant’s strength of publications and overall contribution to the study of law and society. Please send electronic copies of a nomination letter and the individual’s CV to: Dr. Stephen Morewitz at morewitz@earthlink.net. The winner will be announced in Spring 2015, receive a $100 award, and be recognized at the 2015 annual meeting in Chicago.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY
Deadline: 1/31/15

The Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division (PCI) of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) announces its 2015 Student Paper Competition. The PCI division would like to reward graduate student work that addresses issues related to poverty, class, and inequality. Papers should be unpublished, original empirical works of professional quality completed during students’ graduate or undergraduate studies. Papers must be student authored; they can be authored by one or more students,
invites Student Paper Award for consideration. May only be submitted to one SSSP Division Graduate condition for consideration for the award. Each paper through the annual meeting Call for Papers process as a under review. Authors are required to submit their papers be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2014, and require to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY: MICHAEL HARRINGTON AWARD
Deadline: 4/1/15
The Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division (PCI) of the Society for the Study of Social Problems invites nominations for the 2015 Michael Harrington Award. This award will be granted to an individual, organization, faculty, or student that by his/her/its actions advances our understanding of poverty, social class, and/or inequality, and/or proposes effective and practical ways to attend to the needs of the poor and reduce class inequalities. Self-nominations are acceptable. The award will be presented at the 2015 SSSP meetings in Chicago. The winner will receive a plaque at a special session honoring the work of Michael Harrington. One-page nomination letters should be sent electronically to Kimberly Greenman at University of Nevada-Reno, kngreenman@ymail.com Supplemental materials may be requested.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division invites graduate student papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic relations to be submitted for consideration for our Graduate Student Paper Award. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2014, and may not have been accepted for publication or currently under review. Authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers process as a condition for consideration for the award. Each paper may only be submitted to one SSSP Division Graduate Student Paper Award for consideration.

Papers may be empirical or theoretical. Papers must be single authored by the student. Papers must not exceed 25 pages, including notes, tables, and references. Papers should be accompanied by a cover letter specifying their submission as consideration for the graduate student paper competition to the Chair of the 2015 DREM Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Dr. Whitney Laster Pirtle (wlaster@ucmerced.edu). Nominations must be received no later than January 31, 2015.

The winner will be announced in early summer 2015. The winner will be recognized at the SSSP Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 22, 2015 and will receive a plaque of recognition, a $150 honorarium, complimentary SSSP student membership ($30) and conference registration ($60).

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES: EDUARDO BONILLA-SILVA OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD
Deadline 4/17/15
The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2015 Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award. The award honors the significant theoretical and empirical contributions of Eduardo Bonilla-Silva to the understanding of contemporary race and racism. We are interested in any books that address issues of race or racism. We are especially interested in books that make an attempt to eradicate contemporary racism, either in the U.S. or on a global scale. Books must have been published within 3 years of the meetings (2011-2014 for this year’s award). Books previously nominated for this award are not eligible. Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the Award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced in early summer 2015. Winner(s) will be recognized at our Division business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition.

Nominees should first send a letter with full publication information and a paragraph outlining the reasons for their nomination to the Chair of the 2015 DREM Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award Committee, Dr. Victor Rios (vrios@soc.ucsb.edu). Once your nomination letter has been received, the Award Committee Chair will confirm the mailing addresses to which copies of the book should be sent directly. Nominations must be received no later than April 17, 2015.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES: KIMBERLE CRENSHAW OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD
Deadline: 4/17/15
The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2015 Kimberle Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award. This award recognizes the author(s) of the best research article in the study of race and ethnicity published in the past three years (2011-2014 for this year’s award). We are especially interested in articles written from a critical race theory lens. The nomination letter should be no more than 3 pages and should explain the scholarly significance and innovations of the research article. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the Award, although they will not be required to
present a paper at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Articles previously nominated for this award are not eligible. The winner will be announced in early summer 2015. Winner(s) will be recognized at our Division business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition.

To nominate a journal article, please email the following: 1) a copy of the article, 2) a nomination letter, and (3) contact information for the nominee(s) (including email) to the Chair of the 2015 DREM Kimberle Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award Committee, Dr. Michelle Jacobs (michelle.jacobs@wayne.edu). Nominations must be received no later than April 17, 2015.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) announces the 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, and sexual communities. The winner will receive a plaque of recognition, one-year membership to SSSP, a waived conference registration fee to attend the 2015 meeting, and an additional cash prize of $100. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2014 and January 2015; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables; 5) The paper must be double-spaced and typed using 12 point font; 6) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student’s college or university nominating the paper for the SBPC Division Student Paper Competition; and 7) The paper may only be submitted to one division’s graduate student paper competition. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system. Winners are expected to present their winning paper at the 2015 meeting. Students should submit the paper via email, with no identifying information on any part of the paper, and the letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Lloyd Klein, Ph.D., Email: lklein@hostos.cuny.edu, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Hostos Community College, CUNY.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Social Problems Theory Division invites papers for its annual Graduate Student Paper Award Competition. To be eligible, papers must (a) be authored or co-authored by students, (b) have relevance to constructionist social problems theory, and (c) cannot have been accepted for publication. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Self-nominations are welcome. Manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words (not including references). The winner will receive membership dues, annual meeting registration, a plaque, and, subject to budgetary approval, a cash prize. The winner will also be invited to present her or his paper at the 2015 SSSP meetings. Thus, all papers submitted for consideration for the Social Problems Theory Division Award must also be submitted through the annual meeting Call for Papers process as a condition for consideration of the award, preferably to a Social Problems Theory Division session. Please also note that students may only submit a paper for consideration to a single SSSP division. A paper submitted to multiple divisions may not receive consideration for the Social Problems Theory Division Award. Please send the submission as an e-mail attachment to the Student Paper Competition Committee Chair: Brian Monahan, Marywood University, monahan@maryu.marywood.edu.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD
Deadline: 2/15/15
The Social Problems Theory Division requests nominations for its Outstanding Article Award. The Division welcomes papers that critique or advance the ongoing scholarly dialogue about the constructionist approach to social problems theorizing. Eligible articles must have been published between August 1, 2012 and February 15, 2015. Single or multiple-authored articles will be accepted. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominees must be members of SSSP. Please send a brief nomination letter and arrange to have a copy of the article sent to the Committee Chair: David C. Lane, University of South Dakota, dave.lane@usd.edu.

SOCIETY AND MENTAL HEALTH
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Society and Mental Health Division announces the 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should involve an empirical analysis, either qualitative or quantitative, dealing with any aspect of the sociology of mental health. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2014 or 2015, and it may not be published or accepted for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting, submitted for presentation at a professional conference, or are under review for publication are eligible. Papers must be student-authored. They may be single authored by the student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other nonstudent. Papers must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please note that if your paper may only be submitted to one division competition. To submit your paper for consideration, please send the following three materials via e-mail to Elbert Almazan at Central Michigan University (almaz1ep@cmich.edu): (1) your paper, (2) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition; and (3) a letter
from your advisor that certifies your graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers online system. The winner will be announced at the 2015 Annual Meeting and will receive a $100 cash award, a plaque of recognition, student membership, and conference registration.

SOCIETY AND MENTAL HEALTH: JAMES R. GREENLEY AWARD
Deadline: 4/1/15
The Society and Mental Health Division invites nominations for the 2015 James R. Greenley Award for distinguished contributions to the sociology of mental health. With this award, the Division seeks to recognize individuals who have distinguished careers and made a significant impact on the field through their scholarship, teaching, and community involvement. Previous award winners include Bruce Link, Thomas Scheff, Walter Gove, R. Jay Turner, Bruce Dohrenwend, William Avison, Virginia Hiday, Eric Wright, Jo Phelan, Peggy Thoits, and Jane McLeod. Nominations, including a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee's CV, should be sent via email to Richard Carpiano at the University of British Columbia (richard.carpiano@ubc.ca) by April 1, 2015. The winner of the 2015 award will be notified in June and the award will be presented at the Society and Mental Health Division's annual Business Meeting in Chicago.

SOCIETY AND SOCIAL WELFARE
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Sociology and Social Welfare Division announces its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition for papers that advance our understanding of issues related to sociology and social welfare. Papers may explore and analyze any social welfare policy or institution along any dimension of interest. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome.

To be eligible for submission, papers must be: 1) written between January 1, 2014 and January 31, 2015 and not yet published or submitted for scholarly review; 2) authored by one or more graduate students and not co-authored by any faculty or non-student colleagues; 3) 25 pages or less, including references and tables; and 4) accompanied by a letter/email from a faculty member at the student’s university nominating the paper for the competition.

In addition to submitting the above materials, to be considered for the award, students are required to submit their papers to the 2015 SSSP conference, preferably to a Sociology & Social Welfare Division sponsored paper session, through the annual meeting Call for Papers by 1/31/15. The author must make a commitment to present the paper during SSSP annual meeting in August 2015 in Chicago, IL. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will disqualify the submission.

Society and Mental Health Division's annual Business Meeting in June and the award will be presented at the Society and Mental Health Division's annual Business Meeting in Chicago.

SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE BODY
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division announces the 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and may be on any aspect of sport or sporting culture, leisure, and/or sporting bodies broadly defined. The winner will receive a stipend of $100, a plaque of recognition, student membership in SSSP for 2015 (valued at $30), complimentary registration for the 2015 annual meeting to help the winner attend the meeting (value $60). The winner will be invited to present the winning paper at one of the Sport, Leisure, and the Body sessions at the 2015 annual meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the applicant must be a graduate student at the time of the SSSP annual meeting in Chicago on August 21-23, 2015, 2) the applicant must be the first (lead) author on the paper, 3) the paper must not be co-authored with a faculty member or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 5) the paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables; 6) the paper must be typed using 12 point font in either Times New Roman or Courier; 7) the paper must be accompanied by a nominating letter from a faculty member at the student’s college or university; and 8) student papers may only be submitted to one of the SSSP divisions. Authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers process as a condition for consideration for the award. Please submit your paper electronically as a Microsoft Word and PDF file to ecavalie@ggc.edu. The faculty letter of nomination may be sent electronically or as a hard copy to: Dr. Elizabeth Cavalier, School of Liberal Arts, Georgia Gwinnett College, 1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville, GA, 30043 (electronic copies strongly preferred). Paper submission must be dated (via electronic time/date stamp and post-mark) on or before 1/31/15.

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Teaching Social Problems Division announces its 2015 Outstanding Paper Competition. Papers may be on any aspect of teaching about social problems, but does not have to derive from teaching a social problems course. Topics for papers can include innovative teaching methods, “best practices” in the classroom, service-learning courses, using technology, using media,
assessment of learning, and other areas. The winner will receive a cash award of $100, a certificate of recognition, a one-year membership to SSSP, and the 2015 conference registration. The winner also receives an opportunity to present this paper at the 2015 SSSP meeting.

To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: (1) the applicant must be a graduate student at the time of the 2015 SSSP annual meeting (or graduated in 2015); (2) the paper must not be co-authored with a faculty member or a colleague who is not a student; (3) the paper must have been completed between January 2012 and January 2014; (4) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); (5) The paper must be 30 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; (6) Please note that any paper submitted for consideration for the Paper Award must also be submitted to be presented at the 2015 meeting of the SSSP. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will disqualify the submission.

Self nominations are welcome and highly encouraged. Please submit the paper electronically as a Word-compatible file, along with a letter of nomination, to the Outstanding Paper Competition committee chair: Dr. Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl, Department of Sociology, Coastal Carolina University, PO Box 261954, Conway, SC 29528; hstrmicp@coastal.edu (email submissions preferred). The winner will be announced prior to the 2015 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE
Deadline: 1/31/15
The Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems invites graduate students to submit a paper to the Graduate Student Paper Award competition. The paper can be theoretical and/or empirical, and must be directly related to some aspect of scholarship on youth, aging, and the life course. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2014) may submit a paper if it was written while a student. The paper must be unpublished, not accepted for publication, and not under review at the time of submission. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Co-authored papers are also acceptable as long as all of the listed authors are current or recent graduate students; faculty and non-graduate student co-authors are not allowed. Students may submit to only one SSSP student paper award competition; submission to multiple SSSP award competitions will disqualify the paper. The award recipient is expected to present the winning paper at the 2015 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (August 21-23, 2015). To facilitate scheduling the presentation, the (lead) author is required to submit the paper through the Call for Papers process for the annual meeting. Regular submission through the Call for Papers process ensures that the winning paper can be placed on the program. The paper should be submitted to any Youth, Aging, and the Life Course-(co)sponsored session, or the roundtable organizer, by the January 31st deadline, as well as e-mailed separately to the Division and Award Committee Chair as indicated below. The award recipient will be publicly announced at the Awards Ceremony and receive a plaque, a monetary prize of $100, a student membership to SSSP, and a SSSP conference registration. To have a paper considered for this award, please send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter that includes a brief overview of the paper and the context in which it was written, identifies the graduate program and status of all authors, certifies that the paper meets all of the criteria for the award, and provides the name and contact information of an adviser who is familiar with the (lead) author’s work to Andrew S. London at anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu. The submission should: be no more than 30 double-spaced pages (including references and notes); use 12-point font; be double-spaced throughout; use one-inch margins; and be prepared for anonymous review, with the (lead) author specified only on the cover page and identifying references blinded.

YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE:
MAGGIE KUHN AWARD FOR SCHOLAR-ACTIVISTS
Deadline: 3/15/15
Members of the Youth, Aging, and Life Course Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems are urged to submit nominations for the Maggie Kuhn Award for Scholar-Activists.

Maggie Kuhn was the founder of the Gray Panthers, an intergenerational social justice organization. The Maggie Kuhn award, established in 2014, is awarded to a scholar-activist who upholds the ideals of social and economic justice, and peace, for individuals of all ages in both their scholarship and service. These ideals include, but are not limited to, honoring age, intergenerational work, and scholarship and/or activism that promotes a humane society by putting the needs of people over profits, responsibility over power, and democracy over institutions. For more information or to nominate a scholar-activist, please e-mail Andrew S. London at anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu.

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