

# SSSP DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

## Message from the Chair



*Daina Harvey, College of the Holy Cross  
2014-2016 E&T Division Chair*

With this edition of our Division's newsletter I say good-bye and introduce you to our new chair Laura McKinney (Tulane University). Laura is an incredible environmental scholar and teacher and I know we are in good hands with her at the helm. As I leave, I would also like to thank Clare Cannon and Lisa East for co-editing the newsletter this year! There are divisions where the Chair also edits the newsletter—there is no way I could have done the job they have done.

I would also make a final plea for our members to be more active.

Creating two to three newsletters each year has proven to be a chore. We often have to cajole, beg, and plead with members, usually people we directly know, for a write-up or interview. I co-edit the Teaching and Learning Section's (ASA) newsletter and I have to turn down material from members or save it for future newsletters. Our division members do really important work, we need to let SSSP and others know what we are up to. And, as I have written in each newsletter, we need more members. For the last few years we have been below SSSP's membership threshold for an active division. Don't presume that your colleagues are in the Division, they probably should be, but are probably not. If you have graduate students that have a modicum of interest in E/T, buy them a membership.

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I have enjoyed my time as chair, but you don't have to be chair to be involved. Come to our Divisional Meeting (Saturday, 10:30-12:10 Puget Sound) where we make plans for next year's sessions. You can volunteer to organize a session or collaborate with others to co-organize or preside. Or you can pitch an idea to Laura or myself.

I'd like to congratulate our 2016 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award winner Lauren Contorno. In her paper, "Turtles & Teamsters Revival? Analyzing Labor Unions' Environmental Discourse from the 2014 People's Climate March", she looks at blue-green alliances in the People's Climate March and finds that discourse amongst her interviewees combines an environmental justice "master frame" and a revival of social movement unionism. She states that there is a "new labor upsurge" that favors a community orientation towards solving environmental issues and that labor organizations are proving to be an integral component to the climate movement. Special thanks to our all-star award committee—Victor Perez (University of Delaware), Erin Robinson (Canisius College), and Tamara Mix (Oklahoma State University) for reading and evaluating all of the submissions.

Being chair, I've sometimes reluctantly attended those 8am sessions, somehow always coincidentally after a late night/early morning of catching up with old friends, and I've been amazed at the research presented. A lot of the scholars that present at E/T sessions are graduate students—which all of us "big time" folks once were—you remember how difficult it could be to have your voice heard at a conference or to just meet academics/activists a few steps ahead of you—please go to sessions and support these students. They will be your colleagues one day soon. SSSP offers a Meeting Mentor Program--volunteer. It literally takes maybe one hour spread out over a handful of twenty to thirty minute meetings to talk with a few folks who could benefit from a quick conversation about the job market, publishing, networking, or hearing how messed up your graduate program was, too.

Finally, if you are still reading, be on the look out for special issues of *Sociological Forum* on Climate, Risk and the Environment this fall (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291573-7861> and <https://www.facebook.com/sociologicalforum>) and of *Humanity & Society* (<http://has.sagepub.com/>) and <http://www.humanist-sociology.org/>) on environmental activism. Several members of the Division contributed to both.



Join Us For Our  
**66th Annual Meeting**  
at the Westin Seattle Hotel  
Seattle, WA

**AUGUST 19-21, 2016**

**Globalizing Social Problems**

President David A. Smith

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## Message from the Chair-Elect

*Congratulations to Dr. Laura McKinney, the newly elected chair of the SSSP E&T Division! Here is a message from Laura to the division membership:*

I am truly honored to be selected to chair the E&T division of the SSSP and want to express my sincere appreciation to all who participated in the election. I am an Assistant Professor at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. My research focuses on ecology and society, broadly defined, and employs an interdisciplinary approach to nature–society relations to examine global and local sustainability. I am especially interested in the intersection of international development, gender, and environmental degradation. Current projects analyze the prevailing social forces that connect gender to environmental degradation and resilience and their collective influence on wellbeing, death, disease, and disaster vulnerability across nations. I am also conducting research that examines sub-national (local, regional) sustainability dynamics surrounding disasters, waste, and the environmental injustices incurred by individuals residing in toxic environments.



*Laura McKinney  
Tulane University*

I have been a member of SSSP and conference participant at annual meetings since I was a graduate student. I am enthusiastic about taking on a leadership role within the organization given its firm commitment to social justice—a virtue we all undoubtedly share and one that serves as a guiding principle for the research we conduct. Our current and prior leaders have done an outstanding job of cultivating a robust membership and fostering participation within the division. I am excited to build upon such efforts to grow and diversify the E&T membership pool, and to continue to implement strategies to strengthen graduate students' presence in the organization and participation at annual meetings. I am deeply committed to furthering efforts to foster young scholars and encourage their scholarship in meaningful ways. Given the ecological crises we collectively face, it is critical that we continue to grapple with the multitude of environmental and technological issues that disrupt social justice. To the degree that we grow as a community, we can use our combined strengths to bring voice to and shed light on the myriad issues that pose threats to our shared purpose of broadening social justice.

Thanks to all members for their continued commitment to the division. I kindly welcome you to contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions. This is an exciting time for our division and I am extremely enthusiastic about our possibilities for our future—including the fascinating presentations slated for the upcoming annual meeting. I look very forward to seeing you in Seattle!

Laura can be contacted at [lauramc@tulane.edu](mailto:lauramc@tulane.edu).



## Graduate Student Corner

### *Notes on writing and publishing a co-authored paper with Dr. Rhiannon Leebrick and Dr. James Maples*

Graduate students are expected to publish peer-reviewed articles before going on the job market. However, publishing can be an intimidating process early in one's academic career. One way to navigate this process is to **work with a co-author**. Co-authors share the workload, bring added expertise to the paper, and can offer friendly peer revision without the sting of editorial rejection. Co-authors are another set of eyes to help guide and edit the paper. Co-authors are there to revel in delight at an acceptance or revise and resubmit (or help soften the blow of a rejection).

Having worked together to co-author a published paper from start to finish (as well as co-authored with other colleagues), we have developed a set of guidelines to consider when working together as co-authors. We wrote these particularly with graduate students in mind.

- **Developing Ideas:** Do you have research on the back burner you have been considering writing about? Perhaps there's a class paper you wrote that has been sitting in a folder on your laptop for a year or two? Sometimes sharing your idea with a colleague is all the motivation you need to work together to get it into the publishing stream. Try having a conversation with a colleague about this project, particularly if you think your areas might overlap. Reach out to peers or professors in your department as co-authors or to folks you have connected with at conferences over shared research interests. Often, an article will work best when the authors' interests overlap, but are not identical. In this situation, both authors bring their knowledge to the table and the intersections make their research unique. Just as a quick note: when working with a new co-author it might be best to try out smaller public or applied reports before dedicating time for a full length article.
- **Authorship:** We have found that it is important to establish authorship order (first author, second author, and so forth) from the get-go. We suggest writing it out in an email so everyone is on board. One great idea is to trade out first authorships on papers. You see this a lot in sociology and related disciplines. For example, two authors work together to collect



*Rhiannon Leebrick  
Wofford College*



*James Maples  
Eastern Kentucky University*

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data and then each author takes the lead on one paper and includes the other author as second author. This is something that requires planning in advance, but can be rewarding in the end as more work is published in a shorter period of time. Co-authoring in this manner also shows potential employers that you can play well with others.

- **Expectations:** Much like authorship, you all should discuss work expectations and divide up tasks from the start. We have found that the clearer we are about working on a particular task the more efficient we can be. Ideally, one person can do one section while the other works on a separate section. In the beginning, it is a good idea to meet with your co-author (s) to brainstorm ideas, discuss what each author feels confident contributing, who will be in charge of each section, how editing be done, and potential journals for publication. After that, the team will need to find what works best for you all in terms of a timeline and communication. It is also helpful to think about each author's strengths. For example, if one author is a strong quantitative researcher, let them handle the methods and analysis while the other works on the literature review.
- **Timeline:** Have a conversation about when each author needs this paper to be published. Are you up for tenure or going on the job market soon? Having that paper at least under review looks better than being in progress on a cv. Set deadlines on getting sections of the paper written, and do not forget to factor in how long it generally takes your target journal to publish papers.
- **Working Together:** We keep in contact through email, Skype, and by phone, and we published our first paper without meeting in person. Since there is little predictability geographically where academics will get jobs, learning to work together virtually is a great skillset. Track changes in Microsoft Word is your friend as it tracks what each author has written or revised in the paper. We also use a lot of comments in the file to communicate. Highlighting in the file also helps us keep track of sections that are drafts in progress. This is just one approach. Others have used Google Docs and Dropbox with the same results. Find what works best for your team. Do be prepared for the paper to bounce back and forth dozens of times. Setting personal deadlines and being honest with yourself and co-author about what you can contribute and when are always helpful.

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*Dr. Rhiannon Leebrick will be beginning at Wofford College in Fall 2016 as an assistant professor of sociology. Her research interests include environmental gentrification, sustainability studies, and environmental justice. Her email address is [rleebrick@utk.edu](mailto:rleebrick@utk.edu).*

*Dr. James N. Maples is an assistant professor of sociology at Eastern Kentucky University. His research interests include sports tourism's economic impact upon rural communities, cemetery preservation in rural communities, and social change in Appalachia. His email address is [james.maples@eku.edu](mailto:james.maples@eku.edu).*

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## Join us for SSSP's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA August 19-21

*Online registration is open until July 31<sup>st</sup>!*

To register for the annual meeting, visit the SSSP Annual Meeting portal here:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/672/fuseaction/ssspconf.portal>



### On-site Registration for SSSP 2016

Registration and the Book Exhibit will be located in the Cascade Foyer on the Mezzanine Level of the Westin Seattle Hotel

**Registration Hours:**

Thursday: 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – 6:00 pm

Saturday: 7:00am – 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00am – 5:00 pm

# 2016 Annual Meeting

## Environment & Technology Division Sessions

### Division Sponsored Sessions

**26. Interdisciplinarity and Environmental Studies** (*Critical Dialogue*) (*Thematic*)

Victor W. Perez, [victorfp@udel.edu](mailto:victorfp@udel.edu)

Friday, August 19; 12:30pm – 2:10pm

Room: Cascade I-A

**52. Barriers and Opportunities: Addressing Climate Change and Energy Issues Across Sectors**

Gabrielle E. Roesch-McNally, [geroesch@iastate.edu](mailto:geroesch@iastate.edu)

Friday, August 19; 4:30pm – 6:10pm

Room: St. Helens

**64. Climate Change and Environmental Discourse**

Gabrielle E. Roesch-McNally, [geroesch@iastate.edu](mailto:geroesch@iastate.edu)

Saturday, August 20; 8:30am – 10:10am

Room: Stuart

**95. Environmental Problems, Politics, and Debates**

Elizabeth A. East, [eeast2@vols.utk.edu](mailto:eeast2@vols.utk.edu)

Saturday, August 20; 12:30pm – 2:10pm

Room: Pine

### Co-Sponsored Sessions

**44. Disability and Community** (*Co-Sponsored with Community Research and Development and Disability*)

Scott D. Landes, [scott.landes@unf.edu](mailto:scott.landes@unf.edu)

Friday, August 19; 2:30pm – 4:10 pm

Room: Pike

**108. Environment and Health, Harm and Inclusivity** (*Co-Sponsored with Law and Society*)

Nels Paulson, [paulsonne@uwstout.edu](mailto:paulsonne@uwstout.edu)

Saturday, August 20; 2:30pm – 4:10pm

Room: Pine

**122. Globalization and the Environment** (*Co-Sponsored with Global*)

Clare E. B. Cannon, [ccannon3@tulane.edu](mailto:ccannon3@tulane.edu)

Sunday, August 21; 8:30am – 10:10am

Room: Denny

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## Congratulations to the 2016 Brent K. Marshall Paper Award Winner!



**Lauren Contorno**  
*Northeastern University*

“Turtles & Teamsters Revival?  
Analyzing Labor Unions’  
Environmental Discourse from the  
2014 People’s Climate March”

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**147. Environment, Law and Regulation** (Co-Sponsored with Crime and Juvenile Delinquency)

Janet A. Lorenzen, [jlorenze@willamette.edu](mailto:jlorenze@willamette.edu)

Sunday, August 21; 12:30pm – 2:10pm

Room: Denny

**161. Rethinking Environmental Justice Movements** (Co-Sponsored with Conflict, Social Action, and Change)

Marko Salvaggio, [markosalvaggio@gmail.com](mailto:markosalvaggio@gmail.com), and Gabrielle E. Roesch-McNally, [geroesch@iastate.edu](mailto:geroesch@iastate.edu)

Sunday, August 21; 2:30pm – 4:10pm

Room: Mercer

**172. Health and the Environment** (Co-Sponsored with Health, Health Policy, and Health Services)

Paul Draus, [draus@umich.edu](mailto:draus@umich.edu)

Sunday, August 21; 4:30pm – 6:10pm

Room: Mercer



## Accessibility Guidelines and Services for Program Participants and Session Organizers at SSSP's 2016 Annual Meeting

The Accessibility Committee has developed written guidelines to maximize access for all program participants. In addition, the Committee has developed checklists for program participants and session organizers. See SSSP's website for PDFs of both checklists:

([http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/665/Accessibility\\_Guidelines\\_and\\_Services/](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/665/Accessibility_Guidelines_and_Services/))

**Visual Materials:** Presenters have the primary responsibility for ensuring the access of the materials which they share with their audience. If visual material is presented, you should be sure that either yourself as the speaker or another appropriate person reads or orally describes the overheads or other visual material for blind or low-vision participants.

Handouts of your paper can be useful adjuncts to any presentation. If employed, these materials must also be made accessible to all by making them available in alternate formats. Therefore, you should have a few copies in large (18 point font) print and be prepared to share them in electronic form. (Reasonable efforts on your part and a willingness to relay additional materials at a later date to attendees at your session are certainly acceptable.)

**Air Quality & Service Animals:** Please refrain from wearing any scented products to respect participants who may be sensitive and/or allergic to these types of chemicals. Unless you yourself use a service or therapy dog or other credentialed assistance animal, we ask that you not bring companion animals to the book exhibit or areas where SSSP members are presenting.

**Seating Arrangements:** Rooms will be arranged for wheelchair access, but chairs do get moved around. When you arrive at a session, please choose a seat or space that does not block a door or aisle. Do not be afraid to move chairs for each other. Also, please do not block the hallways. We all do some session hopping, so leave room to allow all people to come and go during a session.

**Sign and Voice Interpreting:** There may be American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter(s) present during your session. Please do not block the view of the interpreter especially if audio-visual aids are in use. Lights should not be lowered to a degree that would interfere with sign interpretation or lip reading. During discussion periods, be sure the interpreter can hear you and keep up with you. Please be aware that some people may have great difficulty understanding what you are saying (particularly when there is competing background noise) and that some concepts/terms used in the academic language may be unfamiliar to interpreters. Whether you are a member of the audience or are communicating with someone using an interpreter, give your attention to the person using the interpreter, not to the interpreter.

**Audio Equipment:** Presenters with quiet voices should request the use of a microphone so that their presentations will be more easily audible. Please speak clearly and in a reasonable tone into the microphone (especially with proper nouns). An FM audio loop system may also be provided to attendees upon request. This may involve a separate microphone from that used by the general public address system. If one is in use, try to minimize extra noise as much as possible.

**Discussions:** All speakers should state their names in discussions, whether speaking from the session panel or from the audience. Please be patient and be prepared to have your discussant interrupt you to ensure effective ASL interpretation or use of an FM Loop or a microphone if necessary.

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## Environment & Technology Division Meeting

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>; 10:30am – 12:10pm

Room: Cascade II

### SSSP Annual Meeting Receptions and Special Events

#### *Arrival Meet & Greet Reception*

##### ***Open to SSSP Registrants***

All meeting registrants are invited to the Arrival Meet & Greet Reception on Thursday, August 18, to celebrate the opening of the 66th Annual Meeting. This social hour kicks off at 6:30pm (Location: Puget Sound, Lobby Level) and provides opportunities to renew past acquaintances, chat with old friends, and find a newcomer to befriend. New members and first-time meeting attendees are particularly encouraged to attend.

#### *Welcoming Reception*

##### ***Open to SSSP Registrants***

All meeting registrants are invited to the Welcoming Reception on Friday, August 19. This social hour kicks off at 6:30pm (Room: Fifth Avenue, Grand Level) and provides opportunities to renew past acquaintances, chat with old friends, and find a newcomer to befriend. New members and first-time meeting attendees are particularly encouraged to attend.

#### *Graduate Student Happy Hour*

The Graduate Student Happy Hour is scheduled on Friday, August 19 from 10:00pm-11:00pm (Location: Loft, Mezzanine Level). Complimentary drinks will be provided.

#### *New Member Breakfast*

On Saturday, August 20 from 7:15am-8:15am (Room: Elliott Bay, Lobby Level), established SSSP members will host a breakfast, greeting, welcoming, and networking with new members. Enter the room with a "New Member" or "Host" ribbon on your SSSP name badge.

#### *Presidential Address*

##### ***Open to SSSP Registrants***

Plan to attend the Presidential Address featuring the formal address of President David A. Smith on Saturday, August 20 from 5:30pm-6:30pm (Room: Cascade II, Mezzanine Level). All members are invited to this session.

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*Receptions and Special Events - continued from page 10**Awards Ceremony**Open to SSSP Registrants*

Plan to attend the Awards Ceremony, conferring the 2016 major SSSP awards, on Saturday, August 20 from 6:45pm-7:45pm (Room: Cascade II, Mezzanine Level).

**AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED**

**SSSP Division Awards:** Winners of the student paper competitions will be announced.

**Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award:** For an author of the best paper on Women and Social Justice.

**Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship:** This \$15,000 scholarship will be awarded to a new or continuing graduate student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school.

**C. Wright Mills Award:** For a distinguished book that exemplifies outstanding social science research and an understanding of the individual and society in the tradition of C. Wright Mills.

**Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award:** For an outstanding faculty member who has exercised an extensive leadership role within the SSSP and other professional societies and within the larger community.

**Joseph B. Gittler Award:** For significant scholarly achievement that a SSSP member has made in contributing to the ethical resolution of social problems.

**Lee Founders Award:** For recognition of significant achievements that have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanistic tradition of the Lee's.

**Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship:** Two \$15,000 scholarships will be awarded annually for support of graduate study and commitment to a career of scholar-activism.

**Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award:** This \$5,000 award will be presented to a not-for-profit organization in the Seattle area in recognition of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, and/or working toward the empowerment of marginalized peoples.

*Division-Sponsored Reception**Open to SSSP Registrants*

Following the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 20, the following divisions will host a joint reception from 7:45pm-8:45pm (Room: Fifth Avenue, Grand Level): Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disability; Educational Problems; Environment and Technology; Family; Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Institutional Ethnography; Labor Studies; Law and Society; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory; Society and Mental Health; Sociology and Social Welfare; Sport, Leisure, and the Body; Teaching Social Problems; and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course.

## Co-Editors' Notes

In closing out our year of service for the division this year, we'd like to thank Daina Harvey for the opportunity to serve as newsletter editors for the past two years. Daina's leadership in the division led to the establishment of social media presence for the division, dynamic division-sponsored and co-sponsored sessions at the annual meeting, and many opportunities of involvement in the wider discipline. We look forward to seeing what else the division will accomplish under Laura McKinney's tenure as chair for 2016-2018!

As mentioned in Daina's final message, there are many ways to be involved in the division, particularly through the newsletter. If you want to highlight a recent publication, have advice for graduate students, recently attended or know of an important environment-related event or conference, or want to contribute content that would be of interest to division members, please contact the division! We can be reached at: [etssp@gmail.com](mailto:etssp@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting in Seattle!

**Lisa and Clare**

2014-2016 E&T Newsletter Co-Editors



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Tulane University

Special thanks to  
**Laura McKinney, Rhiannon Leebrick, and James Maples**  
for their contributions to this newsletter!

*Social Problems*, the official journal of the SSSP, has recently established a social media presence. Here, the most recently-published articles are featured, as well as additional content like editorial commentary, vodcast interviews with authors, practical advice for professional development, funding opportunities, and general disciplinary announcements. Come "like," "follow," or "favorite" *Social Problems* at your preferred social media venues:

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