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Message from the Chair:

Drinking & Drugs Division Members:

I hope that you had a productive meeting in New York this summer. I would like to especially thank those of you who made presentations, attended our sessions and participated in the division's business meeting. Also, a special thanks to Steve Sifaneck and Dina Perrone for being great hosts at the SSSP/ASA party. Lastly, I would like to thank the members that volunteered last year to chair and serve on the Senior Scholar Committee and the Student Paper Competition Committee.

Our attention now turns to the upcoming 2008 SSSP annual conference in Boston. We have some excellent session topics and organizers to help schedule presentations for the 2008 annual conference (see sessions and organizers listed later in this newsletter). I'd like to thank all of you who have agreed to chair these sessions

and those who will serve on this year's committees. Please read the newsletter and announcements about our 2007 award winners, new and recently accepted publications and newly funded research awards.

There are some interesting international issues emerging as our government's drug eradication efforts in countries such as Afghanistan and Colombia fail to meet their objectives. Moreover, it is becoming clearer that alternatives to incarceration, such as drug courts and treatment, in this country are working. As drug investigators it is our role to further research these areas and move our findings into the public policy arena.

Have a good year.

Respectfully,

New York, NY



Division Award Winners - 2007

The Drinking & Drugs Division of The Society for the Study of Social Problems presented the following awards at the annual meeting in New York:

The Senior Scholar Award to **Richard Wilsnack** from the **University of North Dakota** for outstanding achievement in social problems research. We would like to recognize Bruce D. Johnson, who agreed to chair the committee.

First prize in the Student Paper Competition was awarded to **Brook Wells** from the **City University of New York**, for excellence in social problems research, demonstrated in her paper. We would like to thank Brian Kelly from Purdue University who chaired the committee and volunteered to be chair this year as well.

2008 Annual Meeting - Boston, MA

Drinking & Drugs Division Sponsored Sessions

Session 1: *“Global Drug Issues Implication for Social Justice”*

Organizer and President: Ellen F. Benoit, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.
benoit@ndri.org

Session 2: *“Emerging Trends in Drug and Alcohol Research”*

Organizer and President: Andrew L. Golub, National Development & Research Institutes, Inc.
andrew.golub@uvm.edu

Session 3: *“Drinking & Drugs Division Roundtables”*

Organizer and President: Avelardo Valdez, University of Houston, avaldez2@uh.edu



Drinking & Drugs Division Co-Sponsored Sessions

Session 1: *“Katrina: Social Justice”*

Organizer and President: Bruce D. Johnson, National Development & Research Institutes, Inc.
bruce.johnson@ndri.org

Co-Sponsor: Poverty, Class & Inequality Division

Session 2: *“Hispanic Drug Use, Violence and Crime”*

Organizer and President: Avelardo Valdez, University of Houston, avaldez2@uh.edu

Co-Sponsors: Race and Minorities Division; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

Session 3: *“Community Health and Substance Use”*

Organizer and President: Andrew L. Golub, National Development & Research Institutes, Inc.
andrew.golub@uvm.edu; Paul J. Draus, University of Michigan-Dearborn,
draus@umd.umich.edu

Co-Sponsors: Health Policies and Health Care Division

Session 4: *“Youth, Drugs and Alcohol Use”*

Organizer and President: Brian C. Kelly, Purdue University, bckelly@purdue.edu

Co-Sponsors: Youth & Life Course Division

Session 5: *“Social Control and the Drug Economy”*

Organizer and President: Jemel Aguilar, University of Texas, Austin,
jaguilar@mail.utexas.edu

Co-Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

Session 6: *“Substance Use and Mental Health”*

Organizer and President: Richard Carpiano, University of British Columbia,
carpiano@interchange.ubc.ca; Brian C. Kelly, Purdue University, bckelly@purdue.edu

Co-Sponsors: Mental Health Division

*Thanks for a
great job in
New York.
Take note of
our future
division
sponsored and
co-sponsored
sessions.*

We appreciate the service of those who participate on these committees. We hope to receive a good number of nominees and papers this year. Thanks!

2008 Division Award Committee Chairs

2008 Junior Scholar Award

Bruce D. Johnson, Chair
Ellen F. Benoit
Henry H. Brownstein

2008 Student Paper Competition

Andrew L. Golub, Chair
Paul J. Draus



New Publications

Kelly, Brian C. (2007) Club Drug Use and Risk Management among "Bridge and Tunnel" Youth. *Journal of Drug Issues.* 37(2): 425-444.



Club drugs present a range of risks similar to the range of psychoactive effects resulting from the use of the substances in this classification. These drugs remain in wide use amongst those in rave and club subcultures. This paper explores a range of risk management practices used by youth who utilize club drugs within rave and club subcultures. Through the use of

ethnographic methods during a two-year period of fieldwork, the author collected data on club drug use and risk taking among "Bridge and Tunnel" youth. The resulting paper provides a descriptive typology of a series of risk management practices and explores how these practices are strategically deployed in an effort to maximize enjoyment and minimize danger.

Valdez, Avelardo; Kaplan, Charles D.; Curtis Russell L. (2007) Aggressive Crime, Alcohol and Drug Use, and Concentrated Poverty in 24 U.S. Urban Areas. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse.* (33)4: 595-603.

The nexus between substance use and aggressive crime involves a complex interrelationship among mediating individual and community-level variables. Using multilevel logistic regression models, we investigate how community-level concentration of poverty variables mediate the predictive relationships among individual level social attachment variables and substance use on aggressive crime in a large national sample of male arrestees (N = 20,602) drawn from 24 U.S. urban areas. The findings support our hypothesis that individual social attachments to marriage and the labor force (education and employment) are the principal

individual-level pathway mediating the substance abuse/aggression nexus. In the random intercept model, 3.17% of the variation not explained by the individual-level predictor variables is attributable to community-level variation in urban area female-headed households and households receiving welfare. This confirms our hypothesis that social structural conditions of an urban environment differentially expose persons to conditions that predict being arrested for an aggressive crime. Our findings tend to counter the cultural theorists who argue for an indigenous culture of violence in inner-city ghettos and barrios.

Newly Funded NIH, NIDA Projects

University of Houston Drug Abuse Development Program

The University of Houston Drug Abuse Research Development Program (UHDARDP) will increase the capacity of minority faculty and graduate students from the University of Houston (UH) to conduct competitive research on drug abuse. According to the grant's PI, Avelardo Valdez, "this will be accomplished through the development of a multidisciplinary infrastructure that focus on long-term health and social consequences of injecting heroin use among aging Mexican American males." The research will have implications for drug abuse prevention, intervention, and service theory and practice. Spe-

cific aims include: 1.) Establish an institutional research development plan to build the capacity to engage in competitive drug research by coalescing resources, leadership, management and research expertise; 2.) Provide a structure for the conceptual, methodological and statistical support to develop minority project directors and graduate students; 3.) Execute a multidisciplinary research program consisting of a primary research project and two pilot projects; 4.) Recruit other minority project directors and graduate students from UH to develop studies on the health, social, pharmacological and psy-

chological consequences of drug abuse among the target population and provide research experience and scientific information to the community; 5.) Bridge the gap between the social and pharmacy sciences in the fields of basic and applied research, and service delivery systems through the development of multidisciplinary translational research courses, curricula and workshops on drug abuse; and 6.) Recruit a team of internal and external mentors and consultants from interdisciplinary academic backgrounds to enhance UHDARDPs professional development activities and proposed scientific programs.

Announcements

International Drug Policy Reform Conference

Every two years more than a thousand people from across the United States and around the world gather for the International Drug Policy Reform Conference to listen, learn, socialize and strategize about drug policy issues. New Orleans hosts this year's meeting at the Astor Crowne Plaza hotel. Three full days of plenary sessions, panels, roundtables and trainings will be launched with an opening ceremony the evening of Wednesday, December 5, and run from Thursday, December 6 through Saturday, December 8.

This conference presents a unique opportunity for researchers and schol-

ars to inform and influence the national and international dialogue about the future direction of drug policy reform. Every attendee shares the belief that the war on drugs has failed and that, to deal with drugs, drug use and drug markets, we need new approaches grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights. The event will highlight innovative research and gather experts across disciplines working on drug and drug policy-related topics. It is designed not only to encourage networking between academics, but also to enhance and facilitate key connections between researchers and the wide range of indi-

viduals who can make the best use of their information: national, state and local elected officials, health care professionals, public health administrators, drug counselors, criminal justice advocates, students, educators and grassroots advocates.

For more information, including travel, lodging and registration costs, please visit the official conference website:

<http://conference.drugpolicy.org>.

For all other conference inquiries, contact the conference coordinator, Stefanie Jones at sjones@drugpolicy.org.

Coming Soon:

Journal of Drug Issues, Special Issue entitled "Drug Trafficking, Drug Dealing, and Drug Markets: A Need for New Research and New Concepts." A special issue of JDI is edited by Ross Coomber and scheduled to be published in December. Several SSSP members have articles in this volume Sheigla Murphy, Eloise Dunlap, and Bruce D. Johnson and Avelardo Valdez.

Jobs Announcements

The University of Houston, Office for Drug & Social Policy Research seeks a Project Director for the "University of Houston Drug Abuse Research Development Program (UHDARDP)."

Specifically, responsibilities will include: 1.) Supervising staff project personnel and student research assistants (undergraduate and graduate level); 2.) Overseeing and managing all tasks associated with the administrative infrastructure component of the project including logistical tasks associated with scheduling meetings with the distinct advisory board members, consultants and scientific researchers and maintaining all project related documentation; 3.) Overseeing the implementation and logistics of the distinct mechanisms associated with the faculty and student development plans (small grant, dissemination, fellowships, workshops, peer review, special topics courses and internships); 4.) Assisting faculty associated with each of the three UHDARDP's research projects by monitoring that all specific aims are being met in a timely manner; 5.) Assisting faculty with the development and implementation of questionnaires and the preparation and maintaining of human subjects protocols with the Institutional Review Board and other federal research policies and procedures; 6.) Assisting in project data collection and management, statistical analyses (multivariate) and preparation of reports and peer reviewed manuscripts; 7.) Overseeing, maintaining and undertaking statistical analyses of all project evaluation documentation; and 8.) Assist in making contributions to publications, analyses, and grant preparations.

Preference will be given to candidates with a Ph.D. in Sociology, Epidemiology, Public Health, Social Work or a relevant field, and two years of comparable research experience. The position will be based in Houston, TX.

The candidate will supervise and perform a wide array of tasks that require ingenuity, resourcefulness and flexibility. The person must be competent in quantitative statistical analyses using SPSS or SAS (i.e. multivariate logistic regressions), be familiar with survey methodologies in the social sciences, have experience with analyzing large data sets, have an interest and familiarity in epidemiology, substance use and/or medical sociology and be highly motivated, with the ability to work closely with others while also taking the initiative as needed.

The aim of the UHDARDP is to develop an institutional infrastructure at the UH to conduct drug research. Through the development of distinct mechanisms, the UHDARDP will enhance drug research skills among faculty and minority graduate students with an emphasis on the health, social and pharmacological consequences of drug abuse (injecting heroin use) among aging minority (Mexican American) populations.

Under the general supervision of the Principal Investigator, the candidate will serve as the Project Director and will coordinate and implement the core research activities associated with the UHDARDP.

Please send your resume to Alice Cepeda (acepeda2@uh.edu).

Jobs Announcements

California State University, Los Angeles – Two Positions:

The Department of Sociology at California State University, Los Angeles has two tenure-track assistant professor positions, to begin September 2008. One position is in Criminology and Sociology of Law and the other position is in Deviance, with secondary areas of specialization open for both.

Minimum qualifications include an ABD or Ph.D. in Sociology or related social science field. A Ph.D. from an accredited institution of higher education is required for tenure. Candidates must have an interest in and a record of coursework and/or teaching experience in sociology. Candidates should provide a record of or potential for scholarly activity involving students whenever possible, as well as the demonstrated potential for effective teaching using a variety of methods. Candidates should also demonstrate an ability or interest in teaching in a multicultural, multiethnic campus. For more information on the Department of Sociology, see <http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/soc/index.htm>

Please submit an application letter, curriculum vitae, official transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. The application deadline is October 15, 2007. Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States and completion of the University's Application for Academic Employment form.

Address application, required documentation, and requests for information to:

Steven Gordon, Chair
Department of Sociology
California State University, Los Angeles
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8228

University of Massachusetts Boston - tenure track assistant professor:

Teaching will be at both the undergraduate (Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Social Psychology majors) and graduate (MA in Applied Sociology) levels and includes courses in Police and Society, Sociology of Law and related areas. Successful candidates will demonstrate experience and potential in both research and teaching. Ph.D. in Sociology, Criminology or related field is required. Candidates must have Ph.D. in hand by August 31, 2008. The search will remain open until the position is filled; for optimal consideration, please submit your application by Dec. 1. Refer to search number 660e in your cover letter and send a letter of application, vitae, samples of writing and published work, teaching portfolio, research statement and three letters of recommendation to:

Search Committee, c/o
Professor Susan Gore, Chair
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UMass Boston is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, Title IX employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Announcements (Cont.)

SSSP MEMBERSHIP: I invite you to renew your membership now and to urge your colleagues and students to do the same. You can renew your SSSP membership via our secure website, <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/925/fuseaction/ssspmember.portal>. The benefits of membership are numerous, these include; receiving *Social Problems*, our newsletter, division newsletters, and information about the annual meeting. I know that you will want to continue your connection to the most essential organization in our field. Please consider the option of becoming a Sustaining Member (formerly Life Member). Individuals who become Sustaining Members not only save money, but their contributions increase SSSP's endowment and support the Society's future activities.



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U N I V E R S I T Y of H O U S T O N

Office for Drug & Social Policy Research
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Announces the **2008 National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse
Summer Research Training Institute**
June 9 - 16, 2008



NATIONAL HISPANIC SCIENCE NETWORK ON DRUG ABUSE

THE RESEARCH TRAINING INSTITUTE:

This training institute is designed to train promising graduate students in drug research methods. It aims to increase each student's knowledge of drug research issues, promote interest in, and professional commitment to Hispanic drug abuse, and to guide every student in the production of a publishable manuscript on Hispanic-focused drug research. The institute also aims to foster mentoring relationships between students and leading Hispanic drug abuse researchers.

TO APPLY: To apply submit via postal mail or e-mail the following: 1.) application form; 2.) a 500-word essay describing yourself, how you would benefit from participating in this institute and a career in Hispanic drug research; 3.) your application packet must include a résumé/ curriculum vitae, listing your social security number, current address and e-mail, phone number, computer skills, and research software with which you are familiar; 4.) two letters of recommendation, and 5.) official transcripts from your currently enrolled institution or last completed degree.

DEADLINES Applications must be received by **February 29, 2008**. Decisions of award will be finalized by April 2, 2008. Please call the Office for Drug & Social Policy Research at **(713) 743-8345** or e-mail James Codd at jcodd@uh.edu.

Available to applicants on the websites of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse or Office for Drug & Social Policy Research, is an application form and information on the training site, including previous training institute curricula and faculty rosters.

<http://www.hispanicsscience.org>

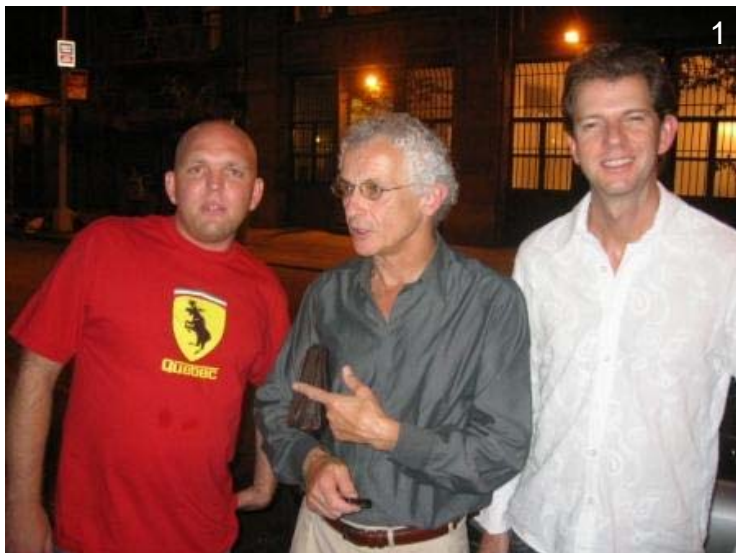
or

<http://www.uh.edu/odspr>

Please mail your applications to:

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2007 Annual SSSP/ASA Party - Sunday, August 12, 2007 Yippie Museum Café, New York, NY



*Thanks to those who
assisted and
volunteered with
organizing the party.
It was a great
celebration.*



1.) Bill Sanders, Jeffrey Hunt and Steve Lanckenau, 2.) Bruce Johnson, Richard Wilsnack and his wife, and Avelardo Valdez, 3.) Dina Perrone and Steve Sifaneck, 4.) Andy Golub, 5.) Alice Cepeda