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Disabilities Division Winter Newsletter

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Welcome from the SSSP Co-Chairs

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Happy Holidays to all of you and yours. We hope that your grading is done, or getting done, and that you have plans for respite, rejoicing, and re-energizing. This newsletter brings you an invitation to nominate yourself or someone else to be co-chair for 2017-2019, information about the SSSP meeting in MONTREAL next August, notes on new publications from members, and information about other happenings.

Here at SSSP we have a staggered co-chair system. Each chair serves for two years, with the continuing chair acting as mentor to the incoming. We will be looking for nominees for the 2017-2018 term early next year! Elections will happen in early summer and the new co-chair begins their term at our annual meetings in August. This is a GREAT way to meet division members, get to know other folks at SSSP, and learn some of the ropes of organizational membership. Please nominate yourself or another (with their permission, of course) and send the nomination to us (little@adelphi.edu and jessica.p.barnett@wright.edu).

This year's presidential election has raised concerns for many of us. Between potential challenges to the Americans with Disabilities Act (promises to rescind executive orders on hiring disabled persons in federal contracts) to efforts to register "liberal" faculty (<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/11/22/new-website-seeks-register-professors-accused-liberal-bias-and-anti-american-values>) it looks like we will need to pay attention and act to protect civil rights and liberties.

Get ready to submit your abstracts for SSSP 2017 in Montreal!

Sincerely,

Deborah Little and Jessica Bartlett



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**The Society for the Study of Social Problems
67th Annual Meeting
August 11-13, 2017
Montreal Bonaventure Hotel
Montreal, Quebec Canada**

**Narratives in the World of Social Problems:
Power, Resistance, Transformation**

SSSP President Donileen Loseke writes: *In order to understand public reactions toward social problems and, in order to do something about these conditions causing so much human misery, we need to know much more about the work of social problem narratives. In a world of countless competing stories, we need to know how some—and only some—stories achieve widespread cognitive and emotional appeal and go on to influence public opinion and social policy; how different stories appeal to people in different social positions. We need to know how stories promoting particular images of social problems reflect and challenge and/or perpetuate existing inequalities and structures of power, and how stories encourage or discourage social change. We need to more fully understand how story contents and meanings change as they circulate through particular societies and throughout the globe.*

The power and workings of social problems narratives will be the focus of our conversations at the 2017 meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Call for Papers: 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, 2017 in order to be considered.

SUBMIT TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING DISABILITY SESSIONS:

Session #	Session Title	Sponsor(s)	Organizer(s)
5	Non-Academic Jobs and How To Get Them	Community Research and Development Disability Drinking and Drugs	Steinberg, Hillary R. hillary.steinberg@colorado.edu
21	CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Who Decides Who Lives, Who Dies?	Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Disability Health, Health Policy, and Health Service Racial and Ethnic Minorities	Little, Deborah L. little@adelphi.edu Mauldin, Laura laura.mauldin@gmail.com (co-organizers)
28	Levels of Disability Narrative-THEMATIC	Disability	Green, Sara sagreen@usf.edu
29	Narrative of Interdependence- THEMATIC	Disability	Caldwell, Kate kcaldw3@uic.edu
30	Disability and Relationships	Disability Family Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities	Barnett, Jessica Penwell jessica.p.barnett@wright.edu
31	Community Living and Institutionalization	Disability Family Youth, Aging, and the Life Course	Grossman, Brian R. brg@uic.edu
32	Narratives of Self, Body, and Mind- THEMATIC	Disability Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Society and Mental Health	Bender, Alexis A. alexisbender@gmail.com
33	Disability and Work: The Visible and The Invisible	Disability Labor Studies	Sherry, Mark markdsherry@yahoo.com
34	New Approaches to Integrating Disability into Pedagogy	Disability Teaching Social Problems	Deborah, Little L. little@adelphi.edu

Student Paper Competition

Deadline: 1/31/17

The **Disability Division** is pleased to announce its 2017 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 May 2016) 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 a Disability Division sponsored session at the 2017 SSSP Annual Meeting in Montreal. Thus it is also a requirement that an abstract is submitted through the annual meeting Call for Papers process to a Disability Division session by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$200, a one-year student membership in SSSP (\$30), SSSP 2017 conference registration (\$60), a plaque, and 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: Deborah Little at little@adelphi.edu .

**** Special Call for: SDS Members' Strand Sessions****

Canadian Disability Studies Association -
Association Canadienne des Études sur l'Incapacité
(CDSA-ACEI)

2017 Conference
"From Far and Wide: The Next 150"
Wednesday, May 31, 2017 –
Friday, June 2, 2017
Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

***This conference is organized as part of the
2017 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.***

DEADLINE FOR SDS Strand Sessions SUBMISSIONS: Monday, January 16, 2017, 11pm EST

For SDS related strand-sessions we encourage you to focus especially on 3 of the 5 general themes laid out by the CDSA (but all submissions, regardless of these 3 special focus areas, will be considered):

Necropolitics

This subtheme explores how sovereignty turns on the politics of death, or the power to control mortality (see Mbembe, 2003). We welcome submissions on the topic of disability, D/deaf, and mad death as they relate to:

- assisted dying laws;
- war, imperialism, and debility;
- death in institutions and by caregivers;
- police brutality;
- aging, palliative care, and support.

Imagining Our Future

In this subtheme the future will be reimagined to include and anticipate disability, Deafhood, and madness. We welcome submissions on the topic of the future as they relate to:

- the problem with cure-seeking;
- science fiction writing and the utopic impulse;
- reproductive futurity;
- restructuring physical and cultural spaces
- ageing into the future.

Community Planning

This subtheme is interested in activist, community-based, and artistic projects invested in making space for disability, Deafhood, and madness. We welcome submission on the topic of community building for disability, Deafhood, and madness as they relate to:

- involvement in legal and policy initiatives;
- critical approaches to care/care-collectives;
- grassroots advocacy work;
- intersectional activism;
- community arts projects.

NOTE:

Only submissions from **active** SDS members (membership dues paid for 2017) will be considered.

FROM: <http://disstudies.org/index.php/sds-and-cdsa-acei/>



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Publications & News from Members

Ben DiCicco- Bloom

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published "The Dynamics of Care: Communication, Management, and Adults with Autism" in the edited volume [*Autism Spectrum Disorder in Mid and Later Life*](#) (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, ed. Scott Wright). The chapter explores some of the challenges faced by family members supporting the health and development of aging adults on the autism spectrum. DiCicco-Bloom chronicles the experiences of two families with adult members with autism, drawing from a 6-year ethnographic study that he is currently turning into a book manuscript, under contract with Princeton University Press.

Kate Caldwell

Kate Caldwell and colleagues were featured in an article written about the Chicagoland Entrepreneurship Education for people with Disabilities (CEED) project, which works with entrepreneurs with disabilities and service providers from both disability and business.

<https://news.uic.edu/east-meets-west-helping-entrepreneurs-who-have-disabilities-make-dreams-a-reality>

Alexis Bender

Alexis Bender, former Co-Chair of the Disabilities Division, began a new position as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics at Emory University in Atlanta, GA on Nov. 1.

Social Media Notes

Do you follow the disability visibility project created by Alice Wong? Great place to keep up on disability issues.



<https://disabilityvisibilityproject.com/about/>

Here are some thoughts from Alice Wong (and from Emily Ladau, featured in our last newsletter) about the potential impact of the presidential election on people with disabilities in the U.S.

https://www.buzzfeed.com/norawhelan/people-with-disabilities-post-election?utm_term=.lcWeDp2QoR#.kyQjM2b17A