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**2013 Annual Meeting**

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Moving Beyond Social Constructionism***

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

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Dear Members,

Although we're already working on the 2013 Annual Meeting, I want to acknowledge what a good meeting we had last August in Denver. All of our sessions were dynamic and well-attended. Once again, the reception committee threw a fabulous party – this time at Denver's Blake Street Vault, where 50 of us had a chance to catch up with each other, and to recognize and celebrate the achievements of award-winning colleagues. Congratulations to the winners. (See page 3.)

If you haven't done so already, I strongly encourage you to visit the Drinking and Drugs Division's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SSSP-Drinking-Drugs-Division/335807869841721>

I also want to say thanks again to Katherine Nowotny and Heidi Hoefinger for launching the page last fall. It's a great place to find succinct overviews of trends and issues in drug-related research and policy, to link to useful resources, and to have virtual conversations with colleagues. Check it out!

As you know, this year's annual meeting will be held in New York City. On page 6, you will find a list of the sessions we organized. Look for more details in the next issue of the newsletter.

Please see inside for announcements, job listings, and news from our members. We have an impressive list of publications to report, including two new books and several articles. Division members continue to produce high-quality scholarship that is innovative, thoroughly researched and significant to public health and policy.

Finally, if your contact information has changed, please send the new details to me ([benoit@ndri.org](mailto:benoit@ndri.org)).

Best wishes,

Ellen Benoit

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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#### Junior Scholar Award 2012

Congratulations to **Dina Perrone**, recipient of the 2012 Junior Scholar Award. Dina is an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Department, California State University at Long Beach.

#### Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award 2012

We also congratulate **Xiaozhao Y. Yang** of Purdue University for winning the 2012 student paper competition with his paper, "The Influence of Self Exempting Beliefs and Social Networks on Daily Smoking: A Mediation Analysis among Chinese Males."

#### 2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition

Congratulations to **David Frank** of City University of New York, whose paper entitled, "Bad apples: Recovery narratives and deviance in Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT)," won the 2013 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award. The award will be presented in August at the Division's reception during the annual meeting.

#### Seeking nominations

The search is on for the 2013 Senior Scholar award. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Andy Golub ([golub@ndri.org](mailto:golub@ndri.org)) by April 22.

### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Tenure Track Assistant Professor Position**

The Department of Sociology at the University of Nevada Las Vegas invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor. Areas of specialization are open, although particular consideration will be given to candidates whose qualifications and interests build upon departmental strengths in various aspects of urban sociology. We invite applicants with active research agendas and teaching expertise that intersect with current faculty research. The successful candidate will seek extramural research funding, train graduate students, and teach at least one core theory or methods course at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Preference will be given to candidates with the ability to build interdisciplinary alliances and conduct collaborative research with scholars from other university divisions, such as the School of Community Health Sciences, the Women's Research Institute of Nevada, the Urban Sustainability Initiative, the International Gaming Institute, the Center for Gaming Research, the Center for Democratic Culture, the Lincy Institute, and Brookings Mountain West.

#### Qualifications

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Sociology from a regionally accredited college or university at the time of appointment and demonstrate the achievement or strong promise of scholarly productivity and the ability to acquire extramural research funding.

#### **One-year Visiting Professor Position**

The Department of Sociology at the University of Nevada Las Vegas invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor position to begin Fall 2013. The successful applicant will teach four courses per semester, which should include at least one course in sociological theory and/or statistics, plus one or more of the following: social research methods, statistics, gender, race and ethnicity, or marriage and family. Other areas of

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teaching specialization are open. We seek candidates with an effective teaching record at the undergraduate level, including the use of web-based learning platforms, innovative teaching methods, and the ability to create inclusive learning environments for an increasingly diverse student body.

### Qualifications

Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Sociology at the time of appointment.

For more information: <http://www.higheredjobs.com/m/details.cfm?JobCode=175733260>



## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS by D&D MEMBERS**

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### **Books**

**Women on Ice: Methamphetamine Use among Suburban Women**, by Miriam Boeri.  
Rutgers University Press, 2013.  
[Rutgerspress.rutgers.edu](http://Rutgerspress.rutgers.edu)

In-depth interviews with women in the suburban counties of one of the largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. chronicle their initiation into methamphetamine, the turning points into problematic drug use, and for a few, their escape from lives veering out of control. Their life course and drug careers are analyzed in relation to the intersecting influences of social roles, relationships, social/political structures, and political trends. Examining the effects of punitive drug policy, inadequate social services, and looming public health risks, including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C, **Women on Ice** gives voice to women silenced by shame.

**Contemporary Drug Policy**, by Henry H. Brownstein. Routledge, 2013.  
<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415635370/>

This book focuses on the use of drugs in our lives and how we respond to them. Whereas drug policy typically centers on the problems of illicit drugs or licit drugs used in illicit ways or circumstances, *Contemporary Drug Policy* instead considers the wide variety of substances we call drugs as a normal part of our personal and social experience and asks how and when drugs benefit us as well as how and when they are harmful.

The evidence is clear that at some times, in some circumstances, and in some places drugs are a problem. This book does not ignore these issues but shifts our attention to making policies that also recognize their legitimate and constructive place in society. It focuses on asking questions, challenging assumptions, and developing responses to drugs based on evidence from scientific study as directed by critical criminological theory rather than mainstream theory or unfounded assumptions.

**Forthcoming:** *Shaping the Image of the Game: Early Professional Baseball and the Sporting Press*. In production at McFarland Press. Publication date: December, 2013.

### **Articles**

Benoit, Ellen and Juline A. Koken. 2012. Perspectives on substance use and disclosure among behaviorally bisexual Black men with female primary partners. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse* 11(4): 294-317.

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Chapkis, Wendy. The trouble with Mary Jane's gender. Forthcoming in a special issue of the *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* on "Current Perspective on Marijuana and Society."

Friedman, Samuel R; Mateu-Gelabert, Pedro; Sandoval, Milagros; Meylaks, Peter. Staying Safe: How you and others might avoid becoming infected with hepatitis C or HIV. 2013. <http://blackpoppymag.wordpress.com/a-z-of-health/avoiding-hepatitis-c-hiv-tips-from-your-peers/>.

Friedman SR, West BS, Pouget ER, Hall HI, Cantrell J, Tempalski B, Chatterjee S, Hu X, Cooper HLF, Galea S, Des Jarlais DC. (2013). [Metropolitan Social Environments and Pre-HAART/HAART Era Changes in Mortality Rates \(per 10,000 Adult Residents\) among Injection Drug Users Living with AIDS](#) .PLoS ONE 8(2): e57201. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0057201

Friedman, Samuel R.; Mateu-Gelabert, Pedro; Rossi, Diana. Has United States drug policy failed? And how could we know? *Substance Use and Misuse* 47:1402–1405, 2012. ISSN: 1082-6084 print / 1532-2491 online. DOI: 10.3109/10826084.2012.705687.

Furst, R.Terry. 2013. Suboxone misuse along the opiate maintenance treatment pathway. *Journal of Addictive Diseases* 32 (1): 53-67.

### Other

#### Invited Lectures and Presentations

Wendy Chapkis gave a plenary presentation on the "Future of Medical Marijuana in a Time of Legalization" at the Americans for Safe Access National Medical Cannabis Conference in Washington DC on Friday Feb. 22nd.

Wendy Chapkis will be giving a lecture on "Gender Politics in Marijuana Reform" at the Centre for Sex, Gender and Sexualities at the University of Durham in the United Kingdom on June 5, 2013

#### Past award winners

We are also updating our lists of previous award winners, displayed in the table below (thanks to Michele Koontz and D&D members who did some research). For some time, we have given Junior Scholar awards in even-numbered years and Senior Scholar awards in the odd years. If you have information that would help us complete the lists, please send it to [benoit@ndri.org](mailto:benoit@ndri.org).

Student Paper	Junior Scholar	Senior Scholar
2013 David Frank 2012 Xiaozhao Y. Yang 2011 No award 2010 Patrick K. O'Brien 2007 Brook Wells 2006 Phil Kavanagh 2005 Brian Kelly	2012 Dina Perrone 2010 Alice Cepeda 2008 Brian Kelly 2006 Amie Nielson 2004 Ricky Bluthenthal 2001 Andy Golub	2013 To be determined 2011 Claire Sterk 2009 Avelardo Valdez 2007 Richard Wilsnack 2005 Sheigla Murphy 2003 James F. Rooney 1999 Bruce D. Johnson 1994 Patricia Adler 1993 David Pittman

SSSP Drinking & Drugs Division Sessions  
Annual meeting, New York, NY  
August 9-11, 2013

### **We have several exciting sessions planned for the 2013 meeting:**

- ❖ **Critical Dialogues: Social Construction of Drug Use and Misuse**
- ❖ **Current Trends in Drug & Alcohol Use**
- ❖ **Drinking and Drugs Roundtables**
- ❖ **Global Innovations in Drug Policy** (Co-sponsor: Global division)
- ❖ **Youth Cultures & Drug Use** (Co-sponsor: Youth, Aging, & the Life Course)
- ❖ **Drugs, Crime and Incarceration** (with Crime and Juvenile Delinquency)
- ❖ **Big Pharma, Big Consequences: Drug Diversion & Misuse** (Co-sponsor: Health, Health Policy, & Health Services)
- ❖ **Drugs, Addiction & Social Constructionism** (Co-sponsor: Social Problems Theory)

Session details coming soon!

*Hope to see you in New York!*

