Message from the Chair

Dear Division Members,

The long winter is finally over and we can start looking forward to summer and the next Annual Meeting, which will happen in San Francisco. We had a great meeting in New York last year, and hope to do even better this year. See inside for a summary of the meeting (with photos!), division news and announcements regarding jobs and member publications.

Cheers,

Ellen
2013 Annual Meeting Summary

The Drinking and Drugs Division had nine well-attended sessions at the 2013 meeting in New York, which drew a total of 1,007 participants – a SSSP record. There were also quite a few partygoers at the division reception at Kabin Bar on Saturday night, which as always was held jointly with the Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco section of the ASA. We were especially happy to celebrate the achievements of two members: Harry Levine, who received the Senior Scholar Award, and David Frank, winner of the Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper competition.

See how much fun we had, below. Thanks to Steve Lankenau for the photos!
Division News

⇒ Incoming Division Chair

Please join me in welcoming Alice Cepeda as our new Division chair (2014-2016), starting immediately after the Annual Meeting. We had a few strong candidates running this time, which says a lot about the quality and commitment of our membership and bodes well for the Division’s future. Thanks to all who participated, and congratulations to Alice!

⇒ New Mission Statement

If you haven’t done so already, please read the Division’s revised mission statement, at http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1321/m/464. The new statement retains much of the previous version, but SSSP requires that divisions revise their statements every two years, and this was an opportunity to recognize some recently developing issues, such as those related to medicalization and legalization of marijuana. Big thanks to the mission statement committee for their thoughtful work and collaboration: Miriam Boeri, Kathryn Nowotny and Dina Perrone. We also revised the list of key books and articles that follows the mission statement. If you would like to recommend an addition to the list, please send me the bibliographic information at benoit@ndri.org and I will forward it to the committee.

⇒ D&D Member in the News

Alex I. Thompson, a graduate instructor in sociology at the University of Colorado – Boulder, was recently featured in the local paper. The article highlights how Alex’s experiences with medical marijuana, both as a patient and as a bakery employee, drive his research and enrich his Drugs and U.S. Society course. It conveys how Alex’s approach incorporates concepts of social justice that are important to the Drinking & Drugs division and to SSSP. I highly recommend the article: http://www.dailycamera.com/cu-news/ci_25351041/cu-boulder-sociologist-exploring-shifts-everyday-life-marijuana. Congratulations to Alex – and to his fortunate students!

⇒ 2014 Annual Meeting Deadlines

The preliminary program will be available online by May 15.

Program participants must register for the meeting by July 1.

Online registration is available until July 28.

For complete meeting information, go to http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/562/2014_Annual_Meeting/

Member publications


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Job announcements and other opportunities

W. E. B. Du Bois Fellowship.
The National Institute of Justice seeks applicants for the W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship for Research in Race, Gender, Culture and Crime. The fellowship supports research on crime, justice and culture in various social contexts with particular emphasis on diverse cultural and community factors. The Fellowship Program offers talented researchers, who are early on in their academic careers, prior to the award of tenure, an opportunity to elevate independently generated research to the level of national discussion. Residency at NIJ is not a fellowship program requirement; however it is an option for interested applicants. Scholars from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply. For details, see https://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001101.pdf.

Assistant Professor of Sociology. Mercer County Community College, NJ.
Social Science Department of Mercer County Community College invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor. The position will begin August, 2014. Masters in Sociology required; Ph.D. preferred; must have university/college-level teaching experience; demonstrate a commitment to working with an ethnically and culturally diverse student population; have a strong commitment to liberal arts, ability to contribute to the educational mission of the department, and the College community. The successful candidate will teach the existing introduction to sociology courses, and other required and elective courses; participate in all department activities including advising and mentoring of students, curriculum planning, and program review as well as various College-wide committees; be willing to serve as adjunct liaison and/or discipline coordinator, and develop and teach new sociology courses. The preferred candidate will have expertise in sociology of race and/or urban sociology, and enthusiasm for teaching at both of our urban and suburban campuses; compensation commensurate with qualifications and experience; position opened until filled. MCCC salaries are competitive and the benefits package is exceptional. Submit resume to Mercer County Community College, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box B, Trenton, New Jersey 08690-1099; e-mail: hr@mccc.edu or fax (609) 570-3840. When responding, please list Job Code: RSaps-040314

Assistant Professor of Sociology. Lake Superior State University, Michigan
Lake Superior State University, Department of Social Sciences, seeks applicants for a tenure-track faculty position beginning fall semester 2014. This is a teaching position which will require 12 hours of instruction per semester, primarily in introductory courses, social psychology, cultural diversity, and theory. Candidates with a Ph.D. in sociology by the time of the appointment will be given preference, but ABD candidates will be considered. For application information, go to https://jobs.issu.edu/
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Annual Meeting Preview

Division sessions

**Friday, August 15**

10:30 AM - 12:10 PM  
Session 21: **Substance Use in the Life Course**

12:30 PM – 2:10 PM  
Session 26: **Unintended Consequences of the War on Drugs I**

2:30 PM – 4:10 PM  
Session 37: **Unintended Consequences of the War on Drugs II**

**Saturday, August 16**

12:30 PM – 2:10 PM  
Session 86: **Roundtables:**  
Nonmedical Drug Use  
Understanding Drugs in Diverse Contexts

**Sunday, August 17**

8:30 AM – 10:10 AM  
Session 114: **CRITICAL DIALOGUE:** The War on Drugs and the New Jim Crow

10:30 AM – 12:10 PM  
Session 128: **People, Places, and Things:** Analyzing Drug Use Contexts

12:30 PM – 2:10 PM  
Session 140: **People, Places, and Things, Part 2:** Risk and Harm Reduction in Context

2:30 – 4:10 PM  
Session 152: **Marijuana Medicalization and Legalization**

4:30 PM – 6:10 PM  
Session 162: **Linking Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

**Reception**

Once again we will team up with the Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco section of ASA to put on a fabulous reception. This year, the reception will take place on **Saturday, August 16** at the Institute for Scientific Analysis, on 4th Street in San Francisco. Watch for time and other details in the next newsletter.

Special thanks to newsletter editor Victoria Zaleski.