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## **CFP: Deadline Approaching!**

The deadline to submit a paper to the SSSP Annual meeting in New York, August 9-11, 2013 is fast approaching. You have until January 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight. By submitting to one of the Environment and Technology Division-sponsored sessions, you involve yourself in and help to create meaningful dialogues as well as help to support the activities of the division at the same time. Please review our sponsored sessions below and take a moment to think about whether you might have some relevant work you would like to submit.

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

**Environment and Technology Division**  
**Student 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](mailto:ljvandenscott@u.northwestern.edu). Electronic submissions are preferred. Submissions must be received no later than midnight on January 31, 2013.

*Reminders:*

**Memberships for SSSP** expire at the turn of the New Year. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for 2013 immediately as it has just expired. Be sure to carefully review the sections you wish to join.

Graduate Students: Now is your chance to apply for the **Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship**. Faculty, please encourage eligible graduate students to do so. The deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find more information at:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/261> Here are some highlights:

- “A \$12,000 scholarship will be funded to one student with an additional \$500 awarded for attendance at the annual meeting.”
- Criteria: “A person identified as either Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Asian- American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or American Indian or Alaska Native accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences...”
- “Submission of a dissertation proposal of 15 or more double spaced pages. ...”
- “A grade point average or equivalent of at least 3.25 in one's current graduate program [of study]”
- “Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States”

*Please note this is a brief excerpt of criteria so you may quickly determine if you might possibly be eligible. Please see the website for complete rules, regulations, documents required, and other criteria.*

**Division Member Publication**  
**Announcements:**

A special Green issue of *Criminal Justice Matters* is published by the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies (London) in December 2012.

Criminal Justice Matters 90 - Environmental Harms is Guest edited by Professor Reece Walters of Australia's Queensland University of Technology and is intended to prompt debate on environmental issues and the UK Government's responses to environmental crime. Environment and Technology Division member **Angus Nurse** of Birmingham City University contributed the article "**Red tape and regulation: rolling back environmental enforcement in contemporary Britain**" which argues that the criminal justice response to environmental and wildlife crime has been considerably weakened under the UK's Coalition Government and that their policy of light touch regulation and decriminalisation is inherently flawed.

Details of CJM 90 are now available at the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies website at:  
<http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/cjm.html>

*Animal Harm*  
 by **Angus Nurse**  
 Publisher - Ashgate - Green  
 Criminology Series - 10 January 2013

In his new book *Animal Harm*, criminologist and E&T division member Dr Angus Nurse examines why people harm, injure, torture and kill animals? Drawing on Dr Nurse's more than 10 years' research into the nature of animal abuse and wildlife offending, the book contends that this is a distinct, multi-dimensional type of criminality which persists despite the introduction of relevant legislation. Far from there being one type of animal offender as the policy and law enforcement approach to wildlife crime and animal abuse frequently contends, *Animal Harm* concludes that different types of animal abuse reveal different aspects of criminality. As a result, the policing of animal harm needs to adjust to recognise its complexity and varied characteristics. The book also examines the links between animal abuse and human violence concluding that animal abuse and domestic violence are inextricably linked.

Further details are available at:  
<http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781409442080>

***Community Mobilization for Environmental Problems: How a Grassroots Organization Forms and Works*** by **Erin E. Robinson**; Director of Environmental Studies, Canisius College

Given the advent of modern environmental problems, citizens are more than ever faced with decisions over how to act when faced with information concerning the health and safety of their environment. This study addresses community mobilization through the emergence of an environmental grassroots community organization. Social movement research provides a backdrop for understanding that, when faced with uncertainty about the risks of environmental contamination residents may organize as a group to work through these issues. However, the information on which they base their actions is often unclear and leads to multiple sources of information from which to draw. As citizens socialized to trust science, more often individuals find themselves engaging with other sources of knowledge for information. Media, government, science, and other forms of localized knowledge emerge as equally viable sources. Here, the question of whether to mobilize is likely influenced by the frames of information individuals have access to.

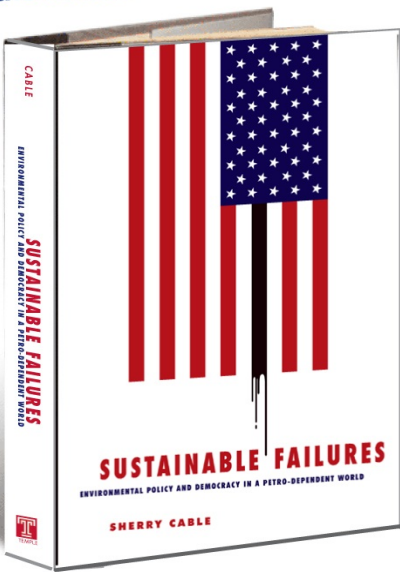
Mobilization is often considered a unified, holistic process. Few studies have attempted to dissect the process into its individual components. Considering each aspect of mobilization—issue emergence, organization, leadership, strategy, and goals—allows for a more complete look at the intricate and nuanced relationships inherent in the mobilization process. This book brings together information from the mobilization and frame analysis research to better understand the influences that knowledge framing has on the mobilization process in a specific community fighting to realize the truth about the risks of environmental contamination.

Over the course of five years, the author, sociologist Erin Robinson, has uncovered the ways in which community members come to understand the environmental problems they face. This book offers an explanation for how communities faced with environmental contamination can begin to

make sense of that reality. Through a detailed qualitative analysis of in depth interviews, document analysis, and field research, Robinson traces the beginning of a community social movement throughout the life of the movement effort. Whereas many studies of mobilization are historical, this study offers a close analysis of mobilization efforts as they were occurring. The story of how changes in mobilization occur is demonstrated by how individuals gain information from different sources and frame the issues leading to mobilization activities. Overall the book not only contributes to an understanding of why community mobilization occurs, but helps explain that as well.

**Special Offer:**


**20% discount for SSSP members\***



A blistering wake-up call to what is at stake not only regarding the failure of policy outcomes and grievous natural resource depletion and pollution, but also concerning democracy and ecological survival, and eventually, potentially, the existence of our species.

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