



Society for the Study  
of Social Problems  
*In Pursuit of Social Justice*

## Labor Studies Division Summer 2017 Newsletter

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### Note from the Chair

I hope this newsletter finds each of you preparing for a great summer and making plans to be in Montreal at the August meeting.

First off, I want to thank each of you for making LS a vibrant active division. The support for the division and its activities is noted and much appreciated.

For those of you who will be in Montreal, I encourage you to attend as many of our sessions (sponsored and co-sponsored) as you can. I know meetings are a great time to catch up with friends and that your time is valuable, but if you are able to squeeze in some sessions that is helpful in ensuring the vibrancy of SSSP generally and LS specifically. Also, please plan on attending LS' business meeting, as it is where the ideas for the 2018 program sessions as well as other activities and opportunities for the divisions are discussed and decided. (Depending on your preference and the time, please feel free to bring a latte or something 'harder'.)

Next is the issue of mentors; SSSP is in need of mentors at the Montreal meeting. I'm sure each of us who has been around for more than a couple of years is able to regale friends and colleagues with stories of the support and opportunities SSSP afforded us early in our careers. Now we are in a position to help the next generation of scholars and scholar-activists. It takes a small amount of time to give back to one of the one of the most important activities of SSSP, namely, the mentoring of and networking with younger scholars. If you are able and willing to volunteer 30-60 minutes at the SSSP meeting, please drop Joel Best an email ASAP ([joelbest@udel.edu](mailto:joelbest@udel.edu)). THANKS!

Finally, in August my term as LS Division Chair expires. The division's membership, in its collective wisdom, elected Jill Brantley as its next chair. She has great ideas, energy, and humor – all necessary for the job!

I want to personally thank each of you for your support of and kindness towards me as a division member and as division chair. It has been an honor and privilege to work with all of you. I look forward to continued work in and on behalf of the LS Division. On a more personal note, I have been honored and humbled to succeed Jackie Krasas as LS Division Chair and preceded Jill Brantley. LS is truly a division with a great scholars and teachers.

Wishing each of you an enjoyable and productive summer and looking forward to seeing many of you in August at the meetings.

Warmest Regards,  
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## **SSSP Statement on Recent Immigration Executive Order**

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) wishes to lend its voice to the many others raising concerns about the recent Executive Order issued on January 27, 2017 by President Donald T. Trump banning citizens from seven majority-Muslim countries from entering the United States. We, along with others, question the constitutionality of the ban, but without question, believe very strongly that such an action undermines the democratic values of this country and is more likely to make the country less safe, not safer.

As social scientists we are concerned as well with the impact that this order will have on scientific research and knowledge, and in that vein we wish to echo the sentiments expressed in a recent statement by the American Association for the Advancement of Science:

*The January 27, 2017 White House executive order on visas and immigration will discourage many of the best and brightest international students, scholars, and scientists from studying and working in the United States, or attending academic and scientific conferences. Implementation of this policy compromises the United States' ability to attract international scientific talent and maintain scientific and economic leadership. It is in our national interest to take a balanced approach to immigration that protects national security interests and advances our scientific leadership.*

We urge the administration to rescind the order immediately and to consult with scientific and other communities with expertise in these areas to arrive at a more balanced and thoughtful approach. We believe it is possible to promote safety while preserving the principles and values that make the United States the great country that it is.

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## CONGRATS TO OUR NEW LABOR STUDIES DIVISION CHAIR, 2017-2019

Gillian Niebrugge-Brantley

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### Request from Joel Best

BE A MEETING MENTOR!

This is really an important part of what SSSP does for its members -- PLEASE consider doing this, thank you!!!

Each year, SSSP has lots of students and new members sign up for its meeting mentoring program. But the only way people can offer to be mentors is when they register for the meeting, and it's easy for folks to forget to do that, so there aren't enough volunteers. Because there aren't enough mentors, it is hard to match the interests of willing mentors with people who want mentoring.

I'm chairing the Lee Student Support Fund Committee (the group in charge of the mentoring program). I want to locate willing mentors from all of SSSP divisions. If you are planning to attend next year's meeting in Montreal, and if you'd be willing to serve as a mentor, please send me an email message ([joelbest@udel.edu](mailto:joelbest@udel.edu)). In your message, list the divisions that interest you. I'll save your information and, next summer, I'll try and identify (hopefully no more than one or two) mentees who share your interests.

I've been a mentor every year since the program started, and I continue to keep in touch with some of those people. It is a great program, but we need your help to make it stronger.

Thanks,

Joel Best ([joelbest@udel.edu](mailto:joelbest@udel.edu))

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## **MONTREAL 2017**

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The annual meeting will be held in Montreal (August 11-13, 2017). The theme of that meeting is Narratives In The World Of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, Transformation. If you are able to join us in Montreal that would be great. The Labor Studies Division is sponsoring or co-sponsoring a new of sessions, please see the list below. Each of you is strongly encouraged to submit a paper for presentation at the meeting. Also, please encourage your graduate students and colleagues to consider submitting a paper as well.

Co-Sponsored with the Disability Division: Disability and Work: The Visible and the Invisible

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Co-Sponsored with the Global Division: Narratives of Labor in the Global Economy-  
THEMATIC

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Co-sponsored with the Institutional Ethnography Division: Work and the Changing Environment  
of the Academy

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Co-sponsored with Racial and Ethnic Minorities: Race and the Working Poor

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Co-sponsored with Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities: LGBTQ+: Narratives in the  
Workplace-THEMATIC

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Co-sponsored with Sociology and Social Welfare: Precarity and Resistance in Care  
Work: Narratives in a Global Context-THEMATIC

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Labor Study Sessions:

- Motherhood and Work: Narratives in the Global Context; THEMATIC
- The Solidarity Economy
- Health Care Labor in a Global Context: Narratives and Challenges

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Hotel Reservation Information

**Room Rates:**

**Single/Double Occupancy:** \$189 CAD + tax per room/per night

**Triple Occupancy:** \$209 CAD + tax per room/per night

**Quad Occupancy:** \$229 CAD + tax per room/per night

Room rates are exclusive of 5% Goods & Services Tax, 9.975% Provincial Tax, and 3.5% Occupancy Tax per night. All taxes and fees are subject to change.

[http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/695/Hotel\\_Reservation\\_Information/](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/695/Hotel_Reservation_Information/)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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### New Job

Cedric de Leon has accepted a position as Associate Professor of Sociology at Tufts University starting this coming Fall.

### Paper Award

Daniel Auguste won the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Sociology Department 2017 Jocher Graduate Student Paper Award. The paper is titled: "Exclusive Religious Beliefs and Social Capital: Unpacking Nuances in the Relationship between Religion and Social Capital Formation."

### Member Articles and Chapters

Brimeyer, T., Silva, E. O. and Byrne, R. J. (2016), What do Unions Do? Media Framing of the Two-Faces of Labor. *WorkingUSA*, 19: 517–532. doi:10.1111/wusa.12259

de Leon, Cedric. 2016. "Black from White: How the Rights of White and Black Workers Became 'Labor' and 'Civil' Rights after the U.S. Civil War." *Labor Studies Journal* 42 (1): 1-17 (Lead article)

Agartan, Kaan and Cedric de Leon. 2016. "Interns and Infidels: The Transformation of Work and Citizenship in Turkey and the United States under Neo-liberalism." *Global Labour* 7 (3): 220-239 (Lead article)

Robert Perrucci, "Three Lives in Two Americas," chapter 3 in R. Darling and P. Stein (editors), *Journeys in Sociology*, Temple University Press and American Sociological Association, 2017.

Friedman, Sam. 2017. Creating a socialism that meets needs: What kind of society might actually work? *Against the Current*, in press. Issue 126 pp. 32 - 36. <http://www.solidarity-us.org/site/node/4866>. Reprinted at Climate & Capitalism, <http://climateandcapitalism.com/2017/01/08/creating-a-socialism-that-meets-human-needs/>; and at Dandelion Salad <https://dandelionsalad.wordpress.com/2017/01/10/socialism-creating-a-world-to-change-our-lives-by-sam-friedman/>

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## Job Openings

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) provides a free career center for members and non-members to browse current job opportunities related to sociology. Please remember to contact each employer individually if you would like more information about a job listing. SSSP hopes you find this service valuable.

Jobs are listed in chronological order by date posted. Job postings are done each Friday.

[http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/320/locationSectionId/0/Job\\_Opportunities](http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/320/locationSectionId/0/Job_Opportunities)

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