

# Conflict, Social Action, & Change Division Newsletter

Many thanks to those who attended the SSSP meetings in New York! Your attendance at the meeting, and input at our division meeting, continue to make Conflict, Social Action, and Change a large and engaged SSSP division!

In New York, our division hosted a range of sessions, including the new “critical dialogues” format. Our strong showing at the meetings is due to the dedication and passion of all the presenters, session organizers and presiders, and discussants—thank you!

Looking forward to 2014 in San Francisco, the theme of the coming meeting is *Fifty Years Later: From a War on Poverty to a War on the Poor*. An impressive four of our ten allotted sessions align with the theme. One regular session and three co-sponsored sessions address issues of income inequality, anti-poverty programs, disability and poverty, and poverty policy. Our thematic regular session is a panel entitled “Framing the Conversation: Income Inequality, Wage Disparities, and Exploitation.”

We are sponsoring a thematic, invited critical dialogue session on “Advancing Reproductive Justice Amidst Economic Austerity” where a diverse group of up to eight speakers will share insights and critiques.

We are also hosting or co-hosting panels on the following topics:

- Privilege in academia and activism
- Anti-trafficking and sex worker rights campaigns (invited)
- Community-based social justice activism and education
- Institutional ethnographers organizing for change (critical dialogue)
- contemporary ways of protest

Please consider submitting to one of these panels or dialogues. The deadline to submit to the 2014 meetings is January 31, 2014. Please visit [http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/562/2014\\_Annual\\_Meeting/](http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/562/2014_Annual_Meeting/)

And submit through the online process.

On a personal note, I am proud to take over as the new Chair of our Division, and am excited about working with all of you. To that end, CSAC has a Facebook page! [www.facebook.com/SSSPCSAC](http://www.facebook.com/SSSPCSAC)

Please “like” it, and feel free to use it and send me information to post on new or interesting publications, social change in the news, grant opportunities, jobs, and conferences.

Finally, I want to extend a personal thanks to outgoing chair Maralee Mayberry for her guidance and mentorship. And to all, have a great fall semester! Thank you for your commitment to our division!

Thank you,

Crystal A. Jackson

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### CALL FOR PAPERS, 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The Society for the Study of Social Problems

64th Annual Meeting

August 15-17, 2014

The San Francisco Marriott Marquis

San Francisco, CA

Listed below are the open calls for the 2014 Annual Meeting Sessions that feature the CSAC Division.

Each participant is permitted to submit one sole-authorship paper and one critical dialogue paper, but additional co-authored papers may be submitted. Critical Dialogue sessions include short (5 minute) presentations by 8 authors followed by an engaged dialogue that critically explores connections among the papers. The audience will have an opportunity to participate in the dialogue as well. Critical Dialogue sessions will not have audio-visual equipment. All papers must be submitted by midnight (EST) on January 31, 2014 in order to be considered.

Session # 10      THEMATIC  
Framing the Conversation: Income Inequality, Wage Disparities, and Exploitation  
Organizer: Matthew Wilkinson, [mwilkins@coastal.edu](mailto:mwilkins@coastal.edu)

Session # 11  
Privilege Protecting Privilege: 'Radically' Challenging the Status Quo?  
Co-organizers: Dana K. Champion, [dkc154@psu.edu](mailto:dkc154@psu.edu), and Boris Hines, [bbh5030@psu.edu](mailto:bbh5030@psu.edu)

Session # 12      THEMATIC  
Was it Social Change? Successes and Failures of Anti-Poverty Programs  
Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change, and Poverty, Class, and Inequality  
Organizer: William D. Cabin, [williamcabin@yahoo.com](mailto:williamcabin@yahoo.com)

Session #13      THEMATIC  
Disability, Poverty, and Work: Multiple Locations of Disadvantage  
Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change, and Disabilities  
Organizer: Sara E. Green, [sagreen@usf.edu](mailto:sagreen@usf.edu)

Session # 14      THEMATIC  
Constructing Theories of Poverty, Inequality, and Policy: Potentials and Limitations  
Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Social Problems Theory; and Sociology and Social Welfare  
Organizer: Nicole D'Anna, [ndanna@albany.edu](mailto:ndanna@albany.edu)

Session # 15  
Community-Based Social Justice Activism and Education  
Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change and Educational Problems  
Deborah Godwin Perkins, [dperkins@coastal.edu](mailto:dperkins@coastal.edu)

Session # 16  
CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Institutional Ethnographers Organizing for Change: Making Change from Below  
Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change, and Institutional Ethnography  
Co-organizers: Marie L. Campbell, [mariecam@uvic.ca](mailto:mariecam@uvic.ca) and Cheryl Zurawski, [cdz@arialassociates.com](mailto:cdz@arialassociates.com)

Session #17  
Contemporary Ways of Protest  
Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change, and Labor Studies  
Eric Turner, [eturne84@unm.edu](mailto:eturne84@unm.edu)

## GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE DIVISION

**Deadline: 1/31/14**

**The Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division** announces its 2014 Graduate Student Paper Competition.

Students are encouraged to submit theoretical or empirical papers that address some aspect of the interrelation of conflict, social action, and change. The winner of the competition will receive a \$150 cash award, a one-year membership to SSSP, conference registration fees to the 2014 SSSP meeting in San Francisco and a ticket to the SSSP Awards Banquet. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Also, papers must be authored by a current graduate student (either solely or co-authored by more than one student) and may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. The winning author is required to present the paper at a Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division session during the 2014 SSSP meeting in San Francisco, August 15-17, 2014. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please both upload your submission to the annual meeting submission site AND send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter to Crystal Jackson at [crjackson@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:crjackson@jjay.cuny.edu) with the subject line: SSSP-CSAC Student Paper Competition.

## MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

**Lisa Martino-Taylor, Ph.D.** has been named Program Coordinator of the Global Studies Program at St. Louis Community College-Meramec.

**Chris Rhomberg** (Fordham University) received the 2013 Distinguished Scholarly Monograph Award from the American Sociological Association's section on Labor and Labor Movements for his book, *The Broken Table: The Detroit Newspaper Strike and the State of American Labor* (Russell Sage, 2012). His article, "Class and Collective Action: Writing Stories about Actors and Events," will appear in *Sociología Histórica* (No. 2, 2013) in a special issue on the 50th anniversary of the publication of E.P. Thompson's *The Making of the English Working Class*.

**Matthew Kearney, Ph.D. Candidate** at University of Wisconsin-Madison, received the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award from the SSSP section on Youth, Aging, and the Life Course for "Youth Authority in the Wisconsin Uprising" at the 2013 annual meeting. This paper is an offshoot of his dissertation in progress about the Wisconsin protests of 2011.

### New CSAC member publications:

Luna, Zakiya T. and Kristin Luker. 2013. "Reproductive Justice." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, Volume 9.

Taft, Jessica K. and Hava Rachel Gordon. 2013. "Youth Activists, Youth Councils, and Constrained Democracy." *Education, Citizenship and Social Justice* 8 (1): 87-100.

### CSAC member on the market:

**Emily Cabaniss** ([ercabani@ncsu.edu](mailto:ercabani@ncsu.edu)) is currently a doctoral candidate in sociology at North Carolina State University. Her primary areas of specialization are immigration, social change and social movements, social inequality, social psychology, and qualitative methods. Cabaniss' dissertation, *Storytelling in the Political Mobilization of Young Immigrant Rights Activists*, examines the narrative and identity work of undocumented youth involved in the DREAM Act Movement.

## A MOMENT WITH A MEMBER

*In the spirit of providing members a space to discuss their work and their inspirations, CSAC Division invites newsletter submissions. CSAC member Eric Turner shares his experiences with international conferences and mentoring.*

**Eric Turner** is a Sociology PhD Candidate at the University of New Mexico. His main interests include repression, political opportunities and use of new technologies in recent waves of mobilization in Europe and North America.

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It is very important for young academics like myself to participate in a wide variety of conferences across the world for three reasons. First off, we can obtain important feedback for our research from audiences outside our departments and home universities. Second, these conferences are unique opportunities for networking with other scholars with like-minded research interests. Most notably, we can boost our CV by securing opportunities for co-authoring and editing work for academic journals, as well as participation in future conference panels and conference committees. Lastly, these conferences may provide opportunities for making our work known to our possible future employers and colleagues, thus they may also enhance our chances in the job market.

My recent experiences have been a point in case. At the June 2013 International Conference of Europeanists in Amsterdam, Netherlands, I was able to present my recently published work (published on *Peace Review* in September 2013) on the role of online tools in recent mobilizations in Italy, Spain, Greece, Portugal and the USA, in a panel that included researchers presenting different new perspectives on the 2011-12 wave of protest. Prof. Donatella Della Porta, from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, was present as a discussant at this panel and gave invaluable feedback to all of the presenters.

Furthermore, I was able to use this panel to ask Della Porta if she wished to be the external member of my PhD dissertation committee, a role which she accepted in the following months. My dissertation work will focus on explaining the factors behind the emergence and differential levels of support and repression in the Occupy Wall Street movement across 64 U.S. Cities. Della Porta's presence in my committee is an invaluable boost to the strength of this project, as well as to my academic career, because, as a leading scholar on the role of repression in social movements she can provide invaluable feedback for my work. In conclusion, this experience shows how conferences can provide invaluable opportunities for developing networks and ties to leading scholars, as well as making our work known to larger academic audiences.

### *Recommended conferences:*

Council for European Studies: Social Movements Research Network:

<http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/research/research-networks/social-movements>

March 2014 European Studies Conference in Washington, DC. (Deadline has passed, but many workshops on teaching and engaging activism).

<http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/conferences/2014-ces-conference>

Alternative Futures Conference, Manchester, England. It's a small conference that has a real community feel. A call for papers is usually sent out in Fall for April the following year.

<http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/politics-research-group/alternative-futures-conference/>



## CALL FOR PAPERS

**Call for Papers:**  
***Social Movements and World-System Transformation:***  
***Prospects and Challenges***

38th Conference of the Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS)  
University of Pittsburgh  
April 10-12, 2014

### **Social Movements and World-System Transformation: Prospects and Challenges**

As the world faces unprecedented challenges caused by financial and ecological crises, social movements have been advancing increasingly developed proposals for alternatives to the programs and policies offered by elites. Nevertheless, they remain plagued by persistent challenges to building global solidarity. This conference looks at these emerging alternatives to the capitalist world-system and considers their strengths and limitations in addition to uncovering the factors affecting their prospects for realization. What knowledge can be gained from looking at the history of struggle against globalized capitalism and its effects? How do existing practices in social movements and in the wider society advance or obstruct efforts to envision and make possible alternative world-systems? This conference will be an international gathering of scholars from a diverse range of disciplines, together with political organizers with substantial experience in contemporary global activism to share ideas and generate new knowledge that can inform contemporary social movements and scholarship and public policy.

An important innovation in this conference is that we recognize that world-systemic transformation requires new practices that consciously resist reproducing the boundaries, hierarchies, and exclusions of the existing order. Thus, this conference will model relationships and practices that might better advance knowledge and learning about the world-system and its transformation by including both scholars and social movement organizers in the workshop and by working to maximize the interdisciplinary content and international participation of the program.

#### *Keynote Speakers:*

**Boaventura de Sousa Santos**, Professor of Sociology at the School of Economics, University of Coimbra (Portugal), Distinguished Legal Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School and Global Legal Scholar at the University of Warwick.

<http://www.boaventuradesousasantos.pt/pages/en/homepage.php>

**Sylvia Walby**, Professor of Sociology at Lancaster University, UNESCO Chair in Gender Research Group. Professor Walby's talk will address the theme "Feminism as Counter-Hegemonic."

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/sociology/profiles/sylvia-walby>

**Immanuel Wallerstein**, Senior Research Scholar, Yale University, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Binghamton University (SUNY), [Emeritus], Former Directeur d'études associé, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris).

<http://www.iwallerstein.com/>

The conference calls for papers under the general theme, Social Movements and World-System Transformation: Prospects and Challenges and should fall within one of the following sub-themes: Roles of States and Movements in World-Systemic Transformation, Knowledge and Paradigms in Contestation, The Role of Peripheries in Contesting World-Systemic Hierarchies, or Collective Identities and Democratic Transformation.

For details see <http://www.sociology.pitt.edu/PEWSConference.htm>

Please submit proposals electronically to Jackie Smith at [jwsr@pitt.edu](mailto:jwsr@pitt.edu). (Please use the subject line PEWS Conference). Submissions should include a paper title and abstract (no more than one page) and full contact information for all authors by January 21, 2014. Authors of accepted papers will be asked to provide drafts of their papers by March 30, 2014 and papers will be considered for a planned edited volume. Meals and lodging for authors of accepted papers will be provided during the conference. Note to non-U.S. scholars: We expect to have a limited number of scholarships to partially defray travel costs for international authors whose papers have been selected for the program and who lack other sources of travel assistance. Please indicate if you wish to be considered for an international travel stipend.



## CALLS FOR PAPERS CONTINUED...

### **Call for Papers—Journal of World-Systems Research**

The Journal of World-Systems Research (<http://www.jwsr.org/>) invites submissions of original articles, datasets, and special issue proposals relevant to the study of world-systems and global political economy. Founded in 1994, JWSR is the official journal of the American Sociological Association's Section on Political Economy of the World-System. It is an online, open source (free) journal that seeks to make research available to readers around the world regardless of their access to university libraries and other resources.

We especially want to include works that proceed from several different theoretical stances and disciplines, including, but are not limited to, political science, history, sociology, archaeology, cultural anthropology, economics and geography. We also encourage the application of comparative, quantitative and network-analytic methods to world-systems research, though publish many pieces that do not use these methods. Any empirical study deemed relevant to world-systems analysis may be published even if it uses a very different conceptual framework. In addition, we consider discussions of future trajectories and options for the modern world-system and considerations of what can be done to create a more humane, peaceful and just world society.

To submit your work, please email a manuscript of 10,000 words or less to [jwsr@pitt.edu](mailto:jwsr@pitt.edu). See the journal's website at <http://www.jwsr.org> to view past issues, a list of Editorial Board members, and further submission guidelines. The Editorial team includes Editor, Jackie Smith (University of Pittsburgh), Production Editor, Scott Byrd (Murray State University), Book Review Editor, Jenn Bair (University of Colorado-Boulder), and Managing Editor Ray Kanemoto (University of Pittsburgh).

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