Message from the Chair:

Dear SSSP Drinking & Drugs Division Members,

I hope you are enjoying the summer. As Chair of the Division, I will be providing to the SSSP Chair of Division Chairs input for her report to the SSSP board, a report on the “Concerns of Special Divisions.” In preparation for her report, I am asking for your input. Are their specific concerns that you have regarding our Drinking & Drugs Division (or any other division)? Your concerns can fall under a broad range of topics, but please share them with me so I can include them in my report.

I would also like to solicit two things from our membership:

1) Ideas for resolutions from our division. Resolutions are SSSP's way to make political and social statements to the wider public. When you write a resolution, please be sure to suggest who should receive the resolution (e.g., members of congress; specific corporations, etc.);

2) Ideas about paper sessions for next year. We will be determining next year's sessions at this year's meetings, so it is helpful to come prepared for that;

3) Nominations for division officers.

Please remember to register for the meetings and plan to attend our sessions and business meeting. Our division’s meeting is on Friday, August 10, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sutton Suite of the Roosevelt Hotel. The SSSP Business Meeting is on Saturday, August 11 at 9:50 a.m. in the Tearrace Ballroom.

Best Regards,

Avelardo Valdez
2007 Annual Meeting

Program Theme: “Research Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy, and Justice”
57th Annual Meeting August 10 - 12, 2007 The Roosevelt Hotel

Drinking & Drugs Division Sessions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
8:30am – 10:10am Sessions
Session 6: Drinking and Drugs Division Roundtables
Room: Sutton Suite
Sponsor: Drinking and Drugs Division
Organizer & Presider: Avelardo Valdez, University of Houston

Roundtable 1: Contemporary Drug Issues and Emerging Consequences

Papers:
“The Intoxicated Self,” Patrick O’Brien, University of Colorado at Boulder and Thomas Vander Ven, Ohio University
“Crystal Clear? An Analysis of Rural Methamphetamine Use and Abuse,” Karen Van Gundy and Cesar J. Rebellon, University of New Hampshire
“The Effects of Neighborhood, Family and Community Involvement upon Substance Abuse Behavior among Mexican-Americans in the Texas-Mexico Border,” Nalini Negi and Lynn Wallisch, University of Texas at Austin
“Women in Drug Markets: The Impact of Gender on Drug Sales,” Sheigla Murphy and Paloma Sales, Institute for Scientific Analysis
“Does It All Add Up? How the Office of National Drug Control Policy Misleads the Public and Protects its own Interests,” Andy Howell, Appalachian State University

Roundtable 2: Retail Drug Markets in the Political Economy of the United States and Brazil

Papers:
“Drugs, Market Violence and Networks in New York City and Rochester, NY,” Ric Curtis, John Jay College, CUNY
“The Diffusion of Drug Markets in the New York City Metropolitan Area,” R. Terry Furst, John Jay College, CUNY

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Relatively little is known about how youth obtain marijuana and other drugs. The Drugs, Alcohol and Violence International (DAVI) study explored youthful drug markets among samples of school students, detained youth, and school dropouts (ages 14-17) in the greater metropolitan areas of Philadelphia, Toronto, Montreal, and Amsterdam. Students frequently reported sharing drugs, either getting them from others or giving them to others for free. Sharing was less common among the more drug-involved detainees and dropouts. Marijuana was typically obtained either outdoors or in a house or apartment. Few youth reported getting marijuana at school. In Amsterdam, where marijuana can be purchased in small quantities in coffeeshops, this was the most common place to get marijuana, even though 18 is the legal age to purchase. Alcohol was also most likely to be obtained in stores or restaurants across all the sites, even though none were of legal age except those in Amsterdam age 16 or older. Youth most often reported purchasing marijuana in nickel, dime or other small bags, which are not standardized units. The exception again was Amsterdam, where youth most often reported quantities in grams or joints, which is how it’s sold in coffeeshops. The lack of standardization of units makes economic cost estimates suspect. Even standardized units such as alcohol present problems since youth report a wide range of ‘typical purchases.’ Survey data can, however, more aptly describe drug market characteristics such as general location of purchase, and relationship with the seller.

**Figure 3. Students, Detainees and Dropouts: Where Obtain Marijuana?**
Publications:


Party Announcement:

The **SSSP Drinking & Drugs Division** and **ASA Alcohol & Drugs Section** will be holding its joint reception at the Yippie Museum Café. This is a new city performance.party space located in the heart of NoHo/Greenwich Village. Housed in a land-marked historical building which has served as the NYC Yippie (the Youth International Party--remember Abbey Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Pigsuss for Prez, Levitating the Pentagon, Smoke-ins etc.) Headquarters for 35 years. Food, spirits, and light live jazz will be provided. This will be truly an event with downtown panache.

**Date/Time:** Sunday August 12, 2007 6-9 pm.

**Location:** 9 Bleecker Street. (between Elizabeth and Bowery)

**Directions:**
- Take #6 Subway to Bleecker Street stop. Walk 2 blocks East to 9 Bleecker.
- Take F/V/B Subway to Broadway/Lafayette stop, walk 1 block North to Bleecker Street, then two short blocks East.
- Take N/R Subway to Prince Street stop, walk two blocks North to Bleecker Street, then 3 blocks East on Bleecker.
Announcements

SSSP Membership Renewal: I invite you to renew your membership now and urge your colleagues and students to do the same. You can renew your SSSP membership via our secure website, [https://web.dii.utk.edu/SSSP/](https://web.dii.utk.edu/SSSP/) or complete the attached renewal form and mail or fax to the address/fax number at the top of the form. The benefits of membership are numerous: FREE 1 year subscription to 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.

BOOK: “Mexican American Girls and Gang Violence: Beyond Risk” This book focuses on the vulnerability of beyond-risk young females connected to male street-based youth gangs involved in violence, drug use, crime and sexual behavior. The uses of substances forms an important part of the lives of these girls.

William Kornblum, Professor of Sociology at The Graduate Center CUNY, described the book as “masterful empirical study of Mexican American girls whose involvement in street-level violence drug use, and promiscuity place them ‘beyond risk’ and on the edge of personal disaster.”

Special attention is given to partner violence experienced by these girls embedded in Mexican American communities with persistent poverty and weak community institutions. Unlike other studies on gang girls, this book describes the relationships of girls with others in the community, including family members and peers.

Jody Miller, Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis “The study raises significant issues for researchers and practitioners interested in understanding and ameliorating important social problems of our times.”

The book draws attention to how gender roles reflect a family-ethnic culture and community complex. It takes the perspective that there are multiple-level factors that are continually interacting and exerting influence on an individual’s susceptibility to these deleterious behaviors including their substance use.

BOOK: “Revisioning Women and Drug Use: Gender, Power and Body.” This ‘landmark’ text by one of the most respected researchers in drug use considers the issues surrounding the gendering of drug use, and within this looks critically at two approaches - the classical and postmodern. Ettorre has previously argued for the need for a gender-sensitive approach to the drugs field and here she contends that this approach is still lacking. This book draws together theoretical and empirical studies on drug use, provides a comprehensive analysis of gendered bodies and drug use and examines the idea of a drug-using society and the implications this holds for social inequality and exclusion.

Author’s Bio: Elizabeth Ettorre is Professor of Sociology at Liverpool University, UK. She has taught and researched in the USA, Finland and the UK and holds honorary appointments at the universities of Exeter, Helsinki, Abo Academy University and the Institute of Scientific Analysis. Her research interests include women’s studies, substance use, health and illness, and ethics.
Drinking & Drugs Division Sessions.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
4:30pm – 6:10pm Sessions
Session 47: How Local are Local Drug Scenes?
Room: Park Suite
Sponsor: Drinking and Drugs Division
Organizer & President: Paul J. Draus, University of Michigan, Dearborn
Discussant: Stephen Sifaneck, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.
Papers:
“Methamphetamine Markets: Type of Market Instability and Level of Drug Use,” Henry H. Brownstein, NORC at the University of Chicago and Bruce G. Taylor, Police Executive Research Forum
“Speed on the Highways: The Market in Amphetamines among Truck Drivers in the 1950s,” Kevin Riley, University of California, Los Angeles
“I Always Kept a Job: Work Patterns, Social Networks and Heroin use in 21st Century Detroit,” Paul J. Draus, University of Michigan, Dearborn and Mark Greenwald, Wayne State University School of Medicine

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
8:30am – 10:10am Sessions
Session 98: Drugs Research/Research with Drugs
Room: Americas Suite
Sponsors: Drinking and Drugs Division
Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division
Organizer & President: Paul J. Draus, University of Michigan, Dearborn
Discussant: Elizabeth Ettorre, University of Liverpool
Papers:
“Gateway’ Theory vs. ‘Synthetic Drug Use’: Exploring Theories of Illicit Substance Use amongst High Risk Youth,” Bill Sanders, Stephen E. Lankenau, Jennifer Jackson Bloom and Dodi Hathazi, University of Southern California/Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
“Parental Influences on Adolescent Drug Use: Retrospective Accounts from the Post-Crack Generation,” Ellen Benoit, Eloise Dunlap and Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.
“Alcohol Consumption: An Examination of Gender Differences and the Marriage Effect,” Anthony V. Iafrate and Keydron Guinn, Wayne State University
“Sex with ‘Friends’: Understanding Sexual Relationships in Research among Drug Users,” Eric A. Ratliff and John S. Atkinson, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston
“Minimizing Drug and Alcohol-Related Risk at Hip Hop and Electronic Dance Music Nightclub Events,” Philip R. Kavanaugh and Tammy L. Anderson, University of Delaware
“Drugs and Gender: A Contradictory Project in Interviews with Socially Integrated Men and Women who Use Drugs,” Sharon Rödner Sznitman, Stockholm University, Sweden
Drinking & Drugs Division Sessions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
10:30am – 12:10pm Sessions
Session 110: Social and Health Consequences of Katrina
Room: Fashion Suite
Sponsors: Community Research and Development Division
Drinking and Drugs Division
Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division
Organizer & Presider: Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

Papers:
“Comparing Drug Using Patterns among Young Injection Drug Users in Pre- and Post-Katrina New Orleans,” Stephen E. Lankenau, University of Southern California, Erica Alarcon, Tulane University, Jennifer Jackson Bloom, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Bill Sanders, University of Southern California and Stephanie Tortu, Louisiana State University
“Substance Use and Other Health Consequences among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston,” Avelardo Valdez and Alice Cepeda, University of Houston
“Illicit Drug Markets in New Orleans Before and During Katrina,” Eloise Dunlap and Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.
“The Subculture of Violence among New Orleans Evacuees before and after Hurricane Katrina,” Bruce D. Johnson and Eloise Dunlap, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.
“Katrina and the Failure of the American Welfare State: Socially Constructing the Consequences of a Natural Disaster in the U.S., France, Germany and Iceland,” Nikole Hotchkiss and Sigrun Olafsdottir, Indiana University

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
12:30pm – 2:10pm Sessions
THEMATIC
Session 130: Drugs, Crime, and Punishment
Room: Promenade Suite
Sponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division
Drinking and Drugs Division
Law and Society Division
Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Paul D. Steele, Morehead State University

Papers:
“Losing Hope: The Production of Failure in Drug Court,” Mitchell Mackinem, Claflin University and Paul Higgins, University of South Carolina
“Gender and Asian Pacific Islander Youth: Understanding Pathways to Delinquency,” Lisa Pasko, University of Denver
“Fettered Discretion: Legal and Interactional Constraints on Judicial Sanctioning in California’s Proposition 36,” Stacy Lee Burns, Loyola Marymount University and Mark Peyrot, Loyola College in Maryland
“Poverty and the Role of the Criminal Justice System in Eliminating Violence Against Women and Children: The Case of Ghana’s Police Service,” C. Nana Derby, Virginia State University
“Envisioning the Legal Drug Economy: Markets, Consumption, and Regulation,” Adam D. Jacobs, University of Wisconsin
2007 Drining & Drugs Division Awards

2007 Senior Scholar Award
Bruce D. Johnson, Committee Chair

Richard Wilsnack has been selected as the Senior Scholar of the Drinking and Drugs Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. He has been a former Chair and long-time contributor to the Drinking and Drugs Division. This award is also merited by the excellence and extent of his contributions to alcohol and drug research during his distinguished career. He is the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in the Department of Clinical Neuroscience at the Medical School of the University of North Dakota.

2007 Student Paper Competition
Brian Kelly, Committee Chair

The winner of the 2007 D&D student paper award is Brooke Wells from the City University of New York for the paper titled “Methamphetamine Use and Sexual Experiences among Urban Club-Going Youth.”

The Honorable Mention award goes to J.D. Wolfe from Indiana University for the paper titled: “The Timing of Parenthood: Early First Birth and Alcohol Use throughout the Life Course”
CONGRATULATIONS:

Dina Perrone, Ph.D. graduated from Rutgers University-Newark, School of Criminal Justice. Dissertation Title: "Clubbing, Culture, Consumption, Capital and Control: Drug Use Among the New York City Club Kids."

Eric L. Jensen, professor, Department of Political Science and Public Affairs Research, University of Idaho, presented the keynote address entitled "The Expansion of the War on Drugs into the Social Policy Realm in the U.S." at the conference “The Social Organization of Drug Policies: Patterns, Determinants, and Consequences” at the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus, University, Aarhus, Denmark on April 19. Following his stay in Denmark, Dr. Jensen presented two invited papers at the Ministry of Justice and the Police in Oslo, Norway. These presentations were entitled “The Effects of Therapeutic Communities in Idaho Prisons on Re-arrest, Reconviction, and Earnings,” and “U.S. Drug Courts: A Review and the Outcome Evaluations.”

“The 57th Annual Meeting held in New York City from August 10-12 promises to be very exciting. We have 135 sessions scheduled. This will be a great opportunity to network face-to-face and to learn about the many ways people are promoting social justice through doing research in one of the 20 areas reflected in our Special Problems Divisions.”

Thomas C. Hood, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus and Executive Officer
Society for the Study of Social Problems

The National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse proudly announces the launch of its new website and online quarterly newsletter, *El Faro: La Voz de la Red*. Please visit us at [www.hispanicscience.org](http://www.hispanicscience.org)