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Notes From the Division Chair

by Dr. Ebonie Cunningham Stringer

Let me start by wishing a very Happy New Year to all of our friends, colleagues and students who are part of the Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division. Welcome to a new year and new decade of possibilities!

During our summer meetings in New York, I transitioned to the chair position of our division. We hit ground running with our division meeting which was very efficient and productive. I want to express my gratitude to the division members who attended, contributed and agreed to serve our division as session organizers and discussants. Because of you, we are able to sponsor sessions on a number of fascinating topics including decolonizing feminism, social movements as pedagogy, dismantling/reforming political systems, social action on college campuses and much more. Please submit your papers to one of our sessions by visiting the [SSSP Call For Papers site](#). **The deadline is Jan. 31st.**



As your Chair, my goal is to facilitate our connections to one another so that we can continue to build a vibrant division together. Given the mission of SSSP to promote social justice, our division can play a crucial role in the work of our organization. As we work towards this end, we must continue to connect with and support one another. Please keep us posted on your accomplishments, publications, job openings, activism, etc., so that we can support you! In this newsletter you will learn about some of the accomplishments and publications of our members, as well as opportunities to get involved. We are working to make better use of resources such as social media to keep everyone informed. I'd like to thank Naomi Simmons-Thorne, our newly appointed social media manager and newsletter editor for getting us up and running on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Please like and follow us on these platforms! If you are interested in co-managing our social media outlets (i.e. keeping our sites active by making regular posts on relevant news and events) please let me know. This is a great low-stakes way to get involved in the division! As we make more information available, please consider including members' works in your curriculum and research, look for overlapping research interests, mentoring possibilities and opportunities to collaborate!

As we prepare for our Annual Meetings in San Francisco, we are looking for opportunities to connect with activists and social action initiatives that we can support on the ground. If you or someone you know could use the support of our division (in world or in deed) during the annual meetings, please let me know. We are looking for opportunities to engage both theory and practice!

As we continue to move down a path of meaningful connection, please feel free to reach out to me with ideas and ways that you would like to contribute to the work of our division.

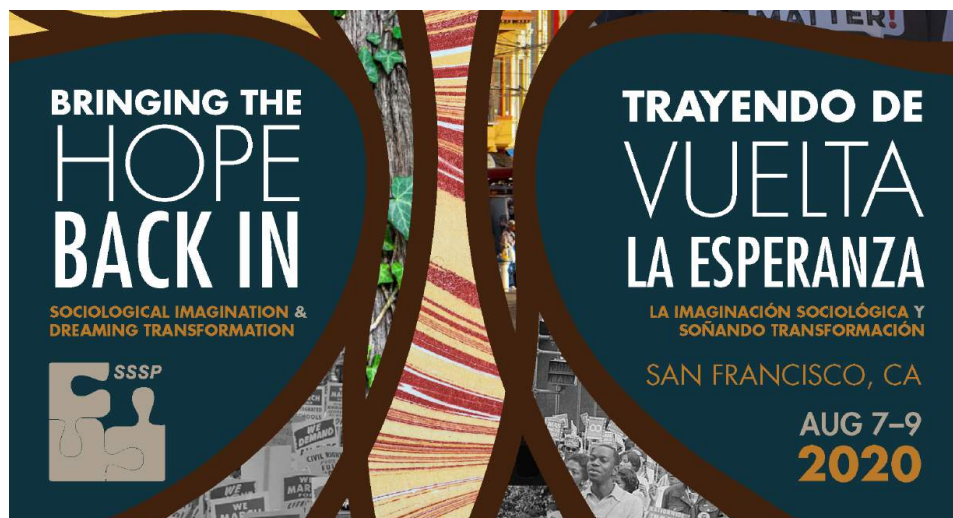
I am so honored to serve as your division chair and am excited about the prospect of working with each of you. Please feel free to share our newsletter with those who may benefit from the information offered here.

Yours in the Struggle and the Hope,

Dr. Ebonie Cunningham Stringer

SSSP 2020

The Society For the Study of Social Problems 70th Annual Meeting



CALL FOR PAPERS

At the 2020 SSSP meeting in San Francisco, our division will host a range of panels and critical dialogues relating to conflict, social action, and change. Several of our co-sponsored sessions address this year's theme: Bringing the Hope Back In: Sociological Imagination & Dreaming Transformation

Our division members are organizing sessions on:

- Decolonial Feminisms
- Social Movement Pedagogies
- Structural Change
- Activism in the Academy
- & More!

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT:
[BIT.LY/SSSP2020](https://bit.ly/SSSP2020)

SPONSORED SESSIONS

Session #	Session Title
4	critical dialogue Activist Cafe: Community Activists and Scholars in Dialogue
11	critical dialogue Decolonizing Feminism
12	critical dialogue Dismantle or Reform? Making Meaningful Change in Political and Social Systems
13	Victims and Survivors: Bullying and Harassment among Diverse Populations
14	critical dialogue Gendered Politics of Mental Health
15	critical dialogue Bringing the Hope Back In: Social Movement and Community Participation as Pedagogy
16	papers in the round Toolkits for Social Action and Change: Organizing on Campus, in the Community, and Beyond
17	critical dialogue Rekindling Hope and Imagining a Different Future: Anti-Violence, Restorative Justice and Criminal Justice Reform

APPEARANCE BIAS AND CRIME

BY BONNIE BERRY

Strangely, there is a brevity of research on physical appearance and its relationships with criminal involvement, criminal victimization, and the crime control process. Many are aware that young Black men are disproportionately singled out for arrest and receive harsher sentences than those with other appearance traits, but this relationship has not been studied systematically.

This new volume explores these dynamics. It argues that the the process of crime control from the point of suspicion to application of the death penalty, is dependent on appearance bias. At every stage of the crime control process, crime control agents are arriving at decisions based on physical appearances. In each stage, physical appearance can increase or decrease the likelihood and severity of punishment.

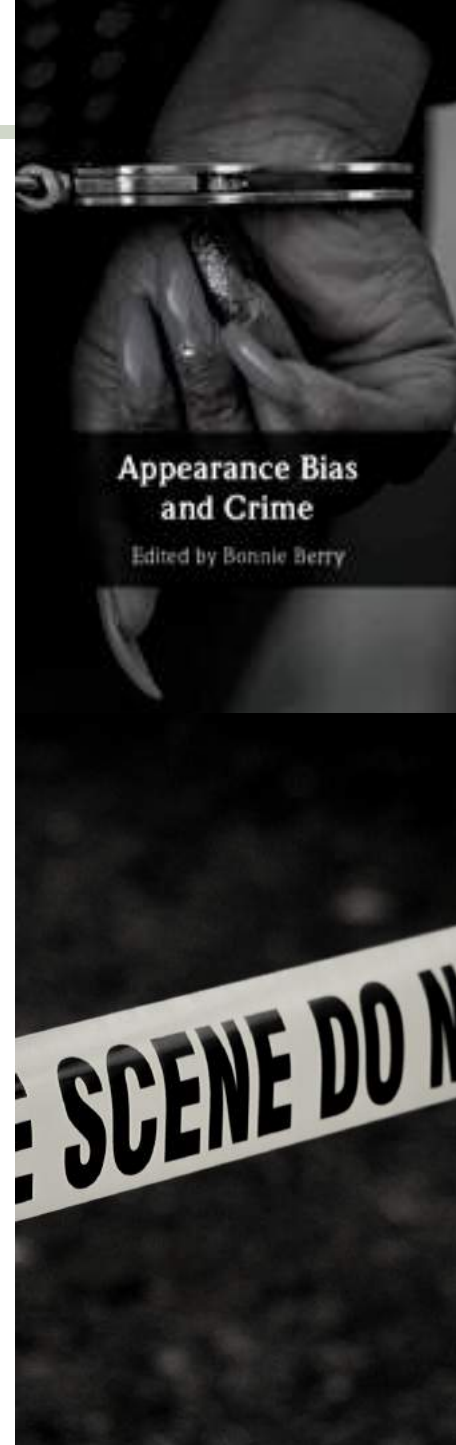
This volume also considers what advantages and privileges might exist within these dynamics. Here, we find some evidence that attractive white people are less likely to be ensnared in the crime control system as offenders and, when they are, are treated more fairly as victims. Victimization often overlaps with criminality and is affected by physical traits.

The physical traits that comprise our judgments of criminal involvement and victimization (as well as our judgments about intelligence, personality, overall “goodness” and worthiness) are widely varied. Skin color, dentition, age, gender, body size, deformities, skin conditions, disabilities, clothing, grooming, and overall “beauty” versus or unattractiveness, etc. can all lead to judgments about criminal involvement.

Attention is paid to the traits of the crime control actors themselves. The police presence can be service-oriented, with law enforcement personnel and their equipment serving to reassure the public that they are there to help, as when the police dress casually and are on foot. Or the police presence can be intentionally intimidating, as when law enforcement officers wear body armor and are accompanied by tanks and heavy weaponry.

Among the topics covered in this volume, we also study the dynamics described above in contexts of human trafficking, terrorism, and LGBTQ criminality.

The volume concludes with solutions to this form of social inequality, such as social movements, legislative and policy changes, and a proposal for a sub-discipline: appearance criminology.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE CSAC:

SOCIAL MEDIA CO-MANAGER

If you are interested in joining our social media team, please get in touch. Contributing to our digital presence is a great way to get involved and requires little commitment. Our social media team keeps our sites active by sharing posts on relevant news and events and developing online content.

Email: Naomi Simmons-Thorne, ns12@email.sc.edu

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION:

Each division holds its own Graduate Student Paper Competition. See the call below, and share widely with graduate students, and faculty who oversee graduate students. Also, if you are interested in helping judge the papers, please email CSAC Chair Dr. Ebonie Cunningham Stringer at ec296@psu.edu

CALL FOR GRADUATE PAPERS:
[BIT.LY/SSSPGRADCFP](http://bit.ly/ssspgradcfp)

NOTES FROM THE NEW NEWSLETTER DESIGNER

NAOMI SIMMONS-THORNE

Greetings all!
I am excited to be serving as the new newsletter designer and social media manager. I volunteered to serve in this capacity after attending my first SSSP Meeting in August 2019.

A little bit about myself: I am a senior undergraduate student majoring in sociology and philosophy at the University of South Carolina. I will be starting graduate school in the fall, and am looking to attend Western Michigan University.

My sociological interests include social movements, education, intersectionality, Marxist sociology, race, qualitative methods and LGBTQ+ studies.

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<http://bit.ly/ssspjobs>

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CSAC MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

new articles and books authored by our division members

BONNIE BERRY

ed. Berry, Bonnie 2019. *Appearance Bias and Crime*. Cambridge University Press.

JONATHAN COLEY

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LARRY WILLIAM ISAAC

Larry Isaac, "Performative Power in Nonviolent Tactical Adaptation to Violence: Evidence from U.S. Civil Rights Movement Campaigns." Chapter 2 in *Social Movements, Nonviolent Resistance, and the State*. Edited by Hank Johnston. Routledge, 2019.

Anna Jacobs & Larry Isaac, "Gender Composition in Contentious Collective Action: 'Girl Strikers' in Gilded Age America—Harmful, Helpful, or Both?" *Social Science History* 43 (Winter, 2019): 733-763.

Dan Cornfield, Jonathan Coley, Larry Isaac & Dennis Dickerson, "Occupational Activism and Race Desegregation at Work: Activist Careers after the Nonviolent Nashville Civil Rights Movement." *Research in Sociology of Work*, Volume 32 (2019): 217-248.

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Larry Isaac, Jonathan Coley, Dan Cornfield, & Dennis Dickerson, "Pathways to Modes of Movement Participation: Micromobilization in the Nashville Civil Rights Movement." *Social Forces*, forthcoming 2020.

PAUL JOOSSE

Joose, Paul. 2019. "Narratives of Rebellion." *European Journal of Criminology*. doi: 10.1177/1477370819874426

LOUIS KRIESBERG

Louis Kriesberg, "Connecting Theory and Practice in the Peace and Conflict Studies Field." <https://lkriesbe.expressions.syr.edu/wp-content/uploads/Routledge-Companion-to-Peace-and-Conflict-Studies-Ch-2-Kriesberg.pdf>

Louis Kriesberg, 2019, "Interactions among Populism, Peace, and Security in Contemporary America." <https://www.nomos-elibrary.de/10.5771/0175-274X-2019-1-1/interactions-among-populism-peace-and-security-in-contemporary-america-jahrgang-37-2019-heft-1>

eds. Miriam F. Elman, Catherine Gerard, Galia Golan, & Louis Kriesberg, 2019. *Overcoming Intractable Conflicts: New Approaches to Constructive Transformations*

HOWARD LUNE

Howard Lune 2020. *Transnational Nationalism and Collective Identity among the American Irish*. Temple University Press.

CONSTRUCTIVE CONFLICT INITIATIVE

Moving Beyond Intractability with Dr. Louis Kriesberg



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SELECTION FROM THE "CONSTRUCTIVE CONFLICT INITIATIVE STATEMENT"

Beyond Intractability Project, beyonدينtractability.org

We believe that the destructive-conflict-as-usual way in which the U.S. and so many other societies now commonly address complex, large-scale, intractable conflict represents the single greatest threat to humanity and the planet. Conflict problems are threatening all societies worldwide with some combination of three dystopian futures: anocracy, autocracy, war.

These conflict problems also undermine the ability of democracies to pursue the not-yet-realized ideal of governance that truly is "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Our ability to resist ongoing dystopian trends will depend upon our ability to identify and take successful steps to correct the many weaknesses in today's democracies so that they can more successfully defend the common good from the forces of chaos and greed. This will, in turn, require a sophisticated and dramatically-expanded look at the many tough challenges facing political systems and options for overcoming those challenges. Right now, we spend staggering amounts of money fighting the same old destructive conflict games, and, by comparison, do almost nothing trying to change the system that leaves us with such terrible choices. We must do better.

Overcoming Intractable Conflicts

New Approaches to Constructive Transformations

Edited by Miriam F. Elman, Catherine Gerard, Galia Golan, and Louis Kriesberg

Despite considerable progress in research and practice in the constructive transformation of intractable conflicts beginning in the 1970s, many terribly destructive conflicts have recently erupted. New circumstances have emerged that have resulted in regressions.

The contributions in *Overcoming Intractable Conflicts* examine many of the new challenges and obstacles to the transformation of intractable conflicts. They also offer an array of new and promising opportunities for constructive transformations. The book brings together analyses of U.S.-based conflicts with those from many regions of the world. International, intra-state, and local conflicts are explored, along with those that have been violent and non-violent. The diversity in disciplines among the authors provides a wide range of theoretical approaches to explaining how a variety of intractable conflicts can be transformed.

Case studies of local, national, and transnational conflicts serve to illustrate this new landscape. These analyses are complemented by conceptual discussions relating to new conflict systems, actors, dynamics and strategies. Policy implications of findings are also presented.

Miriam F. Elman is associate professor of political science and the Inaugural Robert D. McClure Professor of Teaching Excellence at the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University where she also serves as a research director at the Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC). **Catherine Gerard** serves as Director of the Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC), Associate Director of Executive Education Programs, and Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. **Galia Golan** is Darwin Professor Emerita of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and former chair of the Political Science Department. She was also Chair, Program in Diplomacy and Conflict Studies, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. **Louis Kriesberg** is Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Maxwell Professor Emeritus of Social Conflict Studies, and founding director of the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts (PARC), all at Syracuse University.

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