

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

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From the Desk of the Chair

The first newsletter of this new academic year features details on the 11 sessions that the Educational Problems Division is either sponsoring or co-sponsoring as part of SSSP's 2007 Annual Meeting in New York, NY. I encourage you (and your colleagues and students) to submit papers for consideration for one or more of these wonderful sessions.

Additionally, if you have not done so already, please renew your SSSP and divisional memberships online at www.sssp1.org. The influx of new members and the continuing

commitment of long-term members are essential to our success as a Division.

Have a wonderful Fall!

Billie Gastic
Division Chair, 2005–2007

Research Matters: Creating Knowledge,
Policy and Justice

57th Annual Meeting of the Society for
the Study of Social Problems

August 10–12, 2007
New York, NY

Call for Nominations for the Next Division Chair 2007–2009 Term

Our Division is currently soliciting nominations for Division Chair.

The new Chair's term will start in August 2007. Please send all nominations (self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged) and contact information to Billie Gastic (bgastic@temple.edu).

The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2006.

Ed Problems Division Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Sessions 2007 Annual Meeting – Call for Papers

Human Rights, Social Justice and the Future of Higher Education

Chair: Melanie E. L. Bush, Adelphi University

Email: bush@adelphi.edu

Evaluating the Impact of Educational Policy in Solving Social Problems (*Thematic*)

Chair: A. Fiona Pearson, Central Connecticut State University

Email: pearsonaf@ccsu.edu

Education and Cultural Diversity: Assessing Developments (*Thematic*)

Chair: Leonard Gordon, Arizona State University

Email: len.gordon@asu.edu

Improving the Educational Experiences of At-Risk Children and Youth (*Thematic*)

Co-sponsored by the Youth, Aging and the Life Course Division

Chair: Stefanie Mollborn, University of Colorado at Boulder

Email: stefanie.mollborn@colorado.edu

Mapping Educational Training Across the Ages: Institutional Ethnographies Spanning Schooling from Childhood to Adulthood (*Thematic*)

Co-sponsored by the Institutional Ethnography Division

Chair: Lois Andre-Bechely, California State University, Los Angeles

Email: loisab@calstatela.edu

Leave No College Student Behind: Race and Class Issues in Higher Education

Co-sponsored by the Poverty, Class and Inequality Division and
the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division

Chair: Buffy Smith, University of St. Thomas

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Education at the Crossroads: Failures and Successes of the U.S. Educational System for Racial and Ethnic Minorities (*Thematic*)

Co-sponsored by the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division

Chair: Amilcar Shabazz, The University of Alabama

Email: amilcar@bama.ua.edu

Multicultural Curricula: Challenges and Opportunities (*Thematic*)

Co-sponsored by the Teaching Social Problems Division

Chair: Mieko Yamada, Ferris State University

Email: MiekoYamada@ferris.edu

New Immigrants, New Scholarship: The Education of Eastern Europeans in the United States Today

Co-sponsored by the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division

Chair: Maja Miskovic, National-Louis University

Email: maja.miskovic@nl.edu

Educational Problems and Criminal Behavior

Co-sponsored by the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

Chair: Aviva Twersky Glasner, Bridgewater State College

Email: atwerskyglasner@bridgew.edu

Youth Gangs and Gang Members

Co-sponsored by the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

Chair: Billie Gastic, Temple University

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Social Problems Editorial Search

The Editorial and Publications Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems is searching for the next Editor of *Social Problems*. The three-year term of the new Editor will begin at mid-year 2008 with responsibility for editing Volumes 56–58 (years 2009–2011). All members of the SSSP are encouraged to apply or nominate colleagues.

The Editor is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making final decisions on manuscripts, and for preparing four issues of the journal for publication annually. The editorial office is responsible for managing the review process and for copy editing and proofreading in accordance with customary publishing standards.

The SSSP seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record, previous editorial experience (e.g., service as a journal editor or associate editor), strong organizational and management skills, an ability to work well with others, and a familiarity with and commitment to *Social Problems*.

The SSSP supports the editorial office with an annual budget and provides a modest stipend and travel expenses for the Editor. Support is also expected from the host institution. This support may include office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, stipends and tuition waivers for office personnel, faculty release time, and other basic expenses. Each year the Editor will be expected to submit a budget to the SSSP to cover operating expenses that the host institution does not support.

Deadline for Initial Nominations and Inquiries: January 31, 2007

Applications, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to:

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Member Updates

Valerie Leiter of Simmons College has been named a William T. Grant Scholar and received a five-year grant to support her research on the transition to adulthood among youth with disabilities.

Being released this month is "Transformation of Work in the New Economy (Roxbury Publishing, 2007)", edited by **Robert Perrucci** and **Carolyn C. Perrucci**.

Susan Cavin, Associate Professor of Sociology, New York University, won the Teaching Excellence Award for Liberal Arts, McGhee Division, 2006. Her recently published work includes "Imaginary Social Relations," Futures Journal, London, England, and "World War II Never Ended in My House," in Rachel Yehuda's book on The Psychobiology of Posttraumatic Stress Syndrome, Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, 2006.

** Please share news of your academic, scholastic and professional accomplishments with your Divisional colleagues. Email Billie Gastic (bgastic@temple.edu) with details about your most recent book, article, presentation or promotion. Let us know if you have just defended your dissertation or if you have changed jobs. Short (1 single-spaced page) essays, articles, book reviews, research briefs or commentaries are also welcomed. **

The 2007 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship

Individuals accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences are invited to apply for the \$12,000 scholarship.

Applications must be received no later than February 1, 2007.
Applicants will be notified of the results by July 16, 2007.

All applicants must be a current member and a citizen of the United States or permanent resident when applying.

For further information and an application, visit <http://www.sssp1.org>

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Seeking Editorial Assistance

If you are a graduate student looking to increase your involvement in the Division, please consider applying for the Assistant Editor position. Although this is an unpaid position, you will gain valuable editorial experience, have the opportunity to connect with and learn more about your colleagues in the Division and take part in decision-making regarding the content and design of this newsletter. Please contact Billie Gastic (bgastic@temple.edu) if you are interested.

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