

SSSP DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Message from the Chair



*Daina Harvey, College of the Holy Cross
2014-2016 E&T Division Chair*

Greetings! In a month or so many of us will be headed to Chicago for the annual meeting. I'm looking forward to catching a Cubs game and taking a tour of the Finch Brewery—which someone was nice enough to name after my daughter. I'm also looking forward to some good old sociology.

The Division has lots of great sessions, so please head out and see what your colleagues are up to. In this issue you will find a listing of all of our sessions. Many thanks to our members who helped put these sessions together and to our presiders, discussants, and of course, our many presenters.

I would also like to congratulate our 2015 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award winner, Rebecca Elliott of UC-Berkeley. Her paper, "Conflicted Calculations; Climate Change and the Mapping and Pricing of Flood Risk in New York City", explains the conflicted experience of homeowners, elected officials, and experts in negotiating new flood insurance rate maps in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. She shows that the calculation is a complex social process and will likely continue to be a source of conflict for all as climate change necessitates a recalculation of FIRMS elsewhere. We received several great papers this year and it was a very difficult decision. I would like to thank Erin Robinson and Shawn Trivette who served as members with me on the Brent K. Marshall Award Committee. Please come out to the Awards Ceremony and congratulate Rebecca.

Following the Awards Ceremony we will co-host a joint reception from 7:15pm-8:15pm (Room: Atlantic E). The reception is always a great time to see old friends and meet new ones. I hope to see many of you there.

I'd also like to encourage you to make it to the Divisional Meeting on Saturday from 10:30 AM - 12:10 pm in Atlantic C. During our meeting we will begin to plan next year's sessions in Seattle. This is a great opportunity to propose a topic or even organize a session on your own. I would make a special appeal to graduate students to come out and get involved. SSSP provides incredible opportunities for folks early in their career to be part of the organization and what better way to start than with your favorite Division?

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at: (dh Harvey@holycross.edu). Many thanks to Kayla Stover (University of Tennessee-Knoxville) for her hard work on this newsletter. If you have ideas for the Fall newsletter please send them to us at etsssp@google.com.

I hope to see you in Chicago!

Best,
Daina

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On The Job Market: Cate Irvin

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Planned Defense Date:	April, 2016



*Cate Irvin, MPH
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My research agenda is anchored by three primary theoretical foci: space, place, and identity, urban redevelopment and gentrification, and social inequality in an urban context. As a doctoral student I have worked with Professor Yuki Kato, PhD, examining the increasing visibility of the movement in the post-disaster context of New Orleans, which has been experiencing shifting demographics, heightened awareness of food insecurity and environmental vulnerability, blight remediation programs, as well as economic and cultural localism.

My dissertation work grew from this project, using the growth of the gourmet food truck industry in New Orleans as a lens to interpret shifting demographic and physical characteristics of the city. Connecting concepts from urban and cultural sociology, and utilizing a mix-method approach, this research examines the physical impacts on the city that the omnivorous consumption movements can make, looking at the transformation of space and place, as well as the processes involved in the construction of fluid and hybrid identities and forms of authenticities. Twitter data from all of the gourmet food trucks in New Orleans was obtained and geocoded in order to use ArcGIS to map the paths of the food trucks; the trucks' vending locations and patterns are analyzed to understand how they utilize space in the city. Ethnographic and interview data is employed to examine how the food trucks operate in these spaces and how they simultaneously transform space, both ephemerally as well as their contributions to spatial changes over time. These food trucks serve to elevate, or “gentrify”, street food, bridging high- and low-brow tastes and appealing to the omnivorous consumption movement. New Orleans offers a unique opportunity to see this industry develop from near its beginning, as it did not achieve a strong foothold in New Orleans until 2012-2013.

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My current work fills a unique and important knowledge gap by studying the broader social impacts of the alternative food and creative economy movements, especially with regards to how these activities shape and are shaped by the existing social inequalities along racial, class, and nativity lines on issues beyond food production and consumption. Future research will focus on urban redevelopment in post-industrial cities. Specifically, I am most interested in the branding strategies smaller cities, as well as shrinking cities, employ to attract residents and businesses and diversify their economies in the current post-industrial context. As urban areas are redesigned to focus on the development of public spaces, questions of access come to the forefront. Smaller cities and shrinking cities must also face challenges related to blight, vacancy, difficulties in attracting residents and investors, and diversification of their local economies. Currently, there is a dearth of research on the processes of urban revitalization and gentrification in shrinking cities and smaller urban areas, and my research aims to fill that gap.

Congratulations to the 2015 Brent K. Marshall Paper Award Winner!

“Calculative Ambivalence: Climate
Change and the Mapping and Pricing of
Flood Risk in New York City”

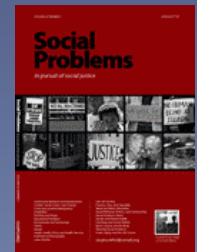


Rebecca Elliott
University of California,
Berkeley

SOCIAL PROBLEMS JOURNAL SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Problems, the official journal of the SSSP, has recently established a social media presence.

Here, the most recently-published articles are featured, as well as



additional content like editorial commentary, podcast interviews with authors, practical advice for professional development, funding opportunities, and general disciplinary announcements.

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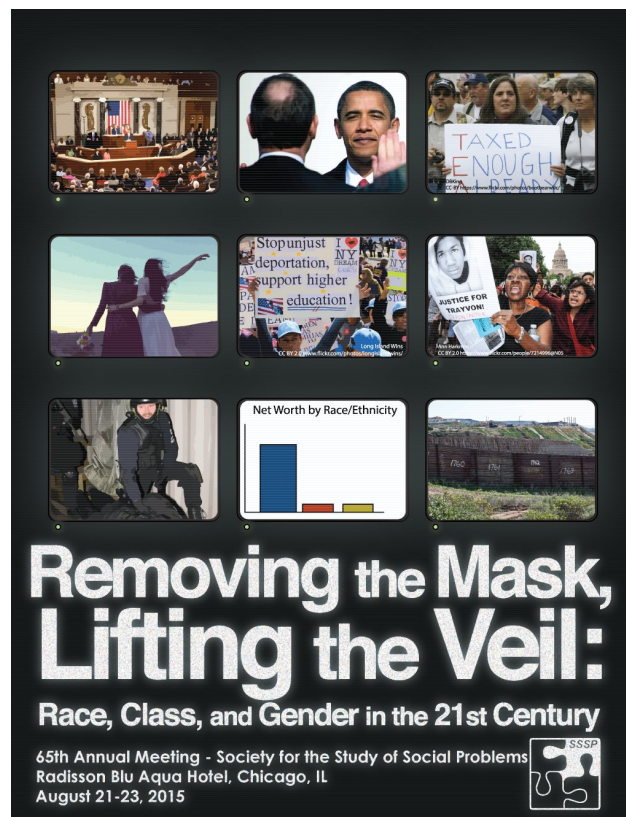
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLy4FC_WNN4rz3hnp28RXPQ

<https://uic.academia.edu/SocialProblems>

Join us for SSSP's 65th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL August 21 – 23, 2015

Online registration is open until July 31st!

To register for the annual meeting, visit the SSSP Annual Meeting portal here:
http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/605/2015_Annual_Meeting/



On Site Registration for SSSP 2015

Registration and the Book Exhibit will be located in the Atlantic Ballroom Foyer on Level One of the Radisson Blue Aqua Hotel.

Registration Hours:
Thursday: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

2015 SSSP Annual Meeting Environment & Technology Division Sessions

Climate Change and Natural Resources

Erin Robinson, robinso5@canisius.edu

Friday August 21st 12:30 pm – 2:10 pm

Room: Black Sea

This session will focus on research where authors are connecting the determinants of natural resources and the socio-physical environment to the impacts of climate change. Papers that connect these issues and discuss the role of environmental sociology in mitigating, questioning, engaging these relationships will be welcomed.

Place, Space, and Environmental Justice

Andrew Prelog, ajp024@shsu.edu and Clare Cannon, ccannon3@tulane.edu

Friday August 21st 10:30 am – 12:10 pm

Room: Black Sea

This panel seeks submissions utilizing interdisciplinary perspectives on the study of environmental justice. Submissions may conceive of place, space, and environmental justice in diverse ways including, but not limited to, the social construction of social place and space in environmental justice movements and research, spatial analyses of environmental injustice, and the role of space and place in the study of environmental inequality.

Globalization and Environment

Julie Andrzejewski, jandrzejewski@stcloudstate.edu

Co-Sponsored with the Global Division

Saturday August 22nd 12:30 pm – 2:10 pm

Room: Aegean

Globalization has had an obvious impact on the environment, but also in the way we think about the environment. Environmental problems no longer remain over there nor are they simply local; pressing environmental issues are now a matter of international concern; the tragedy of the commons affects us all. This session seeks papers that analyze the effects of globalization on the environment, that focus on comparative environmental issues or environmental disputes between states, that promote changes in the ways we think about globalization and/or the environment, or that present global solutions to environmental issues.

Environmental Racism

Daina Cheyenne Harvey, धारवेय@holycross.edu

Co-sponsored with the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division

Sunday August 23rd 12:30 pm – 2:10 pm

Room: Aegean

Racial and ethnic minority status still map closely to environmental pollution, place vulnerability, and jobs with high degrees of environmental risk. Furthermore, being white is highly correlated with access to environmental goods. This session explores the connection between the environment and racial and ethnic status. We welcome papers that focus on chronic instances of environmental racism, such as the siting of toxic waste sites or the legacy of living or working or attending school in places with degraded environments. We also welcome papers that deal with events that reveal the ongoing legacies of environmental racism, such as disasters like Hurricane Katrina or climate change.

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*E&T Annual Meeting Sessions - Continued from Page 5***Matters of Concern: Environmental Problems & Debates**Monique Ouimette, ouimette@bc.edu*Co-Sponsored with the Social Problems Theory Division*Saturday August 22nd 8:30 am – 10:10 am

Room: Aegean

Humans are surrounded by and dependent upon the environment, which means that environmental problems are some of the most important social problems that we must address. This session welcomes papers that make theoretical and/or empirical contributions to knowledge on identifying, defining, challenging, and resolving environmental issues. Potential topical areas include, but are not limited to: toxics, pollution, climate change, energy, environmental health, environmental justice, and social-environmental systems.

Environmental Justice: Conflict, Communities, and Collective (In)ActionMark Salvaggio, salvagg5@unlv.nevada.edu*Co-Sponsored with the Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division*Friday August 21st 4:30 pm – 6:10 pm

Room: Pacific 1

This session explores topics on environmental justice, which pertains to understanding and changing the inequitable distribution of environmental consequences in disadvantaged communities based on race, ethnicity, gender, and class. I invite papers from students, scholars, practitioners, and activists that focus on the social and community impacts of environmental changes and the ongoing efforts to recognize diversity among individuals and groups and their socio-environmental experiences within their respective communities. Paper topics may include broad areas of interests in environmental justice, such as understanding and addressing sustainable development, environmental degradation and environmental activism, human rights and environmental democracy, urbanization and community problems, climate change impacts upon communities, environmental racism, sexism, and classism, access to food, clean water, and shelter, and environmental hazards and health effects.

Teaching With Technology (Critical Dialogue)Daina Cheyenne Harvey, dharvey@holycross.edu*Co-Sponsored with the Teaching Social Problem Division*Sunday August 23rd 8:30 am – 10:10 am

Room: Atlantic D

Teaching with technology has long been a controversial subject within the literature on pedagogy and in informal discussions of best practices in the classroom. While not coming down on one side or the other, this session, in part, seeks to address the ongoing theoretical and empirical gap on teaching with technology by identifying the conditions under which outcomes would be more likely to facilitate learning; in other words, when/where is the right/wrong way to use technology in the classroom. This is a critical dialogues session which means each presenter has 5-10 minutes to present their paper and that we expect the majority of the session to consist of interaction with other panelists and the audience.

2015 SSSP Annual Meeting

Environment & Technology Division Meeting

Saturday August 22nd 10:30 am – 12:10 pm

Room: Atlantic C

Other Receptions and Special Events

Arrival Meet & Greet Reception - Thursday August 20th 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Outside Terrace

All meeting registrants are invited to the Arrival Meet & Greet Reception to celebrate the opening of the 65th Annual Meeting, new members and first-time meeting attendees are particularly encouraged to attend.

Welcoming Reception - Friday August 21st 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Outside Terrace

All meeting registrants are invited to the Welcoming, co-sponsored by the Executive Vice President for Planning of Wright State University.

Graduate Student Happy Hour - Friday August 21st 10:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Filini Bar

Happy hour for all graduate students at the hotel bar, complementary drinks will be provided.

New Member Breakfast - Saturday August 22nd 7:15 am – 8:15 am
Atlantic C

Complementary breakfast hosted by established SSSP members who will be greeting, welcoming, and networking with new members. Enter the room with a “New Member” or “Host” ribbon on your SSSP name badge.

SSSP Business Meeting - Saturday August 22nd 4:15 pm – 5:25 pm
Atlantic D

Open to all SSSP Registrants.

Presidential Address - Saturday August 22nd 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Atlantic D

All members are invited to the Presidential Plenary featuring the formal address of President Marlese Durr.

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Awards Ceremony - Saturday August 22nd 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
Atlantic D

All members are invited to the awards ceremony conferring the 2015 major SSSP awards:

SSSP Division Awards: *Winners of various student paper competitions will be announced.*

Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship: *This \$15,000 scholarship will be awarded to a new or continuing graduate student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school.*

C. Wright Mills Award: *For a distinguished book that exemplifies outstanding social science research and an understanding of the individual and society in the tradition of C. Wright Mills.*

Lee Founders Award: *For recognition of significant achievements that have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanistic tradition of the Lee's.*

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship: *This \$12,000 scholarship is given annually for support of graduate study and commitment to a career of scholar-activism.*

Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award: *This \$1,000 award is given to a not-for-profit organization in the Chicago area in recognition of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change, and/or working toward the empowerment of marginalized peoples.*

Division-Sponsored Reception – Saturday August 22nd 7:15 – 8:15 pm
Atlantic E

Join reception following the awards ceremony hosted by the following divisions: Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disability; 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; Sociology and Social Welfare; Sport, Leisure, and the Body; Teaching Social Problems; and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course.



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Accessibility Guidelines and Services for Program Participants and Session Organizers at SSSP's 2015 Annual Meeting

The Accessibility Committee has developed written guidelines to maximize access for all program participants. In addition, the Committee has developed checklists for program participants and session organizers. See SSSP's website for PDFs of both checklists (<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1773/>).

Visual Materials: Presenters have the primary responsibility for ensuring the access of the materials which they share with their audience. If visual material is presented, you should be sure that either yourself as the speaker or another appropriate person reads or orally describes the overheads or other visual material for blind or low-vision participants. Handouts of your paper can be useful adjuncts to any presentation. If employed, these materials must also be made accessible to all by making them available in alternate formats. Therefore, you should have a few copies in large (18 point font) print and be prepared to share them in electronic form. (Reasonable efforts on your part and a willingness to relay additional materials at a later date to attendees at your session are certainly acceptable.)

Air Quality & Service Animals: Please refrain from wearing any scented products to respect participants who may be sensitive and/or allergic to these types of chemicals. Unless you yourself use a service or therapy dog or other credentialed assistance animal, we ask that you not bring companion animals to the book exhibit or areas where SSSP members are presenting.

Seating Arrangements: Rooms will be arranged for wheelchair access, but chairs do get moved around. When you arrive at a session, please choose a seat or space that does not block a door or aisle. Do not be afraid to move chairs for each other. Also, please do not block the hallways. We all do some session hopping, so leave room to allow all people to come and go during a session.

Sign and Voice Interpreting: There may be American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter(s) present during your session. Please do not block the view of the interpreter especially if audio-visual aids are in use. Lights should not be lowered to a degree that would interfere with sign interpretation or lip reading. During discussion periods, be sure the interpreter can hear you and keep up with you. Please be aware that some people may have great difficulty understanding what you are saying (particularly when there is competing background noise) and that some concepts/terms used in the academic language may be unfamiliar to interpreters. Whether you are a member of the audience or are communicating with someone using an interpreter, give your attention to the person using the interpreter, not to the interpreter. In order to facilitate the work of interpreters and facilitators and for other logistical purposes all program participants must send a copy of their paper to the session presider and/or discussant by June 30.

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Audio Equipment: Presenters with quiet voices should request the use of a microphone so that their presentations will be more easily audible. Please speak clearly and in a reasonable tone into the microphone (especially with proper nouns). An FM audio loop system may also be provided to attendees upon request. This may involve a separate microphone from that used by the general public address system. If one is in use, try to minimize extra noise as much as possible.

Discussions: All speakers should state their names in discussions, whether speaking from the session panel or from the audience. Please be patient and be prepared to have your discussant interrupt you to ensure effective ASL interpretation or use of an FM Loop or a microphone if necessary.

SSSP appreciates your efforts in ensuring that everyone can have a great conference experience. If you need accommodations in order to present your paper, or have any questions or concerns please contact Saher Selod, Accessibility Committee Chair, saher.selod@simmons.edu and Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager, mkoontz3@utk.edu.

Co-Editors' Notes

It has been exciting for us to put together this year's final newsletter! The Annual Meeting in Chicago and the Environment & Technology sessions in particular are shaping up to be great spaces for sharing innovative research and inspiring ideas.

As our time in this position winds down we are thankful for the opportunity to serve the Environment & Technology Division in this capacity and look forward to seeing you all in August!

If you have any questions or concerns about the newsletter or ideas for the coming year we can be reached at: etsssp@gmail.com.

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