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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR:

GREETINGS FROM NEW YORK CITY TO ALL ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION MEMBERS. WE ARE GEARING UP FOR THE ANNUAL SSSP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 9-11 HERE IN NEW YORK CITY. THE THEME IS RESEARCH MATTERS: CREATING KNOWLEDGE, POLICY, AND JUSTICE." I HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND. THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION HAS ORGANIZED AND CO-SPONSORED SEVERAL EXCITING SESSIONS AROUND THIS THEME AS YOU WILL SEE IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

The Environment and Technology division made a contribution to the joint reception with approximately 20 other divisions. The reception is a good opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances, meet new people and share ideas. The reception will take place on Saturday August 11,2007 6:45-7:45PM at the Roosevelt Grill in the Roosevelt Hotel located on Madison Avenue at 45th Street, New York, New York.

PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A BANQUET TICKET. THIS IS GOOD WAY TO SUPPORT THE SSSP. SENIOR FACULTY CAN CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING FUNDS TOWARD SUPPORTING GRADUATE STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT THIS FUNCTION. REMEMBER THAT FIRST YEAR MEMBERS GENERALLY RECEIVE A FREE BANQUET TICKET.

Our annual budget allows us to fund a few student membership scholarships. This is good way to get students involved in the SSSP and our division. Please contact me if you have someone in mind and I will help you with process the information.

ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER SHARING SOME OF YOUR IDEAS ABOUT ENVIRON-MENTAL THEORY AND RESEARCH WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION BY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS NEWSLET-

On another note, the terms of the current chair of the Environment and Technology Division will expire during the 2008 SSSP meeting. We need to hold an election by Spring 2008 for the position so please consider nominating someone. You can contact me with any questions or nominations.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE UPCOMING MEETINGS IN NEW YORK CITY.

STEVE LANG

ANNUAL MEETING - PROGRAM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30AM - 10:10AM SESSIONS

Session 4: Reclaiming Community: Building, Promoting, and Protecting Place and Space

ROOM: FASHION SUITE

SPONSORS: COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

ORGANIZER &

PRESIDER: ERIN E. ROBINSON, CANISIUS COLLEGE

PAPERS:

"COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND URBAN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT,"
SANDRA ZUPAN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE, WINNER OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION'S STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

"COLLECTIVE THINKING KEEPS US SAFE: LESSON FROM HURRICANE RESPONSE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT," LEE M. MILLER AND KAREN MANGES DOUGLAS, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

"A FAITH-BASED APPROACH TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT,"
JOSE Z. CANTO, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

"TAKE BACK THE LAND: HOMELESS MOVEMENTS IN MIAMI AND THE SPATIAL CRISIS OF GLOBAL CAPITAL," MARINA KARIDES, FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY AND SIMONE BAILEY, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

"Homelessness and...Citizenship?" Jennifer L. Robinson, University of Waterloo

"From Scuffletown to the Sunsphere: Downtown Knoxville Development and the Urban Growth Machine," Katherine Morris, University of Tennessee

12:30PM - 4:10PM SESSION

Session 29: Linking the Cycles of Violence: Research on Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence

ROOM: AMERICAS SUITE

SPONSOR: ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

ORGANIZER, PRESIDER

& DISCUSSANT: LISA ANNE ZILNEY, MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

PAPERS:

"Links between Animal Abuse, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Elder Abuse: A Cross-Cultural Perspective," Mika Maruyama, Portland State University

"THE HUMAN-ANIMAL-VIOLENCE-LINK AND VETERINARY MEDICINE,"
DEBBIE STOEWEN, ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

"Moral Panics: Past (satanic) and Present (links) ~ A Cautionary Tale," Heather Piper, Manchester Metropolitan University

"CISCO'S KIDS: A BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM," GARY P.
COURNOYER, NEWPORT COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND
CLARRISA M. UTTLEY, UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

"Animal Cruelty in Childhood and Adolescent Development: A Review of the Literature," Ann C. Eckardt, Hofstra University

"THE BENEFITS OF ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY WITH CHILDREN THAT ARE SURVIVORS OF ABUSE," HOLLY HARGREAVES, MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

"Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence Link: Does the Law Account for It?" Sue Cote, California State University, Sacramento

"ARE PETS A CONDUIT FOR SOCIAL CAPITAL AND A PROTECTIVE FACTOR AGAINST COMMUNITY VIOLENCE? A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY," PHIL ARKOW, INTERIM DIRECTOR, HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND, AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION AND CHAIR, ANIMAL ABUSE & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT, THE LATHAM FOUNDATION

"Animal Abuse and Partner Violence: Identifying Risk Factors for Prediction and Prevention," Maya Gupta, Magi-Cat Adoption Network, Inc.

"Cruelty has no Boundaries: Exploring the Human-Animal Link in Ontario, Canada," Mary Zilney, Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region and Lisa Anne Zilney, Montclair State University

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

12:30PM - 2:10PM SESSIONS

SESSION 65: BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

ROOM: LEXINGTON SUITE

SPONSORS: ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

ORGANIZERS &

PRESIDERS: SHANNON N. ZENK, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO AMY J. SCHULZ, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DISCUSSANT: SHANNON N. ZENK, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO



ANNUAL MEETING - PROGRAM CONTINUED

PAPERS:

"Race, Change of Neighborhood Context and Trajectory of Self-Rated Health for Older Adults," Li Yao and Stephanie A. Robert, University of Wisconsin at Madison

"Moving Beyond the Individualized Frame: 'Health Lifestyle'
Theorizing in Today's Food System," Taralyn McMullen,
University of Toronto

"HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND THE URBAN FOODSCAPE: EVIDENCE FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY," SUKARI IVESTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

"Diverse Women's Mental Health: (How) Does a Human Rights Perspective Help?" Amy Agigian, Suffolk University

"'I Don't Suffer from It': Attention Deficit Disorder Discourses in Videoblogs," Roland Simon and Laura Weeks, University of Calgary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

10:30AM - 12:10PM SESSIONS

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Session 113: Research in the Environment

ROOM: BROADWAY SUITE

SPONSOR: ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
ORGANIZER & PRESIDER: BRENT K. MARSHALL, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL
FLORIDA

PAPERS:

"Native American Genocide: The Continuing Trend of Environmental Racism," Michael Macaluso, Western Michigan University

"Environmental Behavior and the Dominant Social Paradigm,"
Naser Fattahi and Sadegh Salehi. Mazandaran University

"FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS AS A SOCIAL PROBLEM: TRACKING THE HISTORY OF CLAIMSMAKING ACTIVITIES," VALERIE J. GUNTER, UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND CRAIG K. HARRIS, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

"BEYOND THE CORROSIVE COMMUNITY?: ECOLOGICAL AND COMMUNITY IMPACT 18 YEAS AFTER THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL," J. STEVEN PICOU, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA AND BRENT K. MARSHALL, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

"THE CHORNOBY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DISASTER AND THE WELLBEING OF MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN 20 YEARS LATER," RICHARD E. ADAMS, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, EVELYN J. BROMET, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY, NATALIA PANINA, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE OF UKRAINE AND EVGENII GOLOVAKHA, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

12:30pm - 2:10pm Sessions

Session 126: Issues in Environmental Sociology

ROOM: BROADWAY SUITE

SPONSOR: ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

ORGANIZER, PRESIDER

& DISCUSSANT: STEVEN LANG, LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PAPERS:

"On the Sociology of Innovation in Energy Markets," Roger Roots, Trial and Error Enterprises

"Anti-Animal Rights Claims-Making and the 2006 Federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act," Jen Girgen, Florida State University

"Knowledge and Environmental Problems," Sadegh Salehi, Mazandaran University

"THE POLITICS OF ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMICS, AND HERITAGE ON THE URBAN WATERFRONT," STEVEN LANG, LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"Using Sex to Sell Animal Rights: The Debate over PETA's Advertising Campaigns," Emily Gaarder, University of Minnesota, Duluth



2007 ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT PAPER WINNER

CONRATULATIONS TO SANDRA ZUPAN, A GRADUATE STUDENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AT UW- MILWAUKEE. HER PAPER, "COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND URBAN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT" RECEIVED THE DIVISION'S 2007 GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION AWARD. SHE WILL BE PRESENTING HER WORK IN UPCOMING MEETINGS NEW YORK CITY.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND URBAN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

ABSTRACT: BROWNFIELDS, OR CONTAMINATED, ABANDONED SITES, OVER-WHELMINGLY CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC BURDENS. SUCH BURDENS ARE ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN POOR URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE BROWNFIELD SITES ARE OFTEN CONCENTRATED. REDEVELOPMENT OF THESE SITES, HOWEVER, MITIGATES HEALTH RISKS, ADDS AMENITIES, AND PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO ACHIEVING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GOALS: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF MARGINALIZED AND POOR INNER-CITY COMMUNI-TIES. YET, AFFECTED AREAS IN MILWAUKEE EXPERIENCE BELOW AVERAGE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. WHILE THE CITY REMAINS PREDOMINANTLY FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC RATHER THAN BROADER SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT. THIS PAPER SEEKS TO REVEAL HOW, DESPITE THESE SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS, DISAD-VANTAGED AND DISEMPOWERED COMMUNITIES IN MILWAUKEE NAVIGATE AND NEGOTIATE THE PROCESS OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE UNFOLDING AND NEGOTIATION OF THIS PROCESS IS EXAMINED IN THE CONTEXT OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOP-MENT. THEREBY ATTEMPTING TO EXPLORE AND UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS OF ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AT THE URBAN, NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL.

New York City Urban/ Environmental Quick Picks - Steve Lang -

THERE IS PLENTY OF GOOD INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN NEW YORK CITY IN THE RECENT THE SSSP NEWSLETTER. WITH SO MANY THINGS TO DO AND SO LITTLE TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPLEMENT THAT LIST BY POINTING OUT A FEW OF MY FAVORITE PLACES THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT DURING YOUR STAY IN THE CITY.

New York City is one of the nation's great walking cities with a great subway system. The best thing to do is to go take the subway to a place and just walk. With this in mind be sure to pick up a subway map at any subway station. You might want to visit the NYC visitor information center located in the beautifully restored landmark Embassy movie theatre on 7th Avenue, between 46th and 47th Streets. (It very close to the Roosevelt Hotel) The tourist center is open every day from 8am to 8pm and contains many brochures and an expert staff ready to answer all of your questions. Their website is (http://www.timessquarenyc.org).

GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL, THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY AND BRYANT PARK, ALL A SHORT WALK FROM THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL, ARE A MUST.

IF THIS WAS THE SEVENTIES I PROBABLY WOULD BE TELLING YOU TO AVOID 42ND STREET AND THE TIMES SQUARE AREA. THE PLACE WAS AN ETHNO-GRAPHIC PARADISE FOR SOCIOLOGISTS INTERESTED IN DEVIANCE, CRIME AND ASSORTED URBAN PATHOLOGIES. TODAY, APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AFTER THE OLD 42ND STREET - SLEAZY, SCARY AND DANGEROUS- STARTED BEING TRANSFORMED INTO "THE NEW 42ND STREET"- CLEANED UP, SAFE, AND CORPORATE- THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF NOSTALGIA FOR AN IMAGINED GOLDEN AGE OF SEEDINESS. WHILE MANY CLAIM THAT THE NEW REMADE DISNEYFIED TIMES SQUARE AREA IS COMPLETELY PLACELESS AND HOMOG-ENOUS, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND CHECKING OUT THE AREA AND DECIDING FOR YOURSELF IF THE PLACE HAS LOST ITS SOUL. THE KEY INGREDIENTS THAT HAVE ALWAYS MADE THE PLACE LIVELY, EXCITING AND WEIRD ARE ALIVE AND WELL- PEOPLE, THE LIGHTS AND THE SUBWAY. CROWDS THAT ARE MORE INTERNATIONAL AND DIVERSE THAN EVER. CONTINUE TO POUR INTO THE PLACE FROM THE SUBWAYS AND THE BUSES LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN DOING FOR A HUNDRED YEARS. THE LIGHTS ON THE SQUARE TODAY ARE MORE SPECTACULAR THAN IN THE HEYDAY OF THE GREAT WHITE WAY. WITH SO MANY PEOPLE COMING AND GOING IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETELY PAVE OVER AND SMOTHER THE QUIRKY CHARACTER AND FUNKI-NESS OF THE PLACE. DESPITE THE EXTENSIVE CORPORATE MAKEOVER IT IS THE CROWDS THAT STILL MAKE THE PLACE.

FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS OR SO, New YORK CITY HAS BEEN REIMAGINING AND TRANSFORMING ITS DECLINING INDUSTRIAL WATERFRONT INTO A REALM OF CONSUMPTION, LEISURE AND TOURISM. NYC'S WATERFRONT IS ROUGHLY 600 MILES LONG. IT IS DIVERSE AS IT IS LONG WITH USES RANGING FROM OIL DEPOTS, WASTE TRANSFERS STATIONS, SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, CRUISE SHIP TERMINALS AND MODERN CONTAINER PORTS, TO MARINAS, RECREATIONAL ESPLANADES, AND BATHING BEACHES. BROWNFIELDS STAND CHEEK BY JOWL WITH GREENWAYS AND BLUEWAYS. THE URBAN WATERFRONT IS FOREMOST A TALE OF TWO CITIES CONSISTING OF EXTREMES OF WEALTH AND POVERTY. FOR LOTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHANGING WATERFRONT, MAPS, AND THINGS TO DO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE OF THE METROPOLITAN WATERFRONT ALLIANCE. (WATERWIRE.NET)

A WALK OR ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER IS A GOOD PLACE TO OBSERVE THE NEW POSTINDUSTRIAL WATERFRONT. THERE IS A CONTINUOUS WATERFRONT GREENWAY AND BIKE PATH WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE RIVER AND THE CITY SKYLINE THAT RUNS ALONG MOST OF THE MANHATTAN SHORELINE. THERE IS A BIKE RENTAL PLACE ON PIER 84 NEAR 43RD STREET. THEIR WEBSITE IS (HTTP://BIKEANDROLL.COM). THE BIKE TRAIL TAKES YOU THROUGH SEVERAL INTERESTING NEIGHBORHOODS, PUBLIC SPACES AND PARKS SUCH AS RIVERSIDE PARK, HUDSON RIVER PARK, BATTERY PARK CITY, HISTORIC BATTERY PARK, AND SOUTH STREET SEAPORT. THERE ARE SEVERAL WATERFRONT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH INTERESTING VISITOR SITES ON THE RIVER THAT ARE WORTH CHECKING OUT. THE SCIENCE BARGE, (HTTP://nysunworks.org) and The River Project (HTTP://www.riverproject.org) are a good place to Start.



NEW YORK CITY URBAN/ ENVIRONMENTAL QUICK PICKS CONTINUED

While strolling along the waterfront be sure to check out the High Line, a rusty, out-of-use elevated rail structure that runs along the west side of Manhattan from 34th Street through the Chelsea art gallery district and the fashionable meatpacking district. Unused since 1980, the High Line became into a grassy industrial relic that is currently being preserved and converted into post industrial 'ecological' public space. The park isn't finished, and the public isn't allowed onto the space, but it is still worth looking at and imaging what it will become in the future.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT MORE THAN VIEWS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTUALLY GET ON THE WATER. BESIDES BEING THE BEST DEAL IN THE CITY, A RIDE ON THE STATEN ISLAND FERRY PROVIDES SOME OF THE BEST VIEWS OF THE HARBOR. THE DOWNTOWN BOATHOUSE (HTTP://www.downtownboathouse.org) OFFERS FREE KAYAKING AT THREE LOCATIONS ON THE RIVER. THE NEW YORK WATER TAXI (HTTP://www.nywatertaxi.com) has a two day ticket that enables ONE TO TAKE UNLIMITED RIDES AT ALL OF THEIR STOPS. ON THE WEEKEND YOU CAN TAKE A FREE FERRY TO GOVERNOR'S ISLAND FROM LOWER MANHATTAN. FINALLY A WALK OR BIKE RIDE OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE IS A MUST. WHILE ON THE BROOKLYN SIDE CHECK OUT THE NEW FLOATING SWIMMING POOL IN THE NEW BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL EVENT: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION OF "GREEN GREEN WATER" WITH FILMMAKER JAMIE LEE AND SOCIOLOGIST DAVID PELLOW (SESSION 118, SSSP MEETINGS, 11AM-1:10PM, PARK SUITE, ROOSEVELT HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2007.

THE FILM FOLLOWS THE JOURNEY OF A US CONSUMER WHO SEEKS TO LOCATE AND UNDERSTAND THE SOURCE OF THE ELECTRICITY SHE USES EVERYDAY. HER TRAVELS TAKE HER TO CREE NATION COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN MANITOBA WHERE SHE FINDS ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DEVASTATION AS A RESULT OF THE HYDROPOWER PROJECTS THAT PRODUCE THE ENERGY THAT SHE AND OTHER US RESIDENTS DEPEND ON. THIS IS A POWERFUL STORY OF GLOBALIZATION, ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE, AND THE PROBLEMATIC NATURE OF "CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES" THAT MANY GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD EMBRACE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS (SSSP), THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SECTION OF THE ASA, AND THE INTERNATIONAL RIVERS NETWORK. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT GREENGREENWATER.COM.

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