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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members,

The 2011 SSSP annual meeting in Las Vegas, while now a receding memory, was a success. The Drinking and Drugs presentations, which covered a range of topics across the fields of alcohol and drugs, were substantive and the sessions were well-attended. The meeting was topped off with a lively joint reception with ASA's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs section at a lounge in Vegas's historic downtown. Congratulations again to Claire Sterk who received the 2011 Senior Scholar Award.

The 2012 annual meeting will be held in Denver. On the back page of this issue, I invite you review the six Drinking and Drugs sessions planned for 2012 our annual meeting and to submit an abstract. The deadline for submitting an abstract is January 31, 2012.

Our division will be holding an election in the Spring of 2012 to select an in-coming chair. Anyone interested in running for this position can email me (lankenau@drexel.edu) or the head of the election committee, Lalo Valdez (avelardv@usc.edu).

In the coming months, our division will also be holding a Graduate Student Paper competition and choosing a Junior Scholar Award recipient. Last year, we only received one submission for the paper competition, and consequently, did not give out an award. Please encourage your graduate students to submit a paper (see page 3 of this issue).

I encourage to you review a listing of some recently published papers by our members (see page 4). These publications indicate high-levels of scholarship (all available in PubMed) as well as sociological and public health significance.

Lastly, Happy Holidays and have a great start to 2012.

Best,

Steve Lankenau



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drinking and Drugs Senior Scholar Award

Congratulations to **Claire Sterk**, Professor at Emory University, the recipient of the 2011 Senior Scholar Award.

Graduate Student Paper Competition: **Deadline: 3/31/12**

The **Drinking and Drugs Division** invites graduate students to apply for the 2012 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award. The First Place Winner will receive a \$100 stipend and be recognized at the 2012 meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Papers under consideration must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs. To be eligible, entrants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program and have not yet received a Ph.D., J.D., or M.D. degree at the time of submission. Participants must have had sole responsibility for preparation of the paper. Self-nominations are permitted. The paper should be no longer than 30 pages. The division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first place winner at its discretion. Applicants should send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying the matriculated graduate program by 3/31/12 to: Dina Perrone, Criminal Justice Department, California State Long Beach, dperrone@csulb.edu.

Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute on Hispanic Drug Abuse Summer Training Program: June 19 – 29, 2012

The *Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute (IRTI) on Hispanic Drug Abuse* promotes the career development of pre-doctoral, postdoctoral and early career scientist conducting research on drug abuse among Hispanics. The IRTI is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Drug Abuse. The IRTI provides three core activities to research fellows including: Training, Mentoring and Networking. The IRTI aims to ensure a constant support infrastructure for fellows to conduct, present, publish and acquire funding for NIH research. To achieve this, the IRTI conducts an intensive interdisciplinary summer training program along with a formal mentorship program for a period of 2 years.

Applications and other details to apply are available at www.hispanicsscience.org <<http://www.hispanicsscience.org>> or sowkweb.usc.edu/interdisciplinary-research-training-institute <<http://sowkweb.usc.edu/interdisciplinary-research-training-institute>> and must be postmarked by **February 24, 2012**. Applicants will be notified of award decisions by March 16, 2012. For more information, e-mail Alice Cepeda, Ph.D. at alicecep@usc.edu.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS by D&D MEMBERS

High rates of transitions to injecting drug use among Mexican American non-injecting heroin users in San Antonio, Texas (never and former injectors).

Valdez A, Neaigus A, Kaplan C, Cepeda A.
Drug and Alcohol Dependence. 2011; 114(2-3): 233-6.

Characteristics of an overdose prevention, response, and naloxone distribution program in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Bennett AS, Bell A, Tomedi L, Hulsey EG, Kral AH.
Journal of Urban Health. 2011; 88(6): 1020-30.

Legally tripping: A qualitative profile of Salvia divinorum use among young adults.

Kelly BC.
Journal of Psychoactive Drugs. 2011; 43(1): 46-54.

Off the street and into "the cut": Deterrence and displacement in NYC's quality of life marijuana policing.

Elliott L, Golub A, Dunlap E.
International Journal of Drug Policy. 2011 Oct 14. [Epub ahead of print]

Symbiotic goals and the prevention of blood-borne viruses among IDUs.

Friedman SR, Sandoval M, Mateu-Gelabert P, Meylakhs P, Des Jarlais DC.
Substance Use Misuse. 2011; 46(2-3): 307-15.

Correlates of Salvia divinorum use in a national sample: Findings from the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Ford JA, Watkins WC, Blumenstein L.
Addictive Behaviors. 2011; 36(11): 1032-7.

HIV prevalence and risk among heterosexual methamphetamine injectors in CA.

Kral AH, Lorvick J, Martinez A, Lewis MA, Orr WA, Anderson R, Flynn N, Bluthenthal RN.
Substance Use Misuse. 2011; 46(9): 1081-9.

Initiation into prescription opioid misuse amongst young injection drug users.

Lankenau SE, Teti M, Silva K, Bloom JJ, Harocopos A, Treese M.
International Journal of Drug Policy. 2012; 23(1):37-44.

Drinking and Drugs Division

SSSP Drinking & Drugs Division Sessions
Annual meeting, Denver, CO
August 16-18, 2012

We have several exciting sessions planned for the 2012 meeting:

- ❖ **Current Issues in Prescription Drug Misuse** (Co-sponsor: Health Policy)
- ❖ **Drug Policy Activism** (Co-sponsor: Social Problems Theory)
- ❖ **Social Disparities and Drugs** (Co-sponsor: Race and Ethnic Minorities)
- ❖ **Drugs, Soldiers, and Veterans**
- ❖ **Medical Marijuana and Social Change**
- ❖ **Drinking & Drugs Roundtables**

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Hope to see you in Denver!

