

## SSSP Drinking & Drugs Division Meeting

July 26, 2021 4:00-5:00pm EDT

Link to Agenda:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UPvGeZBu7JdMMIn61JUc7ba7Ex8lwYkQ/view?usp=sharing>

**Attendance:** Kathryn Nowotny (chair), David Frank, Henry Brownstein, Richard Wilsnack, Tasha Purdue, Andrew Burns, Dina Perrone, Alex Bennett, Luther Elliot, Leslie Wood, Stephen Lankenau, Alice Cepeda, Avelardo Valdez, Terry Furst, Honoria Guarino, Morgan Farrington, Aukje Lamonica, Shayna La Scala [18 people]

**The chair reviewed the following information:**

### **2021 Virtual Meeting - August 4-7, 2021**

**Theme:** Revolutionary Sociology: Truth, Healing, Reparations and Restructuring

#### **Virtual Platform:**

The SSSP 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting platform will be released in late July. At that time, all registrants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to access the platform and can begin building a personal agenda of sessions and events to attend. There will be plenty of networking and social opportunities as well. Registrants will be able to invite other registrants and schedule live video meetings throughout the conference. These meetings can be one on one or with up to 30 meeting participants. The program also includes several free unprogrammed timeslots with live video meetings (Zoom links) for those who want to use them.

#### **Drinking & Drugs Schedule:**

Session 022: [CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Harnessing Social Movements for Social Change](#)

Date: Wednesday, August 4

Time: 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Organizer & Presider/Discussant: Avelardo Valdez, University of Southern California

Session 052: [PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Drinking and Drugs](#)

Date: Thursday, August 5

Time: 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Presider & Discussant: Kathryn Nowotny, University of Miami

Session 078: [Sustaining Policy and Practice Change beyond Covid-19](#)

Date: Friday, August 6

Time: 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Juliette Roddy, Northern Arizona University

Session 086: [Revolutionary Approaches to Drug Treatment and Harm Reduction](#) THEMATIC

Date: Friday, August 6

Time: 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Organizer & Presider: Dina Perrone, California State University, Long Beach  
Session 112: [The Impact of Covid-19 on People Who Use Drugs, Drug Treatment, and Harm Reduction](#)

Date: Saturday, August 7

Time: 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Organizer & Presider: Alex S. Bennett, New York University

Discussant: Stephen Lankenau, Drexel University

Session 119: [Innovative Harm Reduction Strategies from Across the Globe](#)

Date: Saturday, August 7

Time: 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Organizers: Dina Perrone, California State University, Long Beach; Aukje Lamonica, Southern Connecticut State University

Presider & Discussant: Dina Perrone, California State University, Long Beach

### **Save the Date**

A Free Virtual SSSP Global Connections Outreach Conference!

**Theme:** Reimagining Our Worlds from Below: Transnational Conversations on Resistance, Movements and Transformations

“It aims to provide a platform for scholars, activists, practitioners, students, professionals, governmental entities, non-profit organizations, and civil society from all over the world to network, share experiences and learn from each other across boundaries – as we reimagine forms of resistance, movements, and solutions to the unconscionable historic and existential challenges we face on our planet.”

**Dates:** February 22 to 24, 2022

**Organizers & Contact:** Organized by the SSSP Transnational Initiatives Committee & Ad hoc Transnational Virtual Initiatives Committee. Co-hosted by the Environmental and Climate Justice Hub in the Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Contact:** [transnationalconversations@gmail.com](mailto:transnationalconversations@gmail.com)

**Point persons:** Diana Therese M. Veloso & Pattie Thomas

### **Division Administration**

#### **Membership:**

Steady around 100 from 2017-2019. Dropped to 72 during 2020, but all divisions were down. We are back to 105 as of July 13, 2021.

#### **Newsletter:**

We need to prepare a newsletter.

- We can pay a newsletter editor, but only after they have edited 2 newsletters.
- Tasha Purdue, University of Southern California

### **Social Media:**

We have a Twitter and Facebook account. @ssspdd

- Andrew Burns (LSU graduate student)

### **2021 Awards**

#### **Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award:**

**Award Winner:** “Neighborhood and Health: Assessing ‘Neighborhood Effects’ on Accidental Drug Deaths.” Christopher Contreras, University of California Irvine

**Award Honorable Mention:** “Place Effects on Health: Heroin Use in Backcountry California,” David Showalter, University of California Berkeley

**Committee:** David Frank (Chair), Dina Perrone, Julie Roddy

#### **Junior Scholar Award:**

**Award Winner:** Kathryn Nowotny, University of Miami

**Committee:** Jason Ford (Chair), Honoria Guarino, Alex Bennett

#### **Senior Scholar Award:**

**Award Winner:** Samuel Friedman, New York University Medical School

**Committee:** Terry Furst (Chair), Lalo Valdez, Henry Brownstein

### **The Chair asked for volunteers for next year’s committees:**

### **2022 Committees**

We need volunteers for the following committees:

- Student Paper Award: **Aukje Lamonica, Dina Perrone, David Frank**
- Junior Scholar Award: **Margaret Kelley, Ellen Benoit**
- Elections Committee: **Kathryn Nowotny, Suzi Walters, \_\_\_\_\_**

Newsletter: **Tasha Purdue**

Social Media: **Andrew Burns, Morgan Farrington**

### **2022 Conference Sessions**

**Theme:** [The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum](#), Noreen M. Sugrue, The Latino Policy Forum, SSSP President (2021-2022)

- Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza, August 5-7, 2022
- The 2022 Call for Papers will be available in mid-October.
- “We also must recognize that as sociologists we will not be spontaneously invited to the solutions table. In order to secure a seat at that table, we must deploy our research

findings along salient avenues of public discussion and debate. We are called to translate our research findings into concrete prescriptions for change, and thereby infuse the public process with the results of our research. But sitting at the solutions table is one thing; we also must ensure that we have a suitable microphone in order to amplify our voice. Our unique voice can illuminate the issues and problems, as well as provide solutions aimed at both rectifying problems and guiding the reimagining of how a more equitable social order can be achieved. We seek our seat and our microphone not for our own careers but rather for the sake of the country and the world.”

- “I invite each of you to join us in Los Angeles – the city of angels – in order to further a dialogue aimed at social change and action rooted in data and theory. The 2022 meeting also provides opportunities to define, energize, and commit to concrete social actions and policy work... It is the time to turn the multiple moments on our social landscape into momentum – momentum for social justice, momentum for change, momentum for SSSP scholars to move from analysis to action, and momentum to make SSSP not simply the Society for the Study of Social Problems, but also into a society that designs solutions.”

### **Sessions:**

- 11 Total Sessions
  - 3 Drinking and Drugs sponsored sessions
  - 7 co-sponsored sessions
  - 1 virtual session
- Types of Sessions
  - Regular
    - 4 papers and a discussant or 5 papers with no discussant
  - Papers in the Round
    - 4 papers with an established scholar as a discussant
  - Critical Dialogue
    - up to 8 authors with short (5 minute) presentations
    - SSSP has really encouraged sessions to use Critical Dialogues in the past, especially for thematic sessions, as it allows for more participants

### **Potential Topics:**

“The disability division is wondering about possibly co-sponsoring a session with drugs, perhaps related to opioids, chronic pain and disability. No title in mind yet, but would love to discuss further if you are interested. I would be willing to serve as an organizer. Let us know what you think!” (Loren Wilbers, chair of Disability Division)

**Membership agreed on the cosponsored panel with the Disability Division.**

### **The following panel topics were proposed:**

1. **Covid and Recovery: Peer, Provider and Policy perspectives – Julie & Honoria. Health and Health Policy co-sponsor? Broaden to include COVID, recovery, and homeless.**

2. Safe supply/ drug poisonings/ fentanyl – David & Dina. Health and Health Policy co-sponsor?
3. Social isolation policies and effects on alcohol and drug use – Aukje & Honoria. Society and Mental Health to co-sponsor?
4. Researchers with Lived Experience and Participants as Research Partners – Alex & David. Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Community Research and Development Division to co-sponsor?
5. 50th “anniversary” of the War on Drugs – Steve & Lalo. Racial and Ethnic Minorities to co-sponsor?
6. Stigmatization, normalization, and drug myths– Andrew and Morgan, no co-sponsor?
7. Invited Community Panel – LA drug policy – Kathryn/Alice/Lalo/Dina, Thematic, no co-sponsor?
8. Roundtables - Kathryn Nowotny, no co-sponsor?
9. Diversion of Prescription/Psychoactive Medications – **NEED AN ORGANIZER.** Health and Health Policy co-sponsor?