A Note From the Chair

Greetings from Tallahassee! I sincerely hope that your summer is providing time to catch up on the work and recreational opportunities that were postponed during the school year.

This newsletter contains information on the Society and Mental Health Division events taking place at this year’s meeting. As you can see, we have an exciting schedule of events. I sincerely thank Mike McFarland, Terrence Hill, and Miranda Waggoner for their help in organizing our section events. I look forward to seeing you in Seattle.

—JT

2016 James R. Greenley Award: Peter Conrad

We are delighted to announce that this year’s James R. Greenley Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Sociology of Mental Health winner is Dr. Peter Conrad, Harry Coplan Professor of Social Sciences at Brandeis University.

Peter Conrad has engaged in research and writing that has focused on identifying hyperactive (ADHD) children, the medicalization of deviance, the experience of epilepsy, worksite wellness programs, medical education, the social meanings of the new genetics and illness on the internet. His current research is on the structure, meanings, and potentials of biomedical enhancement and the globalization of ADHD.

Dr. Conrad, who joined the Department of Sociology in 1979, has served as chair of the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association (1989-90) and President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (1995-96). He received the Charles Horton Cooley Award (1981) from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction for Deviance and Medicalization: From Badness to Sickness. In 1997 he was a Distinguished Fulbright Fellow at Queen's University of Belfast (Northern Ireland). In 2004, Dr. Conrad received the Leo G. Reeder Award from the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. The award is given annually for "distinguished contributions to medical sociology."

To date, Dr. Conrad has published eleven books or monographs and more than 100 articles and chapters.
2016 Society and Mental Health Division Student Paper Award

This year’s winner is Jerreed Ivanich. Mr. Ivanich is currently a doctoral student at the University of Nebraska. His paper is titled “American Indian Suicide Ideation: A Review of Adolescent and Early Adult differences using General Strain Theory.”

Recruit your colleagues and students to SSSP!

Please encourage your colleagues and students to join or renew their membership to the Society & Mental Health Division! Membership renewal is easy and secure online at www.sssp1.org. The benefits of membership include receiving Social Problems journal and division newsletters, updates about the annual meeting, opportunities for involvement in special problems divisions, and leadership within the organization.

2016 SSSP Society & Mental Health Division Sponsored Sessions

Numbers refer to session numbers in the Program Schedule

**Date:** Friday, August 19
**Time:** 8:30 AM - 10:10 AM
**Room:** Westlake Boardroom
**Sponsor:** Society and Mental Health
**Organizer & Presider:** John Taylor, Florida State University

**THEMATIC Session 13: Immigration and Mental Health**

**Papers:**

“Growing Old and Undocumented – Los Invisibles: The Cumulative Mental Health Disadvantages among Older Mexican Immigrants,” San Juanita E. García, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Verónica Montes de Oca, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and Rogelio Saenz, University of Texas at San Antonio

“Immigration and Mental Health among Economic and Political Migrants in the United States and Mexico,” Ernesto Castaneda, American University, Eva Moya and Silvia Chavez, University of Texas at El Paso

“Immigration-Related Stressors and Mental Health Problems: Exploring the Role of Religious Involvement among Asian American Immigrants,” Sizhe Liu and Wei Zhang, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

“Social network heterogeneity and the mental health of refugees,” Richard Neil Greene, University of New Mexico

Session 25: Health and Well-Being across the Life Course

Date: Friday, August 19
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM
Room: Westlake Boardroom
Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Society and Mental; Health Youth, Aging, and the Life Course
Organizer & Presider: Joseph D. Wolfe, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Papers:

“Age Trajectories of Physical Health among Older Adults of Mexican Descent: The Role of Immigrant Status and Gender,” Maria A. Monserud, University of Houston

“Alzheimer’s Disease Disparities: The Impact of the Great Depression and Cumulative Inequality on Cognitive Decline,” Jo Mhairi Hale, University of California, Davis, Winner of the Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division’s Student Paper Competition

“Early Parental Loss and Cognitive Well-Being in the Oldest Old: Reevaluating the Stress Process Model in the Context of Gender Inequality,” Rong Fu, Purdue University

“Inequalities in Use of Medical Services for Formally Incarcerated Young Adult Men and Women,” Kathryn M. Nowotny, University of Miami

“Social Network Types and Self-Rated Health among Older Adults: Using Latent Transition Analysis to Model Network Effects,” William R. McConnell and Hui Chen, Indiana University Bloomington

Session 53: Age and Mental Health

Date: Friday, August 19
Time: 4:30 PM - 6:10 PM
Room: Stuart
Sponsor: Society and Mental Health
Organizer & Presider: Michael McFarland, Florida State University

Papers:

“Early Devastation: The Role of School-aged Trauma in the Lives of Adults with Serious Mental Illness,” Grace K. Morris and Alisa Lincoln, Northeastern University

“The Meaning of Work for Young Adults Diagnosed with Serious Mental Health Conditions,” Rosalie A. Torres Stone, Clark University, Kathryn Sabella and Charles W. Lidz, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Colleen McKay, University of Massachusetts Medical School and Program for Clubhouse Research and Lisa M. Smith, University of Massachusetts Medical School

“Social Support and Psychological Distress among Older Chinese Adults: Gendered Differences,” Yuying Shen, Norfolk State University and Dale Yeatts, University of North Texas

“’No One Really Cares’: The Lived Experience of Community-based Persons with Alzheimer’s disease (PWAD) and their Caregivers,” William Cabin, Temple University and Susan Havens-Lang, SHL Associates
Papers:

“’Choose Who’s in your Circle’: How Women’s Relationship Actions Help Create Recovery-Oriented Networks,” Meredith W. Francis, Leigh H. Taylor and Elizabeth M. Tracy, Case Western Reserve University and Anna Maria Santiago, Michigan State University

“The lowest of the low’: Experiences and impacts of drug-related stigma among opioid-using young adults from the former Soviet Union,” Honoria Guarino, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc., Alana J. Gunn, Binghamton University and Anastasia Teper, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

“Differences in Perceived Discrimination among Muslim Americans Based on Their Religious Identity, Practices, and Beliefs,” Hakim Zainiddinov, Rutgers University

“How Goes the War on Stigma? Longitudinal and Cross-Sectional Evidence for Alcoholism and Heroin Addiction,” James D. Orcutt and Annette Schwabe, Florida State University

“Meaning and Management of Psychiatric Medication among Public Mental Health Service Users,” Wallis E. Adams, Suzanne Garverich and Alisa Lincoln, Northeastern University

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Date: Sunday, August 21
Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM
Session 150: The Dark Side of Religion
Room: Pine
Sponsor: Society and Mental Health
Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Terrence D. Hill, University of Arizona

Description: A great deal of scholarship has been devoted to understanding religion as a pro-social institution. This session explores the dark side of religion or how religion can support prejudice, mistrust, emotional distress, and alcohol consumption.

Papers:

“The Dark Side of Religion: Putting God Before People,” Matthew T. Loveland, Le Moyne College


“Ominous Religious Beliefs and Psychological Distress,” Amelia M. Blume, University of Arizona

“Context Matters: Exploring the Relationship between Religious Context and Underage Alcohol Consumption,” Fanhao Nie, X. Yousef Yang and Daniel Olson, Purdue University
Date: Sunday, August 21  
Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM  
**Session 160: Crime and Mental Health**  
Room: Denny  
Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency  
Society and Mental Health  
Organizer & Presider: Stephani Williams, Northern Arizona University

Papers:  
“Media Depiction of Disablist Violence in Two Time-Periods: A Content Analysis,” Jack Levin and Gordana Rabrenovic, Northeastern University  

“Negotiating Identity In a Domestic Violence Shelter,” Rasha Aly, University of Cincinnati  

“Procedural Justice and Compliance in Mental Health Court,” Bradley Ray, Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis and Brittany Hood, Indiana University  

“Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, and Mental Health: Focus on an Urban Commuter Campus,” Tanice G. Foltz, Indiana University Northwest  

“The Effects of Prison Location on the Mental Health of Incarcerated Individuals,” Calley Fisk, University of South Carolina

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**2016 SSSP Society & Mental Health Division Reception and Special Events**

**Society and Mental Health Divisional Meeting, Cascade II**  
*Date: Friday, August 19*  
*Time: 12:30 PM – 2:10 PM*

**Awards Ceremony; Room: Cascade II, Mezzanine Level**  
*Date: Saturday, August 20*  
*Time: 6:45 PM – 7:45 PM*

**Division-Sponsored Reception; Room: Fifth Avenue, Grand Level**  
*Date: Saturday, August 20*  
*Time: 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM*

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