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Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division Newsletter

***Society for the Study of
Social Problems***

Notes from the Division Chair



As we head into Spring, I know many of you will be participating in the 2014 meeting in San Francisco, California. With a theme of *Fifty Years Later: From a War on Poverty to a War on the Poor*, our division is hosting a range of panels and critical dialogues relating to conflict, social action, and change.

An impressive four of our ten allotted division 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 also 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 hosting/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

Cheers to a smooth end of the spring semester and a productive summer!

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The Society for the Study of Social Problems *64th Annual Meeting*

August 15-17, 2014
The San Francisco Marriott Marquis
San Francisco, CA

**Our division meeting is set for Friday, August 15th,
4:30 pm - 6:10 pm, in the Club Room.**

I also encourage new members to check out
"Questions that you may have about the SSSP Annual
Meeting....but are too embarrassed to ask" by visiting
<http://tinyurl.com/SSSPnewmtgqs>

**PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT
DEADLINE: PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS MUST
REGISTER BY JULY 1,
2014.**

If you are participating in the meeting, please make
sure you respond to the email verifying your listing.
Your listing(s) will be published in the online SSSP pre-
liminary program on May 15, 2014.

Corrections are due by May 1st. You may make chang-
es by clicking the links provided in the e-mail you re-
ceived to review/edit your information.

Check the forthcoming program for the dates and times
of our CSAC Division Sessions in the column to the
right.

Session # 10 (Thematic)

Framing the Conversation: Income Inequality, Wage Dispar-
ities, and Exploitation

Organizer: Matthew Wilkinson, mwilkins@coastal.edu

Session # 11

Privilege Protecting Privilege: 'Radically' Challenging the
Status Quo?

Co-organizers: Dana K. Champion, dkc154@psu.edu, and
Boris Hines, 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

Session #13 (Thematic)

Disability, Poverty, and Work: Multiple Locations of Disad-
vantage

*Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change, and
Disabilities*

Organizer: Sara E. Green, sagreen@usf.edu

Session # 14 (Thematic)

Constructing Theories of Poverty, Inequality, and Policy:
Potentials and Limitations

*Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change; So-
cial Problems Theory; and Sociology and Social Welfare*

Organizer: Nicole D'Anna, ndanna@albany.edu

Session # 15

Community-Based Social Justice Activism and Education

*Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change and
Educational Problems*

Organizer: Deborah Godwin Perkins, 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 and
Cheryl Zurawski, cdz@arialassociates.com

Session #17

Contemporary Ways of Protest

*Co-sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, and Change, and
Labor Studies*

Organizer: Eric Turner, eturne84@unm.edu



GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Congratulations to Tarun Banerjee, our CSAC Graduate Student Paper Award Winner!

Tarun Banerjee is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

From the Award Committee:

Banerjee's paper "Business Unity and Anti-Corporate Social Movement Protests in the U.S." is an outstanding study of responses by corporations to social movement protests in the U.S.

Banerjee conducts an excellent quantitative analysis of newspaper data, illustrates the important role of corporate networks in firm strategies against protests, and makes a significant contribution to both social movement research and organizational sociology.

The committee is impressed with the new

directions Banerjee takes this important topic, providing an original contribution to the growing literature on the social movement-corporation relationship. The paper is solid from start to finish--the clarity of writing, sophisticated research design, and quality of analysis are overshadowed only by the important theoretical and strategic implications of the findings.

Many thanks to the Award Committee for their commitment to supporting strong graduate research and the mission of SSSP and our division. Thank you to Junpeng Li, Thomas Ratliff, Lisa Tracy, Janet Lorenzen, and A. Kathryn Stout.

And many thanks to all the graduate students who submitted a paper, it was a difficult decision this year and the committee was impressed by your work.



NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM CSAC MEMBERS

Subramaniam, Mangala. "Neoliberalism and water rights: The case of India." *Current Sociology*, first published online, February 25, 2014 as doi: 10.1177/0011392114523973

Subramaniam, Mangala. 2013. "The Medicalization of HIV/AIDS: The Case of India." Chapter in *Global HIV/AIDS Politics, Policy and Activism: Persistent Challenges and Emerging Issues*, edited by Raymond Smith of Columbia University. Praeger Publishers.

The Bernal Story: Mediating Class and Race in a Multicultural Community (Syracuse University Press, May 2014), By Beth Roy

CALL FOR PAPERS, PROPOSALS, & AWARDS

Solving Social Problems **A Call for Proposals**

Series Editor: Bonnie Berry, Director of the Social Problems Research Group, USA
www.ashgate.com/sociology

If you would like to submit a proposal for this series

please email the Series Editor, Bonnie Berry: Solving@SocialProblems.org
or the Commissioning Editor, Neil Jordan: NJoRdan@ashgatepublishing.com

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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. As such, 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, practice, or more broadly, social change and social movement. Solutions may be reflective of ideology, but are always pragmatic and detailed, explaining the means by which the suggested solutions might be achieved



2014 ASSOCIATION FOR HUMANIST SOCIOLOGY BOOK AWARD

The Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS) is pleased to announce their 2014 Book Award. Authors, publishers, and AHS members may nominate books for consideration. The winner will be recognized at our annual meeting October 8-12, 2014 in Cleveland, OH. Nominations should be for Sociology or interdisciplinary social science books that approach their subjects from a humanist perspective.

As the Mission states:

Humanist sociologists strive as professionals, as scholars and as activists to uncover and address social issues, working with others to lessen the pain of social problems. We view people not merely as products of social forces, but also as shapers of social life, capable of creating social orders in which everyone's potential can unfold. Difficult times give humanist sociologists opportunities to apply their special skills and perspectives for the purpose of creating a more humane world.

Eligible books should have been published in the calendar year 2013 or the first half of 2014. If a book was submitted for last year's consideration, it cannot be nominated again.

To nominate a book, authors/publishers/nominators should e-mail a letter of nomination with the subject line "AHS 2014 Book Award Nomination" to Bhoomi K. Thakore at bhoomi.thakore@northwestern.edu. Authors/publishers should mail one copy of the book to each of the 4 award committee members listed at <http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=12486>. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2014. Additional information about AHS is available at www.ahssociology.org.

