



Letter From the Disabilities Division Co-Chair...

Dear SSSP Disabilities Division Colleagues,

I look forward to seeing some of you at this summer's annual meeting in New York City. SSSP is trying out a new presentation format – the Critical Dialogue session – with brief presentations intended to foster discussion and debate. Our division is sponsoring one critical dialogue and four panel sessions. Check out the timing, topics, and paper titles of division-sponsored sessions in this newsletter.

On Friday, August 9th join us for the Division-Sponsored Reception from 6:30-7:30. More than 20 divisions have joined together to sponsor! Come enjoy the good food and good company.

Our Division meeting will take place on Saturday, 12:30 to 2:10 pm – please join us! Last year's meeting laid the foundation for our excellent array of sponsored sessions this year.

Two division colleagues – Thomas Horejes and Ronald J. Berger – have published new books this year. See the announcements in our newsletter – along with announcements for two new books in Lynne Rienner Publisher's Disability in Society Series.

A brief update on my “disability” of interest, brain injury: Brain injury and brain wellness appear to be daily topics of discussion and debate in the media, medicine, academia, and in homes across the country and world. Let's make sure that the needs and preferences of individuals living with chronic brain injury are included in these conversations.

And finally, it is with regret as well as relief that I pass the baton to a new co-chair this summer. See the election announcement in this newsletter—and thank you for voting. As I step down, my thanks in particular to Brian Grossman, Disabilities Division Co-Chair, and Mona Whisler Smith, Division Newsletter Editor, for their great collaboration.

Sincerely,

Laura

Laura Lorenz, Disabilities Division Co-Chair
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To the new
**Disabilities Division
Co-Chair**
Alexis Bender!

Thank you all for your
participation in the vote
and we look forward to a
great year!

In The News...

Agency News:



ODEP launches media campaign encouraging youth with disabilities to pursue career goals.

To help millions of people recognize what they can do to make a difference in the lives — and future careers — of young people with disabilities, the U.S. Department of Labor's Campaign for Disability Employment (<http://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/CampaignForDisabilityEmployment.htm>) has released a new video public service announcement titled "Because." The PSA features real people with disabilities — not actors — who are pursuing and realizing their goals and passions as a result of the support they received from everyday people in their lives. Because nearly 1 out of 5 Americans has a disability, the PSA is intended to replace myths and misperceptions about disability employment with new views of what people with disabilities can do. (<http://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org/>)

Read more about the new media campaign at the following link: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/odep/ODEP20122469.htm>

And sign up for White House updates: http://www.whitehouse.gov/get-email-updates?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=footer&utm_campaign=campaign



2011-2012 Disabilities Division newsletter editor Laura Mauldin has been hired for a tenure track position to teach disability studies at the University of Connecticut this fall. It is a joint appointment in the Human Development/Family Studies Department (teaching areas: disability in the family & disability across the lifespan) and the Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department (teaching areas: feminist disability studies, gender, science & technology, and feminist bioethics). Congratulations, Laura!

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In The News...

**From a recent White House Disability Group email newsletter:



Agency News:

HHS enforces equal access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in New York and DC

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has taken two important enforcement actions to ensure deaf and hard of hearing individuals living in New York and Washington, D.C., have equal access to programs and services provided by local government agencies.

These agreements follow complaints that individuals were denied access to sign language interpreters in Cattaraugus County Department of Aging (CCDOA) in New York and the District of Columbia Children and Family Services Agency (DCCFSA).

Read more about the action taken by HHS at the following link: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2013pres/02/20130208a.html>

Agency News:

Justice Department Signs Agreement with the City of Memphis, Tenn., to Ensure Physical Accessibility for People with Disabilities at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium

The Justice Department has reached an agreement with the city of Memphis, Tenn., under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to improve physical accessibility for people with disabilities at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, home of the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, Memphis Tigers and Southern Heritage Classic football games.

This agreement marks a new chapter for historic Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, which will permit all spectators, with and without disabilities, to attend college football games – both regular season and bowl games -- at the stadium,” said Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.

Read more about the agreement here: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2013/January/13-crt-115.html>

BOOK TALK:

On June 6th Laura Lorenz gave a book talk *Brain Injury X-Posed: The Survivor's View*, at Touro University California sponsored by Global Health, Public Health Program, College of Education and Health Sciences.

Her talk shared evocative visual portrayals of life with brain injury for three adults living in eastern Massachusetts, reviewed brain injury epidemiology, symptoms, and policies, and suggested ways in which the stories presented contest current rehabilitation policies and suggest new, community-based policy paradigms and directions.

The next day she facilitated an interactive workshop for Touro University graduate students “Engaging Patients and Communities in Health” exploring the foundations of photovoice and sharing photos from three photovoice projects she has led in the US and South Africa since 2001.

More info at: <http://www.lslorenz.com/lecturesandworkshops.htm#touro-univ2013>

Information for Graduate Student Members

Check it Out!

CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of the Disabilities Division graduate student paper competition is Trevor Crowley, J.D. Candidate, Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School, for "Wheelchair Ramps in Cyberspace: The Americans with Disabilities Act and the Internet."

Congratulations, Trevor!

FACEBOOK!



A number of Special Problems Divisions have Facebook accounts and it is increasing... so check them out!

- DRINKING AND DRUGS
- HEALTH
- HEALTH POLICY & HEALTH SERVICES
- SEXUAL BEHAVIOR
- POLITICS & COMMUNITIES
- SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE

*Don't forget that SSSP also has a Facebook page!

(<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Society-for-the-Study-of-Social-Problems-SSSP/110886379003560>)

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

The SSSP Agenda for Social Justice

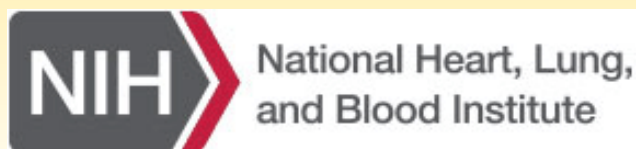
The SSSP Agenda for Social Justice is a digital publication produced by SSSP and has some key scholars in SSSP behind it. It is worth checking out, may prove to be useful for class material or for your own research, and perhaps a conversation initiator with one of the authors at next year's conference.

<http://www.sssp.org/index.cfm/m/323>

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Research Supplements for Graduate Research Assistants with Disabilities

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/funding/training/redbook/graddiss.htm>



Program Theme:
Re-imagining Social Problems:
Moving Beyond Social Constructionism

JOIN US FOR OUR
63RD ANNUAL MEETING!
THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

AUGUST 9-11, 2013

President R.A. Dello Buono

The Westin New York at Times Square
New York, NY

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageID/1243>

*Accessibility Information for this year's annual meeting in New York City:

Sessions.

SSSP strives to make its Annual Meeting accessible to ensure full participation by persons with disabilities. Each presentation or session should be designed and conducted with the full participation of all in mind. Therefore, the SSSP requests that all presenters follow the Accessibility Guidelines for Program Participants and take the steps necessary to make all programming accessible to their respective audiences.

Airports.

Wheelchair accessible transportation is available at John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia Airport, and Newark Liberty International Airport for travelers with disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires all ground transportation companies provide accessible vehicles. It is recommended that individuals needing this service make arrangements in advance with their chosen service provider.

Public Transportation Information.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York City (MTA) offers reduced fares and several services to travelers with disabilities. The MTA system has more than 110 accessible subway and rail stations with features that improve accessibility for travelers with visual, hearing, and mobility disabilities. Information for travelers with disabilities is available at these numbers: MTA: 718-596-8585; TTY/TDD: 718-596-8273. For more ground transportation options, call 800-247-7433. To ensure timely service, please make reservations at least 24 hours in advance.

Accessibility Information.

For more information on transportation and cultural venues and their accessibility, download the *Official Accessibility Guide*. The 100-page, large-type book provides resources and specific accessibility reviews for cultural institutions, theaters, nightlife and sports venues and tours. To plan an accessible trip around NYC, please visit NYCgo.com. This website features many resources and plans to get the most out of New York City area attractions.

For more information on Accessibility Guidelines for program participants and session organizers, see http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/537/Accessibility_Guidelines/ or scan the QR code with your device's QR Code Reader/Scanner.

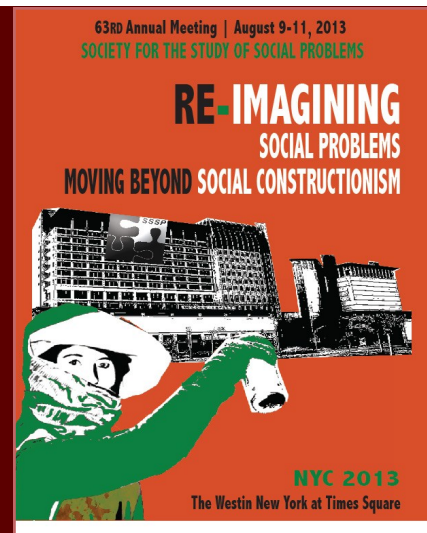
*** Accessibility Committee Informational Meeting**

Plan to attend an informational meeting chaired by Alexis A. Bender for those interested in or with concerns about the inclusion of people with disabilities in SSSP on Friday, August 9 from 10:30am-12:10pm.

SSSP Annual Meeting (Cont.)

Our division is co-sponsoring a reception at this year's meeting!

SSSP Division Sponsored Reception on Friday, August 9 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Sponsoring divisions: Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disabilities; Educational Problems; Environment and Technology; Family; Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Institutional Ethnography; Labor Studies; Law and Society; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory; Society and Mental Health; Sociology and Social Welfare; Sport, Leisure, and the Body; Teaching Social Problems; and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course.



*Our division meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 12:30pm-2:10pm, Gershwin II. Please join us!

DIVISION SPONSORED SESSIONS :

Friday, August 9, 8:30 AM:

Session 8: Disabilities Across the Life Course Room: Gramercy
Sponsors: Disabilities Youth, Aging, and the Life Course
Organizer & Presider: Chris Wellin, Illinois State University

PAPERS:

“On Not Movin’ Out: Interstate Variation in Medicaid Home & Community Based Services,” Brian R. Grossman, San Jose State University

“Transitions Out of the Family Home for Adults with Down Syndrome,” Michael Gibbons, Middle Georgia State College

“Contexts for Reimagining Place and Home: The Case of Elderly Households Who Must Confront Non-Normative Late Life Housing Options,” Karl H. Flaming and Barbara Vance, University of Colorado Denver

“Dual, Yet Dueling Illnesses: A Grounded Theory Analysis of Co-morbid Illness Experience,” Brandon Attell, Georgia State University, Gail Markle and Linda Treiber, Kennesaw State University

“Where Everybody May Not Know Your Name: The Importance of Elastic Ties,” Stacy Torres, New York University

Saturday, 10:30 AM:

Session 47: Re-Imagining War: Social Creation of Disability Room: Nederlander
Sponsors: Conflict, Social Action, and Change Disabilities
Organizer: Alexis A. Bender, Army Institute of Public Health
Presider: Christina Barmon, Georgia State University

PAPERS:

“A Rhetoric of Betrayal: Military Sexual Trauma and the Reported Experiences of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Women Veterans,” Sarah Louise Aktepy, IUPUI/TCC

“Ambiguous Cultural Images of Military Service Personnel Returning from Afghanistan: The Social Construction of the Contemporary Military ‘Homecomer’ in Canadian Daily Newspapers,” Kristin M. Atwood, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

“Movements at war? Disability and anti-occupation activism in Israel/Palestine,” Liat Ben-Moshe, University of Illinois-Chicago

“Poverty, Hardship and Program Participation: Effects of the Great Recession on Working-Age Adults with Disabilities,” Susan L. Parish and Subharti Ghosh, Brandeis University.

SSSP Annual Meeting (Cont.)

Saturday, 2:30 PM:

Session 76: Medical Normalization of the Body Room: Nederlander

Sponsor: Disabilities

Organizer & Presider: Cary Gabriel Costello, University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

PAPERS:

“Maternal Attitudes towards Adolescent Overweight and Medical Weight Loss Options,” Kimber L. Hendrix and Sarah A. Mustillo, Purdue University

“Calorie-Burning Sex Positions: TV Talk Show Medical Entertainer’s Framing of Healthy Female Sexuality,” Alexandria Vasquez, Sociology Department, Brandeis University

“Deputies of Health: Personal Trainers, Medical Authority, and Bodily Capital in the Fitness Industry,” David J. Hutson, Ripon College

“Autism, the Internet and Medicalization,” Peter Conrad and Catherine Tan, Brandeis University

“War, Medical Normalization and Disability,” Sandra L. Trappen, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Saturday, 4:30 PM:

Session 94: The Social Construction of Veterans with Mental Health Issues Room: Nederlander

Sponsors: Disabilities Society and Mental Health

Organizers: Stephanie W. Hartwell, University of Massachusetts Laura S. Lorenz, Brandeis University

Presider & Discussant: Laura S. Lorenz, Brandeis University

PAPERS:

“General and Specialist Health Care Utilization in Military Children of Army Service Members Who are Deployed,” Laura S. Lorenz, Mary Jo Larson and Beth A Mohr, Brandeis University

“Problematizing OEF/OIF Service-Related MH Disabilities,” Alex S. Bennett, Peter Vazan and Andrew Golub, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc

“Veteran Health Care,” Casey M. Godman, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

“Veterans at the Interface of the Criminal Justice System,” Stephanie W. Hartwell, University of Massachusetts, Debra A. Pinals, Department of Mental Health, David Smelson, UMass Med School, Liz Orvek and Stephanie Singer, UMass Med

Sunday, 4:30 PM:

Session 178: Borders, Boundaries, and Barriers: A CRITICAL DIALOGUE on Disability Room: Gershwin II

Sponsor: Disabilities

Organizers: Deborah L. Little, Adelphi University Laura S. Lorenz, Brandeis University

Presider: Deborah L. Little, Adelphi University

PAPERS:

“Changing attitudes towards brain injury through community-based, non-formal education,” Laura S. Lorenz, Brandeis University

“Citizenship Theory and Capability Approach: In Pursuit of Enriching Disability Research in non-Western Contexts,” Alfiya Battalova, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Critical Laughter: Synthesizing Theories of Humor and Disability Through Stand-up Comedy,” Shawn C. Bingham and Sara E. Green, University of South Florida

“Disability and community integration: Reframing state and federal policy relationships,” Brian R. Grossman, San Jose State University

“Reframing Barriers to Community Integration Through the Theory of Recognition,” Kyle R. Caler, Rutgers University School of Social Work

“Sociological Re/Imaginations of Anorexia: Monsters, Mirage and Magic,” Emily Brooke Barko, Boston College

“Views of Teachers regarding Inclusive education for children with disabilities in Northern Areas of Pakistan,” Sayeeda Amber Sayed, Aga Khan University

Please attend some or all of these sessions, and encourage your colleagues to do the same!

Research Fellow Opportunity!

I'm delighted to advertise the opportunity for an outstanding postdoctoral researcher to join our disability studies team at Leeds, to support research in the disability policy field and to develop their own research profile over a 12-15 month period.

The key criterion is one of academic excellence in the field, relevant to the candidate's career stage, for which evidence of internationally excellent academic publications is expected (this might include a recently published monograph from a PhD thesis or peer reviewed journal papers for example).

The post is a fixed term career development opportunity but presents the opportunity to participate in grant writing for future projects that might extend the work beyond this time frame.

Best wishes,
Mark Priestley
Professor of Disability Policy
Centre for Disability Studies
University of Leeds

**Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law School of Sociology and Social Policy
Research Fellow (Centre for Disability Studies)**

Fixed term until 31 December 2014 (to start on or before 1 October by negotiation)

You will work within the Centre for Disability Studies to support the Professor of Disability Policy and to develop research in that field. You may also contribute to a small amount of teaching and/or supervision activity at different levels in areas relevant to the School's programmes.

With a relevant doctorate and evidence of internationally excellent publication potential, you will support the delivery of funded research projects and the development of new ones. You will possess excellent analytical and writing skills and the ability to deal with a variety of tasks to agreed deadlines.

The ability to work alone, as part of a team and with a range of people, is essential, along with strong organisational skills. Some limited travel or stays away from home may be required, for example to attend national or international research meetings/conferences or for research fieldwork.

University Grade 7 (£30,424 - £36,298 p.a.)

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor Mark Priestley, tel [+44 \(0\)113 343 4417](tel:+441133434417), email m.a.priestley@leeds.ac.uk.

Closing Date: 8 July 2013

http://jobs.leeds.ac.uk/fe/tpl_universityofleeds01.asp?s=4A515F4E5A565B1A&jobid=99225,3423219845&key=95854927&c=155634865614&pagestamp=seamdlsfyknacosjid



CALLS FOR PAPERS

Research Raven

<http://www.researchraven.com/calls-for-papers-publications/category/disability-research.aspx>

CALLS FOR MEETING & CONFERENCES

Hello! We are organizing a very exciting conference on Disabilities and Disclosure to be held at the University of Delaware from October 25-27, 2013. I have attached a description and the call for proposals in hopes that you can distribute it to the members of the Disabilities and Society section. Here is the link:

<http://www.udel.edu/csd/research-analysis/2013-conference.html>

Research Raven

<http://www.researchraven.com/calls-for-papers-conferences/category/disability-research.aspx>

Publications...

New books in the Lynne Rienner Publishers' Disability in Society Series: **Disability and Identity: Negotiating Self in a Changing Society, by Rosalyn Benjamin Darling, Professor Emerita, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Visiting Professor, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The book revisits the question of "spoiled identity" on the 50th anniversary of the publication of Goffman's Stigma. Here's a link: <https://www.rienner.com/title/Disability-and-Identity-Negotiating-Self-in-a-Changing-Society>

****Mobility Impairment and the Construction of Identity**, by Heather Ridolfo and Brian W. Ward. "Excellent... Sheds light for experts in the field, as well as those unfamiliar with the reasoning surrounding disability and identities." --Leda Nath, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. ISBN: 978-1-935049-57-9 HC \$59.95. Mention promotion code "E-Blast" when ordering by phone or email and get this book for \$35!

New book by member Thomas Horejcs: "Social Constructions of Deafness: Examining Deaf Languacultures in Education**" published by Gallaudet University Press (see <http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/bookpage/SCODbookpage.html>).

New book: **Introducing Disability Studies, by Ronald J. Berger, published by Lynne Rienner Publishers. A quote from a reviewer: "Well-written and thoughtfully constructed....Berger combines theory, historical accounts, social and behavioral research, and personal narratives to produce a broad and accessible text well suited for use in disability studies and sociology of disability courses." --Richard K. Scotch, University of Texas at Dallas.

LINKS of INTEREST:

Disability News Stories and Information on Disabilities:
<http://www.disabled-world.com/news/>

DisAbility News & Views Radio:
To be a voice that will build and maintain a leadership position in the media for people with disabilities as we promote awareness, educate and inspire.
<http://www.disabilitynewsradio.com/>

Disability.gov
is the federal government website for comprehensive information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide. The site links to more than 14,000 resources from federal, state and local government agencies; academic institutions; and nonprofit organizations.
<https://www.disability.gov/news/list>

Science Daily: Latest disability research
http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/health_medicine/disability/

The New York Times: Articles on Disabilities
<http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/health/>