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# Notes From the Division Chair

by Dr. Ebonie Cunningham Stringer

What a moment in time we are living through. I hope and pray that you are all managing well the multiple and competing demands that we are facing. Many of us are navigating teaching fully online for the first time, remote learning for children as well as family demands. Others are contending with furloughs, loss of income and health challenges. Despite these difficulties, many of our division members are engaged in the acts of resistance, advocacy and research that are necessary to create the society and world that humanity wants and desperately needs to thrive (even if some among our species do not fully appreciate those needs). In times like these, it's nice to know that we have SSSP and each other! Being a part of an organization that acknowledges and supports the work that is happening on the ground, as well as critical scholarship around social problems is so meaningful. SSSP continues to help us do the work that is central to our development as advocates, teachers, researchers, and global citizens. I hope that we will all continue to support our organization with our time, talents, and treasure.



This year we lost great trailblazers who put their bodies on the line in service to our nation. Both worked closely with Dr. King. The Rev. Cordy Tindell “C. T.” Vivian participated in Freedom Rides and other forms of nonviolent protest as early as 1947. His vision for providing education for underserved communities was adapted by the U.S. Department of Education with a program we today call Upward Bound. In 2013 President Barack Obama awarded Vivian the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the nation. U.S. Congressman John Lewis was a respected politician and leader in the struggle for civil rights and equality for every American. He consistently demanded that America make good on her promises that every human being be recognized and treated as valuable and worthy of dignity and respect. Both Lewis and Vivian suffered beatings at the hands of state representatives because they insisted on freedom. Yet, they loved and led with kindness. I hope that all of us will take seriously the baton that these and other heroes have handed to our generation with their transitions from the earthly realm. Let us all look diligently for the ways that we can get into “good trouble” and make a difference.

I want to salute and thank all of our division members who have been working on the ground and in cyberspace in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and other resistance movements that are unapologetically demanding justice for our environment, our LGBTQIA brothers and sisters, the poor, Indigenous communities and other people of color. You are evidence that conflict and social action works and is indeed necessary to bring about social change! If you have photos or other articulations of your work, we'd love to feature you on our social media page, and in future newsletters. Please forward those digital artifacts to me at [ecs296@psu.edu](mailto:ecs296@psu.edu).

In closing, I want to encourage us all with the words of a sacred text: “...let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now... every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all...” Galatians 6:9-10

Yours in the Struggle and the Hope,

*Dr. Ebonie Cunningham Stringer*

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 4PM**

# *the virtual watering hole*

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**BRING YOUR FAVORITE WINE, BEER, COCKTAILS, AND  
BEVERAGES AS WE GATHER TO CONNECT, SUPPORT, AND  
NURTURE.**

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SOCIAL ACTION AND SURVIVING THROUGH  
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# RESEARCH IN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, CONFLICTS, AND CHANGE

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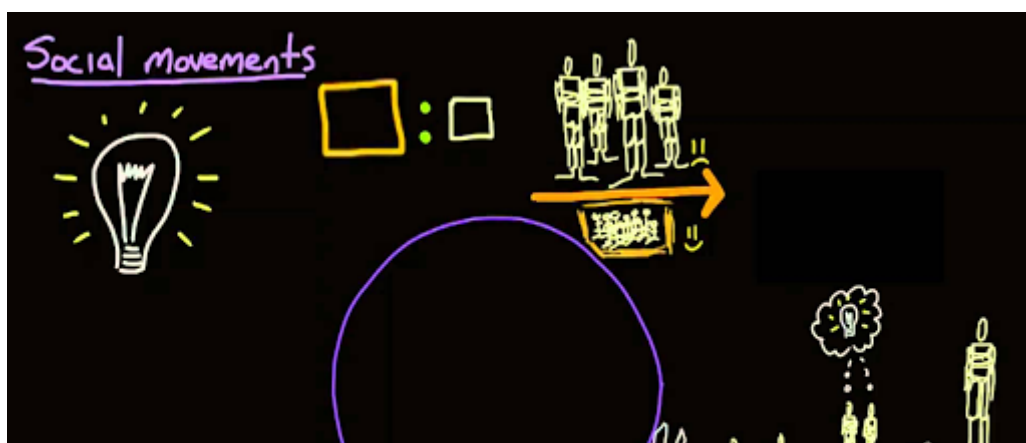
While Volume 46 will be open to all submissions, one section will be devoted to movements for racial equity and the operation of race in social movements. For the remaining chapters, we particularly welcome research examining the role of race and/or ethnicity in conflicts and social change. The recent and global racial justice protests, led by Black Lives Matter, offer many important avenues for examining the continuing significance of race, and we encourage analyses of this movement, as well as the role of the intertwined concepts of race and ethnicity in social movements more broadly. We also encourage submissions examining these issues in social change organizations beyond those considered protest groups.



## THE SERIES >

## CLOSER LOOK AT OUR PUBLICATION

**R**SMCC is a fully peer-reviewed series of original research that has been published annually for over 40 years. We continue to publish the work of many leading scholars in social movements, social change, nonviolent action, and peace and conflict studies. RSMCC enjoys a wide library subscription base; all volumes are not only published in book form but are also available online through Emerald Insight via subscribing libraries or individual subscriptions. This ensures wider distribution and easier access to your scholarship while maintaining the book series at the same time. This title is indexed in Scopus, and volumes from this series are included in the Thomson Reuters Book Citation Index.



## SUBMISSIONS >

## MANUSCRIPT GUIDELINES

**T**o be considered for inclusion in Volume 46, papers must arrive by December 31, 2020. Earlier submissions are especially welcomed. Initial decisions are generally made within 10-12 weeks. Manuscripts accepted for this volume will have gone through double-blind peer review.

Send submission as a WORD document attached to an email to Lisa Leitz, RSMCC editor-in-chief, at [rsmcc@chapman.edu](mailto:rsmcc@chapman.edu). For initial submissions, any standard social science in-text citation and bibliographic system is acceptable. Remove all self-references in the text and in the bibliography. Word counts should generally not exceed 12,000 words, inclusive of supplemental materials (abstract, tables, bibliography, notes, etc.). Include the paper's title and an unstructured abstract on the first page of the text itself. Send a second file that contains the article title, the unstructured abstract, and full contact information for all authors.

# CSAC MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

## FALL 2020

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Elman, Miriam F., Catherine Gerard, Galia Golan, and Louis Kriesberg, eds. Overcoming Intractable Conflicts: New Approches to Constructive Transformations. London.NewYork: Rowwman & Littlefield International, 2019

01

Kriesberg, Louis. Interactions among Populism, Peace, and Security in Contemporary America. *Sicherheit und Frieden; Security and Peace*, 37 (1) pp. 1-7.

02

Kriesberg, Louis. Routledge Companion to Peace and Conflict Studies. Connecting Theory and Practice in the Peace and Conflict Studies Field, pp. 35-44

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RESOURCES

# SOCIOLOGY FOR A CHANGING WORLD

## How Sociology Can Support Black Lives Matter

BY JUDY LUBIN, SOCIOLOGISTS FOR JUSTICE AND HOWARD UNIVERSITY

With the events in Ferguson in 2014 and the subsequent growth of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, sociologists have been pondering what they can do to address police violence. When a group of us gathered in the lobby of a San Francisco hotel in 2014 during the ASA conference, this was at the top of our mind. What could we do as a collective of sociologists who were deeply concerned about the events we were watching unfold on television? The police killing of unarmed teenager Michael Brown and the protests that were met with militarized law enforcement efforts to squash the right to free assembly struck the 10 of us gathered in the lobby, as it did so many across the country, as symbolic of racialized policing practices that have terrorized and traumatized black communities for generations.

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**Call for Papers:**  
**Crises and the (Re)Organizing of Gender and Work**

**Guest Editors:**

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In 2020, the UN Secretary-General declared patriarchy a stain on the 21st century, as slavery and colonialism were in the past. While the legal institutions of slavery and colonialism may be in the past, the systems of inequality which they were based are also alive and interconnected with patriarchy. Times of crisis, including the COVID-19 global pandemic, exacerbate the social inequalities and intersectional injustices upon which patriarchal institutions thrive. Despite calls to put gender equality on the backburner in the face of other concerns, times of crisis offer critical opportunities to rethink, reorganize and subvert gender and work configurations that are not emancipatory (c.f., Horton, 2012).

Women and girls consistently suffer greater loss of life in crises, not only in poor low-income countries but also in high-income countries (Newmayer and Plümper, 2007). They also face what have been described as 'double disasters' due to increased gender-based violence, loss of livelihoods, impaired reproductive and sexual health, and increases in forced marriages and trafficking. Women and girls struggle to be heard and rarely are in the leadership positions to make decisions that could save themselves, their families and communities (UN Women, 2015). In the context of COVID-19, early research shows women at increased risk of infection and gender-based violence, as well as loss of land, livelihoods and homes. They also make up the majority of front-line workers and continue to shoulder most of the carework (World Bank, 2020). While humanitarian aid organizations are increasingly focused on gender in times of crises, the academic literature has not kept pace. The recent *Feminist Frontiers* special section on 'Feminism in pandemic times' has begun to address this issue in an individualized and reflective way for the present crisis. Our intent is to advance this visionary work; thus, with this special issue, we seek to understand and explore how feminist organizations and activists around the world mobilize in the face of crisis events to resist the structural marginalization of gender and work issues.

Critical scholars across a variety of disciplines and geographies challenge us to engage in intellectual projects that shift dominant epistemic and methodologies that privilege northern perspectives (Ampofo and Signe, 2006; Connell, 2019). Decolonizing research and Southern theory offer critical frameworks for addressing ways of knowing, the politics of knowledge production and dissemination, and the representation and inclusion of marginalized and indigenous knowledge and populations (Lugones, 2010; Mohanty, 2013). We are particularly interested in contributions situated in postcolonial, decolonial, postsocialist, transnational, indigenous, queer, trans, or Southern perspectives. We invite contributions that transcend norms for doing and undoing binarisms, and the theory-policy-practice and race-class-gender triumvirates (Rodriguez, et al, 2016), to illuminate how work, workers and those not seen as working, (re)organize during times of crisis, and what this suggests for a world in which moments of crisis persist (Haraway, 2016). Contributions may be methodological, theoretical and/or empirical.

**Avenues for exploration may include:**

**Feminisms:** How is crisis used as leverage to collectively reorganize, shift power, decolonize knowledge and promote social transformation for a post-crisis world? What role do feminist

organizations and activists play in light of the convergence of the hetero-masculinist populism, authoritarianism, militarism, corporativism, and neoliberal hegemony amplified during crisis?

**Technologies:** How does technology implicitly (or explicitly) shape gendered identities, gendered work and feminist mobilizations? How is technology used to unbound and decolonize marginalized voices and perspectives, or to resist further capital accumulation or resource capture by elites?

**Violence:** How does violence manifest in new forms and spaces during times of crisis? How does violence, surveillance and policing shape women's experiences of and reconfigure their relationship to the state, economy, family, organizations/organizing, and each other?

**Work:** What is the differential impact of crises on historically marginalized groups and their ability to access or keep employment, work with dignity, or choose not to work? What work are feminist scholars doing to undo the North/South, work/nonwork, public/private, and other binarisms, or the theory-policy-practice and the race-class-gender triumvirates, in feminist theory and praxis?

**Policy and Praxis:** How are feminist activists organizing around crisis to advocate, implement or evaluate existing gender and work policies and practices? How does crisis serve as a catalyst for new forms of feminist organizing and action around policies and practice with the potential to transform work and gender through the persistence of crisis?

### **Submission of Proposed Papers**

We invite interested authors to send an extended abstract (750-1000 words) and a short bio for each author (150 words) before **28 September 2020**. The abstract must clearly state the title, question(s) for discussion within the framework of the special issue, theoretical or/and empirical ground. Extended abstracts should be sent to corresponding co-editors Jamie Callahan ([jamie.callahan@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:jamie.callahan@northumbria.ac.uk)) and Kristy Kelly ([kek72@drexel.edu](mailto:kek72@drexel.edu)).

**Deadline for extended abstracts: 28 September 2020**

### **Invitations for Full Submissions**

Invitations for full submission will be sent mid-September.

### **Submission Instructions of Full Papers**

Submissions should be made electronically through the Scholar One submission system: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gwo>. Please refer to the Author Guidelines at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/14680432/homepage/forauthors.html> prior to submission.

Please select the 'Special Issue' article type on submission and select the relevant Special Issue title from the dropdown list where prompted.

For questions about the submission system please contact the Editorial Office at [gwooffice@wiley.com](mailto:gwooffice@wiley.com)

For enquiries and information about the scope of the Special Issue and article suitability, please contact Jamie Callahan ([jamie.callahan@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:jamie.callahan@northumbria.ac.uk)) and Kristy Kelly ([kek72@drexel.edu](mailto:kek72@drexel.edu)) directly.

**Deadline for full submissions: 1 March 2021**