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**FALL 2016** 

Notes from the desk of:

## **AMANDA JUNGELS**

Happy Fall!

Division Chair

As I write this letter (my first as Division Chair), the weather has definitely begun to change toward the cool and crisp. The leaves have only just begun to change at my home in Baltimore, but I eagerly await the return of cooler weather after a long summer. I want to begin this newsletter by thanking our previous chair, Dawn Baunach, for her leadership, and our newsletter editor Bee Coston, who continues to do an amazing job managing and creating our newsletter. Thanks to both of you for your hard work and support of the division over the last two years!

Turning to the news of the division: our annual meeting in Seattle was a great success! I know members of our division had a great time taking in all the city and conference had to offer. Next year's meeting (our 67<sup>th</sup>!) will be held in Montreal, Quebec Canada. The program theme, "Narratives in the World of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, Transformation" will no doubt be great, and I know I am looking forward to traveling to Montreal for the first time. We have a number of exciting sessions planned at the 2017 annual meeting:

### Thematic Sessions:

Sexual and Gender Narratives

Gendered Embodiment and Transformation

LBGTQ+: Narratives in the Workplace (co-sponsored with Labor Studies)

### Other Sessions:

Genders, Sexualities, and Bodies (co-sponsored with Sport, Leisure, and the Body)

Teaching Sexuality Across the Curriculum (co-sponsored with Society and Mental Health)

Sexualities on the Edge

Sexuality, Gender, and the Law (co-sponsored with Law and Society)

Global Sexual and Reproductive Health (co-sponsored with Health, Health Policy, and Health Services, and Global)

Disability and Relationships (co-sponsored with Disability and Family)

Critical Dialogue: Sex Work and Narratives of Victimization, Perpetration, and Resistance (co-sponsored with Conflict, Social Action, and Change, and Law and Society)

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### Continued Notes from the Chair

Your participation and attendance at our sessions ensures our continued success, so please consider submitting an abstract or paper. The Call for Papers is now available, and the deadline for submission is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. And, nominations are now open for the Student Paper Competition and Outstanding Scholarship Awards.

I look forward to working with and serving all of you as Division Chair for the next two years, and thank you all for your support!

--Amanda

# DIVISION NEWS & NOTES

## **Publications of interest**



Carrillo, Héctor, and Amanda Hoffman. "From MSM to Heteroflexibilities: Non-exclusive Straight Male Identities and their Implications for HIV Prevention and Health Promotion." *Global Public Health* 11, nos. 7-8 (2016): 923-36.

Ghaziani, Amin; Verta Taylor; and Amy Stone. 2016. "Cycles of Sameness and Difference in LGBT Social Movements." *Annual Review of Sociology* 42: 165-83.



Brim, Matt and Amin Ghaziani. 2016. Queer Methods. Special issue of *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly* 44(3-4). All articles are available on Project Muse: <a href="https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/35019">https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/35019</a>.

"As Queer Studies experiences a methodological renaissance, we look to the ways that the discipline's inherent resistance, impreciseness, and provocation toward established protocols might affect its development. Thus, this special issue of WSQ reframes the question "what is queer theory?" to "how is the work of queer theory done?" A growing field within academia, this scholarly collection creates a forum for those in the humanities and social sciences to discuss the challenges of applying traditional research methods to LGBTQ populations."

See the following page for information about the launch party for this special issue!

# DIVISION NEWS & NOTES

# JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF WSQ: QUEER METHODS

**DATE:** Thursday, December 8, 2016

**VENUE:** Bureau of General Services—Queer Division

an independent queer cultural center, bookstore, and event space The Bureau is located in Room 210 of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

and Transgender Community Center at:

208 West 13th Street

(between 7th Avenue & Greenwich Avenue)

New York, NY 10011

**TIME:** 7 pm-8:30 pm



Please join the Feminist Press for the launch of "Queer Methods," the Fall/Winter 2016 issue of WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly. "Queer Methods" presents pioneering feminist work on queer research practices across the disciplines, including sociology, performance studies, African American studies, lesbian cultural studies, critical psychology, African studies, transgender studies, media and digital studies, history, and literature. WSQ proudly features new poetry and prose selections by cutting-edge writers.

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Special Collection on Demography of Sexuality

Population Review, published since 1957, is excited to invite submissions for high-quality quantitative research papers on the broad theme of the Demography of Sexuality. Papers may include a variety of topics focused on the quantitative examination of the LGBTQ population, including but not limited to issues concerning measurement, prevalence, segregation, migration, families, labor market, and health. This is an ongoing call for papers through the end of 2016. Guest Editor: Dr. Amanda Baumle, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Houston, akbaumle@uh.edu. For submissions: Please email hpals@tamu.edu. Submission guidelines: http://populationreview.com/submission-guideline/Population Review: http://populationreview.com/

# Special Issue the Journal of Homosexuality: The Impact of Same-Sex Marriage on LGBT Activism, Politics, and Communities

Please submit full papers, including abstract and references in Word form to Mary Bernstein at Mary.Bernstein@uconn.edu by January 10, 2017 along with a separate title page that includes a word count and your contact information so that the papers can be sent out for peer review. Submissions before the final deadline are encouraged. Papers should be double spaced, include references, and be a maximum of 9000 words (including references, abstract, tables, figures). The special issue may be subsequently published as an edited volume, with Routledge Press. Feel free to contact Mary Bernstein in advance with any questions.

Researchers and LGBT activists alike have long debated the wisdom of pursuing marriage as a movement goal, the possible deleterious impact of same-sex marriage on future mobilization, and what the movement should do after marriage is achieved. In this special issue of the Journal of Homosexuality, we move beyond hypothetical debates over what might or should happen to LGBT movements, identities, and communities after the achievement of same-sex marriage, to examine the impact of same-sex marriage on LGBT activism.

I welcome submissions that address, but are not limited to the following questions:

What impact has the achievement of same-sex marriage had on LGBT activism, communities and/or identities? In what ways have class, race, ethnicity, and/or gender identity influenced or been influenced by marriage equality? How has the achievement of same-sex marriage influenced the political agenda of LGBT social movement organizations? In what other ways such as membership or the ability to mobilize or raise funds, has the achievement of same-sex marriage affected LGBT movement organizations? How has the achievement of same-sex marriage affected anti-LGBT activism? How have LGBT people's sense of identity shifted as a result of same-sex marriage? In what ways has the achievement of same-sex marriage influenced LGBT politics, activism and communities outside the U.S.? How has the legal context changed as a result of marriage equality? How has the achievement of marriage equality influenced how public understandings of the institutions of marriage and family?

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## CALL FOR BLOG POSTS: SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

We invite guest blog posts on the topic of sexual violence in higher education, hopefully to be featured as a series of posts in March (and perhaps April) 2017. We can look no further than the fact than nearly 300 US colleges and universities are currently under federal investigation for mishandling reported rapes and sexual assaults to know that victims of sexual violence are being failed in higher education and that this crisis is poorly understood. The emphasis on bare minimum legal compliance to Title IX policies has distracted from understanding rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment as expressions of power, often manifesting from systems of oppression (namely sexism, but also racism, xenophobia, classism, fatphobia, heterosexism, cissexism, ableism, and ageism). Academics stand to offer a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the crisis of sexual violence in higher education, and hopefully to propose solutions that are appropriate.

We specifically call for guest blog posts that address the following regarding rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and/or intimate partner violence:

- Advice for what students, staff, faculty, and administrators can do to support victims of sexual violence, eliminate rape culture, and prevent sexual violence. In particular, how university communities may work together on these issues (e.g., staff and faculty, faculty and administration).
- Reflections on Title IX and staff and faculty (mandated) responsibility for reporting sexual violence.
- New models for sexual violence prevention education (e.g., consent, healthy relationships) and prosecuting/punishing perpetrators, and/or critiques of existing models.
- Institutional practices and arrangements that facilitate or even reward sexual violence (e.g., lenient regulation of Greek Life, alcohol use, minimal or no punishment for sexual violence).
- Rape culture on campus and how it affects everyone, not just those who are victimized.
- Sexual violence as a manifestation of systems of oppression other than sexism, and sexual violence at the intersections among systems of oppression. Also, sexual violence perpetrated against LGBTQ people, (cis and trans) women of color, (cis and trans) men, people with disabilities, and fat and plus-size people. And, sexual violence as a means of policing nonconformity among marginalized groups.
- Sexual violence as a manifestation of hierarchies in academia (e.g., student-professor, student-staff, junior professor-senior professor), as well as "contrapower harassment" (i.e., lower-ranking perpetrators and higher-ranking victims).
- Attention to sexual violence that occurs among/that is perpetrated against staff and faculty. Also, threatened or actual sexual violence perpetrated by students against staff and faculty or by staff/faculty against students.
- Effectively teaching about sexual violence, and navigating the controversial subject of warnings for potentially triggering content ("trigger warnings"). In particular, how faculty survivors can teach on a subject that is very personal and possibly triggering for them.
- Advice for doing critical research on sexual violence.
- Professional and personal backlash against anti-sexual violence activists.
- Addressing sexual violence at academic conferences and other events, and what academic organizations can do to prevent sexual violence and support survivors.

You can see our guidelines at <a href="https://conditionallyaccepted.com/contribute/">https://conditionallyaccepted.com/contribute/</a>. We ask that blog posts range between 750-1250 words, and are written in a manner that is accessible to a broad academic audience. You may email pitches or full blog posts to conditionally.accepted@insidehighered.com. We will accept submissions on a rolling basis, but ask that they be submitted for consideration by January 16th, 2017 or earlier.

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## **Graduate Students!**

Check out the current list of SSSP Awards, Scholarships and Division Competitions here:

<< http://www.sssp1.org/file/2017AM/2017-STUDENT-PAPER-COMPETITIONS.pdf>>

Also check out the growing number of SSSP fellowships and scholarships here:

<< http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/24/Awards\_&\_Scholarships/>>

## EDITOR'S NOTES

If your semester is going anything like mine is, this post-election time has been hectic and emotional (not necessarily because we are in disbelief about how bad it is, but because of the increased needs of our students, importance of our work, and added emotional and service-oriented labor dedicated to ensuring our work and learning places are safe.

I am hoping you all get to experience the love of friends and family during this short break and engage in radical self-care, healing, and (importantly!) prepare for social justice-oriented direct action. Right now, we need each other and we must continue to do the hard work of ensuring we thrive, instead of hoping to simply survive.

In solidarity, bee

p.s. I'm looking for a new newsletter editor to train over the next 8 months, with a successful passing of the torch in August in Montréal. Email me if you are interested!

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