



2012 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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The Special Problems Divisions are pleased to announce the 2012 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. Please note each division has a unique deadline and submission process.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: 4/1/12

The Community Research and Development Division announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholarly endeavors which enhance our understanding of issues affecting the community. Paper topics can focus on various aspects of the community, including its capacity (i.e., social capital), development, renewal, and its relationship with other social issues or problems. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication.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 considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a Community Research and Development Division session during the 2012 SSSP meeting. 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 Dr. Andrea Leverentz at Andrea.Leverentz@umb.edu. Papers may be sent beginning on January 1, 2012 but will be accepted no later than April 1, 2012. The winner will receive a \$100 cash award at the SSSP 2012 Annual Meeting, registration for the meetings, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet, and the opportunity to present her/his paper at the SSSP meetings in Denver, CO.

CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Students are encouraged to submit theoretical or empirical papers that address some aspect of the interrelation of conflict, social action, and change. The winner of the competition will receive a \$150 cash award, a one-year membership to SSSP, conference registration fees to the 2012 SSSP meeting in Denver, CO, and a ticket to the SSSP Awards Banquet. 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 student) and may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. The winning author is required to present the paper at a Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division session during the 2012 SSSP meeting in Denver, CO, August 16-18, 2012. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter to Maralee Mayberry at mayberry@usf.edu with the subject line: SSSP-CSAC Student Paper Competition.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Deadline: 3/15/12

The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of crime or delinquency, including related issues of social control. Eligible papers must have been written during 2011, and at the time of submission may not be

published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; in the case of co-authorship, all authors must be students. Recommended length is under thirty pages, including all notes, references, and tables; length is a criterion of evaluation. Submissions should use 12-point font, one inch margins, and double spacing throughout. Send paper and a cover letter confirming eligibility and nominating the paper to Dr. Tim Berard. Papers should be submitted electronically, by e-mail attachment in MS Word 2007, sent to: tberard@kent.edu. Winner will be announced in Spring, 2012. Winner will receive a plaque, a stipend, and compensation covering registration for the 2012 annual meeting and the awards banquet.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Deadline: 12/15/11

The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Lifetime Achievement Award is intended to honor individuals for their distinguished scholarship in the field of crime and delinquency and/or for the positive impact of their actions/activism addressing problems of crime, delinquency and justice. In submitting a nomination, please provide the following supporting materials: a statement surveying the nominee's relevant contributions, and the nominee's vitae (short version preferred). Please submit your nomination and supporting materials electronically to Tim Berard at tberard@kent.edu. The submission deadline is December 15, 2011. Previous nominations have no bearing on eligibility.

DISABILITIES

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Disabilities Division is pleased to announce its 2012 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 2011) 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 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to a Disabilities Division session by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership in SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Laura Lorenz at llorenz@brandeis.edu.

DRINKING AND DRUGS

Deadline: 3/31/12

The Drinking and Drugs Division invites graduate students to apply for the 2012 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award. The First Place Winner will receive a \$100 stipend and be recognized at the 2012 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. The 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 and a cover letter identifying the matriculated graduate program by 3/31/12 to: Dina Perrone, Criminal Justice Department, Cal State Long Beach, dperrone@csulb.edu.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Educational Problems Division announces its 2012 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 2012. Only unpublished, single-author papers will be considered. 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 2012 SSSP annual meeting, and a complimentary ticket to the awards banquet at which all winners will be recognized. The recipient will also have the opportunity to present the paper at the 2012 SSSP conference held in Denver, CO. All papers must be submitted electronically (as an attachment) to the Division Chair, Dr. Leslie R. Hinkson at lrh27@georgetown.edu, with subject line: SSSP-Edu. Probs. Div. Student Paper Competition. Please include your name, institutional affiliation and contact information in the body of your email. The paper should be submitted no later than 11:59 PM (EST), May 1, 2012.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Deadline: 3/16/12

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2012 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 will receive a \$150 cash award, membership dues, annual meeting registration, and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet where the winner will be acknowledged. The winner will also be offered the opportunity to present this paper at one of the Environment and Technology sessions held at the 2012 SSSP meeting in Denver, CO. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written between January 2011 and March 2012; 2) the paper may not have been submitted for publication (papers presented at other professional meetings or that have been submitted for presentation at other meetings are eligible); 3) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) the paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the work for The Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award (formerly the Environment and Technology Division Graduate Student Paper Competition). Students should send one copy of the paper accompanied by a letter of support to: Erin E. Robinson, Ph.D., Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208. Electronic submissions to robinso5@canisius.edu are preferred. Submissions must be received no later than midnight on March 16, 2012.

FAMILY

Deadline: 3/15/12

The Family Division announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should be of 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 received

their PhDs May 2012 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: Dr. Ebonie Cunningham Stringer, e.cunninghamstringer@wingate.edu. The winner and any runners-up will be announced in Spring 2012. The winner(s) will receive a modest cash stipend, registration fees, and an opportunity to present her/his paper at the upcoming SSSP meetings in Denver, CO. Please include your name, institutional affiliation and contact information in the body of your e-mail. Please indicate that your paper is being submitted for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition in the subject line of your e-mail.

GLOBAL

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Global Division in cooperation with the Sage journal *Critical Sociology* announces its 2012 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; and
- Transnational Families

Jointly-authored papers are accepted, but all contributing authors must be current graduate students or have graduated not prior to January 1, 2012. The award recipient will receive student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2012 Annual SSSP Meeting in Denver, CO, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet and a \$450 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 2012 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 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 addresses below. Note: Previous winners of this award are ineligible to compete. Papers should be double-spaced pages and not exceed 10,000 words including citations. Submissions may be sent beginning on January 31, 2012 but no later than May 1, 2012 to both Co-Chairs: Dr. Tony Samara at tsamara@gmu.edu and Dr. David Smith at dasmith@uci.edu.

GLOBAL OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD

Deadline: 4/9/12

The Global Division is pleased to announce its 2012 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 (2009-2012 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 2012 Annual Meeting. The award recipient(s) will receive one or two tickets to the SSSP awards banquet, at which the Award will be announced. Nominations can be made by members of the Global Division as well as from 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 copies of the nominated book be sent to each of the Award Committee Co-Chairs. Nominations must be received no later than April 9, 2012. To nominate a book for this award, please send your message to Co-Chair of the 2012 Global Division Outstanding Book Award Committee, Bhavani Arabandi, barabandi@ithaca.edu.

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES

Deadline: 5/1/12

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. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2011) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. (Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself.) 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 be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Health Division session organizer or the roundtable organizer by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Miranda Waggoner, PhD, waggoner@princeton.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Institutional Ethnography Division solicits papers for its 2012 George W. Smith Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. Authors must be currently enrolled graduate students or have completed their degree since September 2011. Prizes include a \$100 cash award, registration fees and an opportunity to present the paper at the 2012 SSSP meetings, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Students who submit papers should be prepared to attend the conference. Send a copy to Laura Bisailon lbisa082@uOttawa.ca and Marie Campbell mariecam.@uvic.ca. (For an overview of institutional ethnography and the purposes of the IE Division, see <http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1236/m/464>.)

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY: DOROTHY E. SMITH AWARD FOR SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Institutional Ethnography Division is pleased to solicit nominations for the 2012 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 Janet Rankin at jmrankin@ucalgary.ca. The honoree will be recognized with a certificate at the Institutional Ethnography business meeting during the Annual Meeting in August 2012 in Denver.

LABOR STUDIES

Deadline 5/1/12

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 \$200 cash prize and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet. 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 faculty scholars. E-mail your paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to: Ted Brimeyer, tbrimeyer@georgiasouthern.edu.

LAW AND SOCIETY

Deadline: 3/15/12

The Law and Society Division announces its 2012 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 2011, and at the time of submission, it may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers which 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. Please submit in MS Word 2007. 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 to: Dr. Lloyd Klein. Submissions should be submitted electronically to: lklein@stfranciscollege.edu. The winner(s) will be announced in Spring 2012, will receive a \$200 stipend, and is eligible to present the paper at the 2012 annual meeting in Denver.

LAW AND SOCIETY: OUTSTANDING BOOK SCHOLAR COMPETITION

Deadline: 3/15/12

The Law and Society Division announces its 2012 Outstanding Book Scholar Competition. Books may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of law and society. To be eligible, the book must have been written between 2010 and 2011. Submissions should be sent to: Paul Steele, Morehead State University pd.steele@moreheadstate.edu. The winner will be announced in Spring 2012. The winner will receive a \$100 award.

MENTAL HEALTH

Deadline: 5/15/12

The Mental Health Division announces the 2012 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 2011 or 2012, 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. Paper must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references, and tables. To submit your paper for consideration, send two online copies to: Richard Carpiano, Ph.D. at richard.carpiano@ubc.ca. Please include (1) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition; and (2) a letter from your advisor that certifies your graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work. The winner will be announced at the 2012 Annual Meeting and will receive a \$150 cash award, plus a ticket to the SSSP banquet where the award will be presented, conference registration and student membership.

MENTAL HEALTH: JAMES R. GREENLEY AWARD

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Mental Health Division invites nominations for the 2012 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 Jerome Myers, Bruce Link, Thomas Scheff, Walter Gove, R. Jay Turner, Bruce Dohrenwend, Bill Avison, Virginia Hiday, and Eric Wright. Nominations, including a letter of nomination and a copy of the nominee's CV, should be sent via email to Stephanie.hartwell@umb.edu by May 1, 2012. The winner of the 2012 award will be notified in June and the award will be presented at the Mental Health Division's Business Meeting in Denver, CO.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY

Deadline: 5/1/12

The Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division announces its 2012 Student Paper Competition. The PCI division would like to reward student work that addresses issues related to poverty, class, and inequality. Papers should be 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, but may not be co-authored with faculty or non-students. The winner of the competition will receive: a small cash award, complimentary annual dues for SSSP, and registration and a banquet ticket for the annual meeting. Papers should be no more than 30 pages in length, including notes, references, and tables. Send papers, electronically, to: Tracy Peressini, tracy.peressini@uwaterloo.ca. Please specify that you are submitting a paper for the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division Student Paper Competition.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY: MICHAEL HARRINGTON AWARD

Deadline: 4/1/12

The Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division invites nominations for the 2012 Michael Harrington Award. This award will be granted to an individual who, or an organization that, by his/her/its actions advance our understanding of poverty, social class, and/or inequality, and 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 2012 SSSP meetings in Denver, CO. 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 Shawn Cassiman, University of Dayton: shawncassiman@gmail.com.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

Deadline: 4/30/12

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. Papers may be empirical or theoretical. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2011, may not have been accepted for publication, or currently under review. Papers which have been presented at previous meetings or conferences are eligible. 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: Marlese Durr at marlese.durr@wright.edu. The winner will be announced in early summer 2012 and will receive a \$100 stipend and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES

Deadline: 4/1/12

The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division announces the 2012 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, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, payment of the winner's SSSP registration fee for the 2012 SSSP meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a ticket to the awards banquet. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2012 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2011 and March 2012; 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 35 pages including notes, references, and tables; 5) The paper must be typed using 12 point font in either Times New Roman or Courier; and 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. Students should send via email, with no identifying information on any part of the paper; and a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Dawn Baunach, Ph.D., Email: socdmb@langate.gsu.edu, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Atlanta, GA, 404-413-6525.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY

Deadline: 3/30/12

The Social Problems Theory Division invites papers for its annual Student Paper Award Competition. To be eligible, papers must be authored or co-authored by students, have relevance to social problems theory, and 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). Subject to budgetary approval, we anticipate that the winner will receive a monetary stipend, membership dues, meeting registration fees, and a ticket for the 2012 SSSP awards banquet. The winner will also be invited to present her or his paper at the 2012 SSSP meetings. Please send submissions as an e-mail attachment to the Student Paper Competition Committee Chair: John Barnshaw (University of South Florida) at Barnshaw@usf.edu.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD

Deadline: 2/15/12

The Social Problems Theory Division requests nominations for its Outstanding Book Award. The goal of this award is to encourage and recognize scholarship in the area of social problems theory. Eligible books must have been published between 2009 and 2011. Single or multiple-authored books 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 book sent directly to each of the committee members listed below:

Gary Alan Fine (Chair)
Sociology, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Ave
Evanston, IL 60208

Scott Harris
Sociology & Criminal Justice
Saint Louis University, 3750 Lindell Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108

Kathy Charmaz
Sociology, Sonoma State University, 1801 East Cotati Ave
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Deadline: 4/1/12

The Sociology and Social Welfare Division announces its 2012 Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholastic endeavors that enhance 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, or they can be related to the conference theme, and perhaps analyze social activism in the face of oppressive institutions and policies. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, papers must be: 1) written between January 2011 and April 1, 2012 and not published or submitted for scholarly review; 2) authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 3) 25 pages or less, including references and tables; 4) accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the competition. To be considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a SSW session during the 2012 SSSP meeting. You are encouraged to seek acceptance of your paper at a relevant SSW session; in your application to a session just summarize the contents of your student paper. Such acceptance will qualify you for a Lee Student Award, which will help pay for your transportation to the conference. <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/171>. Send a copy of your paper and the faculty nomination letter as email attachments to Richard K. Caputo (caputo@yu.edu), Chair, SSWD Student Paper Competition, Wurzweller School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, Wilf Campus, 2495 Amsterdam Ave., Belfer Hall, Rm 907, New York, NY 10033. The SSWD competition winner receives a cash prize of \$200 plus 2012 SSSP membership, annual conference registration, and a banquet ticket.

SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE BODY

Deadline: 4/1/12

The Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division announces the 2012 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, student membership in SSSP for 2012, complimentary registration for the 2012 annual meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a complimentary ticket to the 2012 SSSP awards banquet. The winner will also be invited to present the winning paper at one of the Sport, Leisure, and the Body sessions at the 2012 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 August 16-18, 2012, 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; and 7) the paper must be accompanied by a nominating letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university. Please submit your paper electronically as a Microsoft Word and PDF file to ccooky@purdue.edu. The faculty letter of nomination may be sent

electronically or as a hard copy to: Dr. Cheryl Cooky, Department of Health & Kinesiology, Purdue University, 800 W. Stadium Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47907-2046. Paper submission must be dated (via electronic time/date stamp and post-mark) on or before 4/1/12.

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Deadline: 3/15/12

The Teaching Social Problems Division announces its 2012 Outstanding Paper Competition. Papers may be on any aspect of teaching about social problems. Topics for papers can include "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 ticket to the 2012 SSSP awards banquet, and a one year membership to SSSP. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present this paper at the 2012 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: (1) The paper must have been written between January 2011 and February 2012; (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 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables. 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. Carrie Lee Smith, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302, 717-872-3543, carrie.smith@millersville.edu. The winner will be announced prior to the 2012 SSSP Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE

Deadline: 5/15/12

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for the annual **Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division** Graduate Student Paper Award Competition. Papers should be able to contribute broadly to the sociology of youth, the sociology of aging, or the sociology of the life course. One award will be made, and the winner will receive a monetary prize, student membership in SSSP for one year, 2012 conference registration, and a complimentary ticket to the 2012 SSSP awards banquet in Denver, CO, where the award will be made. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been completed between January 2011 and May 2012; 2) the paper must not have been accepted for publication (papers submitted for publication are eligible, as long as they are not already accepted; papers based on theses and dissertations are eligible as well); 3) all authors of the paper must be graduate students and the student who submits the paper must be first author; 4) the paper must be no longer than 30 double-spaced pages, including all notes, references, and tables; and 5) the author of the winning paper must be ready to present this paper at the SSSP meetings in Denver in August of 2012. To be considered for this award, graduate students should submit their papers electronically to the Chair of the Division. E-mail two copies of the paper (i.e., one blind copy and one copy that includes a title page with all contact information), along with a brief letter of submission confirming your graduate student status, to Mary Byrnes, mbyrnes4404@marygrove.edu. Mailings can be directed to Byrnes at the Department of Social Sciences, Marygrove College, 8425 West McNichols Road, Detroit, MI, 28221.

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