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Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division

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SSSP 2012 Annual Meeting

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*62nd Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 16th-Saturday, August 18th
The Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel
Denver, CO*

Greetings! The SSSP Annual Meeting is quickly approaching. I look forward to working with you in August in hopes of sustaining a very visible and vital Conflict, Social Action and Change Division. This newsletter provides you with important information about the Division's thematic and co-sponsored sessions, winner of our student paper competition, and member achievements.

The 2012 meetings, held in Denver, CO, will be informative and exciting. The theme, "The Art of Activism," focuses its sessions and workshops on the myriad intersections between art and activism to "explore the creative spirit in activism as well as the sociopolitical power of art." I am excited by the Division's thematic sessions which span a variety of topics, including: the artist as observer and social critic; redefining political action and activism; and challenges in conducting and publishing social action scholarship. As exciting are the numerous co-sessions we are sponsoring with other SSSP divisions. These sessions will explore topics ranging from sex/y activism, to environmental activism, to youth activism, to name just a few.

As we move forward toward the 2012 meetings, please note the date and time of the **CSA&C's Division Meeting**. This important meeting provides you the opportunity to suggest thematic and co-sponsored sessions for the **2013 Annual Meetings in New York** and to express your interest in organizing or presiding over a session. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Conflict, Social Action & Change 2012 Division Sessions

Division Thematic Session

Session 82: Meet the Authors of “*The Art of Social Critique: Painting Mirrors of Social Life*” edited by Shawn Bingham. Organizer: Shawn Bingham, University of South Florida. Friday, August 17, 4:30pm-6:10pm, Room: Mt. Princeton

Division Sessions

Session 11: Challenges in Conducting and Publishing Social Action Scholarship. Organizer: John C. Alessio, St. Cloud State University. Thursday, August 16, 10:30am-12:10pm, Room: Mt. Harvard

Session 38: Redefining Political Action and Activism. Organizer: Catherine Gillis, Loyola University Chicago. Thursday, August 16, 4:30pm-6:10pm, Room: Mt. Columbia Room

Division Panel Session

Session 48: Occupy Our Minds: Raising Consciousness and Building Movement in this Moment. Organizer: Debbie Perkins, Coastal Carolina University. Panelists: Anthony Justin Barnum, Howard University; Rose Brewer, University of Minnesota; R. A. Dello Buono, Manhattan College; Walda Katz Fishman, Howard University; Jerome Scott, League of Revolutionaries for a New America. Friday, August 17, 8:00am-9:40am, Room: Mt. Princeton

Division Co-Sponsored Sessions

Session 30: Environmental Activism. Organizer: Tracey E. Perkins, University of California, Santa Cruz; Julie R. Andrzejewski, St. Cloud State University. Thursday, August 16, 2:30pm-4:10pm, Room: Mt. Columbia. Co-sponsors: Environment and Technology; Poverty, Class, and Inequality

Session 59: Collaborations: Professionals, Researchers, and Community Activists. Organizer: Alison Griffith, York University. Friday, August 17, 12:30pm-2:10pm, Room: Mt. Oxford. Co-sponsor: Institutional Ethnography

Session 94: Engaging Youth in Social Action. Organizer: Abbilyn M. Harmon, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. Saturday, August 18, 8:30am-10:10am, Room: Mt. Princeton. Co-sponsor: Sociology and Social Welfare

Division Co-Sponsored Sessions, Continued

Session 106: Grassroots Women Activists. Organizer: Joyce Bialik, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College. Saturday, August 18, 10:30am-12:10pm. Room: Mt. Princeton. Co-Sponsor: Sociology and Social Welfare

Session 118: Transforming Social Change into Social Policy. Organizer: John Barnshaw, University of South Florida. Saturday, August 18, 12:30pm-2:10pm. Room: Mt. Princeton. Co-Sponsor: Social Problems Theory

Session 129: Radicalism in the 21st Century: Networking and Social Activism. Organizer: Tracy Lee Peressini, Renison University College, University of Waterloo. Saturday, August 18, 2:30pm-4:10pm. Room: Mt. Princeton. Co-Sponsor: Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Sociology and Social Welfare

Session 140: Sex/y Activism. Organizer: Barbara G. Brents, University of Nevada Las Vegas. Saturday, August 18, 4:30-6:10pm. Room: Mt. Princeton. Co-Sponsor: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

Receptions and Special Events

Welcoming Reception: Wednesday, August 15, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Room: Mt. Oxford

New Member Breakfast: Thursday, August 16, 7:15am-8:15am. Room: Mt. Sopris

Division Sponsored Reception: Thursday, August 16, 6:30pm-7:30pm. Rooms: Mount Evans A and B

Graduate Student Happy Hour: Thursday, August 15, 10:00-11:00pm. Location: Pub 17

Reception Honoring Michele Koontz and our Past Presidents: Friday, August 17, 6:45pm-7:45pm
Location: Pyramid Peak Foyer

Awards Banquet: Friday, August 17, 8:00pm-10:00pm. Room: Pyramid Peak Ballroom

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CSA&C Student Paper Competition
Winner

Jesse Klein

Department of Sociology

Florida State University

**“ Activist and Non-Activist Labels:
Differential Activist Identification in the Tea Party
And Occupy Movements ”**

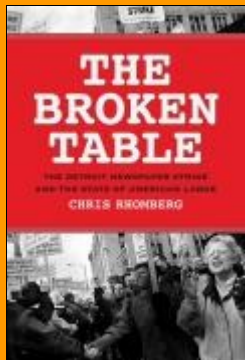
**To Be Presented at the 2012 SSSP Meetings in Session 96,
Saturday, August 18, 8:30-10:10, Room: Mt. Yale**



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Division Member News and Notes

Recent Publications and Member News:



Chris Rhomberg, 2012. *The Broken Table: The Detroit Newspaper Strike and the State of American Labor*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. In an era when the incidence of strikes in the United States has been drastically reduced, the 1995 Detroit newspaper strike stands out as one of the largest and longest work stoppages in the past two decades. A riveting read full of sharp analysis, *The Broken Table* revisits the Detroit case in order to show the ways this strike signaled the new terrain in labor management conflict. The book raises broader questions of workplace governance and accountability that affect all American workers.

Picardo Amazar, Nelson and Brian Kulik. Forthcoming. *American Facism and the New Deal: The Associated Farmers of California*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. This book examines the manifestation of facism in America during the New Deal under the banner of the Associated Farmers of California. The AF of California was engineered, funded, and directed by the agricultural elite of California with the support of industrial actors. Engaging in a reign of terror to suppress the rights of labor, mobilizing its financial and political connections, the AF successfully stymied the organizing efforts of agricultural labor in California. The book recounts the history of the AF as a social movement and closes by speculating on American facism in the post-industrial age.

Fox, Nicole. 2012. “‘God Must Have Been Sleeping’: Faith as an Obstacle and a Resource for Rwandan Genocide Survivors.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52(1): 65-78.

Fox, Nicole. 2011. “‘Oh, did the women suffer, they suffered so much’: Impacts of Gender-based Violence on Kinship Networks in Rwanda.” *The International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 37(2): 279-305.

McCauley, Jaime. 2012. “The Demise of Same-Sex Marriage Panic in Massachusettes” in the *Ashgate Research Companion to Moral Panics*, edited by Charles Krinsky.

Perkins, Tracy. 2012. “Women’s Pathways into Activism: Rethinking the Women’s Environmental Justice Narrative in California’s San Joaquin Valley.” *Organization & Environment* 25(1): 76-94. **Winner of the 2011 CSA&C Graduate Student Paper Competition.**

Shostak, Sara and Nicole Fox. 2012. “Forgetting and Remembering Epilepsy: Collective Memory and the Experience of Illness.” *Sociology of Health and Illness* 34(3): 362-378.

Recent Publications and Member News Continued:

Congratulations to Division Member **Dr. Jaime McCauley**. Jaime successfully defended her dissertation, "On the Right Side of History: How Lesbian and Gay Activists Galvanized Culture and Politics to make Massachusetts the First State with Legal Same-Sex Marriage." She has accepted a tenure track position in sociology at Northern Kentucky University.

Division Member **Jennifer Heineman** participated in a National Geographic documentary on sex work where she was interviewed about the importance of sex worker rights.

Congratulations to Division Member **Dr. Tanya Sauders**, Assistant Professor at Lehigh University. Tanya was awarded the 2011-2012 Fulbright Scholar Award for Brazil. While in Brazil she is teaching a course entitled, "Hip Hop e Mudanca Social" (Global Hip Hop and Social Change) at the Federal University Fluminense in Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro, and will be giving lectures and workshops at universities and community organizations throughout the country. Her research interests center on how the African Diaspora in the Americas use art as a tool for political enfranchisement and large scale social change—she focuses on the transnational Underground Hip Hop Movement as a case study of this dynamic. Her work in Brazil is a continuation of her doctoral work on Underground Hip Hop in Cuba. She is currently wrapping up her book on the Cuban Hip Hop Movement, which she expects will be available sometime next year.

A New Book Series

Solving Social Problems (Series Editor: Bonnie Berry, Director of the Social Problems Research Group, USA, www.ashgate.com/sociology). *Solving Social Problems* provides a forum for the description and measurement of social problems, with a keen focus on the concrete remedies proposed for their solution. The series takes an international perspective, exploring social problems in various parts of the world, with the central concern being always their possible remedy. Work is welcomed on subjects as diverse as environmental damage, terrorism, economic disparities and economic devastation, poverty, inequalities, domestic assaults and sexual abuse, health care, natural disasters, labour inequality, animal abuse, crime, and mental illness and its treatment. In addition to recommending solutions to social problems, the books in this series are theoretically sophisticated, exploring previous discussions of the issues in question, examining other attempts to resolve them, and adopting and discussing methodologies that are commonly used to measure social problems. Proposed solutions may be framed as changes in policy or practice, or more broadly as social change and social movements. Solutions may be reflective of ideology, but are always pragmatic and detailed, explaining the means by which the suggested solutions might be achieved.

If you would like to submit a proposal for this series, please email: the Series Editor, **Bonnie Berry**: solving@socialproblems.org

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The CSA&C Division Meeting is your Opportunity to:

- ♦ Meet other division members
- ♦ Discuss your ideas for sessions you might like to organize or would like to see organized for the 2013 meetings in NYC (proposed sessions are sent to the program committee on Saturday, August 18. It is at this meeting that we will develop a tentative schedule of thematic sessions, regular sessions, roundtable sessions, and co-sponsored sessions to be offered by the Division in 2013. Bring us your ideas and get them on our schedule!)
- ♦ Offer to organize and/or preside over a session at the 2013 meetings
- ♦ Find out how you can become more involved in CSA&C
- ♦ Suggest your ideas about how the division can become more visible

When? Thursday, August 16th, 12:30pm-2:10pm

Where? Imperial Ballroom

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!