

**SSSP Division of Racial and Ethnic Minorities (DREM) meeting
July 13, 2021**

Intros

- Shared challenges and successes over the past year.

Division Updates

- Incoming co-chairs.
 - Felicia Arriaga (2020-2022)
 - Rahsaan Mahadeo (2021-2023)
- DREM current membership total: 379
- Budget \$600
- We need help with the newsletter. If you are interested, please email Felicia and/or Rahsaan about the newsletter. Newsletters help us spread the word about the division.
 - Kenya Goods offered to support. Thank you Kenya!
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Awards

- Graduate Student Award
 - Honorable mention: (Didn't catch the title or author).
 - Winner: Anjanette M. Chan Tack
 - Paper: "When Gender Conflict Breaks Racial Alignment: Indo-Caribbeans, South Asians, and Ethno-Racial Identity Choice at the Black/Asian Interface."

Award winners will be acknowledged during the virtual banquet this year.
- Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award
 - Winner: *Scammer's Yard: The Crime of Black Repair in Jamaica* by Jovan Scott Yard (also finalist for C Wright Mills Award)

If you are at all interested in serving as reviewers for future awards committee, please provide Division chairs your info:

- Foroogh Mohammad: fmohammadi@mun.ca
- Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award
 - Winner: Maria G. Rendon, Adriana Aldana and Laureen D. Hom
 - Children of Latino immigrants framing race: Making sense of criminalisation in a colour-blind era.

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Current Sessions

- Social Control and Policing Communities and Cities
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- Critical Dialogue:
- Covid-19, Criminal (In)Justice and Racism

Other relevant sessions:

- Session 053: Let's Have A Real Talk: The Dynamics of Gender, Race, and Allies

Planning for 2022 meeting

Theme: Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum

We have 10 or so total sessions. 7 co-sponsored with other divisions, 3 solo for DREM

Potential sessions for next year's conference:

- Palestine: Very relevant topic. Connection to racism, settler colonialism and social movements.
- "Afro-Asian relations -- comparative racializations, cross-racial conflicts, and solidarities."
- #scholarstrike: Professors who have been punished for striking in solidarity with racial justice struggles. There may be an open lawsuit against Texas A&M. The repression is quite concerning.
- Decolonizing sociological curriculum

Organizing sessions are pretty easy. Nancy Mezey has offered to help. You can reach her at: nmezey@monmouth.edu

If there are other or special sessions that you think make sense for our division, please feel free to send suggestions to Felicia.

SSSP council meeting tomorrow July 14, 2021

Newsletter items

- Job announcements
- Recent publications
- If you created a new syllabus for a class, feel free to share.
- Announcements: BDS opponents are trying to pass a "Resolution in support of academic freedom globally" feels very duplicitous. They are attempting to suggest that BDS suppresses academic freedom. It's possible the resolution will continue to be edited. There is no final version of the resolution. Some of the items seem very appealing. It is currently a 4-page resolution. Shutting down debate is a pro-Zionist tactic.
 - A statement on Palestine was shared with SSSP board. The board is still reviewing it.
 - Melissa Weiner: mfweiner@holycross.edu
 - Sydney Hart: shart9@ccc.edu

Commented [MOU1]: I believe these two members are interested in thinking about how to respond.