



2015 Annual Meeting
Removing the Mask, Lifting the Veil: Race, Class, and Gender
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Message from the Chair

Happy Spring DD members!

As the new Chair of our division, I look forward to working closely with all of you in ensuring a stimulating and successful year for all of our SSSP members. I want to personally thank Ellen Benoit for her leadership as outgoing Chair and all of the work she dedicated in organizing all of our division activities last year. Our sessions were well attended and contributed to some very exciting discussions and exchanges ranging from the unintended consequences of the war on drugs, the importance of context and emerging issues on the medicalization of marijuana. Once again, Sheigla Murphy, Geoffrey Hunt and the Institute for Scientific Analysis were great hosts and put on a great party for all!

In this edition of the newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the work and/or accomplishments of some of our members. As such, in this issue we have some exciting news and research that several of our members are currently engaged in with very important implications for the field of drug and alcohol research.

I also want to take this opportunity to encourage members to visit and connect with our Drinking and Drugs Division members using our [Facebook site](#). This could potentially be a very viable social media venue for keeping on top of some of the most important news and research in the field.

Finally, building upon our momentum from our meetings in San Francisco last year, we have been working in preparing yet another exciting agenda for this summer. Be on the lookout for the preliminary SSSP program soon. Also, please do not forget to register and/or renew your SSSP membership.

Take a few minutes to look inside our newsletter for additional news, announcements, job postings and exciting new research being produced by our members!

Alice Cepeda, PhD
Associate Professor
University of Southern California

2014 Annual Meeting Summary

The Drinking and Drugs Division had a wonderful time together enjoying the seminars, lectures, and reception. We attended sessions to become informed on the unintended consequences of the War on Drugs and the linking between mental health and substance abuse. Additionally, we debated nonmedical drug use and the medicalization and legalization of marijuana. Enjoying the San Francisco weather, we joined the Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco section of ASA for a great reception at the Institute for Scientific Analysis. It was so nice to see everyone again and become informed on a wide variety of topics!

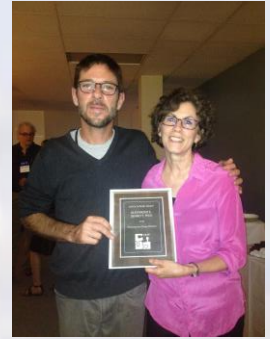
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Division News

⇒ *Congratulating Award Winners*

Congratulations to the following members for their recent awards and honors:

* **Alexander S. Bennett** at the National Development and Research Institutes for the Junior Scholar Award



Alex Bennet and Ellen Benoit

⇒ *D&D Promotions*

Alice Cepeda was approved by the President of the University of Southern California for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure.

Steve Lankenau has been promoted to Professor at the School of Public Health in the Department of Community Health and Prevention at Drexel University.

⇒ *D&D Funding*

Dr. Alice Cepeda recently was awarded a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations Grant entitled *HIV Projection Mapping with Crack Users in Mexico City*. The goal of the project is to provide a “behavioral nudge” by implementing a new health intervention (*Interviniendo Muros de Salud - IMS*) to active crack using adult men and women in hard to access contexts. Specifically, we will use a public health education campaign (i.e. using projection mapping technology) combined with the distribution of related products (HIV/AIDS education material and crack kits) to promote and facilitate key health-seeking behaviors including HIV prevention, diagnosis and treatment and crack use harm reduction in the community.

⇒ *Member Publications*

Boeri, Miriam and Aukje Lamonica. (2015) “Sampling Designs and Issues in Qualitative Criminology” in Routledge Handbook of Qualitative Criminology, edited by Heith Copes and J. Mitchell Miller, Routledge International Handbook Series, Routledge: Oxford, UK

Boeri, Miriam W. 2013. *Women on Ice: Methamphetamine Use among Suburban Women*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. Let me know if you need the text.

Reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 2014 by Brian C. Kelly

Furst, R.Terry and Douglas Evans. 2015 *An Exploration of Stigma in the Lives of Sex Offenders and Heroin Abusers: Reactions to Public and Private Shame*. *Deviant Behavior* Vol. 36, Issue 2, February 2015: 130-145.

Cepeda, Alice, Kathryn M. Nowotny, and Avelardo Valdez. “Trajectories of Long-Term Mexican-American Heroin Injectors: The “Maturing Out” Paradox.” Forthcoming in *Journal of Aging and Health*.

Valdez, Avelardo, Charles D. Kaplan, Kathryn M. Nowotny, Guillermina Natera-Rey, and Alice Cepeda. 2015. “Emerging Patterns of Crack Use in Mexico City.” Forthcoming in *International Journal of Drug Policy*,

⇒ *D&D Member in the News*

Miriam Boeri: featured in the Washington post for her article on the Conversation, “Why are politicians still referring to marijuana as a gateway drug?” The Washington post writes: “Citing more recent studies, she argued that poverty, social environment, association with hard drug users and mental illness are actually much better predictors of hard drug use.” Read her article here: <https://theconversation.com/why-are-politicians-still-referring-to-marijuana-as-a-gateway-drug-39348>

2015 Members in the Spotlight

Kathryn M. Nowotny

PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology & Population Program, University of Colorado Boulder was awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Fellowship from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA F31 DA037645) in the amount of \$105,238.



Title: Examining Health Disparities: The Health and Healthcare of Incarcerated Adults

Incarceration is an often ignored and poorly understood factor in health disparities research. Incarcerated persons are excluded from national health surveys and correctional facilities often have an inadequate surveillance system for providing valid and reliable data on the health status of inmates. The NCCHC report on the health status of inmates concludes that there is a tremendous and largely unexploited opportunity to benefit public health by illuminating health disparities among inmates and improving correctional health care practices. The overall goal of the current research and training fellowship is to prepare the applicant to become an independent, interdisciplinary researcher who can contribute to the reduction of inmate health disparities. The specific training and research goals of this fellowship are: 1) expand the applicants' knowledge of public health approaches to health disparities including the social determinants of health, the healthcare of inmates, and the social epidemiology of drug use, mental health, and violence; 2) increase the applicants' research design and quantitative analysis skills necessary to study health disparities among inmates; and 3) identify demographic patterns of health disparities for chronic health and infectious diseases for incarcerated adults, determine the effect of the prison environment on health, and examine disparities in the utilization of treatment (i.e., substance use, mental health) and healthcare services by adult inmates as well as the inmate- and prison-level factors that may account for these variations. Findings will be useful in the development of policy aimed at decreasing health disparities related to alcohol and drug addiction and mental health for inmates during incarceration and community reentry. Additionally, findings from this study can be used by correctional healthcare systems to target specific groups for inclusion in treatment and healthcare services as well as develop knowledge that can contribute to personalized or customized interventions for inmates.

Alex S. Bennett, PhD NDRI Institute for Special Populations

Overdoses involving opioids are preventable and reversible. Across the nation, community-based organizations, as well as state and local agencies, have focused much effort on the prevention of drug overdose. As many states are now doing, New York State recently passed a bill related to the distribution of the life-saving opioid receptor antagonist, naloxone/Narcan™.



This public health statute allows for the prescribing, dispensing and distribution of naloxone by a non-patient specific order. Laypersons can now prescribe naloxone acting under the auspices of a registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (OOPP), with no civil and criminal liability for prescribers and lay administration. Those with naloxone can use their naloxone upon others without fear of reprisals. Community-based organizations, drug treatment programs, institutes of higher education can register as OOPPs and distribute naloxone widely.

At NDRI, we have several NIH-funded research projects that have been working collaboratively with the New York City and State Departments of Health and other organizations to help expand the reach of overdose prevention and response training and widely distribute naloxone – ideally to promote universal access, especially in communities at risk.

In one of our studies, Opioid Misuse and Overdose Risk Factors among Veterans, we are working with military veterans who manage various forms of physical, psychological and social pain with opioids. Following our registration as an OOPP we are now teaching veterans via a training video developed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in New York City, about how to recognize, prevent, and respond to an overdose, and we are giving veterans naloxone. In addition to providing this life saving medication, we are assessing veterans' knowledge of naloxone's applications and methods of administration and how to assist veterans themselves to become peer health outreach workers and overdose prevention experts. Thanks to the newly implemented public health statutes and those who advocated for them, several participants in our study have already been able to save others' lives by administering naloxone and this after only several months of distributing the life-saving medication.

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Annual Meeting Deadlines

The preliminary program is now available online.

Program participants must register for the meeting by **July 1**.

Online registration is available until **July 15**.

For complete meeting information, go to http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/605/2015_Annual_Meeting/

Annual Meeting Preview

Division sessions

Friday, August 21

12:30 AM -2:10 PM

Session 28: **Reefer Nation? Trends in Marijuana Laws and Use**

2:30 PM – 4:10 PM

Session 39: **Race, Class, Gender, and Drug Use**

4:30 PM – 6:10 PM

Session 50: **Emerging Trends in Substance Use**

Saturday, August 22

8:30 AM – 10:10 AM

Session 58: **Substance Use Across the Life Course**

12:30 PM – 2:10 PM

Session 84: **PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Drinking and Drugs**

Sunday, August 23

8:30 AM – 10:10 AM

Session 125: **Current Research on Opioid Use, Misuse and Overdose: Populations, Contexts and Public Health Implications**

2:30 PM – 4:10 PM

Session 166: **The Social Context of Drug Control Policy**

Business Meeting: Drinking and Drugs Divisional Business Meeting (Saturday, August 22 from 10:30am-12:10pm, Atlantic C)

Reception

Following last year's fun, we will team up with the Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco section of the ASA to put on an amazing reception. This year, the reception will take place on **Saturday, August 22 @ 6:30** at the Fado Irish Pub, on W. Grand Ave in Chicago.