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Share information
about your
publications, awards,
and research. Share
stories of relevant
efforts near you.
Help to build a sense
of community within
the division and gain
exposure for your
work at the same
time.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY PAPER AWARD Deadline: 1/31/13

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2013 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. This award honors the late Brent Marshall's (1965-2008) personal and professional commitment to the Division and encouragement of student engagement in academic scholarship and research. Papers will be considered in the areas of environmental sociology including, but not limited to political economy of the environment, global environmental issues, social movements and the environment, technology and society, natural disasters and society, and risk perception. The winner will receive a \$120 cash award, membership dues, annual meeting registration, and a ticket to the annual SSSP awards banquet or reception where the winner will be acknowledged. The winner will also be offered the opportunity to present this paper at one of the sessions held at the 2013 SSSP meeting in New York, NY. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written during 2012; 2) the paper may not have been submitted for publication (papers presented at other professional meetings or that have been submitted for presentation at other meetings are eligible); 3) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) the paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the work for The Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award (formerly the Environment and Technology Division Graduate Student Paper Competition). Students should send one copy of the paper accompanied by a letter of support to: Lisa-Jo van den Scott, Sociology Department, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60208 or by e-mail to ljvandenscott@u.northwestern.edu. Electronic submissions are preferred. Submissions must be received no later than midnight on January 31, 2013.

Call For Papers Coming Soon:
SSSP Meeting, August 9-11, 2013

Keep an eye out for the CFP coming soon from SSSP. The Environment and Technology Division is sponsoring the following sessions which will be announced in the general call for papers. Keep an eye out and think about any work you may have that might fit into one of these sessions:

Critical Dialogues: Competing Perspectives on Capitalism and the Environment

Persistence and Change in Environmental Issues

Environmental Privilege: Wealth, Waste, and Inequality

New Resource Wars: Indigenous and Ethnic Environmental Struggles; co-sponsor with Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Community Spaces and Food Security; co-sponsored with Community Research & Development

Urban Environmental Issues; co-sponsored with Community Research & Development and Sociology & Social Welfare

Public Health Sustainability, Ecological Justice, and Globalization; co-sponsored with Health, Health Policy, and Health Services and Global

New Strategies in Online Constructionism; co-sponsored with Social Problems Theory

Transformative Environmental Education; co-sponsored with Conflict, Social Action & Change

Message from the Division Chair

Thank you all for making the Denver meetings so successful. It is your participation which determines the success of the meetings and keeps our division a vibrant part of the SSSP community.

On that note, I encourage you all to take a quick look at the sessions listed to the left and begin thinking of ideas from your research. The “Critical Dialogues” is a newer format. This session strives to spark deeper discussion. Each presenter will have five minutes to speak, with the remainder of the time devoted to discussion. You may participate in this session in addition to the one presentation allowed per person. I encourage you to submit to this session in addition to the session in which you will present your full-length paper.

In considering our research this year, I would like to promote the kind of bold and innovative research that distinguishes SSSP. To that end, I would like to **invite brief (200-400 words) outlines for the newsletter about the work you are currently engaged in.** Please refer to your methodology within this (it can be all about methodology if you wish) in the hopes that we may inspire others to include newer (or new-to-them) methodologies in their work. For example, this summer I went back to a method which is sometimes forgotten; cognitive mapping. In working with an aboriginal community this helped me to understand their relationship to their environment. These outlines are a great way to foster discussion and to strengthen our community.

I look forward to the coming year and wish you all the best of luck in your research. Please let me know if I or the division can be of service. Lisa-Jo van den Scott



Announcing Release of SSSP Publication - Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2012

Dear Colleagues,

The Justice 21 Committee of the SSSP is pleased to announce the publication of the volume *Agenda for Social Justice, Solutions 2012*, which represents a continuing effort by our professional society to nourish a "public sociology" that will be easily accessible and useful to policy makers, academics, activists, concerned citizens, and students. It is also a way to give something back to the people and institutions that support our scholarly endeavors. We hope that you find it helpful in your challenging work of crafting successful solutions to contemporary social problems. In all, it contains 11 chapters written by SSSP members, covering a variety of social problems covering a variety of pressing social problems, as follows:

Elizabeth J. Clifford, Susan C. Pearce, and Reena Tandon, "Nineteen Million and Counting: Unique Issues Facing America's Foreign-born Women in the Home and Workplace"

Amitai Etzioni, "Legislation in the Public Interest: Regulatory Capture and Campaign Reform"

Robert Grantham, "Governance and Inner-City Social Problems"

Cedric Herring, "Critical Diversity in America: Divided Public Opinion and Critical policy Directions"

Tamara G.J. Leech and Devon J. Hensel, "At Greatest Risk of Infection: Young Black Women and Sexually Transmitted Infections"

Jason Smith, Preston Rhea, and Sascha Meinrath, "Promoting Digital Equality: The Internet as a Public Good and Commons"

Cecilia Menjívar, "U.S. Immigration Law, Immigrant Illegality, and Immigration Reform"

Carolyn Cummings Perrucci and Robert Perrucci, "Jobs for America"

Frances Fox Piven, "Poverty, Inequality, and the Shredded Safety Net"

John N. Robinson III and Katie Kerstetter, "Preserving Affordable Housing and Building Wealth in an Economic Recovery: Limited-Equity Cooperatives as an Alternative to Tenant Displacement"

Chris Wellin and Brooke Hollister, "Societal Aging in the U.S.: Impact on Health, Economic Security and Retirement"

The main web site for the project is as follows: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/323>. From this site, the following options for accessing the project are available:

The volume is available for free download for all SSSP members (though members need to log-in).

The volume is also generally available for a nominal fee in both electronic format (\$4.95) and print format (\$9.95)

The main web site for the project also includes an option for those who experience economic hardship to request a gratis electronic copy. We have learned in the last couple years that our audience extends worldwide (with hits from 58 countries in the last year). It seems that many students, scholars, and policy makers have a genuine need to access rigorous social science research. We intend to fill that need.

This project is an effort on the part of scholars at the SSSP to disseminate the findings in social problems research as widely as possible, at zero cost of the SSSP. Net revenue generated by the project goes to support the activities of the SSSP and the Justice 21 Committee, in pursuit of social justice.

We suggest that the volume can be an outstanding and cost-effective source of supplementary readings in many social problems-related courses. It is the hope of the Justice 21 Committee that all members will enjoy the volume and find it useful. Please do spread the word to colleagues, students, and associated, regarding the availability of this new volume.

Sincerely,

Glenn W. Muschert
SSSP Secretary & Chair, Justice 21 Committee

Also on behalf of the Justice 21 Committee Members:

Kathleen Ferraro
Brian V. Klocke
JoAnn Miller
Robert Perrucci
Jon Shefner



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