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Disabilities Division Winter Newsletter December 2014

Welcome from the Disabilities Division Co-Chairs

Dear Members of the SSSP Disabilities Division,

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New publications!

I hope you are grading your last papers, double checking your grades, and about to enjoy a well-deserved break! However, don't rest for too long because it is time to start thinking about the 2015 Annual Meeting in Chicago! Our members have proposed a broad range of panels including a roundtable session which will allow scholars whose work may not fit into one of the panels to still have the opportunity to present. Please see page 3 for our detailed call for papers. In addition to the call for papers for sessions, I would also like to highlight the call for the student paper award outlined on page 4. This is a great opportunity for students to be recognized for their work! Both of these deadlines are January 31st, so I hope your New Year's resolutions include working on your submissions!

Speaking of New Year's resolutions, perhaps you have been thinking about ways you can serve others. From my experience, being a SSSP co-chair is one of the best opportunities for professional service within the field. Overall the burden of being a co-chair in small and the rewards are great. You share the work with a co-chair,



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so it's not too onerous, and it's a great way to get to get involved with SSSP as an organization. Being able to oversee the graduate student award each year is a reminder of how you are helping the next generation get started in the field. It truly is a meaningful and enriching experience, and Laura Mauldin (my co-chair) and I are looking for co-chair candidates to replace me. This is a two-year term, which runs from 2015-2017. I am happy to answer any questions you have about the election process or being a co-chair. You can e-mail me at alexisbender@gmail.com.

Also in the spirit of the season, I would like to thank everyone who presented, moderated, and organized for the 2014 annual meeting and those who have offered to organize sessions for the 2015 Annual Meeting. I am especially thankful to Brian Grossman for his leadership as Division Co-Chair 2012-2014 and to Rob Gould for his work as newsletter editor. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Division Co-Chair, Laura Mauldin, 2014-2016 and our new newsletter editor, Ashley Volion. I think the year ahead will be exciting and I am looking forward to working with both of you!

Finally, I would like to add to my wish list for the season. As you are completing your SSSP membership renewal, please keep our small, yet productive section in mind! In addition to renewing your division membership, I hope you will encourage a colleague or student to become a member of the division. This will allow us to remain active and continue to meet our membership's needs.

Good luck with the rest of the semester and thank you for all that you do. Here's to a wonderful 2015!

Alexis A. Bender

Greetings from your new Co-Chair! (Laura Mauldin)

I am so delighted to be working alongside Alexis Bender as Co-Chair of the division. I am an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Human Development/Family Studies, with an affiliation in sociology. I want to take this opportunity to thank Brian Grossman for his leadership before and Alexis for her guidance as I take on this new role. I'm so excited to work with all of you in the division and looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago!



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SSSP 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Call for Papers

Listed below are the 2015 Annual Meeting Sessions.

Each participant is permitted to submit one sole-authored paper and one critical dialogue paper, but additional co-authored papers may be submitted. Critical Dialogue sessions include short (5 minute) presentations by up to 8 authors followed by facilitated dialogue that critically explores connections among the papers. The audience will have an opportunity to participate in the dialogue as well. Emphasis is placed on exploring interesting connections between papers with a broadly similar theme. The hope is that both presenters and the audience will have an opportunity to make new and deeper connections from their unique insights and presented ideas. Critical Dialogue sessions **will not** have audio-visual equipment.

All papers must be submitted by midnight (EST) on January 31, 2015 in order to be considered. For more information, go to:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/611/fuseaction/sspsession2.publicView>

**The Society for the
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65th Annual Meeting
August 21-23, 2015
Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel
Chicago, IL**

Session #	Session Title	Sponsor(s)	Organizer(s)
20	Health, Disability, and Incarceration	Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Disabilities Health, Health Policy, and Health Services	Jipson, Arthur ajipson1@udayton.edu
26	Race, Class, Gender, and Disability: Intersectional Perspectives – THEMATIC	Disabilities	Caldwell, Kate kcaldw3@uic.edu
27	PAPERS IN THE ROUND: Lifting the Veil on Disability	Disabilities	Frederick, Angela fredericka@rhodes.edu
28	CRITICAL DIALOGUE: 25 Years after the Americans with Disabilities Act	Disabilities	Volion, Ashley M. amvolion@gmail.com
29	Disability and Education	Disabilities Educational Problems	Egner, Justine jegner@mail.usf.edu
30	Disability and Care	Disabilities Family	Little, Deborah L. LITTLE@ADELPHI.EDU
31	Poverty and Access to Health and Human Services	Disabilities Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Poverty, Class, and Inequality Sociology and Social Welfare	Monnat, Shannon SHANNON.MONNAT@GMAIL.COM
32	CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Genders, Sexualities, and Bodies	Disabilities Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Sport, Leisure, and the Body	Duckworth, Kiera kieraduc@buffalo.edu
33	Disabilities as a Social Problem: Thinking, Research, and Teaching	Disabilities Teaching Social Problems	Grossman, Brian R. brg@uic.edu
34	Disability Across the Life Course	Disabilities Youth, Aging, and the Life Course	Leiter, Valerie valerie.leiter@simmons.edu

Disability Division Student Paper Competition and Co-Chair Nominations

The Disability Division is pleased to announce its 2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, may concern any social aspect of disability, and should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages. They should be prepared for anonymous review. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after December 2014) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2015 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago. Thus it is also a requirement that an abstract is submitted through the [annual meeting Call for Papers process](#) to a Disabilities Division session by the January 31st deadline. The winner will receive a monetary prize of \$50, student membership in SSSP (\$30), SSSP conference registration (\$60), and a plaque of recognition at the conference awards ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Alexis Bender at alexisbender@gmail.com .

Call for Co-Chair Nominations

We are currently soliciting nominations for the position of Co-Chair for the Disabilities Division. Co-Chairs serve overlapping two year terms, and are jointly responsible for: developing the Division program (identifying sessions and organizers) for the annual meeting; running the Division business meeting at the annual meeting; working with the newsletter editor to assure publication of the annual newsletter; and other Division business.

If you are interested in learning more or in nominating yourself or another individual for this rewarding position, please contact Alexis Bender at alexis.bender@gmail.com by January 31st.

Hello from your new Newsletter Editor!

Hi, my name is Ashley Volion, and I will be the newsletter editor this coming year. I am a second year Ph.D. student in Disability Studies at the University of IL at Chicago, and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the 2015 SSSP Conference in Chicago.

I would also like to thank Rob Gould. Thank you for making our newsletter shine this past year. Lets make this another great year!

-Ashley Volion, M.A.

Job Opportunities

Virginia Tech is hiring TWO tenure track positions:

One in the department of Human Development, with disability studies expertise: <https://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/52893>

Another in the department of Science, Technology and Society, with expertise in medical sociology and/or disability studies: <https://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/52583>

University of Illinois - Chicago: tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor in the area of Race and Critical Disability beginning Fall 2015. Applicants should go to <https://jobs.uic.edu> (position number 46358) and complete the online application.

Fellowship - International Disability Alliance (IDA) in Geneva.

The fellow will work on Treaty Bodies to facilitate the participation of DPOs in the work of the UN Treaty Bodies, in particular the CRPD Committee, and to mainstream CRPD standards across the UN Treaty Bodies. The expected starting date would be early January 2015 for a full year. We are looking to hire a Human Rights Fellow, working closely with our Human Rights Officer working on the UN Treaty Bodies in Geneva. We will offer a stipend and also cover for reasonable accommodation costs. Please find the application package at <https://db.tt/2OPxjk5y>



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Publications

NEW BOOK AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

ASHGATE INTERDISCIPLINARY DISABILITY STUDIES SERIES

The first two titles in Ashgate's Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Series have now been published, and more are on the way.

Disability, Human Rights and the Limits of Humanitarianism edited by Mike Gill and Cathy Schuld-Vials is the first book in the series. Disabled individuals have long advocated for civil and human rights in various locations throughout the globe, yet contemporary human rights discourses problematically co-opt disabled bodies as 'evidence' of harms done under capitalism, war, and other forms of conflict, while humanitarian non-governmental organizations often use disabled bodies to generate resources for their humanitarian projects. It is the connection between civil rights and human rights, and this concomitant relationship between national and global, which foregrounds this groundbreaking book's contention that disability studies productively challenge such human rights paradigms, which troublingly eschew disability rights in favor of exclusionary humanitarianism. For more information about this book, see the following link on the Ashgate website: <http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472420916>

Disability and Social Movements by Rachel Carling Jenkins is the second book in the series. This book provides the reader with a ground-breaking understanding of disability and social movements. By describing how disability is philosophically, historically, and theoretically positioned, Carling-Jenkins is able to then examine disability relationally through an evaluation of the contributions of groups engaged in similar human rights struggles. For more information on this book, see www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472446329

Disability and Discourse Analysis by Jan Grue will be released in January 2015. This ground-breaking volume contributes to this link by thoroughly applying the analytical vocabulary of discourse analysis to issues that are central to the field of disability studies. It strengthens disability studies by supplying case studies of representations and constructions of disability and disabled people in discourse, theorizes the role played by language in the social construction of disability, and makes disability a more salient topic for discourse analysts.

Youth and Disability: A Challenge to Mr Reasonable by Jenny Slater will be released in February 2015. In this ground-breaking book, Jenny Slater uses the lens of 'the reasonable' to explore how normative understandings of youth, dis/ability and the intersecting identities of gender and sexuality impact upon the lives of young dis/abled people. Although youth and disability have separately been thought within socio-cultural frameworks, rarely have sociological studies of 'youth' and 'disability' been brought together. By taking an interdisciplinary, critical disability studies approach to explore the socio-cultural concepts of 'youth' and 'disability' alongside one-another, Slater convincingly demonstrates that 'youth' and 'disability' have been conceptualised within medical/psychological frameworks for too long.

Journals:

Volume 8 of *Research in Social Science and Disability* has just been published by Emerald Publishers. It is entitled Environmental Contexts and Disability, edited by Barbara Altman and Sharon Barnartt. If section members go to the following website, three of the articles are available for free for the next three months - <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/book/10.1108/S1479-354720148>

Member Publication:

We would also like to announce that Barbara Atman has just been published in *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* – an article entitled “Another Perspective: Capturing the Working-Age Population with Disabilities in Survey Measures”

Reference: Altman, B. 2014. Another Perspective: Capturing the Working-Age Population with Disabilities in Survey Measures, *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 25:146.

Abstract: A new criticism of the variety in measures serving to identify the disabled population in the American Community Survey (ACS) has been raised by Burkhouer, Houtenville, and Tennant. That criticism identifies the lack of a participation component, specifically a measure of work limitation, as creating bias resulting in an underestimate of the size of the working age population with disabilities. The purpose of this article is to provide another perspective on the relationship of the current ACS measure and a work limitation measure demonstrating the complications introduced by combining measures that represent two different metrics and introducing an unmeasured environmental element. The relationship of the measures and receipt of Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Insurance is also examined and discussed.