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## *Statement from the Co-Chair* *Debora A. Paterniti*

It is truly a pleasure to be the incoming co-chair of the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services division of the SSSP. We have a vibrant division, whose past co-chairs have done an outstanding job of shaping the section and keeping its members involved and active. I hope to do the same. I have been involved with the SSSP since I was a graduate student, appreciating the organization's diversity and its vision. As a medical sociologist, my paths have been diverse. I was trained at UC Davis in the relevance of social theories to the study of health and care. As a post-doc at Yale, I learned the importance of the sociological perspective in shaping health services and policy (in part, from past co-chair, Kim Blankenship). I am currently involved in health services research, focused mostly on issues of patient perspectives on health and disparities in care access. Through my paths to the present, I have grown to respect and value the contributions that multiple visions bring to our understandings of health, health policy, and health services.

Recent U.S. census reports show 43.6 million persons without health insurance; by 2006, this number is estimated to be 53.7 million. Unaccounted for in these numbers are those who spend a portion of each year uninsured and those who continue to face substandard quality of and access to care. Clearly, our system is not working. We continue to be a country in a health care crisis, as changing health insurers and industries shape the face of healthcare access, definitions of ethics, quality of care, and the clinical negotiation. Because our membership is rich in its academic and applied expertise, with its own privileged access to study the social world, we have contributions to make in shaping the future ethics of and access to healthcare.

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The SSSP President, Gary Alan Fine, identified the upcoming theme, “**Blowback: The Unintended Consequences of Social Problems Solutions.**” Here is an opportunity for us to discuss the impact of health interventions and policy on local, global, and national access to quality care. We are in a unique position not only to examine interventions in health but we have a responsibility to consider possibilities for new contexts with the potential to transform the crises of access at all levels of health, health policy, and health services. At our division meeting in San Francisco, our members proposed a wide and rich range of sessions. These sessions will include joint sessions with Drinking and Drugs; Sexual Behavior, Politics and Communities; Racial & Ethnic Minorities; Environment & Technology; and Institutional Ethnography. Health Roundtables, Body Aesthetics and Health, and Chronic Illness & Disabilities will constitute our slate of regular sessions. We will also host a thematic session, focusing on the “Unintended Consequences of Health Care and Service Interventions.” Please note that the deadline for submitting abstracts is January 31, 2005.

Both Betsy Ettorre and I are interested in and invite your comments and suggestions regarding division activity. As always, we anticipate thought-provoking sessions at our annual meeting in Philadelphia. Between now and then, I welcome your e-mails at [dapaterniti@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dapaterniti@ucdavis.edu).

## SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Report on the Business Meeting held  
August 13, 2004

### *Introduction of Co-chairs and members:*

#### **The meeting opened with introductions:**

Elizabeth Ettorre (Co-Chair, 2003-2005), Debora Paterniti (Co-Chair, 2004-2006), Emily Kolker (Newsletter Editor), Valerie Leiter, Stephen J. Morewitz, Carrie Yang-Costello, Elroi L. Waszkiewicz, Jean Elson and Camille Pipis. With this meeting, Debora Paterniti assumes Co-Chair responsibilities. Nancy Andes served as Division Co-Chair from 2001-2004, and her contributions are very much appreciated.

### *Agenda items and discussion:*

#### **Graduate Student Paper Award:**

The Graduate Award Committee including Judith Lasker (Chair), Valerie Leiter and Ruth Rubinstein reviewed the papers. Kirsten Springer from University of Wisconsin, won the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Student Paper Competition for her paper titled, “How does childhood physical abuse negatively impact adult

health? Testing a multi-pathway model”. In recognition of her accomplishment, she presented her paper at the San Francisco meeting, received acknowledgement at the SSSP Banquet, a \$100 award, and SSSP registration and annual membership.

We also have two Honorable mentions: Emily Kolker from Brandeis University for her paper, “Framing as a cultural resource in health social movements: funding activism and the breast cancer movement in the US 1990-1993.” And Janice McCabe from Indiana University for her paper, “Who are the experts? Medicalization in teen magazine advice columns”.

The procedures and schedules for 2004-2005 are: Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2004) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest,

including health and illness, health policy, and health services. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2005 SSSP annual meeting and will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Runners-up will be recognized and awarded a SSSP annual membership. Submissions due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

The Committee for 2005 includes Judith Lasker, Chair, Valerie Leiter, and Heather Dillaway.

**Division Sessions for SSSP 2005 in Philadelphia:**

Debora Paterniti will negotiate specifics and organize sessions for the Division’s 2005 sessions. Several had specific proposals for co-sponsored sessions with other SSSP Divisions including Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Drinking and Drugs; Racial and Ethnic

Minorities; Environment and Technology and Institutional Ethnography.

**2004 Division Elections: Nominations for Co-chair (2005-2007)**

Elizabeth Ettorre announced two nominations for the Division’s co-chair: Valerie Leiter & Stephen J. Morewitz. Nominations were open until September 1, and elections will be held during Fall 2004.

**Newsletter** Emily Kolker, Editor of the Division’s *Healthy Outlook*, solicits articles of interest and submissions from members (email kolker@brandeis.edu). Division co-chairs will continue to generate articles. The newsletter will be sent to Division members via email. Elizabeth Ettorre thanked Emily Kolker for her hard work over the year to get the Newsletter out to the membership on a regular basis.

**2004 Budget Request and Budget for Health, Health Policy and Health Services for 2005**

Budget items requested and received for SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division, 2003	Amount
1. Stipend to Division Newsletter Editor, Emily Kolker	\$100
2. Expenses attached to our Division’s Graduate Student Paper:	
2a. Student Paper Award	\$100
2b. SSSP registration and banquet ticket for award winner	\$61
2c. SSSP student membership for award winner	\$20
3. Reception at annual meetings	\$200
4. Miscellaneous postage, office supplies, software upgrades for newsletter production	\$100
TOTAL	<b>\$ 581</b>

Budget requests for next calendar year include (a) reducing item 4 above (by not paying additional first-class postage to send newsletter and evaluating need for annual software upgrades) and (b) adding three \$20 student memberships for Student Paper Competition runners-up. The

remainder of the items remain intact for next calendar year’s request.

**Resolution agreement**

A Resolution concerning cosmetic surgery upon the genitals of infants or young children

was put forward by Carrie Yang-Costello. This was discussed, amended and was brought

forward to the Divisions' Chairpersons meeting by Elizabeth Ettorre.

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## *Candidate Profiles for Co-Chair Nominations*

**Valerie Leiter** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and director of the Society and Health program at Simmons College, Boston, MA.

Recent Research Activities: My recent work focuses on disability and medicalization. "Dilemmas in Sharing Care: Maternal Provision of Professionally-Driven Therapy for Children with Disabilities" (*Social Science & Medicine*, 2004) shows how an early childhood program creates a therapeutic imperative for families of children with disabilities. "Medicalization, Markets, and Consumers" examines the impact of changes in the medical marketplace on medicalization in U. S. society (with Peter Conrad, special issue of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2004). I have also recently co-edited (with Peter Conrad) a volume on *Health and Health Care as Social Problems* as part of the SSSP Presidential Series (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), and received the Irving K. Zola Award for Emerging Scholars in Disability Studies for my paper "Parental Activism, Professional Dominance, and Early Childhood Disability" (*Disability Studies Quarterly*, 2004). Currently, I am working on a book that examines how children's bodies become defined as "normal" or "deviant," in terms of growth, disability, chronic health conditions, and attainment of developmental milestones, and how medical and therapeutic treatments are applied to children's bodies to improve their health and development.

Areas of Interest in Health, Health Policy, and Health Services: Disability, child health, medicalization, embodiment, family care work, and access to formal systems of care.

Other Offices Held: Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division, SSSP (2003-2005); Nominations Committee, Children and Youth section, American Sociological Association (2000-2001 and 2003-2004).

### **Stephen J. Morewitz**

I am interested in serving the SSSP in any way possible. I have been Chair of the SSSP Crime & Delinquency Division, Co-Chair of the 2004 SSSP Local Arrangements Committee, and a member of the SSSP Social Action Committee.

I am the President of the consulting firm, STEPHEN J. MOREWITZ, Ph.D., & ASSOCIATES, Buffalo Grove, IL, San Francisco & Tarzana, CA, which was established in 1988. I am Adjunct Professor and Past Research Dean at the California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt College, Oakland, CA. I am also a Lecturer in the Graduate Health Care Administration Program, Department of Public Affairs and Administration, California State University, Hayward. I have been on the faculty or staffs of Michael Reese Hospital, University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine, Department of Family Practice and School of Public Health, DePaul University, and Argonne National Laboratory, Division of Biological and Medical Research.

I have been active in various health care and social science research. I am the author of five books: CHRONIC DISEASE AND REHABILITATION: DIABETES, ARTHRITIS, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, CANCER, AND HIV (New York, Springer, forthcoming, 2004), the 2004 SSSP Crime & Division Scholar Book Award-nominated book, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (New York: Springer, 2004), the 2003 SSSP Crime & Delinquency Division Scholar Book Award-winning book, STALKING AND VIOLENCE: NEW PATTERNS OF OBSESSION AND TRAUMA (New York, Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, 2003), SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

(Bethesda, MD, Austin & Winfield, Publishers, 1996), THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE HANDBOOK (Bethesda, MD, Austin & Winfield, Publishers, 1996). I have 70 other publications in the fields of the health effects of poverty, domestic violence, psychosocial assessment, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, lower extremity disorders, cancer, medical education, medical malpractice, and health care systems. I was elected to the scientific research society, SIGMA XI, and PI GAMMA MU, and *Who's Who in Medicine & Healthcare*. I earned my A.B. and M.A. from The College of William & Mary and Ph.D. from The University of Chicago.

## ~ SSSP 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting ~ Session Information

The Health Division is sponsoring the following panels for the August, 2005 Meetings in Philadelphia. The Division will have a total of nine sessions: three regular, one thematic, and five co-sponsored. Panel topics and organizer names and affiliations are provided below. Those interested in submitting contributions should refer to the full submission procedures and abstract submission form that will be forthcoming to all members in a SSSP announcement, and on the SSSP website. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2005.

### SSSP 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Session Information

#### Regular Sessions

##### 1. Chronic Illness and Disabilities

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## **2. Bodily Aesthetics and Health**

Organizer: Carrie Yang-Costello, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
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## **3. Roundtables in Health**

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### **Thematic Session: Blowback: The Unintended Consequences of Social Problems Solutions**

## **4. Unintended Consequences of Health Policy and Health Care Interventions**

Organizer: Debora Paterniti, UC Davis  
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### **Co-Sponsored Sessions**

## **5. Food, Drugs, & Identity: Health Implications**

### **Co-sponsor: Drinking and Drugs**

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**6. Transgender and Sexual Minority Health**  
**Co-sponsor: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities**

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**7. Health Disparities**  
**Co-sponsor: Racial and Ethnic Minorities**

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**8. Health and Environments**  
**Co-sponsor: Environment and Technology**

Organizer: Camille Pipis, University of Southern California  
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**9. Explicating Ruling Relations in Health Care**  
**Co-Sponsor: Institutional Ethnography**

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## ~ Employment Opportunity ~

**Family Studies and Social Work, Miami University:** Assistant or Associate Professor to teach undergraduate social work courses; advise students; conduct programmatic research; seek external funding; provide service to the university, community and profession; coordinate the practice field experience component of the social work program; provide support for students in field placements; implement field supervisor orientation sessions. Require: Ph.D., ABDs will be considered, but doctorate must be earned by date of appointment; master's of social work degree; minimum of two years of post-MSW practice experience. For appointment to rank of Associate Professor, require strong publication record. Desire: Ph.D. in social work; higher education-level teaching experience; familiarity with the structure and function of practice skill instruction; knowledge of CSWE accreditation standards; ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in family studies and serve on family studies graduate committees. For appointment to rank of Associate Professor, a demonstrated record of acquiring external funding is desired.

Send letter of intent, curriculum vitae and three letters of reference to Dr. Glenn Stone, Miami University, Department of Family Studies and Social Work, 451 McGuffey Hall, Oxford, OH 45056. Contact phone number is 513-529-2323; email is [stoneg@muohio.edu](mailto:stoneg@muohio.edu). Screening of applications begins December 1 and will continue until the position is filled.

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