

Summer 2013



The Society for the Study of Social Problems

Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division

Message from the Division Chair: Maralee Mayberry

SAVE THE DATE!
SSSP 2013 Annual Meeting

63rd Annual Meeting
Friday, August 9th—Sunday, August 11th
The Westin New York at Times Square

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The SSSP 2013 meetings will be held in New York City and organized around an ambitious theme: "Re-imagining Social Problems: Moving Beyond Social Constructionism." SSSP president Richard Dello Buono guarantees us a fabulous time, complete with live entertainment and other exciting additions to the program. This newsletter provides you with detailed information about the Division's thematic and co-sponsored sessions to help you begin planning for August.

Please note the Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division's Critical Dialogue, "Uniting Theory and Practice in the 21st Century: Consciousness, Vision and Strategy for Social Transformation," which will be organized and moderated by Walda Katz Fishman. We hope you put this exciting session on your calendar! Also, make plans to attend the division's business meeting as it is your opportunity to present your ideas for sessions you might like to organize or would like to see organized for the 2014 meetings.

Join me in welcoming Crystal Jackson, who was recently elected as the Division's new chairperson. Crystal studies how inequalities related to gender and sexuality are reproduced and challenged within the law, politics, and the economy. Her academic life and activist life are closely linked and she advocates for sex workers' rights, LGBTQIA rights, immigrant and migrant rights, and gender equality. Crystal believes scholarship is a path toward social change. I'm excited about working with Crystal to ensure a smooth and productive transition.

As I finish my term as division chair, I want to thank all our division members who are organizing and presiding over our 2013 sessions. I also want to express my gratitude to this year's graduate student paper competition committee—Doni Loseke, Lyndi Hewitt, and Matthew Wilkinson—who selected the division winner from twenty-four submissions.

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Conflict, Social Action, and Change 2013 Division Sessions and Special Events

Division's Critical Dialogue

Session 175: Critical Dialogue, "Uniting Theory and Practice in the 21st Century: Consciousness, Vision, and Strategy for Social Transformation." Moderator: Walda Katz Fishman, Howard University. Sunday, August 11, 4:30-6:10, Room: Pearl

Division's Thematic Sessions

Session 21: "Media and Social Change." Organizer: Lynn Letukas, University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse. Friday, August 9, 10:30-12:10, Room: Ambassador III

Session 103: "Barriers to Social Activism: Gender Race, and Class." Organizer: Andy Plotkin, Palm Beach State College. Saturday, August 10, 4:30-6:10, Room: Booth

Division Co-Sponsored Sessions

Session 1: "Transformative Environmental Education." Organizer: Matt Wilkinson, Coastal Carolina University. Friday, August 9, 8:30-10:10, Room Minskoff. Co-Sponsor: Environment and Technology

Session 11: "Community-Based Social Justice Activism, Education, and Social Change." Organizer: Debbie Perkins, Coastal Carolina University. Friday, August 9, 8:30-10:10, Room: Ambassador III. Co-Sponsors: Teaching Social Problems and Community Research

Session 31: "Community Embedded Research: The Challenges and Opportunities of Collaboration Between Academics and Community-Based Organizations." Organizer: Linda Houser, Widener University. Friday, August 9, 12:30-2:10, Room: Ambassador III. Co-Sponsor: Sociology and Social Welfare

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Session 37: “Re-Framing Sex Work: Women, Labor, and Social Policy.” Organizer: Andrea Mayo, Arizona State University. Friday, August 9, 2:30-4:10, Room: Minetta. Co-Sponsor: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities.

Session 47: “Re-Imagining War: Social Creation of Disability.” Organizer, Alexis Bender, Army Institute of Public Health. Saturday, August 10, 10:30-12:10, Room: Nederlander. Disabilities

Session 88: “Re-Imagining Social Constructionism: Moving Beyond Western Capitalist, Individualist Bias.” Organizer: Donileen Loseke, University of South Florida. Saturday, August 10, 2:30-4:10, Room: Booth. Co-Sponsor: Social Problems Theory

Session 139: “IE as Activism.” Organizer: Ian Hussey, York University. Sunday, August 11, 10:30-12:10, Room: Ambassador 11. Co-Sponsor: Institutional Ethnography

Receptions and Special Events

Welcoming Reception: Thursday, August 8, 6:30 pm. Room: Ambassador II

New Member Breakfast: Friday, August 9, 7:15-8:15 am. Room: Broadway Ballroom

Division Sponsored Reception: Friday, August 9, 6:30-7:30. Room: Broadway Foyer/Ballroom

Awards Reception: Saturday, August 10, 6:30. Room: Gershwin Foyer

Division Meeting: Friday, August 9, 4:30, Gershwin II

Conflict, Social Action, and Change 2013 Division Meeting

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 2014 meetings in San Francisco, CA (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 2014. Bring us your ideas and get them on our schedule.**
- ◆ **Offer to organize and/or preside over a session at the 2014 meetings.**
- ◆ **Find out how you can become more involved in CSA&C.**
- ◆ **Suggest your ideas about how the division can become more visible.**

**When? Friday, 4:30-
Where? Gershwin II**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CSA&C Student Paper Competition

Janet Lorenzen

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Convincing People to Go Green: Managing Strategic Action by Minimizing Political Talk.”

Aware of the public’s aversion to discussing volatile issues like climate change, environmentalists distance themselves from their in-group discourses and instead focus on changing practices while downplaying political ideas and engagements. In this way informants manipulate the lack of public political talk to their advantage in order to reach a wider audience. Avoiding politics, in this case, is not only active, but strategic.

To Be Presented at the 2013 SSSP Meetings
check the final schedule for more information

*And CONGRATULATIONS to our 1st runner up: Ethan Schoolman,
University of Michigan, for his paper, “Be a Good Shopper, or Shop for Good?
Non-Monetary Costs of Socially Responsible Purchasing*

Division Member News and Notes

Recent Publications, Member News, and Call For Papers:

Florida State University has awarded division member, Deana Rohlinger, with its prestigious Seminole Award for her work with FSU graduate students. Congratulations, Deana!

Coley, Jonathan S. 2013. "Theorizing Issue Selection in Advocacy Organizations: An Analysis of Human Rights Activism Around Darfur and the Congo, 1998-2010." *Sociological Perspectives* 56(2): 191-212.

Issac, Larry W., Daniel B. Cornfield, Dennis C. Dickerson, James M. Lawson, and Jonathan S. Coley. 2012. "Movement Schools' and Dialogical Diffusion of Nonviolent Praxis: Nashville Workshops in the Southern Civil Rights Movement." *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change* 34(1): 155-184.

Klocke, Brian. 2013. "Neoliberal Media's commodification of Occupy Wall Street and Radical Social Movements," in Tony Kashani and Ben frymer (Eds.) *Lost in Media: The Ethics of Everyday Life*, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.

Mayberry, Maralee. 2013. "Gay-Straight Alliances: Youth Empowerment and working Toward Reducing Stigma of LGBT Youth." *Humanity and Society*, 37(1): 35-54.

Call for Papers

On April 10-12, 2014, the University of Pittsburgh will host the 38th Conference of the American Sociological Association's Section on **Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS)**, which will focus on the theme of "**Social Movements and Global transformation.**" Organizers invite submissions on this theme under 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, and Collective Identities and Democratic Transformation.** We encourage submissions from all relevant disciplines in the humanities, law, and social sciences. The Call for Papers is available at: <http://www.sociology.pitt.edu/>

Proposal deadline is January 21, 2014. Meals and lodging for authors of accepted papers will be provided.

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The *Journal of World-Systems Research* invites submissions of original articles, datasets, and special issue proposals 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. 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 Brittany Duncan (University of Pittsburgh).